

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Humphries ¹(Humphreys) R5382 Susan Humphries f22VA
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State of Tennessee Carter County

On this the 21st day of November 1843 personally appeared before me Malcom N. Tolson an acting Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Elisha Humphries a resident of the aforesaid County aged Eighty or Eighty One years the 12th day of next March to the best of his recollection 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 7th June 1832.

That he substituted in the place of Jesse Humphries in the Army of the United States who was drafted to serve a Six Months Tour he being then a resident of the State of Virginia now Smyth County on or near the head waters of Holston River, he thinks to the best of his recollection in the spring of 1778 or 1779 and marched on horseback, mit [with] his own Rifle Gun, under Lieutenant or Ensign Leon Bishop the Captain's name not recollected and was Commanded by Colonel Campbell, with other Officers, their names not recollected, and was marched to North Carolina by forced marches for a few days to reach Ramsour's Mills to participate in a contemplated Battle, that was fought between the Tories who had assembled inconsiderable forces, and the American forces and arrived within nine or ten miles of the place when the news reached us that the battle had been fought the day previous [June 20, 1780], from thence we were marched through various parts of North Carolina and was engaged in suppressing the Tories and disaffected to our Government and frequently dispersed through the Country through the day as Scouting parties, and took many prisoners, but generally returned to the Camp at night, And on one occasion our horses were kept all night Saddles on that we might make a rapid March if necessary. And on another occasion the Army was reduced to the necessity of living for fifteen days without bread to the best of his recollection and deponent further saith that they were verbally discharged in North Carolina after having served the tour of duty and that he knows of no living witness whose testimony he can procure to establish the above facts. And that he is not on any pension list Roll of the United States and does relinquish all claim to any pension except the present. Further deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me ¹ on the day & year above written.

S/ M. N. Tolson, JP for CC

S/ Elisha Humphries, X his mark

[Abraham Tipton & Joseph Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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[p 4: On November 6, 1856 in Carter County Tennessee, Susan Humphreys filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Elisha Humphreys, an applicant for service in the American Revolution and in the "subsequent Indian Wars"; she states that she believes he entered the service in Washington County North Carolina, now Tennessee; that she married him in Washington County Tennessee in April 1788; that they were married by old Reverend Samuel Doak; that her name prior to her marriage was Susan Brayles; that her husband died at his residence in Carter County Tennessee in March 1848; that she remains his widow; and she signed her application with her mark.]