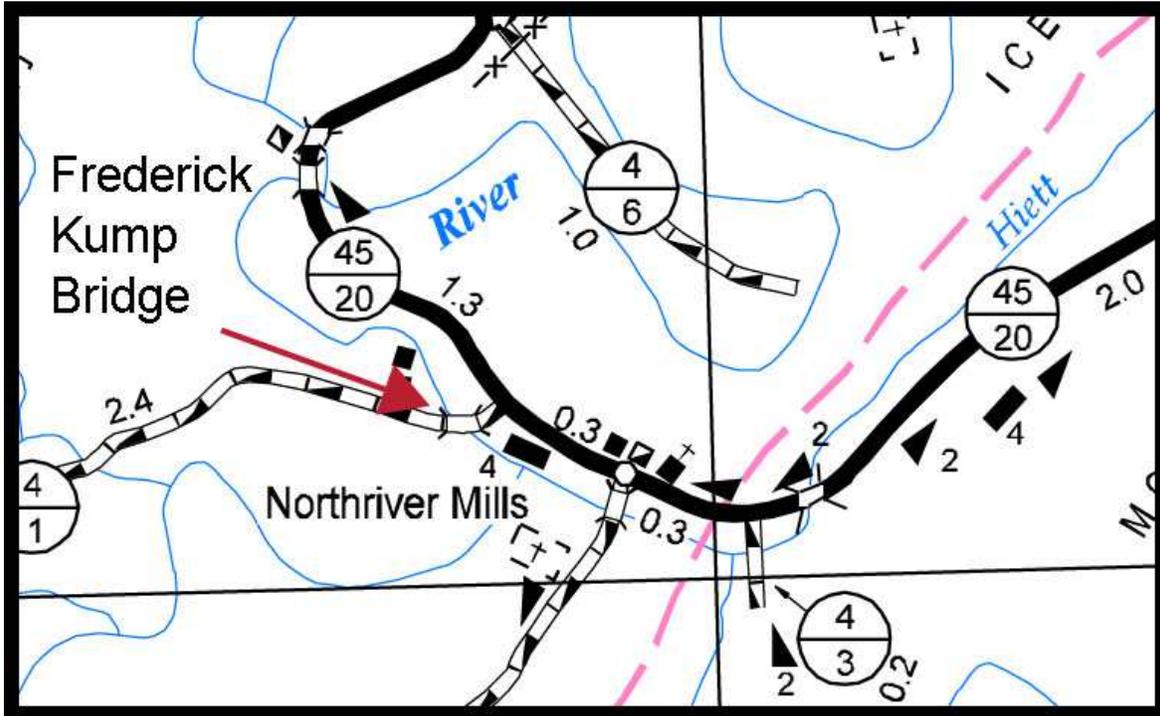


Proposal for Naming the Bridge
on County Road 4/1 (Gibbons Run Road
formerly Harmison Rd.) over North River
"Pvt. William Frederick Kump Bridge"



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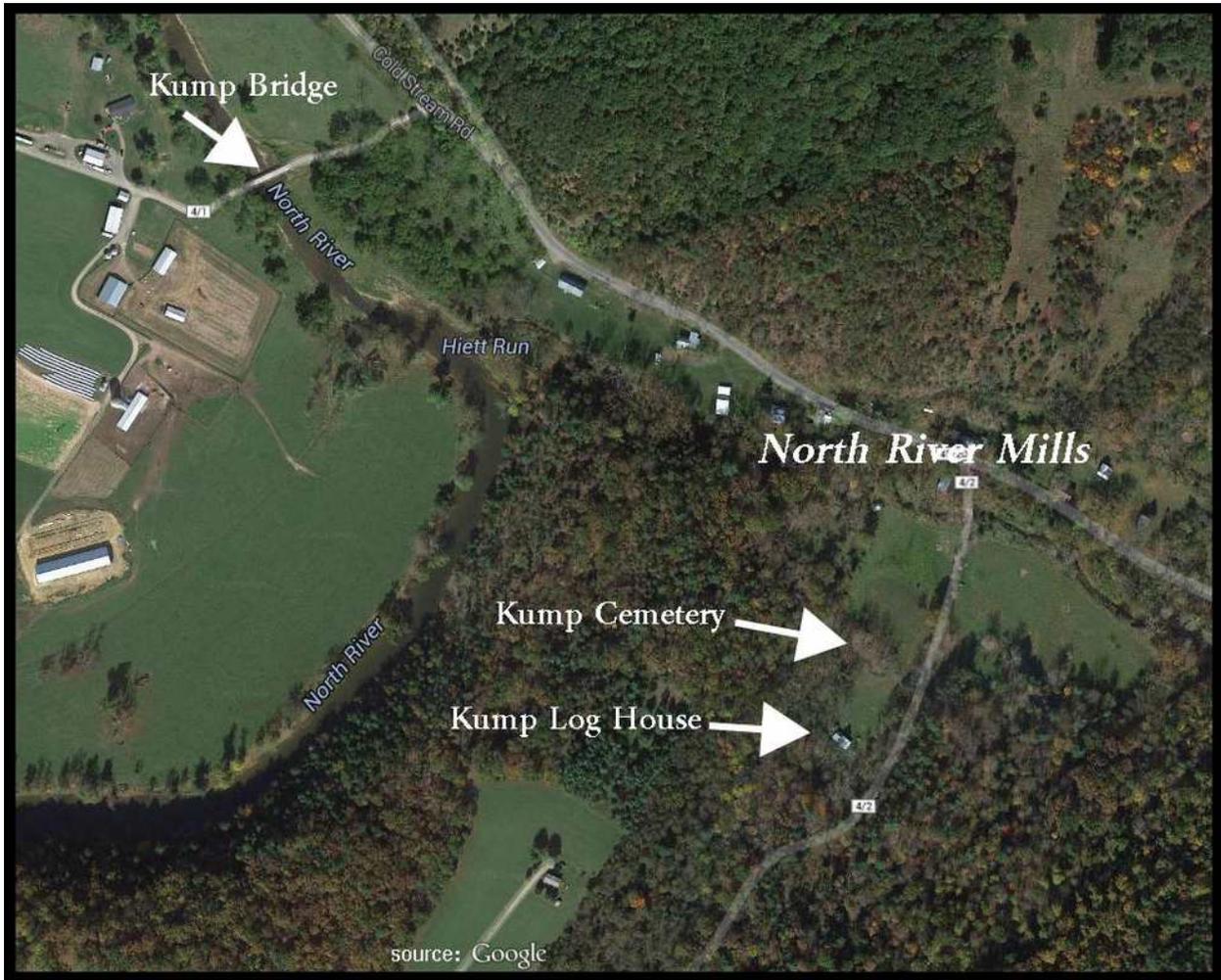
Pvt. William Frederick Kump

