

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Humphreys S38849

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State of Tennessee Carter County } August Session 1818

Then personally appeared in Open Court the subscriber David Humphreys aged seventy two years and in pursuance to an act of Congress of the United States, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, and after being duly sworn in Open Court made & subscribed the following declaration to wit that he the said David enlisted into the continental service of the United States in the year 1776 in the 1st Regiment of the Pennsylvania line which Regiment, was commanded by Colonel Hand [Edward Hand] he being 1st Colonel this affiant also states that Captain John Hollady [sic, Capt. John Holliday S39706] was his Captain who enlisted him & that James Hollady [sic, Lieut. James Holliday] was a Lieutenant of said Company, that he was in many battles during his service (being from the year 1776 until the year 1778) to wit German Town [Germantown], Brandywine, White Plains and taking of Hessians at Trenton, and Monmouth & several others that he when he left the service at the expiration of his servitude obtained an Honorable discharge from and under the hand of Doctor McGaugh as this affiant had been sick in the hospital at the period his time expired and got a Hospital discharge, that he kept said discharge of a considerable length of time until by casualty he has lost the same & has it not in his power to produce it, he could also state that he in addition to the term of two years above stated served the United States at two other periods more than nine months at each period and has been several times set against the Indians at one of the times he enlisted under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in N. Carolina for 10 months,¹ and 18 months under General Sinclear [sic, General Arthur St. Clair](turn over)

That he is still a citizen of the County & state aforesaid & has been for twenty years that he never has been without the limits of the United States, served his servitude and never has been placed on any pension list of the United States, nor has he ever made any application for the same before the present. That Owing to age and inability to labour as formally he lives in great want and is entirely destitute of property, and does stand in need of the generous provision made by

¹ Brigadier General Thomas Sumter of the South Carolina militia recruited men to serve in the 10-month State Troops of SC. These recruits were to serve from March 1781 to February 1782 and were promised pay in the form of Negro slaves Sumter intended to confiscate from the South Carolina Tories. I did not find this man's name listed on any of the known company pay rolls of companies in the SC 10-month State Troops. That doesn't necessarily mean he didn't so serve.

the government of his Country for the indigent soldiery of the Revolution, but on this subject would for further certainty refer the Honorable the Secretary at war to the Subjoined certificate of the Court he also states that the evidence here furnished is the only evidence he can produce. Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court the 10th day of August 1818

Test S/ Geo. Williams, Clerk

S/ David Hum[signature cut off]

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County} On this 21st day of August 1820 Personally appeared in open Court (It being the court of pleas and quarter Sessions for Said County of Sullivan and Expressly made a Court of record by the laws of the said State) David Humphreys age 73 years resident and Said County and in said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows – that he served in the first regiment Commanded by Colonel Hand, and Captain John Holliday’s company, in the Pennsylvania line – and that he made application for a pension on the 10th day of August 1818 and received a Certificate for a pension which certificate was dated the 5th day of February 1819 and Numbered 6667 and I do Solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit

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S/ David Humphrey

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Joseph C Rhea DCIk of Sullivan County

And further I do declare that my occupation is a leather Glove maker, and that I am unable from bodily infirmities to pursue this occupation, that my son John Humphreys is settled in Carter County in said State of Tennessee and that I have one other child a daughter who is married to John Smith of said County of Sullivan and State aforesaid, with whom I live and that I am Chiefly dependent on my said son and son in law for my support.

Sworn to and declared in open court on the 21st day of August 1820 before Joseph C Rhea Deputy Clerk of Sullivan County

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 10, 1818 for service as a private for 2 months in the Pennsylvania Continental line.]