

Benjamin Humphrey Cemetery

Ohio County, KY

By Jerry Long

Just west of Matanzas on Highway 85 turn south onto the Cave Hill Road, by the D. B. Wilson power plant. At about the south end of the power plant walk east across field. Follow fence row up hill, where hill starts down, walk back into woods about 30 feet. Cemetery was copied by Jerry Long, Owensboro, KY, on 22 March 1987.

Humphrey, Benjamin (aged 63 yrs.)		17 Nov 1847
Shaver, John A. (s/o D. & N.)	18 Dec 1847	6 Jan 1863
Taylor, John A.	30 Nov 1797	26 Sep 1868
Taylor, Sallie (w/o John A.)	15 May 1799	4 Sep 1864
Taylor, Washington ("died at Shiloh, Tenn., aged 22 years, a soldier of the 17th KY Vol USA")		11 Apr 1862
Taylor, William A.	9 Mar 1836	24 Apr 1909
Taylor, Martha E. (w/o W. A.)	2 Dec 1846	20 Feb 1918
Taylor, Washington ["Watt"; 17 Feb 1869 – 20 Apr 1933]		unmarked

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Benjamin Humphrey was born in 1784 in Virginia. He was the son of John Humphrey, whose will was recorded in Hardin County, KY in 1815. In Hardin County, KY Benjamin married Elizabeth McGriff on 2 October 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 is listed in the 1810, 1820 & 1840 censuses of Ohio County.

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 November 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.

HARDIN COUNTY KENTUCKY MARRIAGE BONDS

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin
Larue Benjamin & J. Humphrey & Jacob Larue
are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency Jas. Garrard
Governor of Ky in the sum of fifty pounds current
money to which payment we bind our selves our heirs &
Jointsly & severally firmly by these presents sealed with
our seals & dated this 2^d Day of October 1802

The condition of the above obligation is
such that if there should be no legal cause to obstruct
a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between
the above bound Benjamin Humphrey & Betsy McGriff
Then the above obligation to be void else to remain
force & virtue

Benjamin Humphrey
Jacob Larue

HARDIN COUNTY KENTUCKY MARRIAGE BONDS

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin __ Humphrey & Jacob Larue are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency Jas. Garrard, Governor of Ky in the sum of fifty pounds current money to which payment we bind ourselves our heirs & jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals & dated this 2 Day of October 1802.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if there should be no legal cause to obstruct a marriage shortly to be solemnized between the above bound Benjamin Humphrey & Betsy McGriff. Then the above obligation to be void else to remain (paper torn) force & virtue.

Benjamin Humphrey (Seal)
Jacob Larue (Seal)

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Ohio County, KY Will Book C, pages72-73:

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Humphrey of the County of Ohio State of Ky being sick and weak etc but of sound mind and disposing memory (for which I thank God) and recalling to mind the uncertainty of Life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say:

1. I desire that all my perishable Estate not hereinafter disposed of be immediately sold after my diseased and out of the moneys arising therefrom including moneys that are due me for all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

2. After my just debts and funeral expenses be paid I give my wife Elizabeth Humphrey all my household and kitchen furniture including one third part of my sheep two cows one mare and colt also one years provision to have and dispose of as she sees fit or proper I further give to my wife E H all my land including the Mansion house during her natural life and after her diseased I give the same to my son Joseph and his heirs forever he being under promise to assist in taking care of his mother.

3. I give to my son Richard E. Humphrey fifty one acres of land the same on which he now lives bounded as follows, beginning as follows a black gum beech and Ellem south west corner of my hundred acre tract thence south with his line north 64 ½ poles Sweet gum Black gum and White oak thence East 124 poles to 2 percimmon trees and stone thence South 74 poles to a stone thence West 24 poles to a stone thence north 10 poles to a stone thence west 100 poles to the Beginning, to have to himself and his heirs forever.

