Humphrey, William
From: Albany, N.Y.
Last residence: Albany, N.Y.

Records show one
William Humphrey
Pvt. in Capt. Sanford Safford's Co.,
6th Regt., Mounted Dragoons, N.Y. Militia

Commencement of service: Oct 10, 1814
Expiration of service: Nov 9, 1814
DIED: In this city on the 12th inst. Doct. William Humphrey, in the 31st year of his age. The relatives, friends and acquaintances of the deceased, and those of his father, John Humphrey, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral to-morrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock, from his father's residence, No. 17 Washington street.

Albany Gazette
March 14, 1826.
DIED: On Sunday morning last, Doctor William Humphrey. The death of this amiable and interesting young man is one of those bereavements which all must deeply feel and sincerely lament. He has been summoned from the world at a period when life is usually the most sweet, and the most desired; when the blood flows warmly and rapidly through the veins; when the imagination is the most entire and sketches in her happiest and brilliant colors the most evanescent scenes and perishable enjoyments of life, and when the mind animated by the highest visions of future happiness and glory, exerts all its powers for the attainment of those honors which a grateful country never fails to bestow on distinguished worth and excellence. But he has fallen an early victim to the great destroyer of man; and whatever may have been his hopes and his expectations; they are now buried in that grave which has received his ashes; while his happy spirit freed from the incumbrances of matter, has winged its flight to a happier country, and is now enjoying the pure and chastened delights of immortality. To hear of the death of a friend whom we fervently loved and respected is always painful; it gives rise to emotions of sorrow that cannot be repressed, and casts a gloom over the mind which imparts, even to the most grand and interesting scenes of nature, a sad and sombre hue. To record the death of a good man, whose virtues were numerous, and beamed with an effulgence, which, at the same time, it attracted the attention, and elicited the admiration of all who knew him; whose talents were great and splendid; whose benevolence warmed the heart and cheered the home of the comfortless; and whose name was synonymous with all that was noble and disinterested; all that was honorable and exalted in the human character, cannot but produce in a sensitive and feeling mind, the most agonizing emotions. Society weeps over the loss of such an individual, and mourns that one of its brightest ornaments has been removed by the relentless hand of death. Such was the character of him whose loss we deplore and whose memory we revere. Few men perhaps have engrossed a greater and more unqualified position of the public esteem, and few, if any, have ever left this world more lamented, and against whom less could be said, than Doctor Humphrey.
Warmed and animated by the recollection of his virtues, and the native excellence of his disposition, the philanthropist would hold him up as a model of imitation; while descanting on the excellent qualities which adorned his life, and which dignify and elevate human nature, he would drop a tear over the ashes of departed worth, and hope that his example might not be lost to the world. There is in this afflicting dispensation of Divine Providence, something that is consoling; something that will prevent the friends and relatives of the deceased, from sinking in despondency. He died like a man, and like a Christian; no unbecoming fears shook his manly soul or agitated his feeble frame; he viewed death with that composure and serenity of mind with which the philosopher contemplates the near approach of the fell destroyer; and if at any time during his illness, the idea of dissolution raised an emotion in his otherwise calm placed bosom, it was the thought that he would have to bid adieu and renounce forever the society and friendship of a sister, whom he loved with all the tenderness of fraternal affection, and whose life and happiness seemed to be inseparably interwoven with his own; but not even a sister's care and affection could save him, and when the moment of dissolution was at hand, he looked around for his parents, his brethren, and his sister, and said, "I am dying, farewell! farewell! but not forever: I shall meet you all in another and better world, there to participate with you in the pure delights and unmingled felicities of Heaven." He said no more and yielded up his spirit into the hands of Him who gave it. Communicated.

Albany Gazette
March 21, 1829
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Philomathean Catalogue 1830.
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He was elected Secretary of this Society in 1822, and continued to hold office until the period of his death.

Dr. Humphrey was a sincere Christian, and met death in the calm triumph of Christian faith.