

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Humphrees (Humphries) W8955 Ailsey Humphries f44VA
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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 Fleming County Sct.

On this 13th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Truman Day a justice of the peace for the County of Fleming State of Kentucky Samuel Humphries a resident of said County of Fleming aged eighty-three years February next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

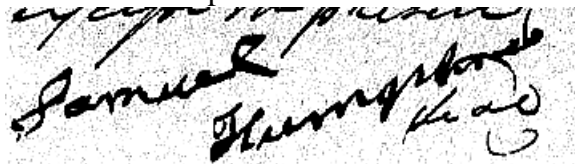
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated (viz.) that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Fauquier County State of Virginia under Lord Sterling [William Alexander, Lord Stirling], Colonel Hollandsworth, Captain James Scott and James Hathaway Lieutenant in the year 1775 or 1776 in the month of February, for six months as a common soldier. He served out his time and was discharged by General Washington but the discharge has been lost for a long time. After I received my discharge I volunteered and served eighteen months more under Lord Stirling, Kinchlaw [probably Kincheloe] was Captain but he soon died in the command devolved on James Hathaway he resigned and Lord Sterling then commanded us during the eighteen months he was engaged in guarding the Magazine on Caskin ridge about half a mile from Lord Sterling's house. This Tower [tour] commenced I think in the summer of 1776, he was discharged by Lord Stirling, which discharge is lost. He further states that he resided in Fauquier County Virginia when he volunteered for the above Tower of eighteen months.

Sometime in the fall of 1777 under Leonard Helms [Leonard Helm] in the County of Stratford Virginia he volunteered for eighteen months more Clark [George Rogers Clark] was General, Joseph Bowman Major Clark was promoted to the Generalship at the taking of Opost at this place we had a battle with General Hamilton [Henry Hamilton] and took him and 140 or 50 prisoners or now Vincennes [Battle of Vincennes, February 23 – 25, 1779] we marched to readstone old fort [Red Stone?], then descended the River Ohio we went up the Mississippi River and took Roseblock [Philippe-Francois de Rastel de Rocheblave, July 4, 1778] the Governor of Illinois, this was before we took Hamilton at Opost or Vincennes and continued with Clark's Army the campaign in which case the said Humphries produced a discharge from said Helms, have no record of my age, was born in Stafford County Virginia in the year 1749, moved to Kentucky in 1805 or 1806 and has lived in the County of Fleming ever since. In all the above services he served as a common Soldier.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person who he can procure to prove his services.

He further states that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or agency. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to an annuity or pension except the present. Subscribed and sworn to the day and date above written.

S/ Samuel Humphries

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Humphries". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Benjamin Northcutt, a clergyman, and Zadock Payne gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Fleming County, state of Kentucky

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County of Fleming State of Kentucky Samuel Humphries who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise periods when he entered the service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: As a common soldier for six months under Lord Sterling also as a common soldier for eighteen months more under the same and as common soldier for eighteen months under Captain Helms and General Clark.

Given under my hand this 13th day of November 1832

S/ Truman Day, JP

[p 2]: very poor image of a discharge given by Leonard Hellems, Capt. What little of it I can discern is as follows

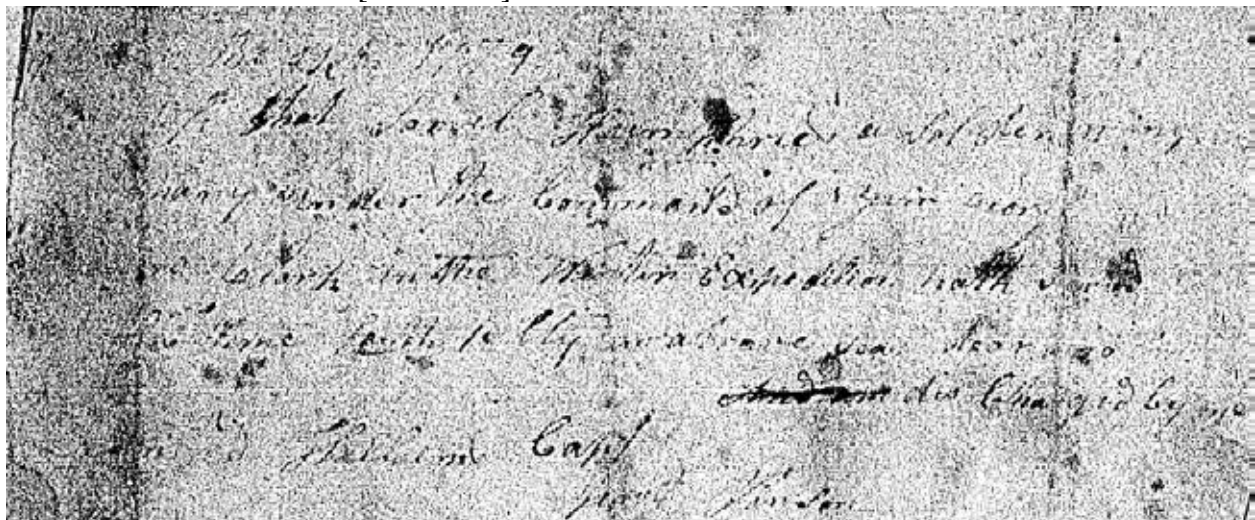
? 1779

[I certify] ?? that Saml Hmphries a Soldier in my company under the Command of Gen. George Rogers Clark in the Westin [western] Expedition hath Serv'd the time faithfully ???

discharged by me

Leonard Hellems Capt.

Fort Vinson [Vincennes]



[p 6: On August 16, 1841 in Fleming County Kentucky, Ailsey Humphries, 87, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Humphreys, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Stafford County Virginia September 11, 1780; that her husband died August 3, 1840 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 8: On August 16, 1841 in Fleming County Kentucky, William Humphries gave testimony that he is the eldest child of Samuel and Ailsey Humphries; that he is aged 60 years on the 30th of this month; that he understood his parents were married in Stafford County Virginia in 1780; that they raised 6 children 5 of whom are still living; that he does not remember to have ever seen any record By his father of the ages of his children; that his father moved to Kentucky about 32 years ago; that his father died August 3, 1840 and that his mother remains his widow. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] -indexed under the name "Samuel Humphries"

State of Kentucky Fleming County Sct.

Personally appeared before me Benjamin Northcott a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Samuel Humphries aged eighty-four years who being first duly sworn states that on or about the 28th day of February 1777 or first of March he enlisted in the Corps of volunteers commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark and continued therein until the taking the several posts in the Illinois Country Vincennes, Kaskaskia – and until the Corps aforesaid was disbanded. He further states that he is informed that a lot of 100 acres of land near Jeffersonville and a lot of eight acres at Charleston Indiana have been laid off to him as a part of the land given by Virginia to the troops in the expedition of Colonel Clark for entire [?] bounty, but that he never has received one cent of benefit from them the title for the same having been issued to other persons, without his assent.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 12th day of June 1834

S/ Benjamin Northcott, JP

S/ Samuel Humphries

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Humphries". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat stylized, with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

[Note: This file contains other documents including a power of attorney executed by the veteran which he describes himself as a volunteer soldier under Captain Helms in the expedition under Colonel George Rogers Clark. None of the documents, however, give any substantive description of the veteran services. Several of the documents in the file are posted with split images making transcription of those documents difficult. I have elected not to attempt to transcribe those documents.]