

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Humphreys (Humphries) S41670
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State of Kentucky SS

on this 25th day of May 1818, before me the subscriber Circuit Judge of the said State personally appeared Joseph Humphries aged sixty four years, resident in Nicholas county in the said state who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said Joseph Humphries enlisted in June 1777 in Germontown in the state of Pennsylvania [sic: Germantown in Pennsylvania] as a musician in the company commanded by Captain [James] Taylor of the 5th Reg't. commanded by Col. Johnson [sic: Francis Johnston] of the continental establishment, for three years, or during the war. That he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the united states until the month of June 1783 when he was regularly discharged from service at Philadelphia. that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Peola [sic: Paoli, 21 Sep 1777], Germontown [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Monmoth [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778], Green springs [Green Springs Plantation near Jamestown VA, 6 Jul 1781], and taking of Cornwallis [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and was afterwards wounded in a skirmish with the enemy in South Carolina, and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except what accompanies this affidavit

State of Kentucky, 2nd Judicial District Set On this third day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court (this being expressly made a court of record by the laws of this state for the County of Nicholas with power to fine and imprison possessing unlimited jurisdiction in point of amount, being so adjudged by the tribunals of this State always keeping a record of its proceedings Joseph Humphreys aged near sixty seven years a resident in the county of Nicholas and District aforesaid; who being first duly sworn according to law, upon his oath doth declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows to wit – He the said Humphreys enlisted in Capt. Taylors Company in German Town, Pennsylvania on the — day of June 1777 for the term of the continuation of the war in the 5th Regiment Pennsylvania line, commanded by Col Johnson on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps until July 1783 when he was discharged from the said service in Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania. that on the 25th May 1818 he made his original Declaration, received a pension certificate No. 14.871 upon which he has drawn \$8 p month up to the 4th March 1820. 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 as follows

one mare at \$15. two cows at \$20. two hogs \$2. I have no other property real or personal. My family consists of my wife and two children William ten years old, Peggy seven years old My wife 54 years old and infirm, my children unable to contribute to my support. I am a farmer, but owing to several wounds which I received while in the service of my country I am entirely unable to pursue my occupation

Subscribed Joseph hisXmark Humphreys

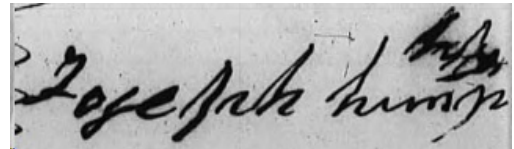
State of Kentucky } Sct
County of Nicholas }

I, Joseph Humphries aged 67 years, a citizen of the United States, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven I enlisted in the army of the revolution, against the common enemy of my country, for the term of “during the war,” and served in the company commanded by James Taylor and in the regiment No. 5 under command of Colonel Johnson of the Pennsylvania line, and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, in seventeen hundred and eighty three, when I was regularly discharged from the said 5th regiment, commanded by Colonel Johnson was Transferred to the 1st Regmt Commanded by Colo [Richard] Butler

My discharge is now lost or mislaid, so that I cannot produce it to corroborate the above statement. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever: therefore... [power of attorney follows]

The State of Ohio }
City of Cincinnati } Ss

on this eighth day of September 1834 Before me the subscriber Mayor of said City personally appeared Joseph Humphreys who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Thomas Bond in the Regiment commanded by Col. Johnston Pennsylvania line in the service of the united states that his name was placed on the pension roll of the Kentucky agency from which state he has lately removed that he now resides in the state of Ohio where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Kentucky to Ohio viz for the purpose of residing with his children and bettering his situation

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph Humphreys". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

NOTE: A letter dated 8 Jan 1851 refers to Nancy Bouman, daughter of Joseph Humphries, who died on either the 3rd or the 6th of September 1846.