

John Humphrey

Pioneer of Hardin County, Ky.

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John Humphrey, a Revolutionary War soldier, in 1795-1796 settled in Hardin County, Ky. His residence on the Nolin River would be located in what is now Larue County, Ky., a few miles southwest of Hodgenville, Ky. Larue County was formed in 1843 from Hardin County. Members of the Larue family, for whom the new county was named, were neighbors of John Humphrey and frequently appeared on legal documents recorded by John Humphrey and members of his family.

John Humphrey before moving to Kentucky had been a resident of Virginia. He was born by 1760 and was married by 1780, the name of his first wife is not known. He may have been of the Culpeper County, Va. Humphrey family, several families of the name were residing there in the Revolutionary period. It has been speculated that the first wives of William Kendrick, an early pioneer of Washington County, Ky. and of James Nalle (1740/45-March 1814) of Nelson County, Ky., were sisters of John Humphrey (see Nall Families of America, Sally Nall Dolphin & Charles Fuller Nall, Century Publishing Co., Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, 1978, p.30). The Nall family is known to have hailed from Culpeper County, Va. and several Kendrick families also lived there.

In the book Kentucky: A History of the State (Battle, Perrin, Kniff n, c.1885) the following is said of John Humphrey's sons, Rawleigh, Benjamin & George: Rawleigh Humphrey "was reared in Virginia and immigrated to Kentucky about the year 1790"(see McLean County section, biography of Raleigh E. Humphrey). Benjamin Humphrey, born in 1784, "was a native of Virginia" (see Muhlenberg County section, biography of Rolly E. Humphrey). George Humphrey, born in 1789, "was born in Washington, Fayette County, Penn," (see McLean County section, biography of Absalom R. Shacklett); the latter statement may be in error, possibly confused with the fact that the Shacklett family had come from this Pennsylvania county.

John Humphrey's first wife may have been a Marshall. In a biography of Jacob Edwin Rowe (1857-1931), a noted lawyer of Ohio & Daviess Counties, Ky. and a great-great-grandson of John Humphrey, published in The History of Kentucky (Vol.III, Charles Kerr, 1922), it is stated that his mother, Rebecca Ursula Igleheart (1836-1922) "through her maternal ancestors traces her lineage back to the famous families of Humphreys and Marshalls". Her mother, Ann Tichenor (1812-1860) was a daughter of Timothy Tichenor & Elizabeth Humphrey; the latter was a daughter of John Humphrey of Hardin County, Ky. If true, this biography, suggests that John Humphrey's wife was either a Marshall or he was somehow related to the Marshall family.

John Humphrey appears to have been interrelated with the families of William Humphrey, William Kendrick, James Nalle, Joshua Ferguson & Thomas Elliston, all early pioneers of Nelson and Washington Counties, Ky. Numerous intermarriages occurred among their descendants. Sources on all five of these pioneers indicate they all immigrated to Kentucky during the years of 1785 & 1786. They did not, however, all come from the same place. William Humphrey, the Ferguson & Elliston families, came from Fairfax County, Va., while the Nalls and possibly also the Kendricks were from Culpeper County, Va.

William Humphrey, born in the 1750's, served in the Revolution, and married Mary Summers, a daughter of John & Mary Summers of Fairfax County, Va. William Humphrey was listed in the tax lists of Fairfax County, Va. in the years of 1782-1785. William Madison Humphrey (1821-1909), a grandson of William, wrote the following for a Humphrey family reunion held in 1891 at the Poplar Flat Church in Nelson County, Ky.: "About the year 1785 or 1786 William Humphrey, Joseph Ferguson, William Summers and Thomas Ellison emigrated to Kentucky from Virginia, three of whom settled in (now) Nelson County. To wit - Humphrey and Ferguson having married the sisters of Summers, and Ellison the sister of Humphrey..." (Kentucky Genealogist, Vol.3, April-June 1961, pp.88-97).

In a 1789 tax list of Nelson County (Ky.) the names of William Humphrey, William Kendrick, James Nall, Joshua Ferguson & Joseph Ferguson are found. In the 1792 tax list for Nelson County, Ky. William Humphrey, Joseph & Joshua Ferguson are listed and on the 1792 tax list for Washington County, Ky. are William Kendrick, John Nall & Thomas Elliston. In the book, First Census of Kentucky, 1790 (Heinemann), William Humphrey is one of two Humphreys listed, the other being Merry Humphrey of Fayette County.

