

Nathaniel Stephenson, August 1, 1828, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

STATEMENT OF NATHANIEL STEPHENSON.

Williamson Co. [Tenn.], August 1, 1828.

The Undersigned being requested to state what he knows of the character of the parentage of Genl Jackson, particularly that of his mother, states that he was born and raised in the neighbourhood in which the mother of Genl Jackson lived for many years and died, that when Mrs. Jackson died he was a boy, and can recollect that she was a woman in moderate circumstances as to property, and of a standing in point of char[a]cter as good as any other person in that neighbourhood. He would further state that he lived in the same neighbourhood untill he was upwards of thirty years old, that he heard the character of Genl. Jackson's father and mother frequently spoken of by the older persons in the neighbourhood, and always heard them spoken of in terms of approbation; He expressly says that while ever he lived in that neighbourhood he heard nothing prejudicial to the character of either Genl. Jackson's father or mother. He further states that he was acquainted with the sisters of Mrs. Jackson, and that they all married respectable, clever men, the grand children of some of whom are now living in this county, and are all of respectable characters.

Given Under my hand in Williamson county this 1st Aug. 1828.