Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Stephens W8767 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Kentucky } Sct. Wayne County }

on this 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court, of the County of Wayne and State of Kentucky Isaac Stephens, a Resident of Wayne County, in the County of Wayne and State of Kentucky. Isaac Stephens aged seventy two years about next Christmass 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 the 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the Fall of the year 1780 under a certain Daniel Trigg in Montgomery county in the state of Virginia and served in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes], of Virginia the name of the Regiment not recollected, in the line, under the following officers. My Captains name I served under, was Bently [sic: William Bentley] his Christian name not recollected. my Col name was Col Haws, his christian name not recollected. My Captain Bentley was taken Prisoner at Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], I then served under Capt. Barbary [sic: Thomas Barbee], his christian name not recollected. I the said Isaac Stephen engaged to serve 18 months, the precise time when of Enlistment not recollected but some months before the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and served actually Twenty months before I could get my discharge. I joined or enlisted in Montgomery County waters of New River in the State of Virginia, was marched to Chesterfield Court House & joined our Regiment under said Col Haws where we were exercised for some time, we then marched to North Carolina & was at the Battle of Guilford, Thence I was marched to and at the Battle of Campden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], where I had a Brother killed. Thence I was marched to and at ninety Six, which we Besieged about one month or more at which place my Captain Bently was taken Prisoner, & I was after commanded by Captain Barbary, General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was our Commander. We were frequently engaged in smaller skirmishing parties of British and Tories thro North Carolina South Carolina & Georgia the places not sufficiently Recollected, was Regularly discharged I think in North Carolina in writing, by my Major, his name not recollected [Smith Snead], and the discharge now lost

I was born in the state of Virginia near Winchester & was after two years raised in Montgomery County Virginia & Removed from Virginia to the county of Wayne, where I now live I the said Isaac Stephens hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the Present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency In any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Isaac his mark Stephens

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Isaac Stephens/ age 19/ height 5′ 11″/ farmer/ born in Augusta County/ residing in Montgomery County/ brown hair/ black eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 11 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

On 26 Aug 1839 Rebekah Stephens, aged 73 on 19 Oct 1838, applied for a pension stating that she married Isaac Stephens on 16 Dec 1782, and he died 28 June 1833 "with bodily pains." She stated that the date of marriage was from a family register recorded by John Brittain, a Montgomery-County school master. On 26 May 1851 Elizabeth Dick, 67, child of Isaac and Rebecca Stephens, applied for a pension, stating that her mother's maiden name was Rebecca Havens, that she was married on New River in Montgomery County, and she died on 29 June 1843. She stated that her parents had children named Elizabeth, James, William, Rhoda, and Rebecca Stephens before 1794, and that they moved to Wayne

County in 1799. Elizabeth Dick listed the other children who survived their mother as James Stephens, Rhoda Hayden, Nancy Anderson, Zilpha Catron, and Gordon C. Stephens. Rhoda Hayden gave her age as 65 at the time she made a deposition on 16 May 1851, and stated that she was married on 22 Mar 1806.

The file jacket includes misfiled papers relating to the application of Sally Holt, daughter of Jane Stephens, pensioner and widow of Henry Stephens (W6189).