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Pension application of Samuel Stevenson (Stephenson) W8769 Jane f61VA
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State of Kentucky County of Woodford

On this 22nd day of September 1842 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace Jane Stevenson a resident of the County of Woodford Kentucky aged ninety-two 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 the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Samuel Stevenson who was a soldier of the revolution of the Virginia line he was in the service five years under different officers: she states that he was in Captain William McConnell's Company and Colonel Benjamin Logan's Regiment in the battle of the Miana river [Miami River?] and in Captain James Brown's Company and General Charles Scott's Campaign. She states that she with her husband Samuel Stevenson moved from Virginia to the then Territory belonging to Virginia now state of Kentucky on the 27th of October 1779 and settled in the County of Fayette where the town of Lexington now stands she further states that her husband Samuel Stevenson was in the service against the Indians before we moved to Kentucky and continued in the service after we arrived here in Kentucky until the close of the Indian war she has heard him speak of being under other officers and being in other battles but from her great age and loss of memory she is unable to recollect them at this time, but she states she does well recollect that he was in the service the greater part of his time. She states that she had the record of her children's age belief was torn out of the Bible on which their ages was recorded and lost she states there age is as follows my eldest son James was born April 21 1772, Marthy was born February 23 1774, John was born July 22nd 1776, Mary was born December 23 1778, Samuel was born May 31st 1781, Thomas was born October 10th 1783, Robert was born December 8th 1785, Jane was born January 10th 1788, William and Alexander was born October 10th 1791. She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Stevenson on the 23rd of May 1771 in the then County of Augusta Virginia: that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Stevenson died on the 17th day of December 1825 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

S/Jane Stevenson, X her mark

[Mary, Robert and Alexander Stephenson [sic] examined the declaration made by their mother Jane Stevenson and affirmed that it contains the truth. Their affidavit is dated the same day as the widow's application.

Mary Stephenson
Robert Stephenson
A.D. Stephenson Son

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[f p. 33]

The deposition of Mr. Samuel Stevenson given at the house of Mr. John Gay on the 8th day of January 1818 in Woodford County to be read in evidence in a suit in Chancery now pending in the Woodford Circuit Court wherein Augustine Eastin &c are complainants & John McKinney and others are Defendants, the said Deponent being 78 years of age and first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he came to this Country in the year 1779 with his family, that he landed at Lexington, that he remained till the next spring in Lexington, and then went to McConnell's Station, where he remained with his family until the 1st day of March 1784 when he left there and came to the place where he now lives in Woodford County about 4 or 5 miles from Dickinson's or John Dickinson's Survey of three thousand acres where he has lived ever since that he [indecipherable words written over] repeatedly heard Dickinson's Survey spoken of at Colonel McConnell's Station in Lexington as lying on the headwaters of Glens Creek formerly called Turkey Creek about 5 or 6 miles from Kentucky River as early as 1780, 1781, 82, 83, 84, that sometime in December 1780 he went on Dickinson survey with Francis McConnell who went to show it to Alexander Dunlap, he Dunlap went to look at it with a view of buying it, that he, this deponent and McConnell wanted and advised him to purchase it; that said Dickenson's 3000 acres Survey was notorious and generally known by a majority of people in and about the neighborhood of said survey as early as 1781, 82, 83, 84. That the lines and corners of said survey could have certainly bed found by any person with reasonable inquiry & diligence about those years, that said survey was frequently spoken of by locaters land jobbers and persons interested in taking up and purchasing lands as lying on the headwaters of Glens Creek formerly called Turkey Creek about 5 or 6 miles from the Kentucky River and further this Deponent sayeth not.

S/ Samuel Stephenson

[a true copy]

[f p. 6: James Stevenson gave testimony on September 28, 1842 in Woodford County Kentucky that he is sixty-five years of age, the nephew of Samuel Stevenson and his wife Jane; that he knows they lived together as husband and wife since his earliest recollection; that he has never known in his aunt James Stevenson to state anything but the truth.



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[f p. 47: On May 10, 1844, James Stevenson of Greene County Ohio, 72 on the 1st of April last according to his Father's family Bible gave testimony that he is the son of Samuel Stevenson late of Woodford County Kentucky; "I know to my own personal knowledge that they [his parents] were both pious religious persons and they were living together as man and wife in the year 1779 in Fayette County State of Kentucky being the same year that we moved to Kentucky and settled in Fayette County Kentucky near Lexington and my father Samuel Stephenson was engaged against the Indians until the close of the war Revolution and I have heard him speak of being under General Scott and General Clark and Captain John Brown and have no doubt of the truth of the statement and have never heard it doubted that my Father and mother the said Samuel and James Stevenson were lawfully married I well recollect of my father having preaching at his house in Virginia before we moved to Kentucky and do well know that they have lived together

as man and wife from my earliest recollection and well recollects when General Brgoin [John Burgoyne] was taken we were forted at Lexington Kentucky Fayette County at that time in my father the said Samuel Stevenson died in Woodford County Kentucky December the 17th 1825 and my mother Jane Stephenson has lived a widow ever since his death."

S/ James Stevenson

James Stevenson

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[f p. 51: extract of a pay role of Captain John Williams's Company of infantry stationed at Kaskaskia under the command of Colonel George Rogers Clark for the period commencing July 12, 1778 and ending 31st May 1779 listing the following:

John Williams Captain, Richard Brasheare 1st Lieutenant, John Bailey, 2nd Lieutenant, James Montgomery Ensign, John Brann, Sergeant, Lewis Campe, private, Samuel Stephenson, private all having enlisted on July 12, 70 and 78 and being discharged May 31, 1779.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$34.54 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 10 months and 11 days in the Virginia militia.]