

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Stevenson (Stephenson) W9685¹ Ellen fn40SC
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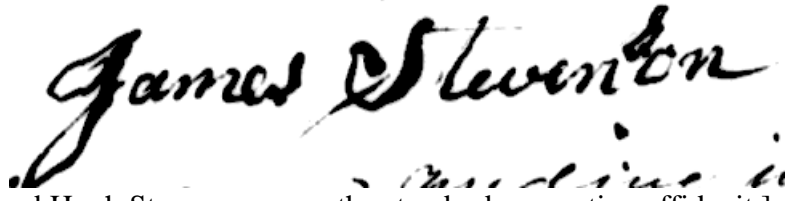
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State of Kentucky Logan County: SS

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Logan County now sitting, James Stephenson a resident of the said County of Logan and State of Kentucky aged sixty-eight years 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 7 1832. That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year of our Lord 1764. When a small boy he migrated with his father to the State of South Carolina and settled on the head of Fishing Creek. That he entered the service of the United States as a militia man in a company of drafted militia commanded by Captain John Norwood or Northwood during his continuance in this Company which he thinks was 5 or 6 months he was stationed in the district of Ninety Six at Miller's Station on the waters of Little River and performed duty during that time, he thinks it was the fall after the battle of the Eutaw Springs when he first entered the service but the precise date he cannot now recollect, he received no written discharge for this Service, for a requisition was about this time made on the State for militia men to serve 6 months in Greens Army and he was drafted in Captain Moses Liddle's [Moses Liddell's] Company John McMahan was Lieutenant in said company we marched from Ninety Six to Dorchester – the Regiment was commanded by Major Noble where we joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army: here we lay encamped watching the movements of the British, which then lay in Charleston for about three months including the time of going and returning home which we were permitted to do for a short time but to be ready at a moment's Warning to return to the Service which we were ordered to do after remaining at home a few days this was about the time General Green contemplated an attack upon James Island, but hearing from some source that the British had reinforced, the attack was declined. General Pickens was the commander of the Regiment and the company officers the same that he started with, when the tour of duty was performed which was in 6 months including the 2 trips the Company was permitted to make its way home the best way we could and we dispersed and begged our way home for there was no provisions made for us by the Government. We were without money. He was taken sick soon after getting home and does not now recollect whether he received a written discharge, but if he did it is lost or mislaid. 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 the Agency of any State or Territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Stevenson

¹ BLWt31717-160-55

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Stevenson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

[Richard Bibb, a clergyman, and Hugh Stevenson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 27: On September 3, 1832 in Logan County Kentucky, William Stephenson filed an affidavit in which he states he is the brother of James Stevenson, the applicant for a pension; William states that he knows his brother served the 6 months tour under Captain Moses Liddle, Lt. McMahan and Col. Noble, and believes that his brother served otherwise as he states in his application. William does not state that he himself served in either term of service. William signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[fn p. 12: On May 12, 1855 in Logan County Kentucky, the veteran, then stating his age as 90 years, filed for his bounty land entitlement. This document he signed with his mark.]

[fn p. 14: On March 7, 1859 in Logan County Kentucky, Ellen Stevenson, 83, filed an affidavit in which she states her husband James Stevenson died in Logan County Kentucky April 24, 1857; that she married him in Abbeville County South Carolina; that they were married by one Alexander Foster a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Ellen Winns

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 21 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing April 24, 1857 for her husband's service as a private in the South Carolina service.]