

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Gilbert Stevens (Stephens)<sup>1</sup> W7213

Nancy

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[HeritageQuest.com image beginning at Image 508]

State of Kentucky Morgan County: SS

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834 personally appeared in Open Court [indecipherable word] the Court of Morgan County now Sitting Gilbert Stevens a resident of Morgan and State of Kentucky aged 74 years who being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

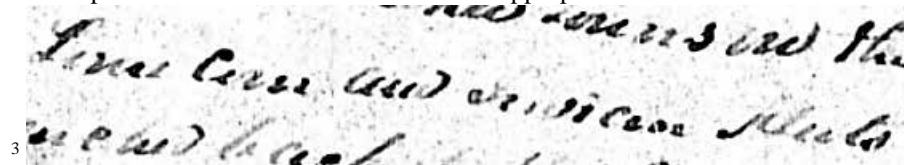
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the Service in [sic, on]<sup>2</sup> the \_\_ day of September 1776, (the day of the month not recollected) under the command of Captain Gilbert Christy [Gilbert Christian] Major Evan Shelby, Colonel William Christy [William Christian] as a Volunteer under a call of the County Colonel. We Rendezvoused on the \_\_ day of September 1776 (the day of the month not recollected) at a place called Long Island on Holston River in Washington County Virginia. We remained two or three days at Long Island and was then marched against the Cherokee Towns on the Tennessee River. We destroyed [indecipherable words]<sup>3</sup> after which we were marched back to the Long Island on Holston and discharged between the 10<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of January 1777.

He again entered the service of the United States on the \_\_ day of June 1777 (the day of the month not recollected) and rendezvoused at Washington Court house in [on] the \_\_ day of June 1777 (the day of the month not recollected) under Captain \_\_ Looney [John Looney?]<sup>4</sup> & Colonel A. Campbell [Arthur Campbell], we was immediately marched to the Long Island in Holston River where we was stationed between two and three weeks thence was marched against the Cherokee Towns on the Tennessee River, we destroyed some Indian Huts and [HQ Image 509] after having remained on the Tennessee River for some time we was marched back to the Long Island on Holston where we remained a Short time then was marched to Washington Court

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt44805-160-55

<sup>2</sup> this document contains the word "in" uniformly when "on" fits better: I've elected not to repeat the error in this transcript and have elected to use "on" where appropriate instead of "in"



<sup>3</sup> \_\_ Corn [?] and Indian Huts?



<sup>4</sup>

house and discharged on the \_\_\_ day of December 1777 (the day of the month not recollected but thinks we discharged on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1777).

He states that he again entered the service as a Volunteer on the \_\_\_ day of May 1779 under the command of Captain A. Bowen [probably Arthur Bowen] who served [?] as Captain of the Spies on the Frontiers of Virginia. I joined him at Montgomery Court house. We was marched out as a scouting party from Montgomery Court house on the New River & was at Chisels Lead Mines [Chiswell Lead Mines] on New River thence we was marched on up Holston River and its warders, thence we was marched back to Montgomery Court house and discharged on the \_\_\_ day of August 1779.

He again entered the service of the United States on the \_\_\_ day of August 1780 under the command of Captain Abram Twigg & Major Joseph Cloyd. We rendezvoused on the \_\_\_ day of August 1780 at Chisels Lead Mines on New River where we remained about 4 or 5 days we was then marched to within about Twenty miles of Kings Mountain we was then turned and marched to a place called the Shallow Ford of the Adkin River [Yadkin River] in North Carolina where we had a battle [October 14, 1780] with a party of Tories after the battle we remained at the Shallow Ford about one week we was marched thence to Long Islands on Holston, thence to Montgomery Court house where we was discharged between the 25 of November & first of December 1780. In the spring of 1781 I in company with [several words too faint to discern] to [word too faint to discern] County State of [HQ Image 510] North Carolina – and in the latter part of May 1781 I volunteered as a Spy or Ranger against the Tories under the command of Captain Artis and Colonel Green. We rendezvoused at a place called the Hollow or Holler in Henry County he thinks they rendezvoused the last day of May 1781 – they was marched through the County to Caroline Court house and after reconnoitering the County returned to the Hollow where we remained for a few days then we were marched to the Court house of Henry County and thence back again after being out on various Scouting trips we would still rendezvous at the same place in the Hollow until the last of October 1781 at which time I was discharged and not again [in] the service.

He states that he was born in walking him County State of Virginia in the year 1760 that he has no record of his age. That when called into Service he lived in Washington County Virginia, that since the Revolutionary War he lived in North Carolina and now lives in Morgan County Kentucky. He states that he volunteered into the Service of the United States (having before his first Tour [indcipherable words] his Father). He states that from age & consequent loss of memory he is unable to give a more full and complete Statement of his Services then he has done in the foregoing part of this statement. He states that he never received a written discharge. That he is known to Joseph Hanna Esquire and Joseph Nickill in his neighborhood who can testify as to his Character or Veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of Philip Williams<sup>5</sup> [&] William Howerton<sup>6</sup> who [several words too faint to discern] part of his Service [word too faint to discern].

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever [HQ Image 511] to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Gilbert Stevens, X his mark

[The Rev. Joseph Nickill and Joseph Hanna gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>5</sup> [Philip Williams S1269](#)

<sup>6</sup> [William Howerton S15469](#)

[HQ Image 548]

State of Kentucky Morgan County: Sct.

The Deposition of William Howerton a Soldier of the Revolution and now a pensioner of the United States taken to prove the service of Gilbert Stevens in the Revolutionary War.

He states that they rendezvoused together in August 1780 at Chisels Lead Mines on New River under the command of Captain Twigg & Major Joseph Cloyd, that they marched together and were in the battle of the Shallow Ford on the Adkin River [several words too faint to discern] Tories that they were marched to Montgomery Court house Virginia and discharged on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1780. The said Stevens was discharged at the same time that I was by Captain Twigg and went home with me.

As for any other service performed by Stevens I know nothing of my own knowledge.  
Given under my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834

S/ William Howerton, X his mark

[HQ Image 551]

State of Kentucky Morgan County

The deposition of Philip Williams a Soldier of the Revolution [the image of this document as posted is very faint and only occasional words can be discerned with clarity. Reference should be made to this veteran's own application for more details of his service. It does appear, however, that he gave testimony in support of the service claimed by Stevens in June 1777. The affiant signed this affidavit with his mark.]

[p 12: On the May 12, 1854 in Morgan County Kentucky, Nancy Stephens, aged 87, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Gilbert Stephens a private in the revolutionary Army; that he drew a pension at the rate of \$66.66 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in the year 1796 or 1797 she being no scholar knows nothing about dates but believes she's been married between 56 and 60 years; that her husband died February 16, 1852. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 5: On March 4, 1855, in Morgan County Kentucky, Nancy Stephens, aged about 84 [? last digit unclear]<sup>7</sup>, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Gilbert Stephens who she says was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$66.66 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him about the year 1795 in Lee County Virginia; that they were married by one \_\_\_ Sharp Esquire and that her name before her marriage was Nancy Osborne; that her husband died February 16, 1852 in Morgan County Tennessee. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 43: Affidavit dated April 10, 1855 given in Morgan County Kentucky by Andrew Stephens, reputed son of Gilbert Stephens and Nancy his wife; he states that his parents had a family record to which he had frequent access but that such record is now lost; that his eldest sister (the eldest child of his parents) was born June 11, 1798 and that he was next and was born September 29th, 1800; that his parents had 8 other children younger than him who are all now living in his neighborhood.]

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*Eighty five*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months and 7 days service as a private in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]