William Humphrey of Nelson County, Ky. died in 1805 and was buried at the Poplar Flat Church in Nelson County. His son, George Humphrey, married in 1801 Elizabeth, daughter of William Kendrick of Washington County, Ky.; and his daughter, Sarah Humphrey married John Batsel in 1801, a daughter of this couple, Mary Ann, married Gabriel Kendrick, another child of William Kendrick (John Batsel married second Nancy Nall in 1812). William Kendrick's first wife (? Susannah) was a Humphrey and is believed to be a sister of John Humphrey of Hardin County, Ky. In the biography of James P. Nall in Kentucky: A History of the State (Battle, Perrin, Kniff in, 1885, McLean County section) it is stated that the subject's "maternal grandfather was William Kendrick, who married a Miss Humphrey, and about 1786 came to Washington County, Ky., from Virginia"... "his paternal grandfather was James Nall, and was a Revolutionary soldier of the Virginia line. After the close of the war for liberty, in 1786, he emigrated to the west, and settled in Nelson County, Ky." Two of the daughters of William Kendrick married sons of James Nall.

Rawleigh Humphrey, son of John of Hardin County, Ky., in 1797 married Mary Ferguson in Nelson County, Ky. She was a daughter of Joshua Ferguson. On a land grant issued to John Humphrey in 1784 it is stated that his grant of 600 acres on the Beach Fork bordered on

Joshua Ferguson's line. Joshua Ferguson had settled in Nelson County by 1789 and he was probably related to Joseph Ferguson, who had come to Nelson County with his brother-in-law, William Humphrey, from Fairfax County, Va. about 1786. Following the death of Rawleigh Humphrey, his widow, Mary Ferguson Humphrey, married Thomas Elliston in 1827 in Washington County, Ky. Thomas Elliston's first wife was a Humphrey and was a sister of William Humphrey, the pioneer of Nelson County. "Rawley" & William Humphrey were listed in the 1795 Nelson County tax list.

On 22 May 1786 Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia, signed a land grant issued to John Humphrey for 600 acres in Kentucky. It was granted by virtue of Treasury Warrant #43, signed 15 Oct. 1779 and was probably issued to him in payment for his service in the Revolution. The tract was surveyed in John Humphrey's name on 22 April 1784. It was located on Beach Fork, in what was then Jefferson County. Beach Fork, a tributary of the Salt River, runs through present day Nelson and Washington Counties, Ky. In the description of the tract it was stated it bordered on Joshua Ferguson's line. In the early tax records of Nelson County, where Joshua Ferguson, was a resident, John Humphrey does not appear, which suggests he did not come to live on this tract.

On 4 Nov. 1795 a tract of 1078 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres was surveyed in the name of John Humphrey. This tract had been issued to him by Treasury Warrant #11602 and was located in Hardin County, Ky. on Rock Creek, a branch of the Noun River. James Garrard, Governor of Kentucky, on 19 Sept. 1796 signed a grant to John Humphrey for this tract. John Humphrey moved to Hardin County, Ky. in late 1795 or early 1796, he was first listed in the tax lists of Hardin County in 1796. In that year he was taxed on three tracts of land, 1078 acres on Rock Creek, 400 on Beach Fork, & 950 on the Nolin River. John Humphrey is listed in the Hardin County tax books from 1796 through 1814 and is listed in the 1810 federal census of Hardin County. In this census his household was shown as being composed of 1 male over the age of 45, 1 male 16-26, 1 male 10-16, 1 female 26-45 and 4 females 0-10.

On the Revolutionary War pension application of John McCandless filed in Hardin County, Ky. one John Humphrey testified to McCandless's service, saying he had served four years with him. According to John McCandless's pension file #W 8441 Va., he served 3 years with the 4th Regiment of the Light Dragoons under Stephen Mayland. In Gwathmey's Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution one John Humphreys is shown as having served with the 4th Light Dragoons. John McCandless was born about 1755, while in Virginia he resided in Botetourt & Greenbrier Counties, about 1785 he married Jane Mason, and he died 2 Feb. 1827 in Hardin County, Ky.

