

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Daniel VAS1798

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Westmoreland County Legislative Papers

To the Hon. the Speaker & Members of the house of delegates in General Assembly &c

George Daniel of the County of Westmoreland begs leave most respectfully to represent that in the month of February 1777 – He Enlisted under Capt. Richard Taylor, who then commanded the Ship *Tartar*¹ of 16 Guns – and was employed as a carpenter on board said Ship, that he continued in the service for the space of three years: and whilst in the said service, He was wounded in an action with the Enemy in the year 1777 being then on board the *Patriot* a tender to the above mentioned Ship of war – that he received a discharge from the service in the month of October 1780. That your Petitioner being aged & infirm and [indecipherable word] in very necessitous Circumstances having no means whereby he can procure a subsistence He was desirous to avail himself of the Provisions of the act of Congress for the relief of certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war – and with this view he made his declaration in the form prescribed by that act before the Court of Westmoreland County, which declaration was transmitted to the War Department. When it was determined that your Petitioner's case did not come within the Provisions of that act and of course his application was rejected and thus was your petitioner denied the privilege of participating in those benefits which a generous & benevolent people had intended as a token of gratitude to those who had borne the hardships & shared the dangers of war, which gave birth to that freedom, [of] which we so proudly boast, and by virtue of which you this day are entitled to give a laws to a great & independent State.

Your Petitioner begs leave to state to your Hon. body, that he is [in] a situation for which the eye of Patriotism should look on favorably & hand of Charity be freely extended. He is so much borne down by years & their concomitant infirmities, that without your interference in his behalf, the remnant of his days will be a scene of calamity, which your Hon. body must regret to see fall to the lot of anyone who had made a willing sacrifice of his domestic ease to the public good & shed his blood in defense of his Country's rights.

Therefore prays that your Hon. body will grant him a pension.

Your Petitioner ever prayeth &c

¹ *Tartar*. Coggins:102, VANavy:162, Dandridge:186, ND9:266, 728, ND10:268, ND11:1155, 1166, ship in VA Navy, 1776-80, Capts Richard Taylor, John Lurty, and William Saunders, sold after Aug 1780. Eller: 202 shows it destroyed in 1781. Silverstone: 20. Paullin: 406, added to Navy in 1777.

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S/ Geo. Daniel [not his actual signature]

[reverse]

The Petition of George Daniel of the County of Westmoreland praying a pension
December 9th, 1820
Referred to Claims
present & future
Reasonable December 18th
Reported December 19th
Bill 26th of December

State of Virginia County Court of Westmoreland

On the ___ day of ___ in the year ___ came before the said Court being a Court of record personally appeared in Open Court George Daniel Aged Sixty odd years resident in the said County who being first Sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War –

That in the month of February 1777 he enlisted under Capt. Richard Taylor of the Ship *Tartar* mounting Sixteen Guns in the Revolutionary War, and was employed as a Ship Carpenter on Board of said Ship and was wounded on board the *Patriot* in 1779, Tender to the said Ship of war, and was discharged from the service in October 1780. That he is now old and in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support

Virginia

At a Court held in the County of Westmoreland at the Court House thereof on the 2nd day of March in the year 1819 Ordered that it be Certified to the Secretary of the War department that George Daniel this day made his declaration before this Court upon oath as will appear by his said declaration filed in Court. And that it appears to the Satisfaction of the Court from the evidence exhibited, That he served as set forth in his said declaration in the Revolutionary War, Against the Common enemy – it also appears to the Satisfaction of the Court that said George Daniel is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the Assistance of his country for support.

Attest Joseph Fox, CWC

I George Daniel of Westmoreland County & State of Virginia do hereby solemnly declare that I enlisted in the revolutionary war in the month of February 1777 under Capt. Richard Taylor, who commanded the Ship *Tartar* mounting 16 Guns and was employed as a Ship Carpenter in the service and was wounded on board the *Patriot* in 1779 Tender to the said Ship of war, and was discharged from the service October 1780.

I do Certify that George Daniel was in the service of the United States and was wounded whilst in service in the Navy at the time Commodore Taylor received a wound in the thigh & I believe that he remained in service to the time specified above having frequently heard his Lieut. Martin ___ [? very faint] say so.

