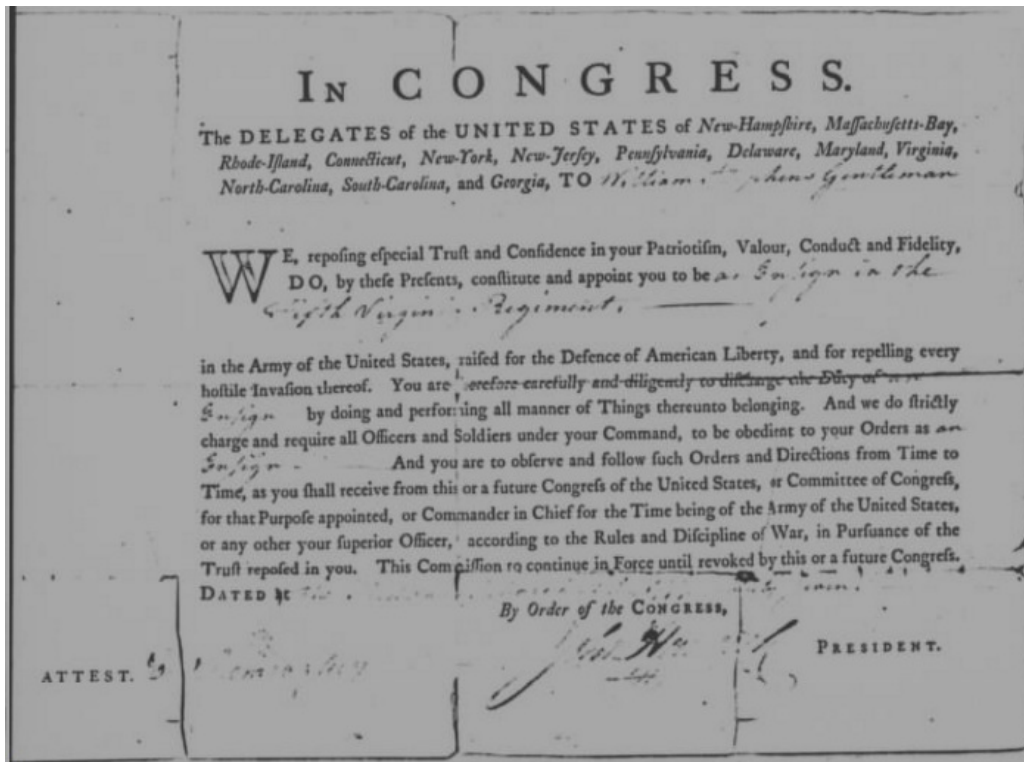
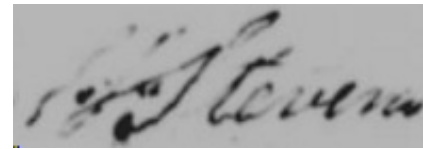


