

Humphreys Family, Pointe Coupee Parish, La.  
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The Humphreys family of Pointe Coupee Parish traces back to Wilkinson County, Mississippi and then South Carolina. Although many records document the Humphreys' family in both Louisiana and Mississippi, research in South Carolina has just commenced.

Nathaniel and Mary Humphreys are documented on both the 1790 and 1800 Census in Cheraw, South Carolina. This area was later Marlboro County, South Carolina. Based on census records, Nathaniel Humphreys was born before 1755 and Mary was born about 1763 in Maryland. Mary Humphreys died sometime after 1850 in Wilkinson Co., Mississippi. They evidently had about four sons and four daughters.

One son, Jehu Phillip Humphreys was born 13 Jun 1797 in South Carolina. It is believed that Jehu P. Humphreys may have had a brother Benjamin Humphreys b: c1794. Benjamin Humphreys (or Umfress) married Penelope and had Nathaniel Humphreys, Polly Humphreys Watkins, Nathan Humphreys and Penelope Humphreys Beasley. This family evidently remained in the Lancaster area of South Carolina. There may have been other brothers namely James Humphreys and John Humphreys. One John Humphreys obtained land on Lynches Creek in Lancaster District, South Carolina in 1800.

Jehu P. Humphreys possibly had a total of three wives. His first wife is believed to have been Sarah Carnes, the daughter of Jacob Carnes of South Carolina. Their three children are believed to have been: Nathaniel Humphreys, Mary Ann Humphreys Smith, and Elizabeth Humphreys Moore McCrea. Bible records indicate that Sarah Carnes Humphreys died 13 April 1827 in South Carolina.

By 1833, Jehu P. Humphreys had obtained a Mississippi Land Grant. On 29 Jun 1834 Jehu P. Humphreys married Elizabeth White, a widow of Lewis Coon, in Wilkinson County, Mississippi. Wilkinson County Mississippi records document name as "Jehu P" Humphreys although some later family records state "John P." .

Jehu P. & Elizabeth Coon Humphreys are documented in Wilkinson County, Mississippi through 1850, along with his mother Mary Humphreys. Their family was increased to eleven children with the addition of the following children: Melissa Humphreys, Cicero Humphreys, Amanda Humphreys, Simeon Humphreys, Noah Humphreys, Nathan Monroe Humphreys, Benjamin F. Humphreys and Sidney J. Humphreys.

Jehu P. Humphreys was deceased by 1851. He was drowned by three of his slaves who were tried, convicted and executed for his murder. Total of 975 acres and seven slaves were sold in Wilkinson Co., Mo. within the two year period following his death.

Both Jehu P. Humphreys and his wife Elizabeth are said to have been buried in White's Chapel Cemetery in Wilkinson County, Mississippi.

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