4. All the rest of my Estate both real and personal of what nature and kind so ever it may be not herein before particularly disposed of I desire may be equally divided between among my several children herein after named. Raughley Humphrey John Humphrey, Timothy Humphrey, James P. Humphrey George B. Humphrey, or his heirs Richard E. Humphrey, Abijah Humphrey Sarah Brown, Margaret Breshears, Matilda Nely, Almira P. Graddy, Elizabeth Humphrey, Lucretia J. Tanner which I give to them their Heirs, Executors, Administrators forever.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Richard E. Humphrey my Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills or testaments in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 19th day of July 1847.

Benjamin Humphrey (Seal)

Signed Seal published and delivered as and for the last will and testament of the above B. Humphrey in the presence of

Jno. A. Taylor

Daniel Lindsly

Ohio County Court __ November __ 1847. This last will and testament of Benjamin Humphrey was produced in open court and proved by the oaths of Jno A. Taylor and Daniel Lindsly subscribing witnesses there of and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly

Att Chas. Henderson, Clk

By J. C. Morton, D.C.

Thereupon on the day and year aforesaid Rich'd E. Humphrey his Exor named in said will executed bond in the penalty of \$600 with Joseph Humphrey and Rolly Humphrey his security whereupon a certificate of Probate is granted them in due form of law.

Att Chas. Henderson, Clk
By J. C. Morton, D.C.

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Benjamin Humphrey and Elizabeth McGriff had fourteen children who grew to maturity, they were:

1. Raughley, born 2 January c1804 Hardin County, KY; married Jane Cain (30 January 1806 – 21 March 1884), 15 February 1827 Ohio County, KY; he died 11 July 1891 Webster County, KY; buried Ramsey Cemetery, Webster County, KY. Children: John (married Phebe A. Harralson Tapp), Elizabeth (married James L. Melton), Rebecca K. (married Andrew P. Ramsey), James M. (married Parthula Ramsey), Benjamin William (married Martha L.), Amanda J. (married Anderson B. Harralson), Sarah A. (married Robert Craig), Mary Matilda (married James Daniel Townsend), Rolley E. (married Bethany Ramsey), Samuel Cain, and Absolom W.
2. John E., born 1803-1810 KY; married Rebecca Wilby, 28 June 1828 Muhlenberg County, KY; he died 11 October 1874.
3. George B., born 1804-1810 KY; married Sarah Noffsinger, 19 June 1831 Muhlenberg County, KY; he died 1840-1850. Children: William S. (married Serena Donovan), Benjamin J. (married Elizabeth), John J. (married Caroline Downey, Susan Catherine (married Joseph Gossett), George B., others?
4. Timothy Downing, born c1807 KY; married Matilda Elizabeth Wilkins, 8 September 1831 Muhlenberg County, KY; 1880 he was living in Muhlenberg County, KY. He had 16 children, 11 boys & 5 girls. Children: Elizabeth M., William S., Ivy Wilkins (married Sarah Catherine Jenkins), Richard E. (married Mary S. F. Watkins), Sarah Jane (married Joseph Calvert), Timothy Downing (married Amanda Jane Spears), North America, John Edward Reno (married Emma Jenkins & Mary Jane Noffsinger), Matilda Catherine, Rolly E. (married Mary Spears) and six others died infancy.
5. James Pruden, born c1808 Ohio County, KY; married Katharine A. Humphrey (2 Jun 1807 – 21 September 1853), 24 May 1832 Ohio County, KY she was the daughter of Abijah Humphrey & Catherine Emerson; he married 2nd Barbara Miller, 29 July 1854 Edmonson County, KY & 3rd Mrs. Harriett Miller, 4 December 1871 Edmonson County, KY; in 1880 he was living in Butler County, KY. Children by Katharine: Adeline, Catherine, Benjamin, John W. (married Laura E. Phelps), others? Children by Barbara: Paradine, Daniel, Corinda, Jasper, Rachel, Abijah (married Mary Jane Kimball), Malissa, Elizabeth, James & Charles.
6. Sarah, born c1811 Ohio County, KY; married Presley Brown, 24 September 1829 Ohio County, KY; in 1860 she was living in Ohio County, KY. Children included: James, Isabella, Elizabeth, John E. (married Mary E. Smith), Newlitta (married William R.

