

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Sion Daniel R2653

Mary

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State of North Carolina Nash County: On this 3rd day of January 1848 personally appeared before me E B Hilliard an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Mary Daniel (whose maiden name was Mary Culpepper) resident of said County and State, aged eighty-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July seventh 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows:" And the act granting one year's pension to certain widows, passed 3rd March 1843 also the act of 17th of June 1844, continuing the pension of certain widows. -- That she is the widow of Sion Daniel who was a Private Soldier in a Cavalry Company of the North Carolina line, and also a Commissary in the War of the Revolution. That he resided in the County of Wake and State aforesaid, when he entered the service of the United States in said; that his Father Peter Daniel sent him to Wake County to School, to prevent his going into the Service (as she has frequently heard her husband the said Sion Daniel say and fully believes;) And, that while at School sometime in the year 1777 she thinks, he the said Sion Daniel quit School, and enlisted in said Cavalry Company for eighteen months, and served out the same as a private soldier and Commissary in the War aforesaid; that she has heard her husband say that he was in the Battle at Brandywine, and that there he saw General Washington for the first time; That she has also understood from her husband the said Sion Daniel, that the last six months of the time for which he enlisted, he acted as Commissary. And that after the expiration of the time of his enlistment as above stated, he came home to his Father's house in the County of Halifax North Carolina, but did not remain long at home, before he went to Halifax Town, to a muster that had been appointed there, for the purpose of drafting Soldiers for the War; and was there hired by a man, who was drafted to go into the Service (his name she does not now recollect) and that he the said Sion Daniel entered the Service again, as a Substitute for a tour of three months, and served out the same; at the expiration of which, he was hired again by another man, who was drafted, and served as a substitute another tour of three months; he then acted as Commissary again, (her husband said, as well as she can recollect,) until hostilities -- deceased, or until the close of the War. She further declares that she was lawfully married to the said Sion Daniel in the month of February 1786, and in the County of Nash & State aforesaid by Hardy Griffin Esquire of said County; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794; Viz.: at the time above stated, as will fully appear by the leaf hereunto attached, which was taken out of her husband's old family Bible, and contains the true ages of her for oldest children, whose ages are registered in the hand writing of their Father the said Sion Daniel; that she has never intermarried since the death of her husband

the said Sion Daniel, but still continues his widow. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ E. B. Hilliard, JP

S/ Mary Daniel, X her mark

Benjamin Daniel Son of Sion Daniel & Mary His Wife Was Born in the Year of Our Lord 1786 and on the 3rd Day of December at Sunset

Elizabeth Daniel Daughter of Sion Daniel & Mary his Wife was born the 28th day of November 1788

[there is an entire entry that is illegibly faint]

Winnifred Daniel Daughter of Sion Daniel & Mary his Wife was born March 27th 1793

[fn pp. 7-8, there is a letter dated November 12, 1856 addressed to the Commissioner of pensions from a William Whitly whose wife is named Giley in which the writer refers to "my wife's mother, Mary Daniel widow of Sion Daniel." In this letter Mr. Whitly states that his mother-in-law died in May 1855.]