John Humphrey's death occurred in late 1814 or in the first two months of 1815. On 18 Oct. 1813 he wrote his will and it was recorded in Hardin County, Ky. will book B on 13 Feb. 1815. In the 1814 tax list of Hardin County he was shown as paying taxes on 200 acres on the Nolin River and in the next year his widow, Elizabeth Humphrey, was listed as paying taxes on

the same. In his will he stated that he owned two tracts of land, the farm of 200 acres on the Nolin River on which he lived and 777 acres on Rock Creek, which claim was then being contested. John Humphrey in his will referred to his wife and nine children, two of whom were deceased. He named his three living sons, Rawley, Benjamin & George, who he appointed as his executors. He named the youngest daughter, Catherine, of his deceased son, "Dyes" (Abijah); the two little sons, Jesse & Bijey, of his deceased son "Jackkies" (John, Jr.); and daughters, Betsy, Sally, Susannah & Mimey. He stated that his four youngest children were George, Sally, Susannah & Mimey.

Hardin County, Ky. Will Book B: My last will and request is that my executors, Rawley Benjamin, and George Humphreys, who I doubt not will manage with prudence as to my worldly estate. I will and positively order, that all my debts be paid first. I give to my dear wife for the term of her life, this house where I now live in with all the furniture and the lands and tenements that lie about it, likewise all my negroes whilst she lives single. If married, or at her death, my wish is that my son Rawley should have Bristow when paying one hundred dollars back to my estate. My son, Benjamin, I wish for to have Bill. My Son, George, I wish for to have Love. My daughter, Betsy, ten pounds in money. My son, Dyes, youngest daughter, called Catherine, I wish her to have Charlots youngest child, called Ephraim. I wish my daughter Sally to have Chariot. My daughter Susannah, I wish her for to have Clara and my daughter Mimey, I wish her to have Mary Charlots increase, if she has any. I wish my daughters, Sally, Susannah and Mimey for to have it at my wifes death. I wish this place that I live on now with all its utentials and household furniture to be sold an equally divided between my fore youngest children, George, Sally, Susannah & Mimey. My land on Rock Creek, seven hundred and seventy seven acres, now in dispute, as soon as the dispute is ended, if gained, I wish it be sold and the money for to pay my debts. My son, Jackkies two little sons, Jesse & Bessey Humphrey, I wish them for to have five pounds a pease. If my wife should marry, I would wish her to have the third of the horses, cows, sheep & hogs and the balance to be sold and divided amongst the fore youngest children. If not married, she is for to have them until her death. My still, I wish sold at my death, likewise the tubs and divided amongst my fore youngest children. When my accounts is all settled, if there is any balance, I wash my Executor, Rawleagh Humphrey, Benjamin Humphrey & George Humphrey, my three sons now living for to divide it between my fore youngest children now living. This my last Will and Testament. I have hereunto set my hand this Eighteenth day of October, 1813. -- John HUMPHREY (Seal), Teste, William Kirkpatrick, William Hoback, William Morrison. At a County Court began and held for Hardin County at the Court House in Elizabethtown on Monday, the 13th day of February, 1815. The within Instrument of writing was produced in court and proven by the oaths of William Morrison & William Kirkpatrick to be the last Will and Testament of John Humphrey, deceased and ordered to record. Atteste, Saml Haycraft, D.C.H.C.C.

John Humphrey's widow, Elizabeth, was his second wife, and was the mother of only his three youngest children: Sally, Susannah & Jemima, all born in the years of 1800-1811; his next

youngest child, George, was born in 1789. Elizabeth's maiden name was probably Brown. In Hardin County a marriage was recorded for John Humphrey to Betsy Brown on 15 March 1801. At the time the only John Humphreys' in the county were John Sr. and his son, John, Jr. On their marriage record it was written that she was a daughter of Mary Brown. Bond for the marriage was by Dickson Brown; in 1815 "Dixon" Brown was a purchaser from the estate of John Humphrey. A Circuit Court suit filed in Ohio County, Ky. proves that only the three youngest children of John Humphrey were the children of his widow, Elizabeth. In Ohio County on 9 March 1836 Benjamin Humphrey (son of John) filed suit against Jacob Larue and the heirs of Mrs. Elizabeth Humphrey, concerning the payment of a note for \$300 (suit #264). Papers in this case file indicate that Benjamin Humphrey in 1821 executed his note for \$300 to Mrs. Elizabeth Humphrey, she subsequently assigned the note to Jacob Larue and she has since died leaving as her only heirs, her three daughters, Susan Humphrey wife of John Humphrey, Sarah Morrison & Jemima Peyton.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Elizabeth Humphrey, continued to reside in Hardin County, Ky. All three of her daughters married in Hardin County, and for each of their marriages it was recorded that their mother, Elizabeth (Betsy) Humphrey, gave her written consent. Mrs. Elizabeth Humphrey died between 27 Jan. 1832, when she signed consent for her daughter, Jernima, to marry, and 9 March 1836, when the suit filed by her stepson, Benjamin Humphrey, was presented to the Ohio County, Ky. Circuit Court.

