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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 several others Stephens to America in the year of 1770, and first settled near Willington 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 Swamp Fox.

John Stephens served through the war coming out of war as a Captain. During 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	Brookville, Indiana
Henry Stephens	Jordan Village, Indiana
James Stephens	Bowling Green, Indiana Near Six Mile Creek
Pollie Stephens	Jordan Village, Indiana
Nancy Stephens	Bowling Green, Indian On Six Mile Creek
Dovie Stephens	Bowling Green, Indiana On Six Mile Creek
Rebecca Stephens	Bowling Green, Indiana On Six Mile Creek
Sallie Stephens	
Ollie Stephens	

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 Ridge Mountain, Bull Gap Tenn., Bean Station Tenn. Jonesville Virginia, Down Powell Valley Tenn. to Cumberland Gap, Tenn, Barberville Kentucky, London, Crab Orchard, Danville, Stanton, Frankford, Lexington, Paris, Covington, Ky. To Cincinnati, 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 Haute. 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 Plant-ed 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 Joseph Liston. At that time the Indians was threaten- ing the white settlers along the Wabash River.

They then taken an Indian Trail for six mile creek near where Bowling Green now stands to where Janes Reynolds lived near the Old Cave, south of Swalley Church. As James Reynold had come from North Carolina and settled there in 1810, they then took an Indian Trail up Jordan Creek 8 miles to where several North Carolinas had settled. After looking at the land and visiting relatives and friends, they returned to Brookville from where James Stephens footed it back though Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, by the way of the Cumberland Gap, Tenn., to North Carolina. Shortly after James Stephens got home he was united in marriage with Miss Sally Jordan, sister of Ruben Jordan, to them was born six children namely:

Ma Haia Stephens	Married	Laborn Beaman
Ruben Stephens	Married	Elizabeth Chance
Locky Stephens	Married	Jane Kearns
Mary Stephens	Married	Winston Crouse
Rebecca Stephens	Married	William Frances
Enochm Stephens	Never Married	

*descendants
live in
and around
Joplin, Mo*

In 1824 James Stephens with Rueban Jordan and Issac Beaman and their families moved to Indiana by the way of Salesbury, North Carolina; Cumberland Gap, Tenn.; Bargerville, London, Crab Orchard, Danville, Stanford, and Frankford, Kentucky. Crossed the Ohio River at Madison Indiana. James Stephens settled in Owen County near the Old Stephens Cemenry or Oberbein U.B. Church. Ruban Jordan settled 6 miles north of Spencer. Isaac Beaman settled on Fish Creek near the old Carolina Church or Adkinsonville, Ind. in 1827. Sally Jordan Stephens died in 1829. James Stephens married Welthy Beaman, daughter of Isaac Beaman, to them was born 10 children namely:

Elijah Stephens	Married	Rebecca Orman
Laborn Stephens	Married	Elizabeth Houk
Jane Stephens	Never Married	
Susan Stephens	Never Married	
Henry Stephens	Married	Eliza Royer
Diza Stephens	Married	Anderson Orman
Nancy Stephens	Married	George Ellis
Malinda Stephens	Married	Isaac Bolman
James K.F. Stephens	Married	Margaret Frances Craft
Jacob E. Stephens	Married	Elizabeth Suffle

*My grandfather
live on
this old home
place*

Ruban Stephens and Betty Chance Children:

Nancy Ann	Married	William Patterson
Sarah Ann	Never Married	
Tillman Stephens	Married	Mary Brown
Mrthursa Stephens	Not Married	
Minerva Stephens	Married	John Bennett Wilcox
James Leonard Stephens	Not Married	
Serrena Stephens	Married	George Selser
Winfield Stephens	Not Married	
Francis Marion	Married	Harriet Beaman
Newton Stephens	Not Married	
Douglas	Married	Martha Rhoads
Vanlandingham (Val) (Bud)	Married	Demoss-----Demoss
McClelland Stephens (Mack)	Married	Harriet Chambers

