

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Humfres (Humphreys) S31145

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To the Honorable John C Calhoun Secretary War Department

In order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "The Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the U. States in the Revolutionary War" the undersigned John Humphreys makes this application and states on oath that he is a resident of Jefferson County Kentucky is about fifty six years of age, that he enlisted in the Army of the revolution in the month of April 1779 in a company commanded by Adam Wallace – and in Colonel Buford's [Abraham Buford's] Regiment of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, at Louisa County in the State of Virginia, and that he continued to serve in the said line until October – 1780 making in the whole 18 months – that he served his said time faithfully & was honorably discharged that his discharge was (as he was informed) filed with Auditor in Richmond Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

He further states that during the said revolutionary war, he was in the unfortunate action called Buford's defeat [May 29, 1780, Buford's defeat or the Battle of the Waxhaws] in South Carolina –

He states further that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – that he has never been allowed any pension or provision under any former law of the U. States – & that it is not in his power to produce any further evidence of his services –

S/ John Humfres

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Humfres". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

State of Kentucky Jefferson County Sct.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas T Crittenden sole Judge of the Jefferson Circuit Court for the County of Jefferson and State aforesaid, now sitting, John Humphreys a resident of Jefferson County, and State of Kentucky aged Sixty nine years; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he enlisted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1779 in the Continental service of the United

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<sup>1</sup> I could not find any file in the online records posted on the site of the State Library of Virginia in which a discharge was shown for a soldier by the name of John Humfres, Humphrey, Humphreys, Humphries, etc.

States in Captain Adam Wallace's Company in the Eleventh Virginia Regiment, and served in the same until Bluford's defeat; after which time he served under Captain Wilson until the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1780 when he was discharged by Abraham Bluford [Abraham Buford] Colonel of the Regiment at Hillsborough in North Carolina after which he served in the Militia until the end of the War – which has been more fully proved when his name was placed on the pension list in the year 1819 February 9<sup>th</sup> – He further states that he is the identical person named in the Certificate here with enclosed, which was granted on the proof of Lieutenant Pearson,<sup>2</sup> now on file in the War Office, as he believes.

S/ John Humfres

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> No such affidavit is in this file as posted