John Humphrey had the following children:

1. Rawleigh Humphrey was born Ca 1774. The name of Rawleigh was frequently used among the descendants of John Humphrey, it appeared in many variations: Raleigh, Rolly, Rolley, Rollie, Rolla. He married Mary Ferguson in Nelson County, Ky. on 3 Nov. 1797; born about 1777 Va., she was a daughter of Joshua Ferguson. They lived in Washington County, Ky., where he was listed in the 1800 tax list, 1810 & 1820 censuses. He died about 1824 in Washington County and his wife, Mary, married Thomas Elliston 15 Oct. 1827 in Washington County, Ky. (his first wife was a Miss Humphrey). Mrs. Mary (Ferguson) Elliston was listed as a widow in the 1850 & 1860 censuses of Washington County, Ky. The children of Rawleigh Humphrey & Mary Ferguson were: John (married Mary Lockhart), Sarah (married Joseph Crow), Eden C., Rebecca (married Harrison Mills), William, James F. (married Margaret M. Harbin), Henry, Alexander, George, Minerva (married Davis S. Humphrey, son of Thomas Humphrey & Lucinda Mills) & Nancy (married __ Virgin).

2. Abijah Humphrey was born about 1778. Married Catherine Emerson 1 Jan. 1801 Green County, Ky. They resided in Cumberland County, Ky. and he died between 1806-1810. Among their children were: Elizabeth T. (married Benjamin Shacklett Jenkins) & Katharine A. (married James Pruden Humphrey, son of Benjamin Humphrey & Elizabeth McGriff). A death record for the latter daughter was recorded in the vital statistics of Butler County, Ky. - "Catherine

Humphrey died 24 Sept. 1853, age 45, born Cumberland County, Ky., parents A. & C. Humphrey."

3. John Humphrey, Jr. was born about 1780. He first appeared in the Hardin County, Ky. tax records in 1801 and is listed through 1809 In Hardin County, Ky. on 24 Dec. 1799 he married Nancy Rude, bond was by Hankerson Rude. In 1809 John & Nancy Humphrey sold land in Hardin County. John Humphrey, Jr. had died by the time his father wrote his will in 1813. Two son of John Jr., Jesse & Bijey (Abijah), were named in the will of their grandfather in 1813.

4. Elizabeth Humphrey was born 1775-1784 Va. In Hardin County, Ky. on 7 April 1797 she married Timothy Tichenor, who had recently moved there from Nelson County, Ky. Timothy Tichenor, a son of Daniel Tichenor & Catherine Wade, was born in Morris County, N.J. on 16 Jan. 1775. In late 1802 or early 1803 Timothy & Elizabeth Tichenor moved to Ohio County, Ky., where they settled on a 600 acre tract, in the Walton's Creek community, the land had been obtained by his father in 1790. They lived in Ohio County the remainder of their lives, Elizabeth died there between 1840-1850 and her husband died in 1856. Their children were: Daniel E. (married Jane Bennett), John (married Sarah Blevins), Mary (married Thomas Bennett), Sarah (married Aquilla Field), James (married Polly Hill), Rolla (married Elizabeth Humphrey, a daughter of George Humphrey & Barbara Jenkins; he married 2nd Mrs. Christine Kittinger Ferguson), Anna (married Jacob H. Igleheart), & Benjamin Tolbert (married Martha Ann Jackson & Martha Kerrick Nichols). A son of Rolla Tichenor & Elizabeth Humphrey was Dr. George Humphrey Tichenor (born 17 April-1837 Ohio County, Ky. – died 14 Jan. 1923 New Orleans, La.), he was a Captain in the Confederate Army in the Civil War & was wounded four times; he was a physician, hospital administrator, but he is best known for his invention of the antiseptic "Dr. Tichenors", a widely merchandised product, in the South it has become a household item and is frequently seen in TV, magazine and newspaper ads.

