

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absolem (Absalom) Hemphries W2942 Barthena (Berthena) fn59SC

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State of Kentucky Trigg County: SS

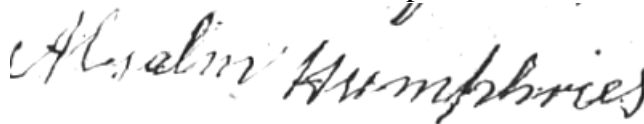
On this 13th day May 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Trigg County Kentucky Absalom Humphries a resident of the said County and State, aged 72 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 or 1782. He was under Captain Jacob Barnett, Lieutenant William Barnett & Ensign Samuel Barnett his Colonel was Henry Hampton, & commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] -- he enlisted in the State Troops of South Carolina for 10 or 12 months and served his tour out faithfully, he was living in Fairfield County at the time of his enlistment. That he was for about 8 or 9 months (not less than 8 months) in the militia, before he entered the regular service. His Captain was named Branton, & his Colonel was also named Bratton (brothers) he resided in Chester County South Carolina at the time he joined the militia. This was if he remembers aright in the year 1780, while in the militia he was in frequent skirmishes with the Tories. He was in a skirmish in Mobley's Settlement against a Tory Colonel called Flewquinyan [sic, ?], & a Tory Captain called Nichols. While in the State Troops he was in the battle of Eutaw Springs, where his Ensign Barnett was killed. After the Battle of Eutaw Springs he was for a while stationed at Brown's old fields, near Columbia, from there he was marched to Orangeburg & had a skirmish with a Tory Colonel named Cunningham. He was in a skirmish at the Jupiter Springs with a detachment of the British going from Charleston to Ninety Six -- also was in a skirmish with the British at the old Church where they were defeated -- was also in an engagement at Dorchester Bacons Bridge, in the fall was ordered to, and joined General Wayne in Georgia, in December near the two sisters on Savannah River. In January or February following he was in an engagement with the Indians near Savannah Georgia, & defeated them & took their horses & baggage. When his time was out he was marched to Orangeburg and discharged. His discharge which he received from Captain Barnett he let a brother of his have with a view to get a bounty which was promised the troops & he knows not what has become of it. He cannot prove by any living witness near him of his Service. He was born in August 1760 according to his mother's Statement, has no record of his age. He lived in South Carolina, about 12 years after the war & moved from there to this County & State, & has lived here ever since. He is known to Thomas Young, Reverend William

Young, David Mitchell, Thomas Briant & the Honorable C Lyon, who can testify to his general character for veracity, & their belief of his Services in the Revolution War. In all his service he was engaged not less than 18 months. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 1st written.

S/ Absalm Humphries



[William Young, a clergyman, and Alexander Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: on April 8, 1844, in Trigg County Kentucky, Berthuna Humphries aged 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Absalom Humphries, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him March 31st, 1791; that her husband died December 9, 1834.]

[fn p. D: Elizabeth Young, 53, gave testimony in support of the widow's application stating that she is the daughter of Thomas Humphries, a brother of Absalom Humphries.]

[fn p. 13: Thiny or Barthiny Humphries gave testimony authenticating a leaf from the Bible submitted in support of her application for a pension; that the same was made by her father John wall Jesse Wall; that said record also reflects the ages of her sons John, Absalom and Jesse Humphries, all written by her father, Jesse Wall.]

[fn p. 17: family record:

Theny Humphries wife of Absalom Humphries was born the 28th day of March 1776

John Humphries son of Ab Humphries and Thany wife was born the 15th day of March in the year of our Lord Christ 1793

Absalom Humphries Junior son of Absalom Humphries and Theny his Wife was born the 11th day of Ju[¹text missing] in the year 1797

Jesse Humphries son of Ab Humphries and They [sic] his wife was born in the year 1800 April the 6th day

Polly Humphries [could be Dolly] Daughter of Absalom Humphries and Theny his wife was born February the 11th 1803

Charles Humphries son of Absalom Humphries and Theny his wife was born July [balance of intrigue illegible]²

Thomas Humphries Of Absalom Humphries and Theny his wife was [balance of this entry runs off the page and is illegible]³

Richard bennet Humphries was born in the year of our Lord 1810 the 29th of April

James maddison Humphries was born in the year of our Lord 181ⁱ the 10th day of May

Susan Ship [could be Thip] was born May the 23 day in the year of our Lord 1816

¹ The War Department's abstract gives this date as July 11, 1797

² The War Department's abstract gives this date as July 4, 1805

³ The War Department's abstract gives this date as January 2, 1808

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year and 6 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

¹The War Department's abstract gives this date as 1812 or 1813