

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dail (Daile) S6783

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State of North Carolina Perquimans County} For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Revolution approved on the 15 of May 1818 [sic, March 15, 1818] I John Dail of the County of Perquimans and State of North Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted as a private in Captain Isaac Moore's Company of the 10th Regiment on the 7 day of August 1777 for the space of three years that I served in the Army of the Revolution until the capture of Charlestown [Charleston SC fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in South Carolina when I was taken prisoner in which place I remained a prisoner until the ___ day of June 1780 when I made my escape. I have never received any Certificate for the reward of \$80 under a resolve of Congress passed 15 of May 1778. I further declare that I was not on the 15 day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States that after the war I procured a discharge from Captain Coleman that I afterwards gave the said discharge to Colonel Murfree to whom I transferred my land claim.

Sworn and subscribed before me

S/ Alf. Moore, JP

S/ John Dail, X his mark

Personally appeared before me Alfred Moore one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Perquimans in the State of North Carolina William Boswell and Jacob Lane¹ and after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and say that they are now and were in the year 1777 acquainted with the above affiant John Dail, that said Dail was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution that he enlisted in Captain Isaac Moore's Company belonging to the 10 Regiment in the summer of 1777 that he served in said Army till taken a prisoner in Charleston 1780.

Sworn and subscribed before me

S/ Alf. Moore, JP

S/ William Boswell



S/ Jacob Lane, X his mark

¹ [Jacob Lane S41751](#)

[attested 16th of June 1828]

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Hertford Perquimans County NC June 16, 1828

Richard Rush Esquire, herewith you have the affidavit of myself setting forth my Claims to a pension under the Act of 15 of May 1828 I enlisted you will see on the seventh of August 1777 for three years I served until I was made a prisoner at the taking of Charleston in 1780 I made my escape from the enemy at Charleston when a prisoner in June 1780 and came home my time being nearly expired I did not return to the Army. I am now old and poor being entirely destitute of property, Should I not be entitled to a pension under the act of 15 of March 1828 I shall make application for a pension under the former Act. The Secretary will confer a great favor on me by informing me of the requisitions of the Law to entitle me to a pension for my services in the revolutionary Army. Should the affidavits herein contained entitle me to pay, you are hereby authorized to transmit the same to me in Hertford Perquimans County North Carolina

Test: S/ John Wood

S/ John Dail, X his cross [sic, X his mark]

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State of North Carolina Perquimans County: On the 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Perquimans in the State of North Carolina John Daile [sic] a resident of the aforesaid County of Perquimans aged seventy-seven years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States on the 7 day of August 1777 with Captain Isaac Moore and served in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following company officers to wit Isaac Moore Captain, Robert Nicholson first Lieutenant, William Barber second Lieutenant, David Right Ensign and under the following field officers to wit Colonel Shepperd [Abraham Shephard or Shepperd] and Major John Shepperd. This deponent further swears that he was at the battle of [word obliterated, the word ends in the letters "ton" so I assume "Charleston"] in South Carolina and was at that time under the immediate command of Captain McCree [sic, Griffith John McRee or McRea] and that his field officer was General Ash [sic, John Ashe] that this deponent was taken a prisoner at the Surrender of Charleston and detained a prisoner for a considerable time that at length he made his escape from the British and returned to Perquimans County in the State [of North] Carolina where he was born, raised and resided [paper torn, text missing] when he enlisted in the month of July [paper torn and text missing] the term of this deponents enlistment which [paper torn and text missing] three years expired on the 7 of August succeeding his return home in July 1780. That he subsequently went to Halifax North Carolina and was there duly discharged by Captain Coleman and that his discharge was countersigned by Colonel Murfree [Hardy Murfree] which discharge the deponent swears he has lost -- that he resides now in the County of Perquimans in the State of North Carolina and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 13 day of August 1832.

Test: S/ John Wood, Clk

S/ John Dail, X his mark

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William Boswell² being duly sworn deposes and says that he knows of his own knowledge that John Daile at that time and now a citizen of Perquimans County in the State of North Carolina enlisted under Captain Isaac Moore in Perquimans County in the year [paper torn text missing] a soldier in the Army of the United States [paper torn text missing] 10 Regiment of the North Carolina line for [paper torn and text missing] of three years that the Company Officer [paper torn, text missing] John Daile were Isaac More Captain, Robert Nicholson first Lieutenant, William Barber Second Lieutenant and David Right Ensign that the first field officers of the said John Daile were Colonel Shepperd and Major John Shepperd and this deponent further swears that to the best of his knowledge and belief the said John Daile was at the battle and surrender of Charleston. These facts this deponent knows because he was a soldier himself under the same officers.

S/ William Boswell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Boswell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 13 day of August 1832
S/ John Wood, Clerk

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Deal [sic] a private in Captain Moore's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the fifth day of August 17 [last two digits missing because of a tear or fold in the paper] for the term of three years, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 30th November 1832

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for service for 3 years in the NC Continental Line as a private.]

² Sic, PROBABLY [William Boswell W18639](#).