

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Humphreys W4000

Frances Humphreys f84SC

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State of North Carolina Cleveland County

On this the 3rd day of January 1846, personally appeared before me B. B. Bridges one of the acting Justices of the peace, in and for said County Frances Humphreys a resident of North Carolina in the County of Cleveland, aged 93 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 and March the 3rd 1843 and the 17th of June 1844 granting pensions to certain widows – that she is the widow of William Humphreys who was a private and Quarter Master in the South Carolina Militia and State Troops, and as such served the United States in the War of the Revolution against the Common Enemy for the term of two years in different towers [tours] and during his Service he received a wound from a ball passing through his thigh which was to his great injury during the latter part of his life – She further declares that she was married to the said William Humphreys sometime in the year 1788, and that her husband the aforesaid William Humphreys, died on the 30th day of March 1827 and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ B. B. Bridges, JP

S/ Frances Humphreys, X her mark

[p 9: On January 4th, 1846 in Cleveland County North Carolina, John Humphreys [identified in later documents as the veteran's eldest son by veteran's unnamed first wife] gave a supporting affidavit in which he stated he was well acquainted with William Humphreys and knew of his serving his last tour under the command of Colonel Campbell; he does not know the length of William Humphreys service; that he was well acquainted with William Humphreys and his wife, Frances, when they were married and that they were living together as husband and wife before the birth of his (affiant's) second child, Sally Humphreys, whose age is of record along with the ages of his other children; that he knows the veteran and his wife raised a large family of children.]

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State of North Carolina Cleveland County

Personally appeared before me B. B. Bridges one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County John Humphreys and after being first duly sworn according to law, saith on

his oath that he is the son of William Humphreys, whose wife Francis Humphreys is now applying for a pension for services rendered by her late husband the aforesaid William Humphreys in the War of the Revolution. That he is the oldest son of the said William Humphreys by a former wife, that he is about 78 years of age, that he lived with his father the aforesaid William Humphreys when his father went into the War, that he was about 13 or 14 years of age when his father went into the service that his mother his father's first wife was then living that he well remembers the privations himself and mother had during the time his father was in the Service. That he does not recollect the precise date more than to his size and age at that time and that he does not recollect the Officers under whom his father served, only that he heard his father say after his return from the Service that he was with General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], and after he had received a wound in his thigh that he was favored with the appointment of Quarter Master and acted in that capacity until his return from the war, that he thinks he heard his father speak of being with Colonel Williams [James Williams] at the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780].¹

Sworn to and subscribed this 30th day of November 1846 before me

S/ B. B. Bridges, JP

S/ John Humphreys, X his mark

[pp 10-11: Samuel Humphreys testifies that Sally Humphreys, the 2nd child of John Humphreys was born March 3, 1792. He also certified the correctness of the family record of John Humphreys as follows:

Elizabeth Humphreys, daughter of John Humphreys was born March 28th 1790

Sally Humphreys was born March 3rd 1792

William Humphreys was born August the 11th day 1794

James Humphreys was born October the 11th day 1796

John Humphreys was born February the 3rd day 1799

Ellis Humphreys was born in August the 1st day 1801

Jesse Humphreys was born January 11 1804

Mary Humphreys was born December 25th 1807

Bemen[?] Humphreys was born the 1st day of March 1808

Drury Humphreys was born May the 3rd 1811]

[p 32: On the February 7, 1846, Benjamin Ellis testified in Cleveland County North Carolina that he was present at the marriage of William Humphreys and Francis Surratt in Spartanburg District South Carolina by Joseph Camp, a Baptist clergyman.]

[Facts in file: Veteran was married in 1788 in Spartanburg District South Carolina to Frances Surratt; Frances Surratt Humphreys died January 22, 1848; the children of the veteran and his wife who were living as of 1853 were as follows: (1) Susan or Susanna Huskey, their 3rd child, born about 1792 who was the oldest surviving child as of 1854 and was then living in Cleveland County, North Carolina; (2) Margaret Pritchard; (3) Frances Jones; (4) Anderson Humphreys, and, (5 or) Jane Huskey. In 1846, John Humphreys, aged about 78, the soldiers oldest son by his first wife (not named) was living in Cleveland County North Carolina; this John Humphreys and his wife Frances all the parents of the children whose births are listed above. Lewis Jones was a resident of Cleveland County, North Carolina in 1854 and was then aged 75 years; he will was

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html him

the father-in-law of Frances Jones, the veteran's daughter; the name of Lewis Jones' son is not given in the file.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$250 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 and ending January 22, 1848.]