STEPHENS HISTORY

THIS HISTORY OF THE STEPHENS FAMILY WAS WRITTEN BY JAMES K.F.
STEPHENS SON OF JAMES STEPHENS SOLDIER OF WAR OF 1812 ALGO
BY HENRY STEPHENS SON OF BRANTLY STEPHENS GRANDSON OF HERRY
STEPHENS WIC MOVED FROM NORTH CANCLINA IN 1923 SETTLED ON
JORDAN CREEK NEAR JORDAN-VILLAGE.
THE STARTING POINT IS FROM RECORDS OF WAR RECORDS OF THE WAR
DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON CITY.
THE REST OF HISTORY IS WHAT JAMES & HERRY STEPHENS TOLD TO HIS
SONS AND FRANDSOLS. IT IS A FACT THAT JAMES & HENRY STEPHENS
IN THEIR OLD DAYS TOLD MORE OF THEIR LIVES AND THAT OCCURED IN
THEER BOYHOOD DAYS THAN IN FORMER YEARS. THEREFORE WE THOUGHT
BEST FOR THE RISTNG CENERATION TO TELL WHAT THEY TOLD US. SO
IN THE YEAR OF 1914, HENRY STEINERS & J. K. TOLK STEPHENS MET
AT THE HOME OF J. K. P. STEINENS ST LEWIS, VICO CO., IND., AND
ROTE CUT WHAT SE COULD RECOLLECT OF WHAT THEY TOLD US OF THEIR

J.K.P. & HENRY STEPHENS

HISTORY OF THE STEPHENS FAMILY

From 1750 to the present time. Written by J. K. P. Stephens & Henry Stephens

of Jordan Station Ind.

John Stephens was born near Salesbury England in 1750 and came with sewural others Stephens to America in the year of 1770, and first settled near Villington now the state of North Carolina.

At the breaking out of the Revolutionary War. John Stephens takes sides with the colonies and enlisted as a soldier under General Francis Marion, who afterwards was called the Old Sw amp Fox.

John Stephens served through the war coming out of war as a Captain. Dur-

ing the war he married.

And at the close of the war he moved farther west from the Coast and Settled in Montgomery County, State of North Carolina, there they had several children borned to them, Namely:

Elijah Stephens
Henry Stephens
James Stephens
Pollie Stephens
Nancy Stephens
Dovie Stephens
Relacea Stephens
Sallie Stephens
Ollie Stephens

Brookville, Indiana
Jordan Village, Indiana
Bowling Green, Indiana
On Six Mile Creek
Bowling Green, Indiana
On Six Mile Creek

John Stephens died in 1807 and was buried near Troy, North Carolina. Elijah Stephens married in North Carolina and in 1808 moved to the Northwest Territory and settled on Whitewater River near Brookville Indiana, there he raised a family of children.

Henry Stephens married Amy Hicks in North Carolina; they raised a family and moved to Indiana in 1824 and settled on Jordan Creek in Owen County near Jordan Village, Children Namely:

Bradley Stephens Hiram Stephens Jensey Stephens Malinda Stephens Debora Stephens

James Stephens was borned in Montogomery County North Carolina, in the year of 1794. At the age of 18, he enlisted as a soldier in the War of 1812 served in Colonel Ben Dumas Regiment, Elijah Halton Company, North Carolina State Militia. At the close of War of 1812 James Stephens started for the Northwest by the way of Salesbury N. C., Laurel Spur Gap, in the Blue Radge Mountain, Bull Gap Tenn., Bean Station Tenn. Jonesville Virginia, Down Powell Valley Tenn. to Cumberland Gap, Tenn, Barberville Kentucky, London, Crab Orchard, Damville, Stanton, Frankford, Lexington, Paris, Covington, Ky. To Cincinnatti, Ohio. Then 25 miles Northwest to Brookville, Indiana. After staying at Brookville at his borthers Elijah Stephens. James & Elijah Stephens taken the old Indian Trail to Fort Harrison on the Wabash River near Terre Jaute. They passed through Indianapolis, or where it now stands. It was all woods and swamps, after staying at the Fort Harrison about two weeks. At Fort Harrison Prairie. They visited the First Field of Corn Planted on the Prairie. The corn was raised on the old Terre Haute & Louisville Road. Southeast of Terre Haute on the Riley Road near the Lost Creek Ditch. The corn was raised by Moseph Liston. At that time the Indians was threatening the white settlers along the Wabash River.

visiting relatives and friends, they returned to Brookville from where James Steahens footed it back though Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, by the way of the Cumberland Gap, Tennes to North Carolina. Shortly after James Step-Ruben Jordan, to them was born six children namely:

Locky Stephens december Married
Mary Stephens lawe und Married
Rebecca Stephens and around Married
Enochm Stephens Jugalum. Moneyer Married

In 1824 James Stephens with Rueban Jordan and Issac Beaman and their families Welthy Beaman, daughter of Isage, Beaman, to them was born 10 children

Elijah Stephens
Laborn Stephens
Jane Stephens
Susan Stephens
Henry Stephens
Diza Stephens
Diza Stephens

Ruban Stephens and Betty Chance Children:

Mrthursa Stephens Winfield Stephens Newton Stephens Vanlandingham (Val) (Bud)

Married

Married Never Married

Not Married

Elizabeth Houk

George Ellis Margaret Frances Craft

William Patterson

Mary Brown

John Bennett Wilcox

· George Selser

Harriet Beaman

Martha Rhoads Demoss----Demoss Harriet Chambers

LOCKEY STEPHENS

JANE KEARNS CHILDREN

OLLIE STEVENS POP STEVENS HENRY STEVENS MARTHA STEVENS MARGARET STEVENS LABON STEVENS JACOB STEVENS

MARKIED MARRIED KITCH BRO.N

MAHALIA STEPHENS

MARKIED

LABON BEAMAN

THEIR CHILDREN

RUBAN BEAMAN WILSON BEAMAN JAMES BEAMAN MARY BEAMAN

MARGARET BEAMAN RUTH BEAMAN

MANCY BEAMAN JACOB BEAMAN LOCKY BEAMAN

MATH AN BEAMAN ELIJAH BEAMAN ENOCH BEAMAN JOHN BEAMAN

ELIZABETH BEAMAN

MARRIED

RUSSEL CASIDA

MARY STEPHENS & WINSTON CROUSE CHILDREN

SUSAN CROUSE TILLEY CROUSE SARAH CROUSE
JENNIE CROUSE
ALLIE CROUSE
J. M. CROUSE
LOU CROUSE
L. J. CROUSE L. J. CROUSE

MARRIED MARRIED MARRIED MARRIED MARRIED MARRIED MARRIED MARRIED

BOOTS WASSON GODOWN FOSTER LISLE HORR

LABORN STEPHENS & ELIZABETH (BETTY) HOUK

WILLIAM STEPHENS

EMMA STEPHENS
MARY STEPHENS
SARAH STEPHENS
THEODORE STEPHENS
LIDA STEPHENS

JOHN CLEVE STEPHENS MARRIED ESTLE (DOGDE) STEPHENS

JAMES B. STEPHENS MARRIED MARGARET NORMAN

MARRIED MARRIED

MARRIED CHAMBERS
MARRIED KATIE BALDER
DAVID KAY

HAVERCAMP

LABORN STEPHENS & ELIZABETH (KENDALL) SHEPHERD

HENRY STEHPENS & ELIZA ROYER

CHILDREN

SAMUEL STEPHENS JENNIE STEPHENS ANDREW JACKSON JOHN STEPHENS ELIZABETH STEPHENS

MARRIED MARKIED MARRIED

ALICE SHEPHERD PERRY BEATY ROSE PITTMAN

DIZA STEPHENS & ANDERSON OHMAN

JAMES ORMAN MARRIED
JACKSON ORMAN MARRIED
GEORGE ORMAN MARRIED EARLY ORMAN

AVA HARRIS

NANCY STEPHENS & GEORGE ELLIS DIED IN CALIFORNIA IN 1912

VINA BOLMAN
ALICE BOLMAN
WILLIAM BOLMAN
ELIJAH BOLMAN
MARRIED
MARRIED
MARRIED
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MARRIED
MARRIED

JAMES K. P. STEPHENS & MARGARET F. CHAFT BETTIE STEPHENS CHILDREN MARKIED

DAVID STWALLEY E. T. &GALE

JACOB VORIS STEPHENS LOLA M. STEPHENS

THADEUS A. STEPHENS PAT STEPHENS INFANT STEPHENS MAUDE STEPHENS MAY STEPHENS IDA STEPHENS SHERMAN STEPHENS MARRIED MARY ETHEL CLARK ETHEL (JO) STEPHENS

MARRIED MARRIED

ENERY BRUSH CHARLIE REICHE

MARRIED DRUSILLA BARNES

JACOB E. STEPHENS & ELIZABETH SUFFLE

ROSA W. STEPHENS MARRIED ELMER ROYER ENOS (BOB) STEPHENS MARRIED ELLA GRIFFITH FLOSSIE STEPHENS

GREAT GRAND FATHER ABRAHAM BEAMAN

GRAND FATHER NANCY BEAMAN ISAAC BEAMAN & HUBAN JORDAN

> BETSY BEAMAN

JAMES HALTOM

WELTHY BEAMAN

JAMES STEPHENS

LABON BEAMAN

80 MAHALA STEPHENS

ABRAHAM BEAMAN #2

SUSAN BEAMAN

86 HENRY SINGLETON

ISAAC BEAMAN #3

OWEN COUNTY, INDIANA MARRIAGE 1819 to 1850 MARTHA LANGDON

Grandfather, Bro. & Sister, burried in other cemetery.