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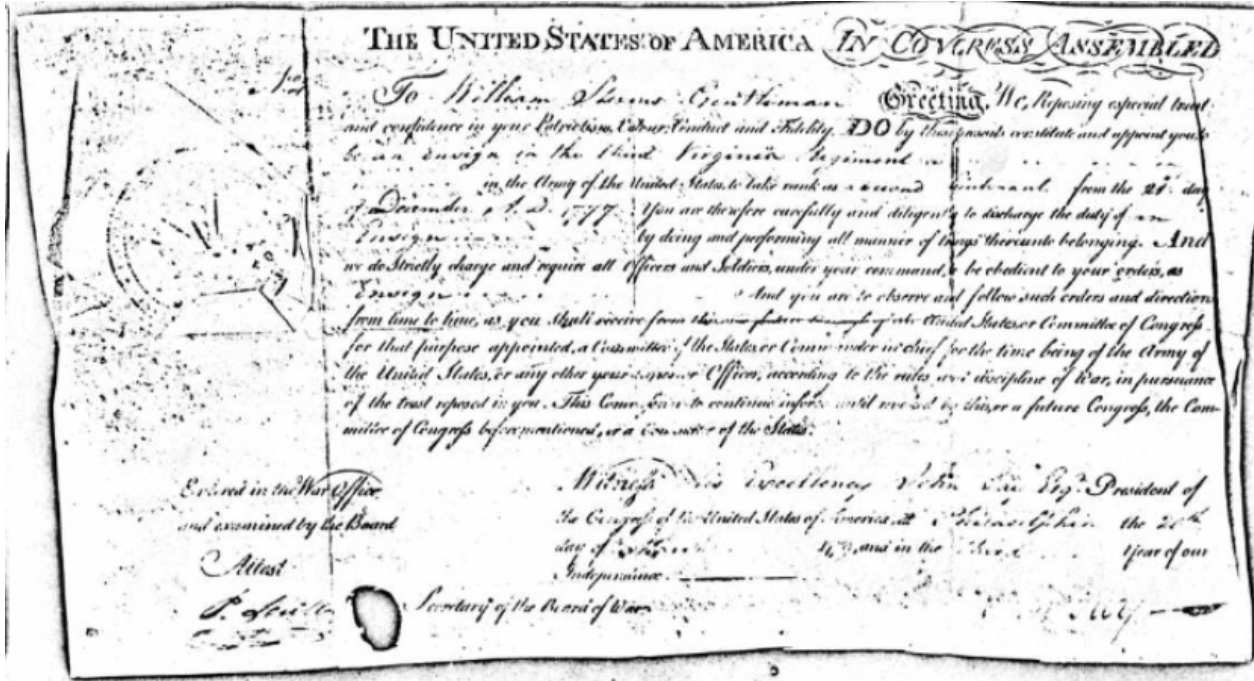
Pension Application of William Stevens (Stephens) S36325
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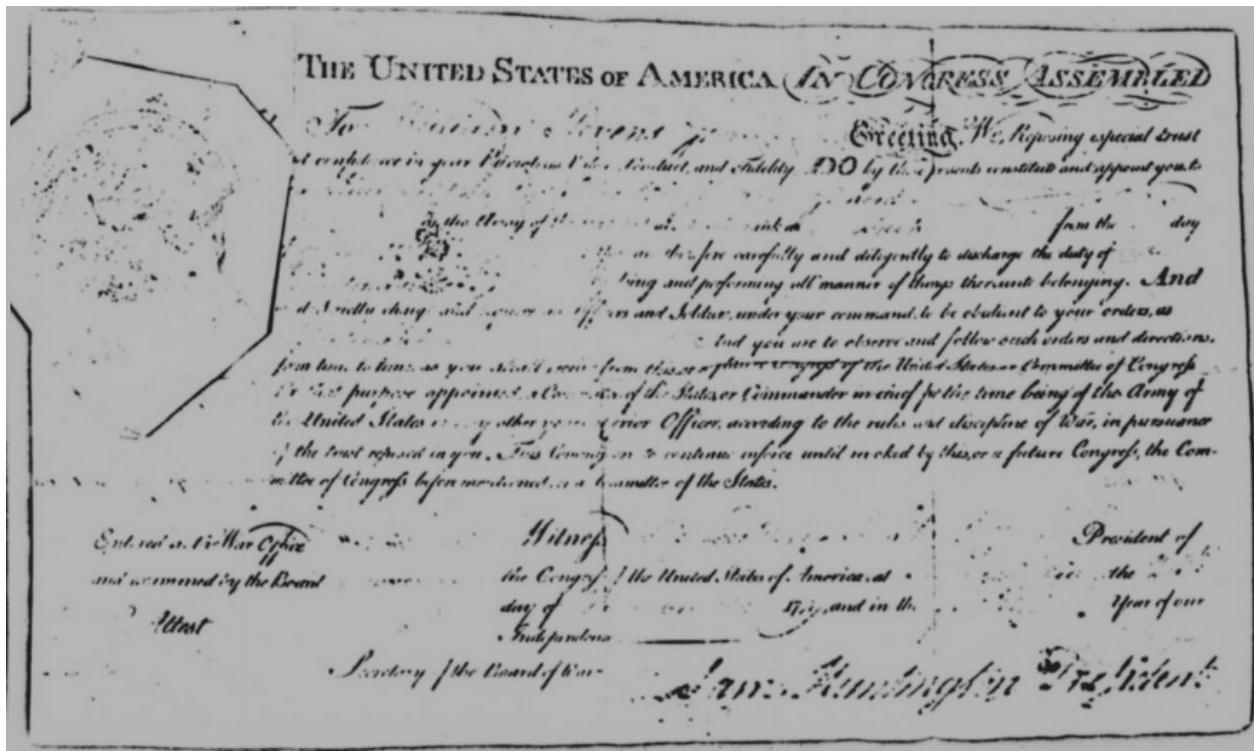
State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me William Stephens of said State & County who
Putnam County } being duly sworn saith That on the first day of March in the year of our Lord
seventeen hundred & seventy seven he was duly appointed an Ensign in the Fifth
Virginia Regiment on the continental establishment & then being in the service of the United States &
continued to serve as such being occasionally detached in Gen'l Morgans [Daniel Morgan's] Rifle corps
until the twentieth day of March in the year 1779 when the fifth Regiment was consolidated into the Third
Virginia Regiment when this Deponent received a commission "as Ensign in said third regiment in the
army of the united States to take rank as a second Lieutenant from the 21st day of December A.D. 1777."
Served as such till November of the same year when he received a commission as Lieutenant in said
Regiment dated [blank] day November in the year 1779 and continued in service as such until in may in
the year 1780 [12 May 1780] this deponant was captured in Charleston S. Carolina remained prisoner
until June eighty one when he went home on parole and at the close of the war was discharged Sworn to
& subscribed before me this this 20th March in the year 1818. And this deponent fur[ther] swears that from
his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his country for support.
Christopher B. Strong/ Judge Inf'r. Court O. D. Georgia



