

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Humphreys W3557

Martha Humphreys f46VA

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State of Kentucky Henry County

On this 13th day of October 1852 personally appeared before me an acting justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Martha Humphreys widow of Reuben Humphreys (deceased) late of said County and State who first being sworn according to law doth upon her oath state that she is the widow of said Reuben Humphreys who was a Soldier in the Virginia and Continental State line and who served for a period of almost seven years. She states that she was married to the said Reuben Humphreys in the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky on the 18th day of August 1795 and that her name before her said marriage was Martha Reed. She further states she makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the amount of pension that may be found due her.

She also states that she still remains the widow of Reuben Humphreys (deceased) and never has married since his death.

S/ Martha Humphreys, X her Mark

[p 17: Affidavit dated November 26, 1853 given in Henry County Kentucky by Edmund Bartlett, aged about 60, who testified that he was well acquainted with Martha and Reuben Humphreys; that Reuben died about 1822; that he, affiant, frequently conversed with Reuben about his service in the revolution.]

[p 16: Finding dated June 21, 1854, by the clerk of court of Henry County Kentucky that Martha Humphreys, widow of Reuben Humphreys died in Henry County Kentucky April 17, 1854 leaving only one surviving child whose name is Lucinda Buckley.]

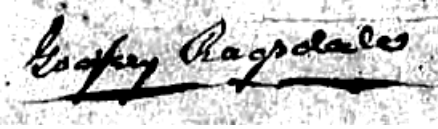
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Mr. Godfrey Ragsdale

Will please state in writing whether or not he knew Reuben Humphreys and if so at what time he entered the service of the United States and under whom state also the Colonel, number of Regiment & General or commanding Officer whether in the State of Virginia or elsewhere state also the length of time the said Reuben shall have served and when discharged, state also if he was promoted to what office & such other facts as you may deem important in the investigation of said Humphries claim for land.

I knew Mr. Humphreys in the Army of the Revolution, he belonged to the Virginia State line, of Cavalry, was in Captain William Armistead's Troop, Regiment commanded by Major John Nelson.

S/ Godfrey Ragsdale¹



[Note: The foregoing is undated but in a separate affidavit given November 22, 1850 by Thomas M. Buckley, the foregoing was written in the hand writing of Jeffrey Ragsdale who "sickened & died in a short time thereafter."]

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State of Kentucky Mercer County: 1795 August 18th Reuben Humphreys & Martha Reed were married by the Reverend John Mason.

State of Kentucky Mercer County Sct. I Thomas Allin Clerk of the Court of the County & State aforesaid do certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the records in my office.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Mercer County Court this 28th day of June 1853

S/ Tho. Allin, Clk

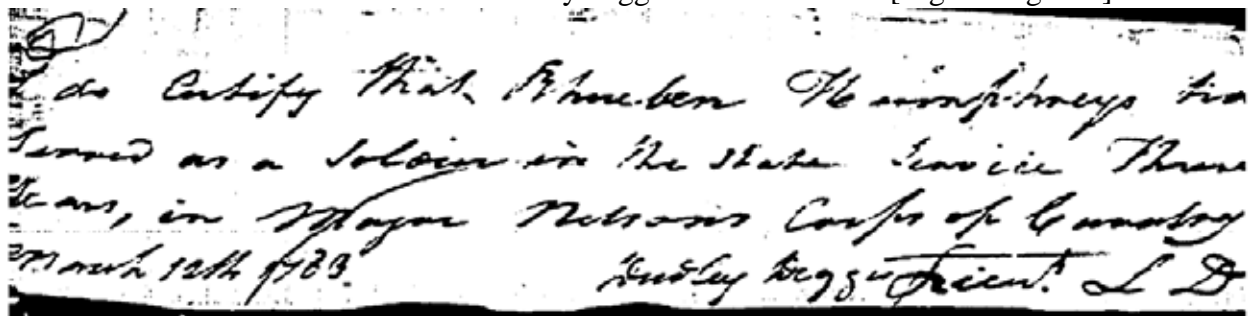
[Veteran's widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum increased to \$100 per annum for her husband service as a private in the Virginia Cavalry.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that Rhueben Humphreys has served as a Soldier in the State Service Three Years in Major Nelson's Corps of Cavalry

March 12th, 1783

Dudley Diggs Lieutenant L. D. [Light Dragoons]



I do Certify that Reuben Humphreys has served as a Soldier in the State Service Three Years, in Major Nelson's Corps of Cavalry March 12th 1783.
Dudley Diggs Lieutenant L. D.

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I Reuben Humphreys of the County of Henry, State of Kentucky do declare that in the year 1777 I enlisted a Soldier to serve during the war into 10 Armistead's company of Light Dragoons

¹ [Godfrey Ragsdale W2966](#)

belonging to Colonel Nelson's Regiment in the Virginia Continental line – that I enlisted in New Kent Court House in the state of Virginia & served to the close of the war & was honorably discharged at Richmond in the state of Virginia.

That I have lost my discharge thinking it of no consequence & cannot now find it – that I have never received my bounty Land warrant nor soul my claim to it.

S/ Ruebin Humphie [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben Humphreys". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Ruebin Humphie [sic]".

[Attested October 5, 1819 in Henry County Kentucky]

I Godfrey Ragsdale of the County of Jefferson and State of Kentucky do own oath declare that I was in the Revolutionary War a Sergeant in Captain Reeds Company of Light Dragoons belonging to Major Nelson's Regiment in the Virginia Continental line – that I was while in service acquainted with Reuben Humphreys, who was a private soldier in Captain Armistead's Company in the same Regiment – that the said Humphries enlisted to serve during the continuance of the war, and did serve until the close of it and was honorably discharged, and that the Reuben Humphreys who makes this application for his Military Warrant, is the person who rendered the service aforesaid. Witness my hand this first day of September 1818.

S/ Godfrey Ragsdale

[Note: Partial image of a document which appears to be a certificate indicating that 100 acres of land issued to Reuben Humphreys for 3 years service as a soldier in the Virginia line; that said warrant issued March 20, 1783. There is also a note in the file that the claim was denied because it previously satisfied.]