

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Balam Stephens R20273 Mary

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The State of Alabama Cherokee County: Before me Jackson Smith a Justice of the peace in & for said County personally came Mary Stephens who is a resident Citizen of said County, and after being duly sworn, says, that she is the widow of Balam Stephens deceased that her said husband was, as she has been informed by him & as she believes a volunteer in the Service of the United States for three years in the War of the Revolution. That her said husband belonged to the South Carolina Division of the American Army, that the name of his Captain she does not recollect. The company he served in was attached to the Regiment commanded by a Colonel whose name she believes was Norrard or Norris – that General Pickens commanded the Division to which he was attached. She has no knowledge of the existence of any proof she can make of the services of her said husband unless it is by reference to the pay roll or Army records at Washington City. She makes this application and statement to the Department at Washington requesting the Department to furnish her a statement of such facts as the records at Washington may afford, which may enable her to procure the facts necessary to establish her right to a pension. Her said husband died on the 27th day of February 1843, that she has not married since & is still a widow.

S/ Mary Stephens, X her mark

The formal affidavit was sworn to & subscribed before me this 29th day of April 1857 and I certify from my own knowledge of the affiant that she is a person entitled to credit, and I believe she is the identical person she represents herself to be and that I have no interest in this matter.

S/ Jackson Smith, JP

[The Department of Interior, Pension Office responded August 8, 1857, noting that they had no record of the service of the applicant's husband and suggested that the South Carolina records be examined. There is no evidence in the file that any certificate was obtained from the South Carolina Comptroller General regarding the possible services of Balam Stephens.]