

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absolem (Absalom) Hemphries W2942 Barthena (Berthena) f59SC
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Kentucky Trigg County: SS

On this 13th day May 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Trigg County Kentucky Absalom Humphries a resident of the said County and State, aged 72 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 or 1782. He was under Captain Jacob Barnett, Lieutenant William Barnett & Ensign Samuel Barnett his Colonel was Henry Hampton, & commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] -- he enlisted in the State Troops of South Carolina for 10 or 12 months and served his tour out faithfully, he was living in Fairfield County at the time of his enlistment. That he was for about 8 or 9 months (not less than 8 months) in the militia, before he entered the regular service. His Captain was named Bratton [Hugh Bratton], & his Colonel was also named Bratton [William Bratton] (brothers) he resided in Chester County South Carolina at the time he joined the militia. This was if he remembers aright in the year 1780, while in the militia he was in frequent skirmishes with the Tories. He was in a skirmish in Mobley's Settlement¹ against a Tory Colonel called Flewquinyan [sic, ?],² & a Tory Captain called Nichols. While in the State Troops he was in the battle of Eutaw Springs,³ where his Ensign Barnett was killed. After the Battle of Eutaw Springs he was for a while stationed at Brown's old fields, near Columbia, from there he was marched to Orangeburg & had a skirmish with a Tory Colonel named Cunningham. He was in a skirmish at the Jupiter Springs with a detachment of the British going from Charleston to Ninety Six -- also was in a skirmish with the British at the old Church where they were defeated -- was also in an engagement at Dorchester Bacon's Bridge, in the fall was ordered to, and joined General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] in Georgia, in December near the two sisters on Savannah River. In January or February following he was in an engagement with the Indians near Savannah Georgia, & defeated them & took their horses & baggage. When his time was out he was marched to Orangeburg and discharged. His discharge which he received from Captain Barnett he let a brother of his have with a view to get a bounty which was promised the troops & he knows not what has become of it. He cannot prove by any living witness near him of his Service. He was born in August 1760 according to his mother's Statement, has no record of his age. He lived in

¹ May 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mobleys_meetinghouse.html

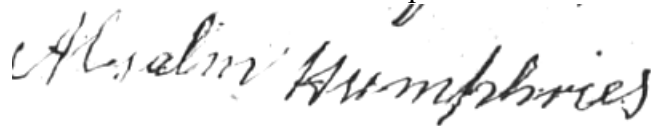
² Col. Charles Coleman commanded the Tories at the engagement at Mobley's Meetinghouse.

³ September 8, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

South Carolina, about 12 years after the war & moved from there to this County & State, & has lived here ever since. He is known to Thomas Young, Reverend William Young, David Mitchell, Thomas Briant & the Honorable C Lyon, who can testify to his general character for veracity, & their belief of his Services in the Revolution War. In all his service he was engaged not less than 18 months. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year 1st written.

S/ Absalm Humphries



[William Young, a clergyman, and Alexander Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On April 8, 1844, in Trigg County Kentucky, Berthuna Humphries aged 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Absalom Humphries, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him March 31st, 1791; that her husband died December 9, 1834.]

[p 9: Elizabeth Young, 53, gave testimony in support of the widow's application stating that she is the daughter of Thomas Humphries, a brother of Absalom Humphries.]

[p 13: Thiny or Barthiny Humphries gave testimony authenticating a leaf from the Bible submitted in support of her application for a pension; that the same was made by her father Jesse Wall; that said record also reflects the ages of her sons John, Absalom and Jesse Humphries, all written by her father, Jesse Wall.]

[pp 17-18: family record:

Theny Humphries wife of Absalom Humphries was born the 28th day of March 1776
John Humphries son of Ab Humphries and Thany wife was born the 15th day of March in the year of our Lord Christ 1793

Absalom Humphries Junior son of Absalom Humphries and Theny his Wife was born the 11th day of Ju[⁴text missing] in the year 1797

Jesse Humphries son of Ab Humphries and They [sic] his wife was born in the year 1800 April the 6th day

Polly Humphries [could be Dolly] Daughter of Absalom Humphries and Theny his wife was born February the 11th 1803

Charles Humphries son of Absalom Humphries and Theny his wife was born July [balance of intrigue illegible]⁵

Thomas Humphries Of Absalom Humphries and Theny his wife was [balance of this entry runs off the page and is illegible]⁶

Richard bennet Humphries was born in the year of our Lord 1810 the 29th of April

James maddison Humphries was born in the year of our Lord 181?⁷ the 10th day of May