[Commission to "William Stephens Gentleman" as "Ensign in the Fifth Virginia Regiment" signed on 1 March 1777 by John Hancock, President of Congress.]



[Commission to “William Stevens Gentleman” as “an Ensign in the third Virginia Regiment... to take rank as a second lieutenant from the 21 day of December A.D. 1777,” signed on 20 March 1779 by John Jay, President of Congress.]

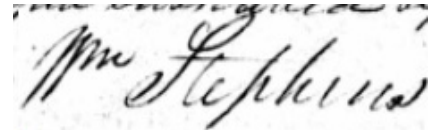


[Commission to “William Stevens Gentleman” as Lieutenant, regiment and date illegible, signed by Samuel Huntington, President of Congress, 28 Sep 1779 - 10 July 1781.]

State of Georgia }

Okmulgee district } In the Superior Court held in & for Putnam County being a court of record by the Constitution and laws of said State. On this twenty fourth day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record in said district William Stephens aged sixty nine years resident in Putnam County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he in the revolutionary War, as follows he entered the army in the Continental Service in the year of our lord seventeen hundred and seventy seven in the month of January as a Volunteer in Colonel Isaiah Parker's [sic: Josiah Parker's] Regiment in the Virginia line being the fifth regiment of that line and on the first day of March in the year aforesaid was promoted to the rank of Ensign in Captain Terrells [Henry Terrell's] Corps. In the Spring of seventeen hundred and seventy seven he joined Morgans corps and some time in the preceeding [succeeding?] fall was promoted to the rank of first Lieutenant in said Corps, he was taken a prisoner at Charleston South Carolina and paroled was regularly discharged at the time the forces were disbanded at the close of the revolutionary war, and that he has a certificate of a Revolutionary pension claim of file in the war office & recorded in No 7.450. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. And am possessed of lot of land containing Two hundred two and a half acres Valued at one thousand dollars, one Horse colt unbroke Valued at thirty five dollars four grown Hogs twelve Shoats & sixteen pigs Valued at forty dollars a small flock of sheep supposed twenty three, one hundred pounds of Bacon, supposed two Barrels of corn, and about eight bushels of wheat in the Straw and am owing two hundred & ninety one dollars binder interest, and am from my age and infirmity wholly unable to perform any manual labour whatever, have a wife aged about sixty two, and a son about twenty eight years of age who is possessed of no property, has raised an orphan girl who now lives with me aged about fifteen years, and who has no property, my Wife is so old and infirm as to be incompetent to obtain a subsistence by her labors, and thus I am in indigent and helpless circumstances and want the support of my country. Sworn to & declared on the 24th day of August A.D. 1820 and subscribed before me in open court.

