

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Humphrey Brumfield S8105

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The State of Ohio, Gallia County

On this 16th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Humphrey Brumfield a resident of the County of Lawrence and State of Ohio aforesaid, aged eighty-one years the twenty second day of June last (1833) who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 --

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: sometime in the month of March or first part of April of 1776 he enlisted or volunteered into a company of militia raised in Montgomery County Virginia for six months and was placed under the Command of Captain John Lucas and was marched under his command to the Lead mines where he was transferred to the command of Captain Edwards, the name of the Lieutenant is not remembered, the name of the Ensign was Robert Albert and the company was marched from there to the Moravian Towns in the State of North Carolina where this declarant served out the said six months and was honorably discharged by Captain Edwards; [he] received a written discharge which was destroyed after the war when this declarant's house was burned in the County of Montgomery aforesaid. About one year after the first tour of duty was finished this declarant was again called into the service of the United States by draft for six months and was put under the command of Captain John Lucas; he was called out in the County of Montgomery aforesaid; [he] was marched to a place called the Shallow Ford of Adkin [sic, a Yadkin] River in the State of North Carolina where the company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland]; at that place the Regiment had an engagement [October 14, 1780] with the Tories, took several of them prisoners and this declarant received a wound in his breast in the battle from a musket shot. After the battle the Regiment was marched to the Moravian Towns to guard the prisoners taken in the battle and at that place this declarant served out the six months and was honorably discharged at the Moravian Towns by Colonel Cleveland; he received a written discharge which was burned in his house as aforesaid. In the year 1780 as he thinks this declarant was again drafted in Pittsylvania County Virginia for six months and put under the command of Captain Conway, the Lieutenant and Ensign not remembered; he was marched from Pittsylvania County to King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] where this declarant was put under the command of Captain George Parris and was there attached to the Army and was in the battle fought at King's Mountain; Col. Campbell [William Campbell] he thinks was commander in chief and as he now thinks Colonel Charles Lynch also had a command at that time his command was a Regiment of mounted men called Rangers; he also states that Colonel Cleveland commanded a Regiment at that battle and this declarant thinks he was under his command during the engagement; he served out his time and was honorably discharged he thinks by Colonel Campbell at King's Mountain which discharge was also burned up as aforesaid. In the spring of 1781 this declarant was again called out to guard the frontiers for six months and was placed under the command of Captain John Donnalson [sic, Donaldson?] and Lieutenant John Gwynn and James Davison [James

Davidson?] Ensign; he was called out from Montgomery County and was stationed on the frontiers of the New River at a place called Big Stony Creek at Hatfield Fort; he served out his time and was honorably discharged by Captain Donnaldson at the Fort; he received a discharge which was destroyed by fire as aforesaid. This declarant states he served in the whole two years under regular calls. This declarant was called out several times for short tours after the Indians, Tories and British which he has not mentioned in this Declaration. He states that he was in the Battle at King's Mountain with Henry McDaniel¹ Esquire who now resides in Gallia County and can testify as to that fact; he further states that he has been acquainted with said McDaniel more than 50 years and he lived in the same neighborhood with him both in the State of Virginia & Ohio and can testify as to this Declarant's having been called a Soldier of the revolution. This declarant also states that he has been acquainted with the Revd Joel Sartin² about 62 years; he knows of his being called into service and of his returning home, having lived at that time in the same neighborhood with this declarant. This declarant states that he has no documentary evidence. This declarant further states that he has made his Declaration in Gallia Court of Common Pleas by reason of his witnesses being residents of said County of Gallia and also because he lives about on the line between the County of Lawrence and Gallia and is much nearer to the Courthouse in Gallia than Lawrence County. This declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 aforesaid in open Court July Term 1833

S/ Francis LeClery, Clk CC PG

S/ Humphrey Brumfield, X his mark

This declarant further states that he was born in Amelia County State of Virginia on the 22nd day of June 1752 as he has been told by his Parents moved from Amelia County when about 10 years old to Halifax County where he lived a short time then moved to Pittsylvania County where he lived a short time then moved to Montgomery County and lived there until 1816 when he moved to Gallia County of Ohio now Lawrence County where he still lives.

S/ Humphrey Brumfield, X his mark

[John Stewart, a clergyman, and Cornelius Halley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Ohio Gallia County SS

Personally appeared in open Court the Reverend Joel Sartin [sic] who being sworn saith that he has been acquainted with Humphrey Brumfield about sixty-two years and that he lived a near neighbor to him while he lived in Virginia and since he came to Ohio and that he knew of the said Humphrey Brumfield being called into the service of the United States as he states in his declaration and of his return home out of the service and that his house was burned as stated in the declaration and to the best of his knowledge the said Humphrey is 81 years old as he states.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court July Term 1833

July 16, 1833

S/ Francis LeClerey Clk

S/ Joel Sartin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Sartin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

The State of Ohio Gallia County SS

¹ [Henry McDaniel R6678](#)

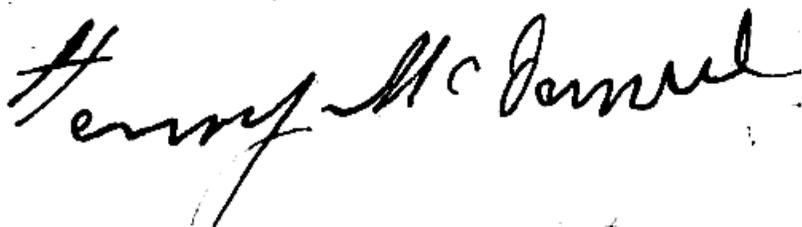
² Joel Sartin FPA R9207 transcribed and filed in this database 1/12/12

Personally appeared in open Court Henry McDaniel aged 70 years the 28th day of November 1833 who being sworn saith that he has been acquainted with Humphrey Brumfield upwards of 50 years that he was with him at the Battle of Kings Mountain as he has stated in his declaration and has ever since understood that he served several tours in the Revolutionary War and from his character for truth and veracity and what he has known of him from above 50 years acquaintance he has no doubt that what he states in his declaration is true.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court July Term 1833 and 16th of July 1833

S/ Francis LeClerey, Clk

S/ Henry McDaniel

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry McDaniel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "H".

[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 militia.]

[Note: 9 My understanding of this veteran's testimony would be that he has confused the timing of the various engagements in which he states he was engaged and the officers under whom he served at those engagements. For example, the battle of the Shallow Ford occurred on October 14, 1780. The Montgomery militia was there and one of the officers who served in that engagement was Captain George Parris who was wounded in the engagement. Benjamin Cleveland of North Carolina was not at that engagement; the commanding officer at that engagement was Major Joseph Cloud. The battle of Kings Mountain occurred on October 7, 1780. I could not identify any of the officers named in the veteran's application as having been at the battle of Kings Mountain other than Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and Colonel William Campbell.]