Addington & James Bilbro), Rhoda J. (married Andrew J. Addington), Sarah Josephine (married William Allen Carson), William P. and Jacob B. W.

7. Margaret, born c1812 Ohio County, KY, married Emanuel Brashears (c1809 – 22 November 1884), 9 January 1830 Ohio County, KY; in 1885 she was living in Gibson County, IN. Eleven children, they included: ?Mary E., Elizabeth M. (married John E. Condict & Andrew Houglan), Sally A., Martha E., Arpa (?Orpha) J., Margaret O., Emanuel G., Abigail F.
8. Matilda, born c1815 Ohio County, KY; married Matthew S. Neely, 16 November 1833 Ohio County, KY; moved to Warrick County, IN.
9. Elmira Polly, born 1810-1820 Ohio County, KY; married Joshua A. Brown (c1815 – June 1839), 29 February 1836 & 2nd Frederick Graddy (11 February 1811 – 11 May 1863), 16 June 1842 Ohio County, KY; she died c1847. Children by Joshua Brown: Martha E. & James Ben (married Altha Cecelia Addington). Children by Frederick Graddy: Whitfield E. (married Mary C. Brown), John A. (married Susan A. Ross) and Ann W. (married Joseph Holland).
10. Elizabeth, born c1816 Ohio County, KY; married William Humphrey (c1809 – after 1850), 4 August 1837 Ohio County, KY; in 1850 she lived Ohio County, KY. Children included: Sarah J., Lucinda A., Elizabeth O., Benjamin E. and Mary C.
11. Richard E., born 7 March 1817 Ohio County, KY; married Nancy Wilkins, 3 October 1841 Muhlenberg County, KY & Mary Ann Wiggins, 12 March 1846 Muhlenberg County, KY; he died 8 July 1857 Ohio County, KY. Children by 1st wife: James Lewis. Children by 2nd wife: Permelia Jane (married James B. Igleheart), Joseph M. (married America J. Ward), Mary Elizabeth (married Finis Thomas Jackson), Franklin P. (married Sarah C. Hopkins), John E., Drusilla (married Benjamin P. Bilbro) and Martin.
12. Abijah, born 4 August 1818 Ohio County, KY; married Mary Ann Chapman (14 November 1820 – 22 August 1898), 3 September 1840 Warrick County, IN; he died 21 July 1895 Pike County, IN; buried Spurgeon Cemetery, Pike County, IN. Children: Sarah Elizabeth (married Alexander Beatty),
13. Lucetta Jane (married Thomas Gourley), James L., Joseph W. (married Ann Pipes), Benjamin Austin (married Eliza Elizabeth Overlin), Polk, Ann (married W. M. Boner), Mary E. (married James Bilderback). Martha E. (married __ Bandy), John T. and Minny Leona. Lucretia Ann, born 1820-1825 Ohio County, KY; married John B. Tanner (c1808 – after 1860, moved family to Texas after the Civil War), 28 December 1843 Ohio County, KY; died 1855-1860. Children included: John W., Sallie, Jacob S. and Thomas.
14. Joseph, born c1824 Ohio County, KY; married Elizabeth Ann Miller), 21 August 1849 Ohio County, KY; in 1854 lived in Ohio County when he and his wife, Elizabeth, were divorced.

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See also article, “John Humphrey Pioneer of Hardin County, Ky.”, Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy and Records, Vol. 9, Society of Kentucky Pioneers (Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 1988), 86-91 and West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy, by Jerry Long, Internet (wckyhistory-genealogy.org).