C Betrong Judge Inf'r C. O Dist Georgia



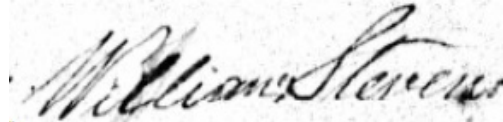
The Memorial & petition of William Stephens, late a Soldier and officer of the Revolutionary Army of the United States of America; and now a resident citizen of Putnam County in the State of Georgia

Respectfully sheweth:

That your Petitioner in the summer of the year 1776 joined the ranks of the militia of the State of Maryland, was therein elected a Lieutenant in which service he remained for three months. That he then joined [Moses] Rawlings's Regiment as a Volunteer, and served as such without pay & in the month of January 1777 was nominated and commissioned as an Ensign in the 5th Virginia Regiment then on the Continental Establishment, was promoted to a Lieutenant and preserved his rank throughout the War. That he afterwards served as Lieut in Col'n Morgans Corps of Riflemen, and was present in all its actions until the battle of Monmouth. That he then was transferred to Col'n Butler's Regiment, marched West against the Six Nations of Indians, marched in the advanced guard in three expeditions against these savages, the one under Butler [William Butler; Unadilla and Onaquaga, Oct 1778], one under Van Schaick [Gose Van Shaick; Onondaga Creek NY, 20 Apr 1779], & the other under Sullivan [John Sullivan; Newtown NY, 29 Aug 1779], which ended in 1779. At the close of this campaign on his return to the Grand Army when the 3^d & 5th Regiments were consolidated, he was allowed & took his rank & command

in that Regiment, and in the ensuing winter was marched to Charleston, SC, where he was taken prisoner 12th May 1780, and was exchanged about one week after the defeat and capture of the army of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781].

Your Petitioner wishes not to violate the principles of delicacy, but justice to his cause requires that he should state: that his military services were constant & hazardous his post having been usually in the advance upon a march, and in the rear upon retreat: and that throughout the dark days of 1777 he served as a Volunteer without any pay or emolument whatever. Your Petitioner further declares that he is now in advance of his seventy first year, & with this age is palsied and infirm to that degree which utterly unfits him to labour for his subsistence. That his circumstances are so indigent as to require support from his country to shield him from the extremest sting of poverty in his helpless old age: That in pursuance of an Act of Congress passed 18th March 1818, he was an applicant for a pension, and was duly inscribed on the Roll of the Georgia Agency at the rate of \$20 per month commencing on the 6th July 1818, and received notice that he was stricken off, on the 1st Jan'y 1821, on account of the amount of his property!!! All which facts will more fully appear by his Commissions &c and the Records of the Department of War, and although it will appear by those Records that the amount of the value of his property is eight hundred & seventy three dollars, yet inasmuch as it is of unproductive species and subject moreover to the payment of his debts which are severely pressing, and his little all will be of necessity forthwith sacrificed, and himself reduced from his present state of penury to one of great misery and necessity unless he shall be save thereform by the justness & liberality of your Honorable Body at is present session, towit by the causing a reinstation of his name upon the List of Pensions. All which is respectfully submitted by your Petitioner who as in duty bound will ever pray.



