

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph L. Stephens (Stevens) W8764

Lucy f37VA

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[f p. 15]

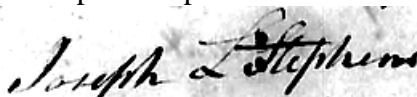
Bourbon County and State of Kentucky SS

On this 5th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court for said County Joseph L Stephens, while the Court was in Session, a resident of said County and State aged Sixty-nine years on the 27th day of April last, who 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 June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted private Soldier under the following named officers, Colonel Kennedy [David Kennedy] was County Colonel for Frederick County and State of Virginia, Lieutenant Colonel Smith [John Smith] of the militia, Major Gilkerson [perhaps Samuel Gilkerson] & Captain Keckley [probably Capt. William Kirtley], that he entered the service in the month of June (or July) at Winchester in Virginia under Lieutenant Henry Brinker, who had charge of British Prisoners, that shortly after he arrived at the Barracks, he was appointed Sergeant and served as Sergeant during the balance of the six months, which was all the time he was in the service which was entirely devoted to Guarding British Prisoners, that while he was in the service he was detailed to go to Battle town for 8 or 10 miles from the Barracks, with a file of seven men to [several indecipherable words] for the use of those prisoners and their guards which service was performed as Sergeant, that he was born and raised in Stephensburgh Frederick County and State of Virginia, that the Corps he served in was called Militia or Virginia State troops, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of only one person by whom he can prove that he was in the service (to wit) John Kercheval¹. That from Frederick County he removed to Bourbon County Kentucky where he has resided about 45 years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph L Stephens



[John McKee, Alexander McClintock & Rudolph Mock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ There are two veterans by this named listed as having served in Virginia during the Revolution: FPA W3023 and FPA W9490. It was not clear to me to which, if either, of these veterans the applicant referred. Both lived in Kentucky after the Revolution. The file doesn't contain a supporting affidavit from John Kercheval [also spelled Kerchival].

Bourbon County State of Kentucky Sct.

Be it known that on this day personally appeared before me Robert Scrogin a Justice of the Peace for said County Joseph L Stephens and being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration (in addition to the within declaration, of himself to obtain a Pension etc.

That by reason of the long time that has elapsed since the rendered the military services mentioned in his declaration of the 5th day of November 1833 and the failure of his memory and having retained no written memorandum of the transaction, He is unable to state exactly the time he served as sergeant in the American Revolution, but his best Impression is that he served about three months as a private soldier and three months as sergeant, and for such service he claims a Pension.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of January 1834
S/ Robert Scrogin, JP

S/ Joseph L Stephens

[f. p. 5: On October 17, 1848 in Bourbon County Kentucky, Lucy Stephens, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph L Stephens, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that her husband died February 14, 1848; that she was married to him January 12, 1792; that her maiden name was Lucy Garrard; that her husband was 84 years of age at the time of his death. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 13: certificate issued by the clerk of Bourbon County Kentucky court showing that Joseph Stephens & Lucy Garrard were married by A. Eastin, minister.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]