

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John W. Stephens S16536

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State of Georgia Muscogee County: SS

On this 7th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Ordinary John W Stephens a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged sixty-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That sometime in the year 1780 a little before the fall of Charleston he volunteered in Captain Eddy Hodge's Company of cavalry or mounted Infantry attached to Colonel Culp's Regiment; that he served in that capacity for three months, and that a short time afterwards again volunteered under the same officers for a six-month tour, that he served but half of that time, and then enlisted under Captain Taylor attached to __ Mayam's [probably a reference to Hezekiah Maham's] Troop of Continental Dragoons where deponent served for six months, and all of which services were performed and rendered in the State of South Carolina Marlborough District – where he then and there resided, and Deponent further says that he relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not upon the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

And to the following questions propounded by the Court the deponent answers as follows. First Question: Where and in what year were you born? Deponent says he was born on the 7th day of February 1764 and born in Sussex County Virginia.

To the 2nd: "Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?" Deponent says he has no record of his age but derives these facts from his Father & mother.

To the 3rd: "Where were you living when called into service; and where have you lived since the revolutionary war; and where do you now live?" Deponent says he was living in Marlborough District South Carolina since the Revolutionary war deponent says he lived near Columbia South Carolina and now lives in Muscogee County Georgia.

To the 4th; "How were you called into service; were you drafted, volunteered or were you a substitute, & if a substitute, for whom?" Deponent says he volunteered first and then afterwards enlisted under Captain Taylor attached to Mayam's Troop of Continental Dragoons.

To the 5th "State the names of some of the regular officers &c" Deponent says he knew Captain Eddy Hodge, Captain Taylor, Colonel Mayam and Colonel Murphy.

To the 6 "Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so, by whom was it given, & what has become of it?" Deponent says he received a Discharge from Captain Taylor and that sense then he has lost or mislaid it.

To the 7th State the names of persons in your neighborhood to whom you are known; and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior, your services as a soldier of the revolution. Deponent says he is well known by John Shepperd, General Nicolas Howard & Jeremiah Thornton Esquire

S/ John W Stephens, W his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[Samuel R Hodges, a clergyman, and Nicolas Howard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line and militia.]