

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jehu Stephens S31390

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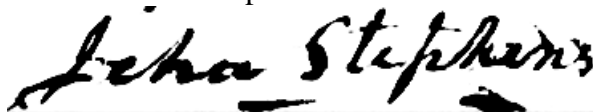
State of Kentucky Montgomery County: On this 11th day of September 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Montgomery Circuit Court now sitting Jehu Stephens of said County and Circuit in said State and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 –viz.– I Jehu Stephens do hereby on my oath solemnly declare that I am now in the 72nd year of my age that I was born in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia and at about the age of ten years my father moved to Botetourt County of said State where I resided when I was called into the service of my Country as follows, In the month of May 1780 I volunteered in Captain Barnett's [probably James Barnett's] company under Colonel Hugh Crockett and marched to Ramsour's Mills in North Carolina against the Tories in which service I was engaged in the militia service of Virginia about two months and was honorably discharged and again in the month of February 1781 I volunteered in Captain Barnett's company again, and was attached to Colonel Lewis's [probably Samuel Lewis's ] Regiment and we marched to a Creek in North Carolina called the Reedy fork and joined Colonel Williams [probably Otho Williams] Regiment where we had a skirmish with the British and in this service I was engaged two months and was honorably discharged at the end of my time – and again soon after I again in the spring of the same year I volunteered in Captain Gilkerson's Company of what was called the Green Briar [Greenbrier] Militia of the state of Virginia under Major Hamilton in order to march against *Detroit and we marched to Clarke's Station in Kentucky where finding the expedition had failed I was discharged from the tour of three months which was the time I<sup>1</sup> served*, again in the month of August 1782 I volunteered in Captain Gordons of Colonel Todd's Regiment (in Lincoln County Kentucky) and marched against the Indians who were burning Bryant's station, we pursued the Indians and at the Battle of the Blue Licks [August 19, 1782] we were defeated and many of our men killed. This engagement was on a three month tour and again soon after my return after this I was attached to Captain James Ray's Company and marched on Colonel Clark's campaign against the Indians on the great Miami [River] when we burnt and destroyed their towns, when I faithfully served as a soldier, and further declares that from the month of May 1781 when I came to Kentucky with Colonel Gilkerson I was in constant service in guarding the Forts & Stations viz. Yocum's Station and Bryant Station until the close of the revolutionary war – being called out as a spy on scouts almost constantly, that my services were on all occasions actually engaged in the defense of the stations as the Indians were annoying and killing the inhabitants frequently these services I can prove by General James

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<sup>1</sup> The text in italics is missing from the digital images displayed on Fold3.com but can be found in the version posted at HeritageQuest.com.

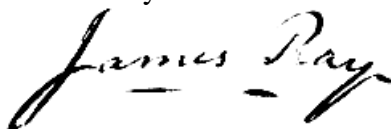
Ray who was my officer so far as they were performed in the Western country, but my own services in Carolina & while in Virginia I do not know any person alive in this state by whom I can prove them as I have long since lost my discharges, I hereby state that I am not now a pensioner of the United States, or of any State, and I hereby relinquish all claim that I have to any pension or annuity except the present – Witness my hand this 3rd day of September 1832

S/ Jehu Stephens



Miami County viz. This day General James Ray<sup>2</sup> of said County came into open court and being duly sworn does on his oath state – That I am well acquainted with the above named Jehu Stephens who has submitted the above declaration, I knew him when he came to Kentucky in May 1781 with Major Hamilton, and I know that said Stephens was with me at the Battle of the Blue Licks and on Clark's Expedition against the Indians in 1782 as he has stated, and I also know that said Stephens was engaged as a guard for the Station and on scouts against the Indians from the time he first came to Kentucky until the close of the year 1782 so that his services may be considered as one of continual duration as we had the Indians to repel in their attacks upon our stations almost continually as to said Stephens his services in Virginia I have often heard him speak of them soon after he came to Kentucky in 1781 so that I have no doubt of his having performed his services as stated. Witness my hand this 3rd day of September 1832.

S/ James Ray



[f. p. 14: Joseph Fanning, a clergyman, and James McCullough gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Montgomery County Sct.

Personally appeared before me L. Y. Millspaugh Justice of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid Jehu Stephens a resident of also of the said County & State who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, viz. I Jehu Stephens state in addition to my former declaration that in the year 1780 I volunteered under Captain Barnett Company under Colonel Hugh Crockett and marched to Ramsour's Mills in North Carolina against the Tories in which service I served at least 2 months and was then discharged. In February 1781 I again volunteered in Captain Barnett Company and was attached to Colonel Lewis's Regiment and was marched to a Creek in North Carolina called the Reedy Fork and joined Colonel Williams Regiment where we had a skirmish with the British and in this service I was engaged at least 2 months and was then discharged. And again soon after in the spring of the same year I volunteered in Captain Gilkerson's company of what was called the Greenbrier Militia in the State of Virginia under Major Hamilton in order to march against Detroit and we marched to Clark's Station in Kentucky where finding the expedition had failed I was discharged at the said Station having served in this expedition a tour of 3 months and being in actual service

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<sup>2</sup> [James Ray S31314](#)

the whole of said 3 months. Again in the month of August 1782 I volunteered in Captain Gordons Company Colonel Todd's Regiment (Kentucky) and marched against the Indians who were besieging Bryant's Station we pursued the Indians and were defeated at the Battle of the Blue Licks in this last expedition I served a tour of 3 months and was engaged in actual service the whole of said 3 months and was then discharged. Again in the fall of the same year I volunteered under Captain James Ray in the expedition against the Indians in Colonel Clark's Campaign on the Great Miami when we burned and destroyed their towns and returned in the latter part of December, being a tour of 2 months at least the whole of which time I was engaged in actual service. In addition to the foregoing services in the year 1781 after I was discharged from the Greenbrier militia in the month of July I volunteered under Captain James Ray and was stationed at Yocum's Station in Kentucky to guard against the Hostile Indians and repel the attacks which they frequently made on the Inhabitants and that I continued under Captain Ray in this service at least 2 months and was then discharged I then went to Virginia and again returned to Kentucky about the middle of October and sometime in the latter part of this month 1781 I again volunteered under Captain Ray and was stationed at Yocum Station to guard against the Hostile Indians and I continued in this service at least 2 months. In March 1782 I volunteered under Captain Ray and marched against the Indians on the Kentucky River. The Indians had defeated Captain Hogland's Company we pursued them but could not overtake them in this service I was engaged in actual service 16 days. In the year 1782 he volunteered under Captain James Ray and was stationed at McGary's Stationed in Kentucky under Major McGary to guard said station against the Hostile Indians commencing the 1st of April and continuing at least 3 months in this last service I do not precisely recollect the time of my service but know that I continued in actual service at least 3 months.

S/ Jehu Stephens

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]