ELIJAH STEPHENS HENRY STEPHENS JAMES STEPHENS & WELTHY BEAMAN POLLIE STEPHENS

NANCY STEPHENS & JAMES REYNOLD

DOVEY STEPHENS REBECCA STEPHENS SALLIE STEPHENS OLLIE STEPHENS & ARTHER JOHNSON

OLLY STEPHENS & ARTHER JOHNSON NANCY STEPHENS & JAMES REYNOLDS DICEY STEPHENS & CLAYBOAN ALTON ROBERT STEPHENS & SUSAN BALDWIN NANCY STEPHENS & JOHN DILLENGER DEBORAH STEPHENS & WILLEY HICKS JAMES STEPHENS & WELTHY BEAMAN NANCY STEPHENS & WILLIAM D. LUCAS LEVI STEVENS & SARAH CHANCE LAMAR STEVENS & ALLEN HICKS JOSEPH STEVENS & HARRIET ANN HALL DERRY JANE STEPHENS & RANDLE CHANCE LEVI STEVENS & SALOMIA CHAPPEL

NOAH K. STEVENS & MARY JANE CHANCE LEANDER STEPHENS & ELIZABETH FOWLER

I, Carolyne Werdel, acting heat, concalogy, Indiana state library, do here by certify that the following is a titrue copy taken from the 1860 portality schedule of, Volume 2, page 73, Clay County, washington Township, exclusive of Bowling Green.

Persons who died Juring the year 1st Jume, 1860, in Vashington township exclusive of Bowling Creen, in the county of Clay, state of Indiana, enumerated by me, Albertus f. Lansing, usst. marshal; name 17.

James Stephens: age: 65, sex: male, married or widowed: M. place of birth: North Carolina. The month in which the person died: August. Profession, occupation, or trade: farmer, Disease or cause of leath: accident. Number of days ill: 1 day. Remarks: James Stephens No. 17, accidentally cut his foot, a trivial wound apparantly, but was immediately selzed with great pain and cramping which proved fatal in about one hour.

Litness my hand this 14th day of April 1958

Carolyne Lendel
Acting Head
Cenealogy Division

witness

Mary Claska Notary Public

State of Indiana Marion County At Spencer, Indiana

Marriage Record of James Stephens to Welthey Beaman.

James Stephens

to

Issued:

Returned:

Welthey Beaman

June 8, 1829 a.d. Aug. 5, 1829 a.d.

This is to certify that James Stephens and Welthey Beaman was joined together in the State of Matrimony on the 18th day of June 1829 by me.

Elisha Beavins Pr. of the Gospel

State of Indiana

Owen County, SS:

I, Denzil E. Gentry, Clerk of the Owen Circuit Court in and the State aforesaid, and legal custodian of the record of marriages in said county, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and complete copy of the marriage license issued to James & Welthey Beaman, together with the return thereto as the same appears on the file in my office and of record in Volumn A, Page 30F record of marriages now in my office custody.

Witness the hand of said clerk and seal of said court affixed at Spencer, this 31st day of March, 1958.

Denzel E. Gentry Clerk, Owen Circuit Court

General Service Administration

National Archives and Records Service Washington 25, D. C.

The State of Indiana Clay County

On this the 20th day, of February A.D. 1857, personally appeared before me a justice of the pease, and for the county and afresaid James Stephens, age sixty six years, a resident of Clay County in the State of Indiana, who being dutly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical James Stephens, who was a Private in the company commanded by Col. Benjamins Dumus, in the War of 1812 with Great Britton.

That he volunteered at Montgomery Court House, Montgomery County, on or about the 23th day of Leptember A. D. 1812 for the time of six months and to stand in residiness for two years, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of more than fourteen days.

He makes this lectaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd A. D. 1855.

He also declares that he has never applied for nor received under this or any other act of Congress, and bounty land warrent.

