

Pension Application for Stephen Bumfries, Bumpfries, Bumphries, or Bumphry

W.8182 (Widow: Sarah) Married November 16, 1826. Stephen died March 12, 1847. The Pastor of the Congregational Church, Feeding Hills West Springfield Mass, The Rev. Reuben S. Hazen, Pastor, married Stephen Bumphry and Sally Dewey both of W. Springfield.

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I Stephen Bumpfries of now residing in the Town of Southwick in the County of Hampden & State of Massachusetts now being sixty one years of age deposeseth & says that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War as a Private Soldier 1st day of May in the year 1776 at Danbury State of Connecticut for the term of nine month[s] that he Inlisted [enlisted] into Capt. Noble Benedick's Comp'y, Colo. Phillips Bun Bradley's Regt that he was taken prisoner at Fort Washington in Nov. 1776 was on board the Prison ship in N. York Harbor broke out with the small pox lost my left eye by that means, was a prisoner about five months & then exchanged & in year 1777 in Colo. Swifts Regt nine months & then in Capt. Woodbridge Comp & was engaged in guarding military stores or [?] in Connecticut nine months & then discharged.

I never had any written discharge and that I have no other evidence of my s'd services.

And I further testify that I am in reduced circumstances in life & stand in need of assistance from my country for support. (Signed with his mark) Stephen Bumpfries.
Masschts.

Hampden County SS. May 8th 1818. John Hooker Chief Justice. Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Letter dated January 14, 1907, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to letter dated the 11th instant and received in this Bureau on the 12th, I have the honor to advise you that from the papers in claim, Widow's File #8182, it appears that Stephen Bumfries enlisted At Danbury, Connecticut, in April 1776, and served as a Private in Captain Noble Benedict's company, Colonel Philip Burr Bradley's regiment of Connecticut troops until November 1776, when he was captured at Fort Washington; he was confined on a British prison-ship in New York harbor where he had the smallpox, resulting in the loss of his left eye, and was not exchanged until March, 1777; enlisted in 1777 for nine months in Captain Woodbridge's company, Colonel Swift's regiment of Connecticut troops; he afterwards served in Captain Levi Stockwell's company, Colonel VanSchaick's regiment of New York troops, no dates mentioned.

He was allowed pension on an application executed May 8, 1818, at which time he was sixty-one years of age and a resident of Southwick, Hampden County, Massachusetts.

Soldier married November 16, 1826, Dewey. He died March 12, 1847, and his widow was allowed pension on an application executed August 24, 1854, at which time she was sixty-four years of age and a resident of Portsmouth, Virginia. In 1855 the widow returned to Springfield, Massachusetts, to reside with her son-in-law, Lyman Joy, who died in that year.

The above is a history on the Revolutionary War pension records of this Brueau.