



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

Stephen Ham, Virginia, A135329

- Soldier
- Born: c 1761
- Died: 2 Dec 1821, Madison Co KY

Stephen's parents were Edward Ham (b 1728 d 1787) and Mary Lucas of Culpeper Co VA. Stephen had at least one brother, Reuben, and possibly several sisters.

On 8 Apr 1782, Stephen married Rhoda Coffey (b. c1762 d. bef. 1814) daughter of James Coffey (b. abt. 1744 d. 1816) and Partheny Linville(?) (b. abt. 1745). The marriage was officiated by George Eve, a Baptist minister and family friend. After three years in Culpeper Co VA, the family moved to Madison Co KY.

As of Summer 2021, NSDAR recognizes daughters from Lydia, Jabez, Jaley and Stephen.

- Molly Margaret (b c1782 VA) married Julius John Armstrong and then Edward Broaddus.
- Joel (b c1785 VA) married Elizabeth (Betsy) Crooke.
- John Cofer (b c1785 KY d 1869 IL) married Betsy Barnett then Elizabeth H. Thomas.
- Tabitha (b. c 1788 KY) married Patrick Hamilton.
- Lydia (b. c 1790) married Thomas Hamilton (d a 1 Nov 1830 in Lawrence Co IN) on 27 Oct 1808 in Madison Co KY.
- Jabez (b 3 Aug 1796 Madison Co KY d 12 Dec 1842 Calloway Co MO) married Hannah Todd (b 1798 Madison Co KY p 1860 MO) on 12 Jan 1814 Madison Co KY.
- Jaley (b 17 Jan 1799 KY d. 4 May 1878 Madison Co KY) married David Gentry (b 27 Apr 1795 KY d 10 Jul 1844 Madison Co KY) on 12 May 1818 in Madison Co KY.
- Roda (b 1800 KY) married Benjamin Gilbert.
- Stephen D. (b 1804 KY d 29 Mar 1879 Montgomery Co MO) married Jane Johnson (b c 1804 KY d 22 Sep 1875 Montgomery Co MO) on 19 Oct 1824 Madison Co KY.

Stephen's second marriage began on 5 Dec 1814 to Margaret (Peggy) Harvy (Harvey) (b. abt1745). They were the parents of two daughters.

- Druesilla (b. c1816) married Ashford Jackson.
- Mourning (b. 1818) married Mark Whitaker.

In Oct 1780, the General Assembly of Virginia passed an act designed to fill the state's quota of troops by drafting militiamen to serve for 18 months. Culpeper Co VA was required to supply 106 men. This was done by dividing the militia into 106 classes and drafting a man from each class by lot. Thus, the Culpeper County Class lists. Stephen was in class #85 along with 12 other men and boys. He served with Lt James Finney and Lt Armistead Minor. Lt Minor was in the Third Virginia Regiment and served at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and at Stony Point Fort.

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