

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Stephenson R21793

Elizabeth

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State of Tennessee Maury County: to wit

On this 26 day of August in the year 1839 personally appeared in open Court Elizabeth Stephenson a citizen of Maury County Tennessee aged about seventy-six 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 provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the United States of America, passed for the benefit of widows & relics of deceased soldiers of the War of the Revolution. That she has been often told by her husband Moses Stephenson in his lifetime that he enlisted a private soldier in the Continental Army of the United States, in the County of Craven, alias: Lancaster, County in the State of South Carolina, and served under the following named officers to wit in the Company commanded by Captain George Dunlap, and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William R Davy [William Richardson Davie], and served also under Colonel Hampton Generals Sumter & Washington, she cannot now recollect when her said husband entered the Army & was mustered into service, and the precise time he was in service she cannot recollect with certainty but a considerable time, as she refers to Mr. Stephenson's deposition for the facts of the length of time of his said services, she has often heard her husband say that he was in the battles on Rocky Mount, Fish Dam Ford, Hanging Rock and other skirmishes with British & Tories. Affiant's states that she and the said Moses Stephenson were married in the County of Craven alias Lancaster State of South Carolina, shortly after the close of the war. She thinks sometime in the year 1783, as her oldest child was born in 1784. She has no record evidence of their marriage, but she has of the ages of her children and it appears in the family record that her oldest child was born in February 1784 more than 9 months after their marriage, she states that she & the said Moses were married before the first of January 1794 – said Moses Stephenson died in Lancaster County in the State of South Carolina in the month of May 1802, that she is the widow and relic of Moses Stephenson deceased that she has never since the death of her husband intermarried with any other person, that she removed to Tennessee in the year 1813 and now resides in Maury County Tennessee. She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & she declares that her name is not on any pension Roll in the United States, or any agency in the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the 26 day of August in the year 1839

S/ P. Nelson, Clerk

S/ Elizabeth Stephenson, X her mark

State of Tennessee Maury County: SS

Personally appeared in open court Samuel Stephenson aged about 53 years, and is the 3rd child of Moses & Elizabeth Stephenson, that he has heard the declaration & deposition of his mother & Captain Thomas Stevenson read and he remembers to have heard his father in his lifetime recount over the services he rendered & the officers under whom he served and his recollection

is about the same contained in the depositions made by his mother & the said Thomas Stevenson.  
Sworn to & subscribed in open court the 26 day of August A.D. 1839  
S/ Samuel Stephenson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Stephenson". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

State of Tennessee Maury County: SS

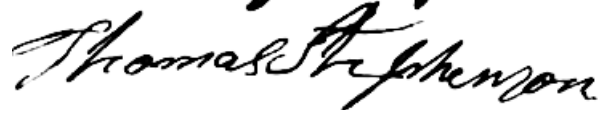
On this being the 25th day of July in the year 1839 personally appeared before me John E Stephenson and acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Maury aforesaid Thomas Stephenson a citizen of the County of Maury in the State of Tennessee, aged seventy-three years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement of the services of Moses Stephenson, now deceased – that said Moses Stephenson entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, to which, he was a private soldier in the company commanded by Captain George Dunlap, and attached to the Regiment under the command of Colonel William R Davy and the Division commanded by General Thomas Sumter, he remembers also the name of Colonel Hampton, under whom said Moses Stephenson served in the War of the Revolution. Affiant further states that said Moses Stephenson when he joined the Army was a Citizen of then Craven, alias Lancaster County in the State of South Carolina, the precise time said Moses Stephenson was mustered into service he cannot now recollect, but remembers it was several years before the close of the War of the Revolution. Affiant further states that said Moses Stephenson was in the Battles at Rocky Mount on Catawba River in South Carolina, also at Fish Dam Ford on Broad River in said State of South Carolina also at Scetch [sic, Scotch] or Scott's Lake between Camden & Charleston, he was at the Hanging Rock and several other skirmishes. Affiant cannot say the precise time & date of the aforesaid Battles and at what time the said Moses Stephenson was discharged, or where it was he was discharged. Affiant cannot state with precision the length of time said Moses Stephenson was in actual Service of the United States of America in the War of the Revolution, and feels confident he was in actual service more than 12 months, and he thinks 2 years, but he cannot speak with certainty the precise time: Affiant was himself born and raised in the County of Craven alias Lancaster in the State of South Carolina was several times in the Camps when said Moses was in service and was old enough to remember it well, and he collected much of his information from said Moses Stephenson and other soldiers of the War of the Revolution, who were soldiers together, and from his own recollection of the facts. Said Moses Stephenson was married to Elizabeth Stephenson his wife in said County Craven alias Lancaster in the year 1783, the precise date & month he does not recollect, said Moses & his wife Elizabeth lived together as man & wife in said County of Craven alias Lancaster, until the death which was in said County of said Moses Stephenson: which happened more than 30 years since but the precise date of his death he does not now recollect. Affiant was at the marriage between said Moses & Elizabeth and remembers that it took place the next year after the close of the war of the Revolution and the establishment of peace said Elizabeth Stephenson who has assigned the foregoing declaration is the identical wife of said Moses and is now the widow and relic of said Moses Stephenson deceased. That she resides in Maury County Tennessee and has done for many years. That she is a lady of good moral character and entitled to full credit on her oath. Affiant is old and infirm and unable to ride to and appeared in open Court and therefore makes his statement of facts before a Justice of

the peace out of court.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 25th day of July 1839

S/ John E Stephenson, JP

S/ Thomas Stephenson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas Stephenson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "S/ Thomas Stephenson".