

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Stevens W6186

Mary Beverley

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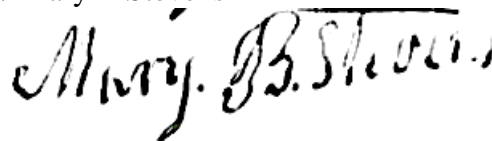
Spotsylvania County State of Virginia: SS

On this the 26 day of July 1838 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Mary B Stevens a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-seven 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 provision made by an act of Congress passed 7th day of July 1838 that she is the widow of Captain Richard Stevens of the Army of the United States in the war of the Revolution, that he served in the Virginia Continental line and attached as well as he now recollects to General Spotswood's Regiment but for what length of time he served she cannot say if indeed she ever knew. She believes said Stevens and in the service at or near the commencement of said revolutionary war and served until just before her marriage which took place on the 24th day of December 1782 in the County of Spotsylvania, that she was married to the said Stevens by Parson Ambrose Dudley – and that her husband the aforesaid Captain Richard Stevens died on the 3rd day of February 1808 leaving several children who drew the bounty land to which he was entitled amounting to upwards of 4000 acres on the 23rd day of July 1824 and she further declares that she has remained his widow ever since his death as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ Lewis L Holladay, JP

S/ Mary B Stevens



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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 17th day of June 1783, in the name of Richard Stevens, as a Captain of Infantry for £579.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To wit pay as Captain from 1st January 1777 the 1st [illegible]¹ 1781
Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
25th day of March 1839.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p. 11: copy of a certificate signed by Ambrose Dudley Minister dated March 23, 1783 stating that he celebrated the right of matrimony between Richard Stevens & Mary Beverley Carter.]

[Facts in file: The widow died June 25, 1848 in Hanover County Virginia. The veteran and his wife had the following children:

Lucy Carter born June 7 [record torn]

Lewis born March 27, 1785

Robert Carter born October 25, 1786

Mary Chew [record torn]

Richard [record torn] died December 16, 1792

Metilday born October 5 [record illegible]

Richard T [record illegible]

Hiram born May 25 [record torn]

Horace born June 24, 179 [record torn]

The following children survived their mother, Lucy Carter Stevens, Lewis Stevens, Mrs. Judith M Kimbrough, Hiram Stevens, Horace Stevens; Edward W Kimbrough, son-in-law, was the executor of the estate of the widow.]

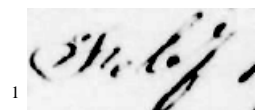
[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for his service as a Captain in the Virginia service.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection containing documents relating to bounty land claims has the following relating to this veteran:

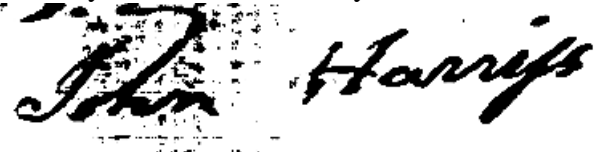
An affidavit dated May 26, 1823 given by Claborn Durrett of Caroline County Virginia that he was well acquainted with Richard Stevens in the old revolutionary war; that Stevens received a Captain's commission in the 10th Battalion of the Virginia troops about the month of February 1777 and served in that Battalion which he knows because he served in the same brigade. The certificate is in very bad condition but appears to be signed by Durrett as follows



An affidavit also dated May 26, 1823 from John Harriss stating that he was well acquainted with Richard Stevens during the revolutionary war; that



Stevens was commissioned a Captain in the 10th Battalion of Virginia Troops about the month of February 1777 and served 3 years in said Battalion.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Pollett". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

John Pollett also gave an affidavit dated May 26, 1823 testing that Richard Stevens was a Captain in the 10th Battalion of the Virginia troops and served at least 3 years and that he, Pollett, served in the same Battalion with Stevens. This affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.

[This is another certificate in the file that Richard Stevens served as a private for 3 years and received 100 acres for his service. This certificate clearly relates to different Richard Stevens.]