LOCKEY STEPHENS

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JANE KEARNS
CHILDREN

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

MARRIED
MARRIED

KITCH
BROWN

MAHALIA STEPHENS

MARRIED
THEIR CHILDREN

LABON BEAMAN

RUBAN BEAMAN
WILSON BEAMAN
JAMES BEAMAN
MARY BEAMAN
MARGARET BEAMAN
RUTH BEAMAN
NANCY 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

MARRIED
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MARRIED
MARRIED

BOOTS
WASSON
GODOWN
FOSTER
LISLE
HORR

LABORN STEPHENS & ELIZABETH (BETTY) HOUK

JAMES B. STEPHENS
WILLIAM STEPHENS
EMMA STEPHENS
MARY STEPHENS
SARAH STEPHENS
THEODORE STEPHENS
LIDA STEPHENS

MARRIED
MARRIED
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MARRIED
MARRIED

MARGARET NORMAN
HAVERCAMP
CHAMBERS
KATIE BALDER
DAVID RAY

LABORN STEPHENS & ELIZABETH (KENDALL) SHEPHERD

JOHN CLEVE STEPHENS
ESTLE (DOGDE) STEPHENS

MARRIED

HENRY STEPHENS & ELIZA ROYER
CHILDREN

SAMUEL STEPHENS
JENNIE STEPHENS
ANDREW JACKSON
JOHN STEPHENS
ELIZABETH STEPHENS

MARRIED
MARRIED
MARRIED

ALICE SHEPHERD
PERRY BEATY
ROSE PITTMAN

DIZA STEPHENS & ANDERSON ORMAN

JAMES ORMAN	MARRIED	
JACKSON ORMAN	MARRIED	AVA HARRIS
GEORGE ORMAN	MARRIED	
EARLY ORMAN		

NANCY STEPHENS & GEORGE ELLIS
DIED IN CALIFORNIA IN 1912

VINA BOLMAN	MARRIED	GALVIN HOUK
ALICE BOLMAN		
WILLIAM BOLMAN	MARRIED	
ELIJAH BOLMAN	MARRIED	GERTUDE KITCH
NANNIE BOLMAN	MARRIED	ENERY CLINGERMAN

JAMES K. P. STEPHENS & MARGARET F. CRAFT
CHILDREN

BETTIE STEPHENS	MARRIED	DAVID STWALLEY E. T. & GALE
JACOB VORIS STEPHENS		
LOLA M. STEPHENS		
THADEUS A. STEPHENS		
PAT STEPHENS	MARRIED	DRUSILLA BARNES
INFANT STEPHENS		
MAUDE STEPHENS	MARRIED	ENERY BRUSH
MAY STEPHENS	MARRIED	CHARLIE REICHE
IDA STEPHENS		
SHERMAN STEPHENS	MARRIED	MARY ETHEL CLARK
ETHEL (JO) STEPHENS		

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
ISAAC BEAMAN

NANCY BEAMAN
&
RUBAN JORDAN

BETSY BEAMAN
&
JAMES HALTOM

WELTHY BEAMAN
&
JAMES STEPHENS

LABON BEAMAN
&
MAHALA STEPHENS

ABRAHAM BEAMAN #2

SUSAN BEAMAN
&
HENRY SINGLETON

ISAAC BEAMAN #3
&
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 & ARTHUR JOHNSON

OWEN COUNTY, INDIANA MARRIAGE 1819 to 1850

OLLY STEPHENS & ARTHUR JOHNSON
NANCY STEPHENS & JAMES REYNOLDS
DICEY STEPHENS & CLAYBORN 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

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

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., N. 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 Bevins 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 the place of residence of herself and husband since the date of his discharge from the Army viz (14) Montgomery County N. C. Owen County Indiana and Clay County Indiana she makes this declaration for the purpose of obtainigg 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 byt 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

