

## **Pension Application Stephen Stephens or Stevens**

W.25111 (Widow: Jane)

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twentieth day of November 1838, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said county, Jane Stephens, a resident of the town of Clarkstown, in said County, aged seventy one 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 Act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pension to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Stephen Stephens, who was a private during the Revolutionary War, and served as follows. That early in the month of July 1776, the British sailed up the Hudson river, and anchored in the Tappan and Haverstraw Bays, her said husband then belonging in a company whereof Jacob Onderdonk was Capt. in Col'n A. Hawkes Hay's Regiment was about the tenth or not later than the fifteenth of said month was ordered out to guard along the Hudson River to prevent their landing and served until the last of July or the first of August, when he enlisted for five months, under Cap't. Jacob Deronde, in Col'n Drakes Regiment, and went first to Haverstraw, there crossed the Hudson River and was stationed at Red Hills near Peakskill making fortifications [fortifications] and guarding and some little time before the term of service expired recrossed the said river to Haverstraw, and was there discharged on or about the first of January 1777—That very soon—after the said Stephen returned home, the Militia being not yet classed, and the refugees and Tories being very troublesom[e], he was ordered out under Capt. Onderdonk to guard at such places as was necessary to prevent their plundering the Inhabitants and served full one month. .

That in the month of November in the year 1777, the said Stephen enlisted at Clarkstown, for three months under Capt. Robert Johnson, who was a Capt. in the New York line (being a Capt in Gen'l Montgomery's army when he fel [fell] at Quebeck [Quebec] in Dec'r 1775-) and guarded and scouted through Bergen County as near the line as was prudent and lay also at Tappantown and at Clarkstown, and was discharged at Clarkstown when the term of enlistment was expired.

That in the year 1778, the men composing Capt. Onderdonk's company, being previously divided into classes of four men in a class, and each having to serve every fourth weeks, the said Stephen commenced as early as the first of April and served every fourth week, or one week in each and every four weeks, as the men often times changed weeks for their private accommodation until the month of December expecting in the month of September when the whole regiment was called out to oppose Cornwallis Army who Sallied out of New York, when they were out for four weeks at one tour.

That in the year 1779, the said Stephen served one week in each and every four weeks from the first of April until the last of May, when the British took possession of Stony Point, and fortified the same, when to prevent their sallying out to plunder and distress the inhabitants residing in the vicinity, large boats were stationed around the point, which took the greatest part of the nearest companies, and the said Stephen served full one half of the time from the first of June until in the month of November when the British finally evacuated the said point.

That in the year 1780, the said Stephen enlisted at Clarkstown for three month[s] under Capt. Jonathan Lawrence in Col'n Deboice's [Dubois] Regiment, and went first to Albany, from thence to Fourt [Fort] Plain, from thence to Fourt Stanwix, and while there the three months expired, when by the solicitations of their officers the said Stephen agreed and did served one month more, and while at Fourt Stanwix had an engagement with the British and Indians and took many prisoner and - a large drover of cattle, and after the last month was expired he was discharged and came home.

That at this late period she cannot recollect all the services her late husband informed her he had performed and has only set forth such as she recollects and has been informed by his fellow soldiers during the said war, whose testimony is hereunto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said Stephen Stephens by the Rev'd Samuel Verbryck, on the eleventh day of October, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three, that her husband the aforesaid Stephen Stephens, died on the tenth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated. (Signed) Jane Stephens

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written in open court. Abm. Hogenkamp, Clerk