5. Benjamin Humphrey was born in 1784 in Virginia. In Hardin County, Ky. he married Elizabeth McGriff on 2 Oct. 1802, their marriage bond was paid by Jacob Larue. A native of Virginia she was born about 1782. At the age of 21 he was first listed in the Hardin County tax records in 1805. In the 1805 & 1806 tax lists of Hardin County Benjamin Humphrey is shown as being taxed on 300 acres on Rock Creek in Hardin County. About 1807 Benjamin Humphrey moved his family to Ohio County, Ky. and settled on a farm a short distance southwest of the present village of Matanzas. His sister, Elizabeth Tichenor & her family, had moved to the same area of Ohio County about four years earlier. Benjamin Humphrey was a farmer and was also described as being a doctor in the biography of a grandson, Rolley E. Humphrey, in Kentucky: A History of the State (Battle, Perrin, Kniffin, 1885). Among the 38 charter members of the Walton's creek Baptist Church in Ohio County on 19 July 1814 were Benjamin & Elizabeth Humphrey and Timothy & Elizabeth Tichenor. At the age of 63 Benjamin Humphrey died on 17 Nov. 1847 and his wife, Betsy, died in May of 1855. They were buried in the Humphrey Family Cemetery, on a wooded hill just east of the D.B. Wilson Power Plant, near Matanzas in Ohio County, Ky. They had fourteen children who grew to maturity, they were: Raughley (married

Jane Cain), John E. (married Rebecca Wilby), George B. (married Sarah Noffsinger), Timothy Downing (married Matilda Elizabeth Wilkins), James Pruden (married Katharine A. Humphrey, daughter of Abijah Humphrey & Catherine Emerson; he married 2nd Barbara Miller & married 3rd Mrs. Harriett Miller), Sarah (married Presley Brown), Margaret (married Emanuel Brashears), Matilda (married Matthew S. Neely), Elmira Polly (married Joshua A. Brown & Frederick Graddy), Elizabeth (married William Humphrey), Richard E. (married Nancy Wilkins & Mary Ann Wiggins), Abijah (married Mary Ann Chapman), Lucretia Ann (married John Tanner) and Joseph (married Elizabeth Ann Miller).

6. George Humphrey was born 22 Aug. 1789. He married Barbara Jenkins in Hardin County, Ky. on 14 Oct. 1812. She was born in Fayette County, Penn. on 21 Sept. 1793 to the marriage of John Jenkins & Sarah Quick Shacklett. They resided in the part of Hardin County, Ky. which in 1824 became Meade County, Ky. On 22 May 1834 George Humphrey died at the age of 44 and he was buried at the Meadeville Cemetery in Meade County, Ky. His widow in 1839 married Isaac Hughes but they were married only a short time and she afterwards returned to the use of the Humphrey name. About 1859 she moved to Island in McLean County, Ky. and there she died on 2 July 1873. She was buried at the Island Baptist Church Cemetery in Island, Ky. George Humphrey & Barbara Jenkins had the following children: Elizabeth (married Rolla Tichenor, son of Timothy Tichenor & Elizabeth Humphrey), Sallie (married James Ashcraft), Mary R. (married William Bewley), Rawleigh (married Delila B. Woodward) & Minerva Jane (married Absalom Redmond Shacklett).

7. Sally P. Humphrey, daughter of John & Elizabeth Humphrey, was born on 22 March 1804 in Hardin County, Ky. On 22 July 1824 in Hardin County, Ky. she was married to Henry Morrison. The son of William M. Morrison & Susannah Kirkpatrick, he was born on 15 Oct. 1798 in the part of Hardin County, Ky. which is now Larue County, Ky. His family lived on the south branch of the Nolin River and were neighbors of John Humphrey. His father, William Morrison, was a witness on the will of John Humphrey in 1813. Henry & Sally Morrison moved from the Nolin River area to the Star Mills area of Hardin County, Ky. He died on 23 March 1852 and she on 11 March 1878. Sally Humphrey Morrison has a monument in the Star Mills Christian Church Cemetery (also referred to as the Old Stone Church) in Hardin County. Their children were: James Hickman (married Phebe Kerr), John, Matilda, Lucinda, Elizabeth Ann, Mary, Elam (married Lavinia), Sarah (married Robert Watson), Henry, Margaret, Susan, Hile & Thomas.

