

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Stephenson R10141DS¹ Jane fn21SC
Transcribed by Will Graves 7/6/11

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State of South Carolina Anderson District: SS: State of Ordinary March 18th 1845

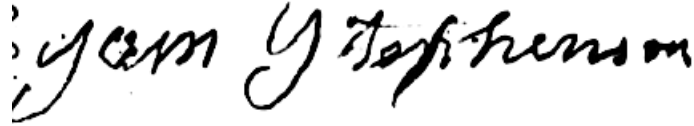
On this the 18th day of March 1845 personally appeared before the Honorable the Court of Ordinary in and for the District and State aforesaid the same being a Court of Record Mrs. Jane Stephenson a resident of said District and State aged seventy-five years past – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th day of July 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows. That she is the widow of David Stephenson who was a private Soldier and served in the War of the Revolution and was at the Battle at Kings Mountain and was present when Charlestown was redeemed.² And during his service he was wounded on his head and right knee by a sword. And that she received a pension from the State of South Carolina for the Revolutionary Services of her deceased husband and at the time she made application for a pension she surrendered all of her said husband's discharges that she has no documentary evidence now in her possession of the services of her deceased husband. But has always understood and verily believes that he served as private of Infantry and Cavalry – during the period of the War of the revolution in the State of South Carolina. And that she prays the benefit of such evidence as may appear of record or file at Columbia South Carolina showing the services of her said husband. That she cannot be very precise in her statements as she speaks from hearsay – That her said husband resided at the time of his entering the service in the northern portion of South Carolina and served in Colonel Moffitt's Regiment – the Court not known – deponent further states that the said David Stevenson died on the 22nd day of September 1819 in Anderson District South Carolina and deponent further declares that the said David Stevenson removed to Abbeville District South Carolina soon after the War of the Revolution closed where she first became acquainted with him and that she was legally married to the said David Stevenson on the 28th day of July 1790 in the District of Pendleton now Anderson and State last aforesaid by a Baptist Minister name forgotten. That she has no Documentary evidence further than her family Bible in the handwriting of her said husband and that the same has been in her possession ever since the death of her said husband which is herewith reduced. That she has remained a widow ever since the period of her said husband's death. That she was not married prior to her husband services but was married prior to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated all of which will more fully appear by reference to the affidavit of her acquaintances and the rolls of South Carolina.

¹ This veteran's file for some reason was assigned the same name as that of [Benjamin Tucker R10141](#). To distinguish it I have added "DS" as a suffix to the file number of this veteran.

² The War Department read this word as "reduced" but, to me, it clearly reads "redeemed."

Sworn to and subscribed on this 18th of March 1845 in open court before me
S/ William Magee, Judge

S/ Jam Stephenson



[fn p. 5: testimony given by witnesses that Jane McClesky and David Stevenson were legally married.]

[fn p. 17] [The following is a certified copy certified by the SC Comptroller General March 28, 1845]

The State of South Carolina Anderson District: James Brown³ of said District came personally before me, and made oath that he was well acquainted with David Stevenson, late of said district deceased, during a considerable part of the Revolutionary War, and knew him to be a firm friend of Liberty, and fought with him at the Battles of Rocky Mount, Colonel Thomson's, Hanging rock, Wright's Bluff, on Santee River under the command of Brigadier General Thomas Sumter at Rocky Mount attached to Colonel Neal's [Neel's] Regiment. The other battles attached to Colonel Hawthorn's Regiment – and then separated from the said David Stevenson – the said David enlisting in the regular service and that he has reason to believe he served in Liberty's cause until the end of the war –

S/ James Brown

Sworn and subscribed to this 29th day of September A.D. 1829 before
S/ Solomon Skelton, JQ

[facts in file: family record:

David McCleskey Stephenson born May 18, 1791

John Hamilton Stephenson born December 7, 1792

Mary Ann Greenleaf Stephenson born October 17, 1794

James Henderson Stephenson born March 12, 1797

Samuel McCleskey Stephenson [illegible]

³ [James Brown W25294](#)