State of Georgia } Putnam Superior Court
Ockmulgee Circuit } September Term 1823
Putnam County } On this twentieth day of September Eighteen hundred and twenty three personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for the county of Putnam William J. Stephens resident in said county aged Seventy two years who being duely sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & 1st of May Eighteen hundred & twenty that he the said William J Stephens did serve in the Revolutionary war as follows, he entered the army in the continental service in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and seventy seven in the month of January as a volunteer in Colonel Isaiah Parkers Regiment in the Virginia line being the fifth Regiment of that line & on the first day of March in the year aforesaid was promoted to the rank of Ensign in Captain Terrells corps. In the Spring of Seventeen hundred and seventy seven he joined Morgans Corps and some time in the fall thereafter was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant, continued in the service & in seventeen hundred and seventy nine was promoted to the rank of first Lieutenant, in said corps he was taken a prisoner at Charleston South Carolina & paroled was regularly discharged at the time that forces were disbanded at the close of the Revolutionary war in the State of Maryland that he was in the Battles of Saratoga [Battle of Freeman's Farm 19 Sep 1777 and/or Battle of Bemis Heights 7 Oct 1777] & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & divers others & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service except a certificate of a revolutionary pension claim of file in the War office & Recorded in No 7.450 & his commissions of second and first Lieutenant heretofore sent to the War office & now of file there. [Oath similar to that in the 1820 application follows.]
And that his land heretofore owned & mentioned in his previous declaration has fairly and legally and without fraud but from necessity been sold to satisfy his just debts by the Sheriff of said County by virtue of regular process of law.

That he has an aged and helpless wife aged sixty four years & an unhealthy & infirm son thirty two years old. That he is in such indigent & helpless circumstances as to be wholly unable to support himself without the aid of his country.

Wm J Stephens

A Schedule of the property of Wm J Stephens

A lot of Land containing 202½ acres, land contained in former Schedule & since sold at Sheriffs sale at \$140 which has been paid away in the discharge of his just debt.

One horse (called a colt in the last schedule)	\$50.00	
1 cows & calves & one heifer	60.00	
10 head of Hogs	32.00	
10 head of Sheep	20.00	
5 acres of corn Growing	<u>50.00</u>	
	\$212.00	William J Stephens

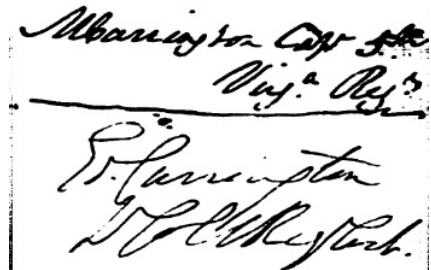
[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The online image of one page is illegible, and another is too unclear to attempt transcription.]

I hereby Certify that Lieutenant William Stevens has served as an officer in the Virginia Continental line to my certain knowledge upwards of three years prior the first day of January last when he was considered as one of the retiring officers at the Arrangement at Winchester

Given under my hand this 24th day of September 1783.

[Mayo Carrington VAS596] Capt 5th Virg'a Reg't

[Edward Carrington W6635] L Col 1 Reg C L.

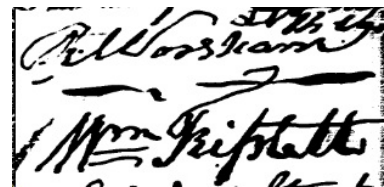


Georgia } Personally appeared before me John B Lennard one of the Justices of the
Wilkes County } Inferior Court of the County aforesaid Richard Worsham [S38478] & William Triplett,, who being duly Sworn certify and declare that they were well acquainted with William Stephens in the third Virginia Regiment in the continental army in the Revolutionary War, and that he is the Identical person who, commanded as Lieutenant in the aforesaid Regiment and now present in person

