

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Stevens W8766

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State of Kentucky Warren County } Sgt.

On this 31st day of July 1832 personally appeared before me John A White an acting Justice of the Peace for said County & State James Stevens a resident of said County & State aged seventy-three years on the 23rd of July 1832, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 with Captain Ambrose Dudley and served in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia State Line under the following named officers – viz. – That he enlisted as above stated with Captain Dudley, who did not serve in the Army more than 4 or 5 months before he resigned – and his company was then commanded by Captain Quarles [probably James Quarles] – who was promoted a Major and the company was then commanded by Captain William Long – with whom he served till the expiration of his tour. In the Regiment to which he belonged John Lee was Major, Charles Dabney was Lieutenant Colonel and Brent [William Brent] was Colonel: in the same Regiment there were the following named captains of Companies – viz. Harry Dudley, Robert Dudley, __ Tabb [Augustine Tabb], Moody [James Moody], Maclehana [John McElhaney] & Welsh [Nathaniel Welch]. He joined the service in March 1777 and left it three years thereafter – in March 1780. He served but one tour of enlistment. He enlisted from the County of Orange & State of Virginia. He was first in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], after this the Army remained at the White Plains, then moved to the West Point and proceeded thence to winter quarters at Middlebrook (New Jersey) – while the main Army was at Middlebrook, your applicant under the command of Colonel Ford went to Sandy Hook [word or words written over and illegible] surprised our party & attacked us – we retreated but lost about 30 man taken prisoners – Colonel Ford remained at Sandy Hook till the Army broke up winter quarters, which was but a short time after the skirmish alluded to. He then joined the main Army which marched to Ramapo, thence to Smith's Clove thence to West Point – thence back to Smith's Clove – thence to Stony Point [July 16, 1779]. He was present at the engagement at this place, but not immediately in it. The Army moved thence to Ramapo here your applicant was detached under Colonel Lee [Lt. Col. Henry “Lighthorse Harry” Lee] and took the Fort at Powle's Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779]. He returned then to the main Army and shortly after commenced making preparations for winter quarters in the state of New Jersey but being ordered on to the South commenced the line of march to that quarter. On this Southern march he passed through Philadelphia, Susquehanna at Wrights ferry and the Potomac at Alexandria and

his term of service having expired he received his discharge at Fredericksburg (Virginia). His discharge from this service was placed in the hands of his father for the purpose of procuring the land warrant to which on account of his services your applicant became entitled. Before his land warrant was obtained he came to the State of Kentucky – And his discharge is either with his father's papers in Virginia or retained in some of the offices in Richmond (Virginia). He acted as a corporal in the company of Captain Long sometime.

After his return from the foregoing tour he served three tours in the militia. On the first he marched to Richmond – to the Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills] – to Cabin Point and to Petersburg, under Captain Benjamin Johnson – in the fall of 1780. At Petersburg he was discharged. His second tour was in the spring of 1781 under Captain Graves,¹ Major McWilliams² – Colonel Tolls [probably Towles] – marched to Fredericksburg & home [indecipherable word or words] as discharged. His third tour was in the summer & fall of 1781. He was a Lieutenant in the company of Captain Waugh [probably George Waugh], marched from that County of Orange to the Siege of Yorktown, was stationed on the Gloucester side of York River, under the command of Major Carey & Colonel Campbell – continued at York till the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and marched with the prisoners as high as the Bowling Green Caroline County Virginia and was here discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ James Stevens



[Zachariah Morris, a clergyman, and Thomas Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: very faint document: On January 9, 1839 in Warren County Kentucky, Susannah Stevens, 71, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of James Stevens a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him July 9, 1783; that her husband died September 3, 1832. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: copy of a letter dated July 9, 1783 from John Haydon in Lincoln County [Kentucky] granting permission for the issuance of a license for James Stevens to marry his daughter Susannah Haydon. Also a copy of marriage bond issued to James Stephens and Richard Beale July 9, 1783 conditioned upon the marriage of James Stevens to Susannah Haydon.]

[Facts in file: Veteran was born July 23, 1759. His widow, Susannah Haydon, was the daughter of John Haydon was born March 25, 1768; she died August 18, 1843; at the time the veteran died his daughter, Lucy Quisenberry was in possession of the family Bible; the veteran's son, Edward, resided at the time of his father's death in Warren County Kentucky; in 1853 Lucy Quisenberry was Mrs. Lucy Floyd married to William N. Floyd in December 183. The children of the veteran and his wife and the dates of their births our as follows:

John born March 23, 1784

William born December 15, 1785

¹ PERHAPS Capt. Richard Graves of the Orange County VA militia

² PERHAPS Lt. Col. William McWilliams of Spotsylvania County VA militia. Spotsylvania adjoins Orange County.

James born October 10, 1788
Synthia born December 8, 1789
Lucy born October 19, 1791
Sarah born April 22, 1793
Alfred born March 23, 1796
Aubry born March 25, 1798
Cary born February 5, 1802
Edward born February 6, 1804
Theresy born April 6, 1806
Madison M. born June 29, 1808

In addition the following family data appears in the file:

James Monroe Stevens was born March 6, 1829
Gukielmus Stevens was born May 4, 1815
Parmelia Eveline Narcissa Stevens was born June 1, 1817
Lucy Ann Quisenberry was born August 15, 1818
Chesterfield C. Quisenberry was born April 5, 1821
Harriet Ann Quisenberry was born March 25, 1825
Chesterfield C. Quisenberry married March 4, 1839

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

Addendum to James Stevens W8766

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The left edge is illegible where indicated by *.]

[*] Stevens a Soldier of the 2d Virginia State Regi[ment] having served the Term of three years for which he [*] is hereby discharged the service. Given [*] my Hand at Fredericksburg this 20th day April [*] thousand seven Hundred and Eighty.

John Lee [VAS867] Major
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