

**Christopher Mummey (1753-1832) P-253966**  
Private, Virginia Militia

Christopher Mummey (Mummy) appears on a roster of men, dated 19 Mar 1778, that had been drafted for militia service in Ohio County, Virginia. There is no evidence that he served in the militia at this time, but he did 17 months later. In his pension claim he says that he volunteered for duty in August of 1779 while living in what is now called Brooke Co., Virginia. The term of service was for six months. His specific unit was a company formed in Charlestown by Samuel Teeters, which immediately left for Fort Pitt. There they rendezvoused with other troops for an expedition against the Seneca Indian towns on the upper Allegheny River. In command was Colonel Daniel Brodhead. The expedition started out on 11 Aug 1779. They marched up the Allegheny, almost to the New York border. When they returned on Sept. 14, they had accomplished the burning of eight towns, 130 dwellings and 500 acres of corn, and the capture of assorted copper kettles, horses, knives and furs. Plunder worth \$30,000 by one estimate. To fill out the term of service Christopher was assigned to a stockade fort called "Wells Fort" situated on a ridge between the waters of Buffalo and Cross Creek in Virginia. As part of his duties he made scouts into the Indian territory across the Ohio river, into what is now eastern Ohio.

The following is found In the Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, page 2450:  
Mummy, Christopher, S4247, VA Line sol was b Apr 1753 in Germantown Pa. & he lived in Brooke Co. Va. at enl & after the Rev he lived in Washington Co. Pa then returned to Brooke Co Va then moved to Harrison Co. OH & in 1824 he moved to Morgan County OH where he appl 22 Nov 1832." A certificate of pension was issued on Sept. 21, 1833.

Christopher is the earliest confirmed forefather of the Mummey Family that settled in southeastern Ohio in the early part of the 1800s. In his pension claim in 1832 he is quoted as saying " I was born the second day of April 1753 at Germantown within seven miles of the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania." In 1753, Pennsylvania was still a British colony, and the American Revolution was twenty years away. Germantown had been founded in 1683 by settlers from Germany seeking religious freedom. Thus it is very likely, but not certain, that Christopher was of German descent. The grave marker, McKendree Cemetery, Meigsville Township, Morgan County, Ohio; placed at a later date, indicates that Christopher died in 1832.

Richard Grant Powell  
NSSAR# 163148  
Saramana Chapter  
Florida SAR