Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Daniel W6984 Elizabeth Daniel VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 28 May 2019.

State of Virginia } Middlesex County } SS.

On this 26th day of Feby 1838 personally appeared before the Court of said County, Elizabeth Daniel a resident of said county and state aforsaid, aged upwards of 74 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 4th 1836. That she is the widow of John Daniel who was a private soldier in the Virginia Army during the War of the Revolution. That he first served three years in the regular Army, and was in the northern service, and as she has heard him say was in the engagement of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. She has heard him speak of having had the small pox whilst in the northern service. She states that it has been so long ago that she cannot remember his officers' names. She further states that her said husband after his return from the northern service, was drafted as an eighteen months man for the Southern Army, but he hired a substitute for that term. She states that some short time before the seige of York in Virginia [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] her said husband was called into service again as a militia man from the said county of Middlesix, and remained in the said service until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis when he returned home. She further declares that she was married to the said John Daniel on the [blank] day of Nov'r in the year 1779. That her husband the aforsaid John Daniel died on the 30th day of May 1799 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Elizabeth herXmark Daniel

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

To His Excellency John Floyd Governor of the state of Virginia. The petition of Mickleborough Daniel for himself and the rest of the legatees, surviving heirs of John Daniel Dec'd respectfully represents that his father the late John Daniel was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. That he enlisted under Charles Collier [VAS3068] of the first Virginia state regiment – which regiment your petitioner has understood was under the Command of Col George Gibson [BLWt1985-500]: for Term of three years Your petitioner has every reason to believe that the said John Daniel never did receive a land warrant for his bounty land, and your petitioner now seeks to obtain that Justice in the premises which by a recent act of Congress has been awarded to all those Similarly Circumstanced with himself. He therefore asks that a warrant [undeciphered word] be granted him for the lands due to his father for his military services, and as in Duty bound he will ever pray

Mickleborough Daniel

I Certify that I was well acquainted with John Daniel of Middlesex County who enlisted under Charles Collier of the first Virginia state Reg't Commanded by Col George Gibson, for the Term of three years in the Revolutionary war, and that he served his [undeciphered] out and was honourably discharged. Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of July 1832

[King and Queen County] Shackelford S7506] Alexander hisXmark Shackelford [Alexander

NOTE FROM THE FEDERAL FILE: On 25 Feb 1839 Elizabeth Daniel stated that her oldest child, Nancy Daniel, then deceased, was born in Aug 1781, one year and nine months after her marriage to John Daniel. She added that John Daniel was drafted for three months, rendezvoused at Gloucester Courthouse, and served at Yorktown until the capture of Cornwallis. She appears to have signed her full

name to this statement. Her son, Mickleborough Daniel, stated that he was born 20 June 1798 as the sixth and youngest child, and that "there was about three years difference in the ages in his [parents'] children, except in one or two instances." A document in the file states that on 20 March 1835 a warrant for 100 acres of bounty land was issued to the following heirs of John Daniel: Carter Daniel, Mickleborough Daniel, Elizabeth Howerton, Eame Croxton, Frances Clarke, Elizabeth Dunn, Ann McIntyre, Larkin McIntyre, and Alfred McIntyre. On 27 April 1838 before Zachariah Street, a Justice of the Peace, Billy Aytes stated that two or three years after the marriage of John Daniel to Elizabeth Street, "he was sent by the said Daniel's family with his clothing and overtook him & the troops at Gloucester Court House" on the march to Yorktown.