8. Susannah Humphrey, daughter of John & Elizabeth Humphrey, was born about 1806 in Hardin County, Ky. She married John Humphrey in Hardin County, Ky. on 7 April 1825. In 1850 they were living Cumberland County, Ky. Their children included: Frank, John H., Wash P., Sally A., Harold B., Tabitha J., Thomas B., & Jemima.

9. Jemima Humphrey, daughter of John & Elizabeth Humphrey, was born about 1811 in Hardin County, Ky. Reuben L. Payton & Jemima were married on 27 Jan. 1832 in Hardin

County, Ky. They resided near the family of her sister, Sally Morrison, in the Star Mills community of Hardin County, Ky. Reuben Payton died on 23 Dec. 1878 and Jemima Payton on 12 July 1879. They were buried in the Star Mills Christian Church Cemetery in Hardin County, Ky. Their children were: John W., Gabriel M. (married Sarah J.), Decatur (married Sarah A.), George, Amanda, Lydia, James (married Frances), Susan, Darkey Ann, Phebe & Bettie.

John Humphrey of Hardin County, Ky. may have had a nephew, Thomas Humphrey, who lived in Nelson County, Ky. Thomas Humphrey named his oldest son, Rolley, a name frequently used in John Humphrey's family; and Thomas' son, Davis S., married Minerva Humphrey, a granddaughter of John Humphrey. Thomas Humphrey was born 1784-1786 and in Nelson County, Ky. he married Lucinda Mills on 7 May 1807, she was born about 1786 in Va. He was listed in the 1810, 1820 & 1830 censuses of Nelson County and he died there in 1838. By 1850 his wife and several of their children had moved to Daviess County, Ky. Thomas & Lucinda Humphrey's children were: Rolley (married Sarah Nall), Strother (married Hannah Harrell), Davis S. (married Minerva Humphrey, a daughter of Rawleigh Humphrey & Mary Ferguson; he married 2nd Nancy Sweeney), William, George T., Rebecca (married James Madison Haydon) & Mary (married Ham C. Hamilton).

Thomas Humphrey of Nelson County, Ky. may possibly have been a son of a George or Daniel Humphrey. One George Humphrey in his will, recorded in Green County, Ky. on 28 April 1817, named his "oldest son" Thomas and another son Eli. John Humphrey's son, Abijah, is believed to have lived for a time in Green County, Ky. No George Humphrey was listed in the 1810 Green County census but a George Humphrey was listed only a few pages from John Humphrey in the 1810 census of Hardin County, Ky.; he was listed as being over the age of 45 and he was the only one enumerated in his household. Daniel Humphrey, a contemporary of John Humphrey, was born in Virginia about 1764; his wife, Catherine, was born in the 1760's in Va. Daniel Humphrey between 1800-1805 moved from Virginia to Nelson County, Ky. In Nelson County on 10 Jan. 1806 he was listed as being one of the purchasers at the estate sale of William Day, deceased (note: one of the other purchasers was named "Rawley" Day). On the marriage of John McMullin & Anna Humphrey in 1807 in Nelson County Daniel Humphrey was identified as being the father of the bride & he paid the bond for the marriage. In 1808 he moved to Daviess County, Ky. (then Ohio County) and settled near the present Daviess-McLean County line. Daniel & Catherine Humphrey were listed in the 1850 Daviess County census and they were shown as being 86 & 80 years old respectively, they were not in the 1860 Daviess census. Their children are believed to have been: Anna (married John McMullin), Sarah (married James Igleheart & Samuel Tanner), Winifred (married Dennis Igleheart), Elizabeth (married Abraham Shutt), Ellen (married James N. Igleheart), Benjamin T. (married Martha Little), James P. (married Julia Angeline Tanner), John (married Virginia Christian), and possibly sons, William, Daniel & Dennis. Daniel Humphrey may have been related to the Threlkeld family of Culpeper County, Va., the surname appeared as a middle name among his descendants. William Threlkeld in his will in 1766 named daughters Elizabeth Humphrey and Jemima Humphrey.