

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Daniel R2648

Mary Daniel VA

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On this 13 day of September in the year 1852, personally appeared before the County court of Rappahannock, State aforesaid, Henry Daniel, a resident of the said county of Rappahannock, aged 64 years, who being first duly sworn in open Court, according to law, doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain for the children and heirs of Mary Daniel deceased, the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, that he is a son of the said Mary Daniel deceased, and of her deceased husband Samuel Daniel That his said father Samuel Daniel served as he has often heard him say, that he served four tours in the Militia from Culpeper County Virginia, that he has heard father speak of an action in the night time when the marines come to the aid of the militia and he was stationed as one of the wagon guard, he has also heard old Mr. Triplett of Culpeper [Peter H. Triplett, pension application W2706] speak of being in the same action, he has also heard him speak of another incident in one of his tours of of service, which he denominated the running tour, when the militia were so much alarmed by thunder and lightning, that they dropped their guns and fled [near James River, late spring 1781; see Robert Combs S8251], that he does not recollect the names of his fathers Commanding officers, but he is under the impression that he served under one of the Thornton's, that he heard him tell an anecdote of his telling some Tavern keeper to let him have what he wanted, as he was a good old soldier returning from the service, he has also heard his father speak of giving one hundred dollars that he brought back from the service (in paper) for a spinning wheel, and that he had been asked that sum for a drink of rum. He has also often heard his mother talk of his father's service in the Revolution, and said that she had to cultivate crops of wheat and corn during his absence That his mother was a native of Spotsylvania County, where she was married to his father about the year 1761 or 2, – their eldest child, Elizabeth being twenty one years older than himself, that he has heard his father and mother jest about being married after publication of bands [banns] in open church, and that whilst he does not recollect the length of the particular tours of service, but is satisfied from the recollections of the conversations that he served more than two years, considerably

Henry hisXmark Daniel

I Peter H. Triplett, Revolutionary Pensioner now in my 99th year of age do hereby certify that I knew Samuel Daniel – he was a soldier in the Revolution – he belonged to the Marine Service. I think he was in the service about two years. I knew him before and after the war, and I also knew him during the time of his service, he lived in the County of Culpeper now Rappahannock before and after the war. Given under my hand this 9 day of June 1851.

Peter hisXmark H. Triplett

This [9 Oct 1851] day personally appeared before me, one of the Justices of the County of Rappahannock, Francis M. Jeffries, and after first being duly sworn deposeth and says that he knew Samuel Daniel of the county of Culpeper now Rappahannock, that he served in the war of the Revolution, as I have heard him say, as well as others, and that in the running tour they attempted to make their escape believing the British were near at hand, the said Samuel Daniel fell into a ditch, and he called upon his comrades to rise and fight for he could run no further – this he related to me and others, and I have never heard the fact of his having served in the war of the Revolution questioned by any person, he served two years according to all the accounts of his family and the old settlers of the neighbourhood, that he was married to Mary Daniel his widow before the war of the Revolution commenced, and continued to live with her as man and wife, until the period of his death, and that she remained a widow, until the period of his death, which took place in the year 1841, She was one of my near neighbours, and was buried on my farm

NOTE: A document dated 13 Oct 1851 certifies that Samuel Daniel died on 19 April 1828 in Culpeper County, and that his widow, Mary Daniel, died in November 1841. It was also certified that they had the following four children: Henry Daniel; Samuel Daniel, who died leaving children Sarah Jeffries, wife of George Jeffries, Mary Daniel, Susan Daniel, Nancy Daniel, Samuel Daniel, Catharine Daniel, William Daniel, and John Daniel; Elijah Daniel, who died leaving children Lucy Daniel, Susannah Daniel, and James Daniel; and Mary Daniel.