William Frederick Kump was born November 16, 1847 and raised in North River Mills the son of the local blacksmith, Frederick Kump, and his wife Juliana Ears[or Juliann Earles]. His father had bought the log house located on land once owned by Rees Pritchard, a Revolutionary War veteran, in 1847, the year of William's birth. As the Civil War was approaching young William grew up in a community with strong southern sentiments. During the Civil War Hampshire County raised thirteen Confederate Companies but only one unit for the Union.

Much against his family's wishes and the sentiments of the local community, William Kump decided to fight for the Union. The tradition says that as he left home and walked up the road his father desperately tried to persuade his son to reconsider. He failed to dissuade the young man. William enlisted at Paw Paw on February 23, 1864 lying about his age.

William Frederick Kump never returned home. Nor did he ever have a chance to see his hopes for a Union victory come to pass. He was killed at the Battle of Halltown on August 24, 1864 five months and one day after he enlisted. His grave site is unknown.

It is fitting that in the County with the first monument raised to the Confederate dead (at Indian Mound Cemetery in Romney) there should be a memorial to those few who chose a different path. William Kump and his family represent the terrible cost of war that Hampshire County suffered as families were split asunder, some never to be reunited. Only recently did some of Frederick Kump's descendants learn that there had been another son born to their ancestor's marriage. It is fitting that one of Hampshire County's oldest communities memorializes this noble young soldier who followed his heart and that we remember the terrible cost of war that the community suffered.



Location of William Frederick Kump Sites Around North River Mills



Home of William F. Kump

Enrolled into the Service of the United States for three years on during the war
 to date from enrollment in Co I 15th Regt W Va on Feb 23rd
 February 1864 as volunteering W Va

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF
W. Virginia



TOWN OF ~~North River Mills~~
Paw Paw

I, *William J. Kump*
 in the State of *W. Virginia* born in *Hampshire Co.*
 aged *Eighteen* years,
 and by occupation a *Blacksmith* DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have
 volunteered this *23rd Twenty third* day of *February* 1864
 to serve as a **Soldier** in the **Army of the United States of America**, for the
 period of **THREE YEARS**, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also
 agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, estab-
 lished by law for volunteers. And I, *William J. Kump* do
 solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the **United States**
of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all
 their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the
 orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers
 appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at *Paw Paw*
 this *23rd* day of *February* 1864 } *William J. Kump*
 BEFORE *Capt. Henry Neuman* mark

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above-named Volunteer, agreeably
 to the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and
 mental infirmity, which would, in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

J. C. Howe, Asst. Surg. 15th Regt. W. Va.
 EXAMINING SURGEON.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, *William J. Kump*
 previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my
 judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties
 of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service.
 This soldier has *Blue eyes, light hair, fair* complexion, is *5* feet *4* inches
 high.

Capt. H. Neuman Secy

Fifteenth Regiment of *W. Va.* Volunteers, *Inftry*
 RECRUITING OFFICER.

Henry Neuman Capt.
Comd'g Co. I. 15th Regt. W. Va.
1st Inftry

FINAL STATEMENT

(See endorsement hereon)

OF

William S. Kumpf

15th Reg't of West Va. Infantry

VOLUNTEERS.

Killed Aug 24, 1862

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, *Jan'y 4th*, 1873

This is accepted as referring to

William S. Kumpf, Private

Co. *D*, *15th* Regiment West Va. Inf.

Vols., who *died* as stated herein.

186, at

*S. L. R.
76.9.
H. S.
178*

J. Mathis
Assistant Adjutant General.
(217)

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

DEC 12 1864

DUPLICATE WITH INVENTORY SENT 2^d AUDITOR

NOTE 6.—Amounts due the Soldier and Laureness must be entered on the muster roll on which the discharge, death, desertion, &c., is reported, as well as on the final statement, otherwise the amount cannot be collected from the United States.

NOTE 7.—This blank will be used for deceased volunteers and drafted men, as well as for others.

NOTE 8.—Where a Soldier dies in Hospital or on detached service, his descriptive list, if he has one, should be sent with his final statements, in duplicate, to the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

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Note: Due to a transcription error in some military records, William is sometimes referred to as William S. Kump rather than William F. Kump.