

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Humphrey (Humphreys) R5377

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Virginia Smyth County to wit

Be it remembered that on this 23rd day of August in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court holden for the said County of Smyth and being a Court of Record William Humphrey resident in the County aforesaid and aged seventy-one years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That he the said William Humphrey was a drafted militia man from the County of Fluvanna in the State of Virginia (the place of his birth) in the year 1780 for eighteen months, was put under command of Captain Graves and marched to the County of Hanover – was then transferred to the Command of Captain Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson] and marched to the South about July 1780, and arrived in Carolina just after the battle of Guilford [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781], sometime after that time but cannot recollect correctly from the failure of memory he was again marched back into Virginia and attached to the 3rd Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Dabney by him he was marched to York where he remained until after the siege and surrender of the British Army [October 19, 1781], sometime in November he was discharged by the Commandant of the Regiment Colonel Dabney having filled up the time of seventeen months service of severe duty for which he has never received one cent of Pay, his discharge was signed by Colonel Dabney and dated at York Town – but which has been long since lost being considered of no value after the War. The affiant is now old and palsied and cannot bring Ford but only one evidence of his service unless his name may be found on the Rolls of the 3rd Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Dabney or of the 18 months men drafted in 1780 in Fluvanna Virginia that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and that his name is not on the Roll of any State nor has he hereto for received one cent of Pay or Pension for the service before stated. Sworn to and declared on the 23rd day of August 1833

S/ William Humphrey, X his mark

Smyth County to wit

I Edward Barker¹ of said County and well acquainted with William Humphrey who has signed and sworn to the foregoing Declaration and believe him to be seventy-one years of age and know that he was a revolutionary soldier having seen him doing duty as a private Soldier at York during the Siege and believe that he was attached to the 3rd Regiment that he himself was

¹ [Edward Barker R496](#)

often detailed with the said William Humphrey on various duties and that he remained there until after the enemy had surrendered. Sworn to the 23rd day of August 1833

S/ Edward Barker, X his mark

[James Brumfield, a clergyman and Alfred H Atkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: The veteran died March 22, 1850 in Smyth County Virginia; the name of his wife is not given and she did not survive him. The names of his children who were living in 1853 were David at health and John L Humphrey both residents of Smyth County; Eliza, the wife of J. Benett; Susan, the wife of M. Rector and Nancy, the wife of William Brown.]