Sworn to before me this 12th day of July 1824

R. Worsham Lt [rest undeciphered]

Wm Triplett/ Lieut. 1 State Regemit




I hereby Certify that I have reason to know and I verely believe that William Stevans was appointed a Lieutanant in the 5th Virginia Reg't. to Capt. Terril's Comp'y about the month of Janaueary 1777 and that he was transferd to Colo. Daniel Morgans rifel Coar about the month of may ensuing and march'd with him to the takeing Gen Burgoine at Seritoga [sic: Gen. Burgoyne at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] and after which he march'd with Colo William Butlar his Lieut Colo. to the western experdicion under the Command of Gen'l Sullevent and did his duty with mutch aplause, and I Do further Certify that he the said Stevans did joine his Reg't in the Grand army in 1779 at Smiths Clove [NY] and continued about the begining of 1780 he march'd with my self and others to Charles town South Carilina where we were taken prisoner Lieut Steavens was an intriped and meritories officer and the person who was appointed by the Suprior officers to light the Tar barrels at night in front of our brestwork a piece of duty of Emene[the rest

partly missing; possibly " eminent danger"]

Lieut. steavens was exchang'd in 1781 and cone round to old James Town and I have Every reason to believe Continued to Close of war

John Crawford [pension application S8256]

Lieut 2nd Virg'a Regt During the Revelutinary war
Dinwiddie County [21 Aug 1824]



Major James Gibbon [S13138] Present

Dear Major

The bearer Wm J. Stephens convinced me from his papers & services that he was a Lt in Morgan's Rifle Corps at Saratoga & elsewhere – he is in quest of aid in some of his claims, & has expressed a desire to see some officer a member of the Cincinati [sic: Society of the Cincinnati], for some purpose or another his papers from characters of the first standing, which he has shewn me, intitle him to attention, at least from his old bretheren – Respectfully/ your friend &c

Augt 25th 1824

John Nicholas [S47] 639



Richmond Virg'a August 26 1824

Being the acting secretary & Treasurer of the society of Cincinnati of this state, upon the application of the bearer Cap. Wm. Stevens, I have refered to the books of the society in my possession & do hereby certify that the name of Wm. Stevens appears thereon as a Lieut. in the virginia line of the army – he being charg'd thereon in July 1784 with his Quota or months pay of Eight pounds & 6^s & 3^d [?] sum I find he is credited with in april 1786 and from circumstances I can have no doubt but that he serv'd during the war of the revolution.

J Gibbon acting Sec'y and Treasurer of the
Society of Cincinnati



The Cincinnati fund was certainly rais'd by taking each office (who was entled to become a member) one months pay, which months pay was deducted from the final settlement of his account by either the pay master general or by Andrew Dunscomb, who acted at this place as an auditor after the war and I am entirely satisfied that in this state no officer, became a member of The C. Society but those who had serv'd to the end of the war

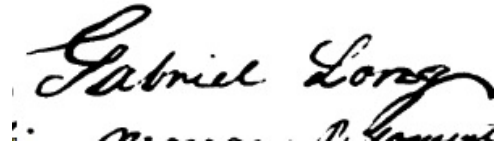


Culpeper County Virginia September 13th 1824

I do hereby certify that William Stevens the bearer hereof made his first appearance in the continental army as a volunteer and joined the said army at Morris Town [Morristown], New jersey, in the month of January 1777 and in March following he was appointed an officer, a Lieutenant in the 5th Virginia Redgmt and in May following he joined col. Morgan's Rifle Choir and continued in that Redgmt until the fall 1778 at which time I left the army but have good Reasons to believe that Leiutenant Stevens continued in the Armeiy during the War.

In justice to Mr. Stevens I feel a pleasure in stateing that he was a very useful and vialgent officer during my stay in the continental army and as far as my observation extends he was a man of

considerable merit
Gabriel Long [VAS970]
Capt. in Morgans Redgment

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabriel Long". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. Below the main signature, there are some faint, illegible markings that appear to be a second line of text or a date, possibly "1824".

NOTE:

Letters in the state file refer to "Capt. William Stevens."

A document in the federal file states that the land of William Stevens was sold by the Sheriff in September 1823 to Corbet Stephens.

A document in the federal file states that William Stevens died on 28 Dec 1826 and that his wife died on 15 Feb 1824.