Given under my hand this 27th day of [too faint to discern] 1818
S/ [illegible signature]



[Attested April 27, 1818]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2-page file

[p 1]

May 4th 1784

Received from Colonel Thomas Meriwether certificates for land Warrants for Thomas & George Daniel

S/ John Heath

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Voucher 1780

This may Certify that Thomas Daniel Enlisted on board the ship *Dragon* under my command January 5th 1777

S/ Eleazer Callender

Tuesday October 8, 1783

This may Certify that Thomas Daniel has served his time out in the Navy of this Commonwealth faithfully and is hereby Discharged from under my hand this 1 January 1780.

S/ James Markham

October 2 1780,

In Consequence of a Certificate Signed Lewis Jones dated 18th February 1777 showing that George Daniel entered with him for the Term of three years, which time having expired, is hereby Discharged from under my hand on board the *Jefferson* the day and date above.

I do Certify that the above George Daniel was Carpenter's Mate a Commander of the *Tarter* [sic].

S/ John Ludley

Auditors Office

April 2, 1784

This had the above is a True Copy from the originals lodged in this Office

S/ Edward B. Lacey

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 3-page file

[p 1]

Council Chamber 3rd May 1784

I do certify that George Daniel is entitled to the portion of Land allowed a Sailor of the State Navy for three years service.

Benjamin Harrison

Thomas Meriwether

A Warrant for 100 acres issued to George Daniel 23rd June 1784

A Copy from the Records of the Virginia Land Office

Teste

S/ S. H. Parker, Reg. L. Office [Register Land Office]

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The heirs of George Daniel, a carpenter in the Virginia State Navy, during the War of the Revolution, respectfully, ask that the usual quantity of Land, which they believe to be 2666 2/3 acres, may be allowed them, deducting therefrom the number of acres heretofore allowed & received – For the proof of service, of the said George Daniel, they respectfully refer to the papers on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

Very Respectfully

[indecipherable signature]

Attorney for the heirs

To the Governor & Council
of the Commonwealth of Virginia

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 5-page file

[p 1]

To Governor Campbell

The petition of John Clarke and [indecipherable] Clarke, respectfully state that they are the heirs of Carpenter George Daniel, who was more than 3 years in the Virginia Navy in the Revolution and distinguished himself while in service.

Mr. Henderson's Book shows he was a Carpenter's Mate on board the *Depain* [?]² as early as 4 May 1776. Benedict Lampkin [sic, Benedict Lamkin], a respectable "man of high credit and standing" says he was between 3 & 4 years in service, & refers to circumstances which show how distinctly he recollects Carpenter George Daniel.

The land Bounty is respectfully asked by

S/ T. Green, attorney for the petitioners

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Carpenter George Daniel

Virginia Navy

Rejected March 27, 1840

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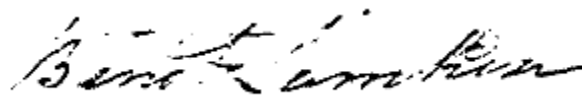
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S/ Edward B. Lacey

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I certify that I was well acquainted with George Daniel who lived and died in this County near my residence. The said Daniel was a ship Carpenter by trade, and he enlisted in the service in the Revolutionary War and served in the Navy for 3 or 4 years in the vessel commanded by Lieutenant William H Parker – he acted in the capacity of Carpenter whilst in the service and had the character of a meritorious and brave Soldier – He was wounded in the leg by a ball. I have often heard Lieutenant William H Parker speak in high terms of Daniel's services & particularly of his great dispatch on a particular occasion. The ship was lying in the Rappahannock River, and hourly expecting an engagement with the enemy when one of her masts was carried away by a sudden gale – Daniel immediately went into the Woods, and in a few hours got a new mast and fixed it in place, and had the ship ready for Action, to the [indecipherable word] of the Whole Prove. Given under my hand this 22nd day of January 1833

S/ Benedict Lamkin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Benedict Lamkin".

[Note: The above certificate was acknowledged in Westmoreland County Virginia on January 22, 1833 but the form of the acknowledgment is so poorly reproduced that it is largely illegible. The name of the justice of the peace who took the acknowledgment is not legible.]

[p 5: Is the back cover of Lamkin's affidavit simply listing his name]
