

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Daniels R2651

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State of North Carolina Beaufort County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term A.D. 1832

On this 1 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Joseph John Daniel, the Judge assigned to hold the said Court, now sitting, – John Daniels Senior a resident of the said County aged Seventy-five years: who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he was born in Cumberland County in the State of New Jersey; that he was brought to North Carolina when he was about ten years of age, and it has been his home ever since: that on or about the first September 1779 he entered as a private on board the Schooner called the *South Key*,¹ commanded by Captain Alexander Stogdell, at Edenton in this State, which Vessel was commissioned against the Common enemy, & carried four 4 pounders, eight Swivels & fifteen muskets & manned by Sixteen men: that she was captured on the 16th day of the same month off St. Kitts by the *Dragon* Privateer, under the British flag, whose force was Sixteen long 4 pounders & four 6 pounders & a full complement of Sixty man, after an action of upwards of two hours, in which action he, the said applicant was severely wounded: that Captain Sims commanded the said enemy Privateer: that he was carried by said Simes [sic] as a Prisoner of War into St. John's, Antigua and there placed on board the Sloop of War called the *Star Brig*; on board of which Sloop of War, he was detained a Prisoner about six weeks, a part of which time he was double ironed: then he was carried on board said Sloop of War to Saint Luce and put on board the *Grey Hound* Frigate a thirty-two Gun Ship, as a Prisoner, and was kept on board of her about six weeks, when he was placed as a Prisoner on board the Ship *Hornet* a Ship of Sixteen Guns, and was carried in her to Barbados; at which place the Captain received orders to send all her prisoners to St. Eustatia [St. Eustatius] – but instead of proceeding thither, the *Hornet* was suddenly dispatched to England, to carry the news of the Battle of St. Vincent's [probably the engagement on June 16-18, 1779 by which the French invaded and captured St. Vincent], and thus he was carried to England and was there placed on board the *Indigent* a seventy-four Gun Ship, at Spit head – as a Prisoner of War, sometime about the month of March 1780: that he was detained on board said Ship about six weeks, when he was sent on shore with other prisoners of War, belonging to the United States, and underwent an examination, at the Block House near Gosport in Portsmouth Harbor, before the Board of Commissioners of Admiralty and was adjudged by said Board to be a Rebel and made to signed his own mittimus upon a charge of

¹ It is possible that the name of this vessel was "South Quay"

High Treason & was then sent to close prison at Portsmouth about the 26th day of May 1780: that he was there detained in confinement until the 28th day of May 1782, when he was relieved by a general exchange of prisoners & was then sent to Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, in a Cartel, and where he arrived towards the latter end of August of that year – and has no doubt but that his name will be found among the names of the American Prisoners of War, then & there landed in exchange for British Prisoners. He further states, that when he arrived at Philadelphia & on the same day, he was landed, he entered on board the Ship *Herald* – commanded by Captain Paulcock bound on a cruise & intending for the Havana carrying Eighteen long 9 pounders – and commissioned against the Common Enemy – and sailed about the last day of August of that year viz. 1782 – that on the arrival of said Ship at the Havana, he exchanged places with another man, & took passage in a merchant Boat to New Bern in the State of North Carolina – where he safely arrived about the 15th day of December 1782 – and thence returned to his home: that from the time of his first commencing to bear arms upon the Ocean against the Common enemy including the time he was a Prisoner of War – to the time he was returned home, was upwards of three years: having suffered much cruel treatment and will carry to the Grave the marks of those wounds he received in Battle with the enemies of his Country: that he is now poor & very much needs the aid of his Countries [Country's] bounty if his case entitles him to receive it. He has no documentary evidence at this late day to prove his having borne arms, in the manner aforesaid – nor of his long imprisonment – and he has outlived every person who was with him in arms & in Prison, that he has any knowledge of – & therefore knows of no one whose testimony he can procure to establish either.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State – or agency whatever, nor upon the roll of the Naval Service, unless it be in the manner already mentioned.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me
S/ Wm T. Holmes, Depy. Clk.

S/ John Daniels Senr., X his mark

[Thomas Ellison and Joseph B Hansen gave the standard supporting affidavit. They also state that there is no clergyman residing in their part of the County.]

The following are the interrogatories which were propounded to the said applicant by the Honorable the Judge aforesaid, & the Answers given by the said applicant to the said interrogatories, or here subjoined & in connection with said interrogatories

Quest. 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Cumberland County in the State of New Jersey – & in the year 1757

Quest. 2. Have you any Record of your age and where is it?

Ans. I have, at my House, where I reside, a Record of my age. My residence is about 40 miles from this Court.

Quest. 3rd. Where were you living when you entered the Service against the Common enemy? – Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War? & Where do you now live.

Ans. When I entered on board the Schooner *South Key*, I resided at Cedar Island in Carteret County, in the State of North Carolina – I entered on board the Ship *Herald* in Philadelphia. Since the War of the Revolution, I have resided a part of the time at the aforesaid Cedar Island – but for many years past & now live in the County of Beaufort.

Quest 4th. How were you called into Service? By Draft? Or did you volunteer? Or were you a Substitute?

Ans. I volunteered in both instances aforesaid.

Quest. 5th. State the names of the officers under whom you served.

Ans. I entered the service under Captain Alexander Stogdell, commander of the Armed Schooner called the *South Key*. – And after my discharge from Imprisonment as a Prisoner of War, I entered the service again under the command of Captain Paulcock commander of the Ship *Herald*.

Quest. 6th. Did you ever receive a Discharge from the service & if so, by whom was it given & what has become of it?

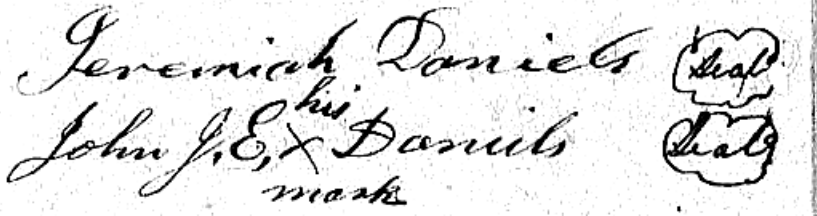
Ans. In the first instance I was captured by the Enemy & made a Prisoner of War for upwards of two years & then exchanged at Philadelphia in August 1782. – In the second Case – I procured a substitute in my place & who was taken in my stead by my Captain – Captain Paulcock, who gave me a Discharge at the Havana West in these – but I have long since lost it. The circumstances of my Services are detailed in the Declaration.

Quest 7. Name the persons in your neighborhood or in this County, who are acquainted with you, and can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services in the War of the Revolution as a Mariner.

Ans. I will refer to 2 of the Justices of this County – now here present, to wit Thomas Ellison Esquire & Joseph B Hinton Esquire

S/ John Daniels, X his mark

[p 18: Power of attorney dated June 17, 1854 executed in Beaufort County North Carolina by Jeremiah Daniels and John J. E. Daniels by which they authorize their attorney to pursue their claim for a pension or increase in pension. Their relationship, if any, to the applicant is not stated.



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