He hereby appoints Miller & Brown of Washington D. C. his attorney, present said claim and procure his warrant hereby anstonisein empowening his daid attorneys to procure from the proper authorities at Washington or elsewhere certified copies of any records or documents or any and all other evidents that may be necessary to establish his claim as fully as he might or could himself if present and hereby revoking and countermanding all other authority that may have been heretofore given for the said purpose.

His James Stephens

We James Reynolds & John Jaltom of the County of Clay in the State of Indiana upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was, signed and acknowledged by James Stephens in our presents with whom we are personally acquanited and that we believe from the appearance, statement and our acquanrance with the applicant that he is the identical person he reperson himself, to be, and that we are disinterested witnesses.

James Reynolds

WAR OF 1812

Claim of Widow for pension State of Indiana County of Clay

On this 20th day of December A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, personal appeared before me. The same being a court of record within and for the county and state aforesaid (1) Welthy Stephens age 69 years a resident of Clay in the state of Indiana. Who being duly sworn according to law. Declares is the widow of (2) James Stephens deceased who was the identical (3) James Stephens who served under the name of (4) James Stephens as a (5) Private in the company commanded by Capt. Elijah Haltom in the War of 1812 that her said husband (6) Volunteered in Montgomery Co., M. C. on the sixth day of August A. D. 1813 for the term of and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (7) 16 days and whose services terminated, by reason of (8) Honorable discharge in N. C. on the 21 day of August A. D. 1813. She further stated that the following is a full description of her said husband at the time of his enlistment viz (9) Five feet seven and a half inches high, blue eyes, black hair. Light complected. A farmer when enlisted. She further stated that she was to the said James Stephens at the city (or Town) of in the County of Owen, and in the state of Indiana on the 18 day of June A. D. 1829 by one (10) Elijah Bevens who was a (11) Minister of Gospel. and that her name before her said marriage was Welthy Beaman. And that she has not remarried since the death of the said soldier: and she further states that (12) James Stephens was married to Sarrah Jordan in the year 18 separation by death of wife. And that her said husband (13) James Stephens. Died in Clay Co. in the State of Indiana. on the 13 day of August A. D/ 1859 and she further declares that the following has been t the place of residence of herself and husband since the date of his discharge from the Army vix(14) Montgomery County N. C. Owen County Indiana and Clay County Indiana she makes this declaration for the pumpose of obtaining the pension to which she may be entitled under the provisions of sections 4736, to 4740 inclusion revised statutes and the act of march 9 1878, and hereby constituted and appoint with full power of substitution and revocation B. H. Fitzgerald Indianapolis her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim and she further declares that she has heretofore made no application for (15) a pension but James Stephens made application for land warrent and recieved the same and that her residence is in the County of Clay State of Indiana and that her post office address is Bowling Green, Clay County, Indiana.

> Claiment Signature Her Welthey Stephens Mark

ATTEST

M. B. Frump T. H. Zenor The American Battle Monuments Commission Established By Congress March 1923 Tashington 25, D. C.

med States National Cementery Lada Helchor Ocampo 31 2200 4, D. F. Mexico

Enoch Stephens. The practice of the States Department is that all persect, of the embassies are sent to washington after ten years the important document are placed in the archives and records of importment are in the period of 1840's and 1850's, there were times are we had no diplomatic representative in Mexico.

cometery was not established until the year 1851. At that time the bearing of 750 American Soldiers were collected for the various battle-calls graves and around the city, and all were then interned in a mass grave here. The practice of soldiers identification with (Dog Taps) was not in practice at that time and there was no identification of soldiers striped of identification by time and vandalism.

The information about Enoch Stephens being interned here is quite plantable and no doubt correct, however, there will be no records that will show this. The following can be readily assumed to have happened shortly after the Fall of Mexico City, and the lifting of the Siege of the Hospital at Puebla, Pvt. Stephens obtained his discharge and traveled to Mexico dity. His physical condition became worse and he succumbed to his previous wounds. There being no American Cemetery at that time, his body has well as all others of soldiers who died of wounds and disease) was interned in one of the areas that were first used for those killed in action. Three of four years later all the soldiers were moved here.

It has been my privilege to serve you

Sincerely yours,

Bruce R. Snyder, Superintendent

Smoch Stevens Pvt. (Capt Lauders Co Regt Ins Inf Mexican War)

Appears on Company Muster In Roll
of the organization named above. Roll
dated old ft. Clarke, Ind. June 5, 1847
Muster in to date May 28, 1847
joined for Duty and Anrohled
then May 15, 1847
Chere Indianapolis
Fortiad During the War
This organization subsequently
became Co. D. 4 Reg. T

Appears on Company Muster in Roll For May 28 to Aug. 31 1847. Present For Sept. & Oct. 1847