

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Humphrey S5583

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State of Virginia } To wit  
Harrison County }

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Jacob Coplin Joseph Johnson Wm. Martin & Samuel Kimble the Court of Harrison County now sitting Jonathan Humphrey a resident of Booths Creek Harrison County and state aforesaid aged seventy three years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he volunteered in a company under the command of Capt Chapman in the county of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper County VA] marched to Whitmarsh in the state of Pennsylvania where he joined the army under the command of Gen George Washington from thence to Chesnut hill [sic: Chestnut Hill] near Germantown where he obtained a discharge after having served three months; he is not confident of the name of his Col but believes it was \_\_\_ Barber [sic: Ambrose Barbour] the above campaign was performed in the fall of 1777 the name of the Adgutant [Adjutant] was Robert Pollard

Some time after he thinks in the year 1780 he again entered the service as a substitute for Henry Masee of Culpepper County under the command of Cpt. Francis Nalls Marched to Richmond thence to Morbin hills [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County] on James River was commanded by Col Allcock [possibly Alcock] Adgutant \_\_\_ Hardyman was discharged having served three months

In the summer of 1781 he was drafted and commanded by Cpt. James Browning of the county of Culpepper marched to Cabin point on James River [in Surry County] from thence to Petersburg had a skirmish with the British in Petersburg rembers to have seen the Marquis De LaFayette Baron Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben] and Mgr De Cloman [sic: Major Christian Charles De Klauman] from thence to Cumberland County where he was discharged after having served three months the latter discharge was signed by a Physician which together with the other two discharges have long since been destroyed they having been considered of no importance

he further states that he removed from Culpepper to Harrison where he now resides in the year 1781 or 82 that he is acquainted with Col. Matthew Winters Col. Daniel Hinshall[?] and George J Williams Esq. to whom reference may be had and for further proof of the above declaration I refer to Anderson Corbin [pension application W6739] and Jacob Riffes [S9066] annexed statement. [signed] Jonathan Humphrey

I Jacob Riffes do hereby certify that I was a soldier in the revolutionary war in the year 1781 that I was acquainted with Jonathan Humphrey who has signed the above Declaration that he was then a soldier at the time under the command of Capt. Nalls and marched to Col. allcock regiment in the Militia Augt. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1832 [signed] Jacob Riffes

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Harrison and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth and the endnote.

Jonathan Humphrey, draws \$20—

Anderson Corbin Pen, states that in the summer of 1782 he seen Humphrey in service that he serve two tour of duty - he saw him the one as before stated. - and has often heard him speak of the other tour. W. G Singleton Nov. 19, 1834

NOTE: Jacob Coplin and Joseph Johnson, Magistrates who certified Humphrey's application, were suspected by Singleton of being involved in some fraudulent pension applications, but in this case Singleton wrote "Entitled."