

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Stephens (Stevens) R18173<sup>1</sup>

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State of North Carolina Haywood County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions September Term 1844

On this 21st day of September 1844 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Haywood County State aforesaid Barbary Stevens a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows." Also the benefit of the act of March 3rd 1843.

That she is the widow of the late Charles Stevens deceased who was a Sergeant in the South Carolina Continental line, for and during the War of the Revolution, as she has always understood and was wounded in the Battle of Stono South Carolina and was also taken a prisoner by the British at the siege of Charleston.

She further declares that she was married to the said Charles Stevens in Pendleton Pickens District South Carolina on the 16th day of May in the year 1791, that her husband the aforesaid Charles Stevens died on the 11th day of April 1804; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz.: at the time above stated.

And she also declared, that she has no family record showing the date of her marriage with said Charles Stevens: but that she has a Record of the ages of her children, which was written down many years ago by Joseph Reid and has always been considered accurate and true and which record she now exhibits to the Court and of which the following is a true copy =

Elizabeth Stephens was born Made this 17 1794

Thomas Stevens was born September 18 1797

Reuben Stephens was born April the 25 18\_\_

Susan Stephens was born January 25 18 4\_

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before the Court.

Test: S/ W. Brown, Clk

S/ Barbary Stevens, X her mark

State of North Carolina Haywood County: On this 21st day of September 1844 came personally before me William Hooper one of the acting Magistrates in and for said County, Absalom Hooper, <sup>2</sup> a resident of the County and State aforesaid and United States Pensioner and made oath in due form of law, that he was acquainted with Charles Stephens late deceased of South

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt90013-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [Absalom Hooper W7813](#)

Carolina, also his widow Barbary, and now a resident of Haywood County North Carolina and who is applying for a Pension due her on account of the Revolutionary services of her husband the aforesaid Charles Stevens deceased; That he, deponent, was a private Soldier in the South Carolina Continental line during the war of the Revolution, and that he was well acquainted with the aforesaid Charles Stevens, who was a Sergeant in Captain Selilys [? Lyles? or Liles?] Company of the Regiment called the Rangers, and that said Charles Stevens was afterwards taken out of said Company and placed under Captain Dogood [? Dogwood?<sup>3</sup>], who selected a company of men out of the lines, and made a new company of Infantry. This took place but a few days before the battle of Stono in which Battle the said Charles Stevens was wounded while bringing up his return to fire at the British, deponent, was in the next rank and saw said Stevens fall, who was after the Battle carried to the Hospital and in a short time he was again on duty where he remained until the Siege of Charleston at which time they were all taken prisoners by the British, where they remained for some 4 months together until deponent ran away and left the enemy.

This deponent further stated that he always understood that the aforesaid Charles Stevens was enlisted for the war, that it was in the year 1776 or 77, he first saw said Stevens in the Army, and that he was a good and faithful soldier and did remain in the War until they were taken by the British at Charleston to deponent's own personal knowledge – And deponent also states that he was for a considerable time in the same company with the said Charles Stevens under Captain Dogood as above stated and their commanding Officers were Colonel Henderson & General Lincoln & furthermore that he knows of his own present knowledge that Barbary Stevens who has executed the foregoing declaration is the widow of the identical Charles Stevens above mentioned and that they lived together as husband & wife.

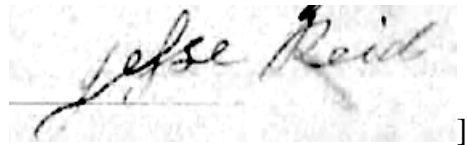
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Wm Hooper, JP

S/ Absalom Hooper, X his mark

[fn p. 13: Affidavit dated August 25, 1857 from the South Carolina Comptroller General showing payments made to a Charles Stevens for 140 days duty in the Militia based on the certification of William Gray Lieutenant.] Affidavit dated October 7, 1844 given by Jesse read in Captain union Down the door will probably

[fn p. 15: Affidavit dated October 7, 1844 given by Jesse Reid of Union County Georgia in which he states he was intimately acquainted with Charles Stevens late of Haywood County North Carolina and his wife Barbary; that he was present at their marriage in Pendleton district South Carolina in the home of his father Joseph Reid; to the best of his recollection the marriage took place sometime between the year 1790 and 1794; that Charles Stevens was reputed to have been a soldier in the revolution and wounded in one of his legs.



Jesse Reid

[fn p. 14: affidavit dated October 8, 1857 given by Jesse Reid in Union County Georgia saying he was present at the Reading of Charles Stevens to Barbara Reid in South Carolina some 60 years ago.]

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<sup>3</sup> In his own declaration for a pension, Hooper stated he served under Capt. Richard Doggett.