

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Stephens S42025

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District of North Carolina: SS

On this 22nd day of September 1818, before me The subscriber one of the Judges of the United States for the district aforesaid, personally appeared John Stephens, aged sixty-six years, or thereabout, resident in Pitt County, in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said John Stephens enlisted, very early in the revolutionary war, the date he does not remember, in Martinsborough (now Greenville), in the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina, in the Company commanded by Captain Simon Alderson, of the 5th Regiment in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, in the war of the revolution, for the term of 2 1/2 years; that he continued to serve in said Company & in Captain Ingles' Company of the 2nd North Carolina Regiment, to which he was transferred, until the end of his said enlistment, when he returned for during the war, because, as it was alleged, he had no certificate showing the time for which he had enlisted; that he then continued in said Captain Ingles' Company, serving against the common enemy, in the said Continental Service, until within about one year of the conclusion of said war, when he was duly discharged by means of the friendly interposition of an Officer in his behalf; which discharge is lost; that he was in the battles of Germantown, Brandywine, Monmouth, & at the Siege of Charleston, where he was taken prisoner; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ H Potter, DJNCUS

North Carolina District

Gideon Petit¹ maketh oath that he is & has long been well acquainted with the aforesaid John Stephens; that he served in the revolutionary war with him, in the same line, but in a different regiments; that he knows that said John Stephens did serve in said war, in Captain Alderson's & Captain Ingles' Company of the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment against the common enemy for a term of several years, & deponent verily believes for 5 years – That said

¹ [Gideon Petit S41950](#)

John Stephens is very poor, is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to before me, at Raleigh, the 22nd September 1818

S/ H Potter, DJUSNC

Gardner Moy maketh oath that he also served in the Army of the United States, in the revolutionary war, with the aforesaid John Stephens, & knows that said Stephens did serve in said war, in the Companies commanded by Captains Alderson & Ingles, in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, against the common enemy, for the term of 5 years, & he believes longer; that said Stephen as is in reduced circumstances, very poor, & needs the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to before me at Raleigh the 22nd September 1818

S/ H Potter, DJUSNC

State of North Carolina Pitt County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1824. On the 7 day of May personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Pitt expressly made so by the State, John Stephens resident in said County aged seventy-five years or thereabout who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he was enlisted by John Inloe [Enloe?] in the County aforesaid for six months and served his time under the command of the said John Inloe during which he was in a skirmish only with the Tories on Moore's Creek that after the expiration of the six months he returned to his family in the State and County aforesaid and soon after was enlisted by William Groves for twelve months but was returned for five years or during the **war**, in consequence of which he was compelled to serve two years & six months longer or that about before he could obtain a discharge, that he was placed at first in the 5th Regiment and was commanded by Colonel Buncombe marched to the North & fought at Monmouth & Elizabeth. After was a number of the Soldiers being discharged he was placed in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark in which he returned to the South and was in the engagement at Charleston where he was taken prisoner and remained a prisoner fourteen months and fourteen days he further states that he has been entered on the Pension list according to the act of Congress that his payment commenced the 22nd September 1818 that his certificate is dated the 10th of April 1819 and numbered 9182 and that he has received from the Branch of the United States Bank at Fayetteville \$139.40, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 viz.

1 Mare about 15 or 16 years of age valued	\$20.00
1 ? old Cart whole very much worn	5.00
1 Grind Stone very ?	.50
1 Old Axe 10/ 1 hoe 6/	1.60
1 Cow and Calf \$10 6 old Chairs 10/	11.00
1 Sow & pigs	8.00

6 plats [plates] 4/ 1 bed and furniture 15/	15.50
1 Wheel and cards 25/	<u>2.50</u>
	\$62.10

That some year ago he thought myself enabled to purchase 100 & 10 acres of pine land at \$120 when land was more valuable & in much greater demand than in the present time it was Piney woods land and was compelled to make naval stores for to support my family which I am not now able to [indecipherable word] them by my labor, owing to ill health, 3 years ago or thereabout I appeared to this Honorable Court to obtain the proper documents for continuing my pension when the land was included in the schedule and was valued at \$200 as near double the amount that it was worth or would sell for which I hope to make appear and being myself ignorant & having no friend to direct me I did not in the presence of the said Court object to the amount. Sometime after the said application that came and old debt against me which I had forgotten and my land was levied on & sold by the Sheriff of this County, which I will more fully make appear. I further declare that I was a farmer by trade that my family consists of 2 my wife and myself my wife whom I have married since my former application having lost by death the wife that I then married, is about 62 or 3 years of age and rather infirm than otherwise I have myself generally enjoyed tolerable health until a few years back since which have been subject to a swimming in my head that prevents me from laboring as I have done heretofore. Sworn to in open Court the day and date above mentioned and subscribed.

Attest: S/ George Evans, Clerk

S/ John Stephens, X his mark him and

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 22nd, 1818, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]