

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Humphrey (Humphreys) W4245 Elizabeth Humphrey f27VA
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State of Ohio, Perry County: SS

On this 3rd day of February A.D. 1848 Before me Patrick McDonald an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County personally appeared Elizabeth Humphrey aged about eighty-nine years a resident of Harrison Township in the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 4th of July 1836, granting pensions to widows of Revolutionary Soldiers. That she is the widow of Benjamin Humphrey who was a Sergeant and private in the Revolutionary War in the militia of Virginia and served three tours of duty of three months each. That she was married to her said husband in the month of October 1775 in Culpepper [Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia by a Clergyman whose name was Craig, and that her maiden name was Elizabeth Corbin. That her said husband died in Harrison Township aforesaid on the 15th day of October 1832, aged about 77 years when he died, that a short time before his decease he made an application for a pension, said application she understood was put into the hands of John B. Orton Esquire of Somersett in said Perry County, who has since deceased, she understood that said application was not sent to the pension office, but she does not know what has become of it. That she has heard her husband relate his Revolutionary service and the Officers he served under she remembers of hearing him say that he served under the following named officers to wit; Captain John Chapman, Captain William Duncan, Captain Armistead, Colonel Pendleton & Colonel Slaughter and that he knew and was acquainted with Alexander McQueen went in the revolutionary service, said McQueen's deposition her husband procured before his decease which she has retained in her possession, said McQueen was a Revolutionary pensioner, that her husband's service was all after her marriage to him, and that she and her husband resided in Culpepper County Virginia, when he went into service, and that she had one child before his first tour of service, she well remembers of his being called into service and of his going and serving three tours in the militia and of his being absent when in service about three months each time, and that the last service was sometime before the close of the war. That she has in her possession a record of the dates of the births of her children which was made by her husband in his own handwriting when they resided in Culpepper County, Virginia, and she believes that said record was commenced before the close of the Revolution, said record is hereinto attached. That she has not intermarried since the decease of her husband and now remains a widow, and that she does not know of any record of the date of her marriage. That she and her said husband resided in Culpepper County until about 24 years ago when they removed to Ohio, they did not keep house after they came to Ohio, but lived with their children sometime in Muskingum County & sometimes in Perry County. She

refers to her proves hereunto annexed and prays that the pension due her may be granted.
S/ Mary Jane Hiles S/ Elizabeth Humphrey, X her mark

[p 2: family record:

The names of Children

Franca Humphrey was born the 5 Day – 1776
Lussey Humphrey was born February the 15 Day – 1778
Jhon Humphrey was born October the 1 Day – 1780
Margret Humphrey was born June the 3 Day – 1782
James Humphrey was born April the 14 Day – 1783
Levi Humphrey was born December the 4 Day – 1784
Mary Humphrey was born June the 4 Day – 1786
Salley Humphrey was born February the 14 Day – 1788
Betty Humphrey was born March the 6th Day – 1790
Nancy Humphrey was born June the 24th Day 1791
Cate Humphrey was born September the 22 Day – 1793
George Humphrey was born October the 23 Day – 1795
Patsey Humphrey was born July the 4 Day – 1797
[there may be an entry beneath Patsey, but if so, it is too faint to discern]
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[p 7: On February 3, 1848 in Perry County Ohio, Benjamin Humphrey, 48, gave testimony that he is the son of Benjamin & Elizabeth Humphrey; that his father died in Harrison Township October 15, 1832; he authenticates the family record submitted by his mother. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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The State of Ohio Muskingum County SS

This day before me a Justice of the Peace for said County personally appeared Alexander McQueen¹ who first being duly sworn according to law doth depose & say that he was acquainted with Benjamin Humphreys [sic] in Culpepper County Virginia: that about the first of September 1777 the said Benjamin Humphries [sic] was called into the service of the United States as a private soldier of the 4th division of one of the districts of Virginia Militia (Deponent does not recollect the number of the District, but it was the same to which Deponent belonged), the said Humphreys at that time served a tour of three months & returned to Culpeper County Virginia at the same time that deponent returned (deponent had been drafted as an Ensign at the same time & for the same term of service). Humphrey served in the company of Captain John Chapman – Regiment of Colonel James Pendleton.

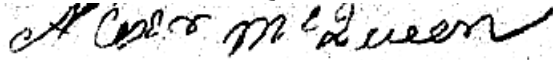
In April 1777 Deponent was again drafted for three months & recollects Benjamin Humphries to have been an orderly Sergeant during the whole of said term in the company of Captain William Duncan (the company was commanded part of the time by Captain William

¹ [Alexander McQueen S5075](#)

Green) in the Regiment of Colonel James Slaughter – Humphries was discharged at Dandridge's & returned home in company with Deponent –

In March 1781 Deponent was drafted for three months & at the same time the said Humphries was in the service as a private in the company of Captain Armistead White, Colonel Slaughter's Regiment Virginia Militia & said Humphries was relieved at the expiration of three months & returned to Culpeper County Virginia in company with deponent. The foregoing three tours of three months each were all that deponent recollects of the said Humphries' Service – Humphries is a man of good character for truth and veracity & now a resident of the Ohio sometimes in the County of Perry & sometimes in the County of Muskegon.

S/ Alexr McQueen



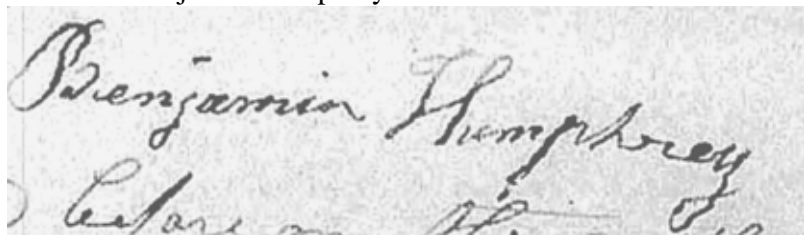
[Attested September 20, 1832 in Muskingum County Ohio]

[Note: The veteran, Benjamin Humphrey gave a supporting affidavit in connection with McQueen's application for a pension. That affidavit reads as follows:

The State of Ohio Perry County SS

This day personally appeared before me a Judge of the Court of Perry County Benjamin Humphrey⁴ who first being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say That he was acquainted with Alexander McQueen in Culpeper County State of Virginia before the revolutionary war, and this deponent further saith that he was acquainted with said McQueen in the revolutionary war when they were both in the actual service in the war and that said McQueen did serve in the Militia in the same Regiment and Brigade commanded by Major William Roberts Colonel Pendleton's Regiment and General Croffords [Crawford's] Brigade and that they were marched near Germantown Pennsylvania and that said McQueen served one full two months tour and was discharged. And this deponent further saith that he does not certainly know of any more of said McQueen's Services, but from circumstances which he recollects he believes that he served other tours in the revolutionary war and that said McQueen is now a resident of Ohio and lives with his children and of good moral character whose word may be relied on as truth.

S/ Benjamin Humphrey



[Attested September 29, 1832]]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service for 6 months as a private for 3 months as a Sergeant in the Virginia service.]