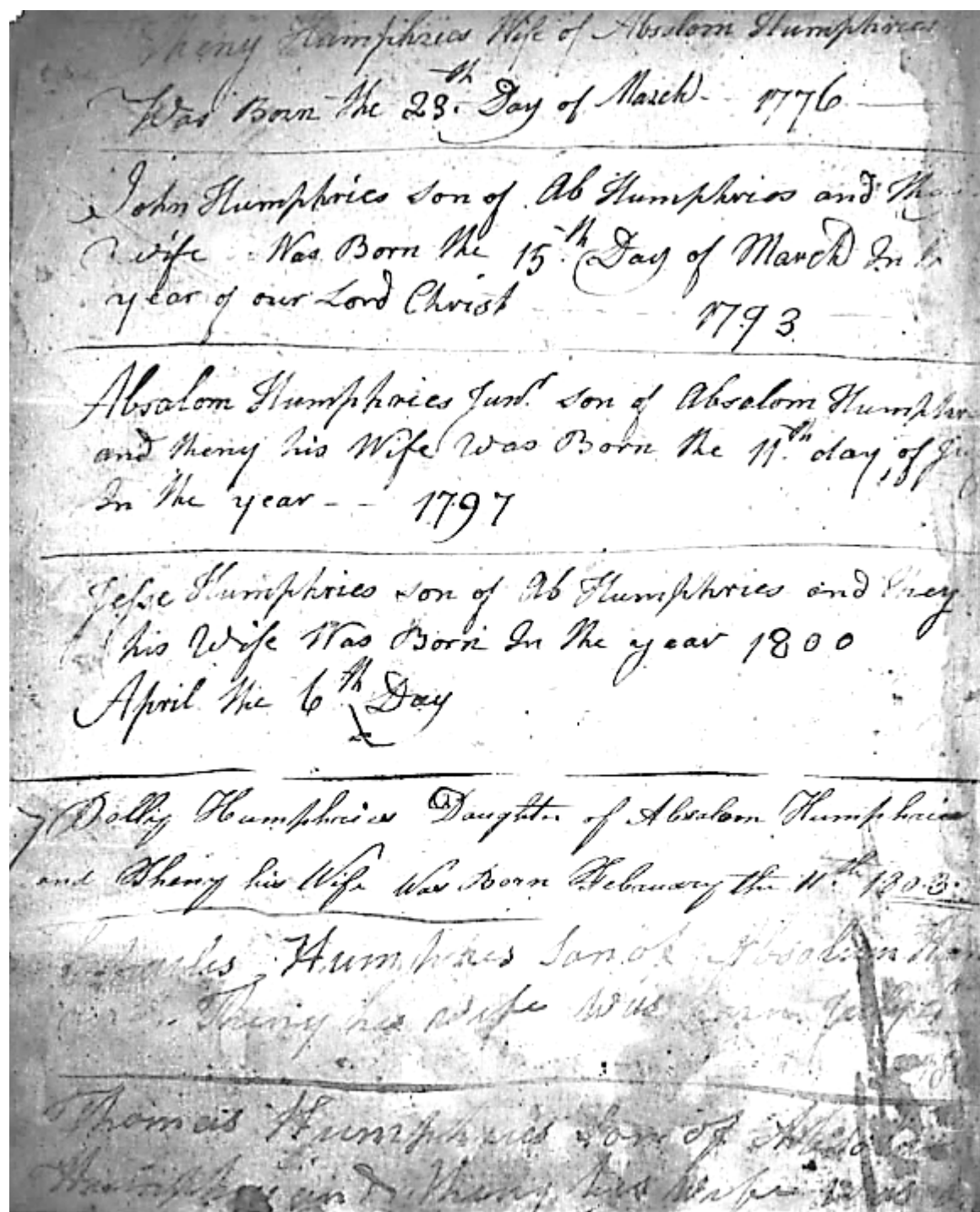
⁴ The War Department's abstract gives this date as July 11, 1797

⁵ The War Department's abstract gives this date as July 4, 1805

⁶ The War Department's abstract gives this date as January 2, 1808

⁷ The War Department's abstract gives this date as 1812 or 1813

Susan Ship [could be Thip] was born May the 23 day in the year of our Lord 1816



Richard Bennett Humphries was
born in the year of our Lord 1810
the twenty ninth of April
James madison Humphres was
born in the year of our Lord 1810
the tenth day of may
isan Ship was born May the 23 day in the
year of our Lord 1816

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Comptrollers Office Columbia SC 16th July 1846

Colonel Lynn Boyd,

Sir, yours of the 10th instant, requesting the proof that this office affords of the military services of Absalom Humphries is just received. – O you have all the evidence that can be found

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Indent Book M

No. 287} Marginal note. – of an Indent “Issued the 1st of October 1784, to Mr. Absalom Humphreys, late private in Barnett’s Troop, H Hampton’s Regiment, Sumpter’s Brigade State Troops for £94, being amount of pay and bounty due him for service in that Troop, together with Interest thereon from the 1st of April 1782 to the date hereof, Agreeably to a resolution of General assembly of the 11th of March last.”

“Principal £94.0.0

Interest 6.11.7”

I certify that the above is a true copy of the marginal note No. 287, book M – now in this office – the 16th day of July 1846

William C Black, Comptroller
per Darrell Hart, Dep.^y

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year and 6 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

⁸ I have included this record in this transcript because the South Carolina Audited Accounts posted online no longer contain the record transcribed. See below. As in other instances I have encountered in transcribing the South Carolina Audited Accounts, it is obvious that over time records have been removed from those files, including this record.

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁹ relating to Absalom Humphries
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3874
Transcribed by Will Graves

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[p 2]

South Carolina Chester County} I do hereby authorize and Empower Captain William Miles to
Receive an Indent for the amount of my Services done in the State Troop Service for ten months
in Captain Barnett's Troop of Horse commanded by Colonel Henry Hampton Whose receipt
shall be a Sufficient Discharge from Gentlemen your very Humble Servant

S/ Absalom Humphreys, X his mark

To the Commissioners
Appointed to Settle with the State Troops
Signed & acknowledged
Before
S/ John Dark, JP
This 10 day of December [obliterated]

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Gentlemen please Deliver the within Mentioned Indent to Colonel Lacey [Edward Lacey] and
his Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge from gentlemen your Humble Servant

To the Commissioners appointed
to Settle with the State Troops

S/ Wm Miles



⁹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.