

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Humphries (Humphreys)¹ W1613 Esther Humphries f54VA
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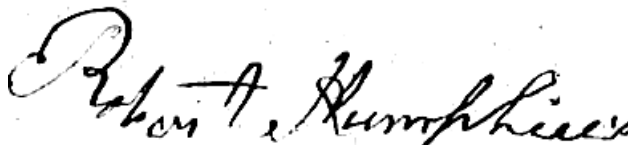
State of Virginia Washington County: SS

On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the court of Washington County in the State aforesaid, being a court of record and now sitting Robert Humphries a resident of the said County and State aged Seventy years, as well as he now recollects having no written account of his age, 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.

The said Robert Humphries, states that he enlisted in the year 1777 for the term of three years in the County of Mecklenburg in the State aforesaid where he was born and raised under Lieutenant Isaac Holmes of the 2nd Virginia State Regiment during the revolutionary War, commanded by Colonel Dabney – Sometime after his enlistment he was marched to Williamsburg – and from thence to New Brunswick, New Jersey where the detachment joined General Washington's Army shortly after the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] – The Corps to which he belonged did not remain long at this place but was marched about to various points. The said Humphreys was during the next season under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], and was also in the battle of Paulus Hook [August 19, 1779]. He returned to Falmouth in Virginia where he was honorably discharged by Colonel Charles Dabney after serving three years, which discharge has been lost. The name of the said Humphreys will be found on the roll of the State line of Virginia, he having received his warrant for his military bounty land.

And he 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.

S/ Robert Humphries



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[p 15: On December 16th, 1848 in Washington County Virginia, Esther Humphries, and aged woman resident of said County now in the 75th year of her age, made application for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Humphries who died February 12, 1836; that she, Esther, was informed by her parents that she was born August 12th, 1774 in New Jersey and that in the 11th year of her age she immigrated with her parents to Person County North Carolina where she was raised and where she married Robert Humphries on July 12th, 1795; her first child Anna was born April 13th, 1796 as will appear by the leave taken from the old family Bible and submitted with her application; that the Bible record is in the hand writing of her husband Robert; she signed her application with her mark.]

[p 21: family record:

Robert Humphries was born April 25th 1762

Robert Humphries & Esther His [wife] Was married July the 12th & in the year of our Lord 1795

Esther Humphries was [paper damaged and text rendered illegible]

Anna Humphries daughter [paper damaged and text rendered illegible] Humphries and Esther his wife was Born'd Aprile the 13th 1796

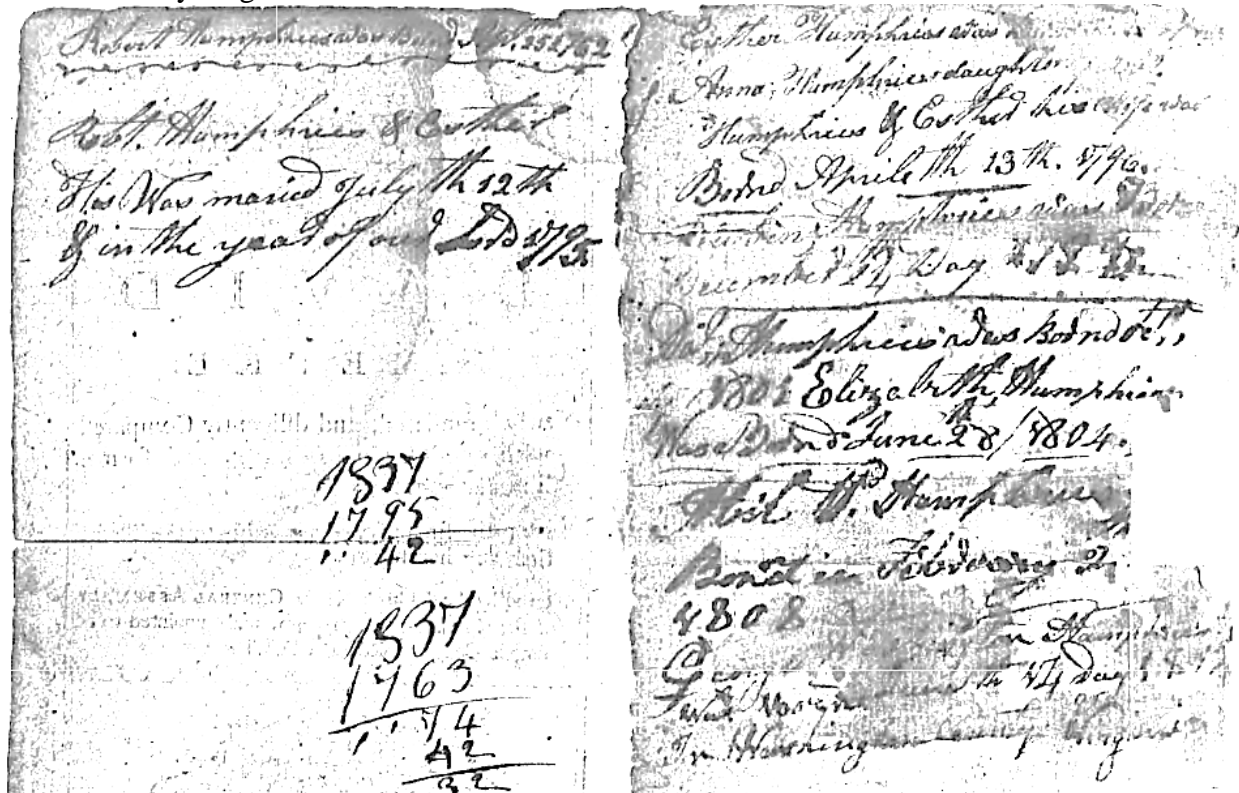
Reubin Humphries was Born December 24th Day 1798

Dal [Daniel] Humphries was Born'd Oct. 1 1801

Elizabeth Humphries was Born'd June 28 1804

Abel W. Humphries Born'd in February 2 1808

George Washington Humphries was [indecipherable word] June the 14 Day 1812 in Washington County Virginia



[p 19: On February 8, 1856 in Washington County Virginia, the widow applied for her bounty land entitlement. In this document she states that her name before her marriage was Esther

Gorham [? name very faint]². She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 9: On February 25, 1867 in Washington County Virginia, Abel H. Humphreys, 50, a resident of Washington County, Tennessee, and administrator of the estate of Esther Humphreys deceased, made application for the pension due her from September 4th 1860 to May 4th, 1865 on which date she died. His relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated other than in his capacity as administrator of Esther Humphreys deceased. He says in his application that he never bore arms against the United States.

Handwritten signature of Abel H. Humphreys in cursive script, followed by a closing bracket.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do hereby Certify that Robert Humphries a Soldier in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment served three years full time for which he was engaged and was Regularly Discharged the Service the 12th May 1780.

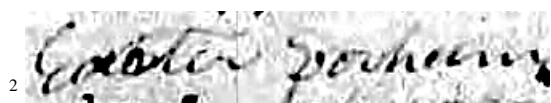
May 5, 1784

S/ J. Holmes, 2nd V. S. Regt.

A Copy from the Original
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Auditors Office 7 May 1784

Edmund B Lacy

Handwritten signature of Esther Vorhume in cursive script, appearing to be a mark or signature.

² could be Esther Parham; or Esther Vorhume ??? who knows? In a summary of the file contents, the abstractor in the War Dept. did not venture a guess as to her maiden name beyond "Esther".