

Broad Creek Hundred Residents Who Served During the Revolutionary War

This report presents the evidence found for residents of Broad Creek Hundred in Sussex County Delaware who served during the Revolutionary War. 28 total veterans have been found. This list is intended to form the basis for recognition in the Broad Creek Hundred of their service in the founding of the United States.

#	Last	First	Rank	Service	Years
1	Benson	John	Private	Haslet's	1776
2	Benson	Spencer	Private	Houston's	1776-7
3	Benson	William	Private	Haslet's/Hall's	1776-7
4	Bratton	James	Lieutenant	Houston's/Hall's	1776 -
5	Calloway	Lowder	Private	Hall's	1780-83
6	Cannon	Wingate	Private	2 nd DE	1780
7	Clifton	Benjamin	Private	Hall's	1777
8	Clifton	John	Private	Haslet's/Hall's	1776-80
9	Collins	George	Sergeant	Peery's/Hall's	1777-82
10	Creighton	John	Lieutenant	DE Militia	1776-7
11	Creighton	Matthew	2 nd Lieutenant	Sussex Militia	1780
12	Hitchens	Edward	Private	Peery's	1777
13	Houston	Robert Jr.	Captain	Houston's	1776-7
14	Layfield	Timothy	Private	Hall's	1777
15	Mitchell	John		DE Militia	
16	Moore	Charles	Sub Lieutenant	Sussex Batt.	1778
17	Morgan	Elijah	Private	2nd DE Regiment	1780
18	O'Neal	Hamilton		Hall's	1778
19	O'Neal	James	Private	Hall's	1777 - 80
20	O'Neal	William	Private	Houston's/Peery's	1778
21	Pepper	William		DE Militia	1777-80
22	Purvis	George	Captain	Patterson's/Hall's	1776 - 1783
23	Royal	Jesse	Private	Haslet's/Hall's	1776-80
24	Short	Isaac		Hall's	1783
25	Timmons	Jesse	Private	Hall's	1778-80
26	Timmons	Joshua	Private	Hall's	1783
27	Timmons	Robert	Private	Hall's	1778
28	Windsor	John	Private	Peery's/Halls	1777-1778

John Benson, Private, Haslet's Regiment, 1776

John Benson served as a Private in Haslet's Regiment, enlisting on January 22, 1776. He was present at muster at the barracks in Dover DE on April 12, 1776. He was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790 and in 1800. The estate of John Benson was probated in the period 1806-7. The administration bond dated April 16, 1806 named George Benson as the administration of the estate. The inventory of his estate was valued at \$55.33 1/3, including "1 Tool Chest With all his Carpenters Tools" valued at \$7.50. The administration account of the estate, completed by George Benson on April 21, 1807 showed a balance due the estate of \$30.11. No heirs were identified in the probate file. No evidence has been found for his burial.¹

Spencer Benson, Private, Captain Houston's Company

Spencer Benson served as a Private in Captain Robert Houston's Company of the Sussex County Militia. The only direct evidence of his service is contained in a declaration in support of his application for a pension dated September 24, 1833 made in Rhea County Tennessee. Spencer Benson aged 77, a former resident of Broad Creek Hundred, stated that he was drafted into service in Sussex County DE on April 1, 1776 for a term of 3 months. He further stated that he reenlisted in the same company in August 1776 and in April 1777. In his declaration, Spencer Benson listed his commanding officers in this company as follows:

- Colonel Simon Kollick
- Major John Mitchell
- Captain Robert Houston

- Lieutenant John Craton
- Ensign James Braten

Correlating evidence found for the officers cited by Spencer Benson in his declaration:

- Simon Kollock served as a Lt. Colonel in the Sussex County Militia.
- John Mitchell appears on 3 lists of officers of the Delaware Militia who received certificates for pay and subsistence in the period 1778 – 1780. John Mitchell was also one of 8 residents of Broad Creek Hundred who signed a letter to the Sussex Council of Safety in 1776.
- Robert Houston is cited in a pension declaration made by William O’Neal of Broad Creek Hundred as his company commander. George Read’s letter dated May 10, 1776 to Caesar Rodney and Thomas McKean praised young Captain Houston for leading the response to an artillery attack by 2 British ships on Lewes DE.
- John Creighton was one of the residents of Broad Creek Hundred who signed a letter to the Sussex County Council of Safety in 1776 expressing concerns about the British military threat in their region.
- James Bratton served as a Lieutenant in Hall’s Regiment.

Spencer Benson was granted a pension in 1833 based solely on his service in the company commanded by Robert Houston. No evidence has been found for the burial of Spencer Benson.²

William Benson, Private, Haslet’s Regiment, 1776

William Benson Sr. was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1800. The estate of William Benson was probated in the period 1821 – 1824. This was the only probate record for William Benson in Delaware for 75 years after 1776. The administration bond for Mary Benson, administrator of the estate, was dated April 24, 1821. The inventory of the estate of William Benson of Broad Creek Hundred, completed April 26, 1821, by John Linch and Kendall M. Lewes, showed a value of \$458.00. An enslaved woman named Levisa who was about 18 years of age was valued at \$150. The administration account completed by Mary Benson on July 20, 1822 yielded a balance due the estate of \$83.24. No record has been found for his burial.³

James Bratton, Lieutenant, Houston's Company, Houston's Company, 1776, Hall's Regiment, 1777 – 79

James Bratton served as a Lieutenant in Captain Houston's Company of the Sussex Militia commanded by Lt. Colonel Simon Kollock. James Bratton also served as a Lieutenant in Hall's Regiment, receiving his commission as 2nd Lt. on April 5, 1776. He was present at Muster on May 7, 1777 at Philadelphia. He resigned his commission on March 1, 1779. James Bratton was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790. The executor of his estate was Mary Bratton. The inventory of his estate was completed August 28, 1792. The total value of his goods and chattels was £403 18s 4p. His burial place is unknown.⁴

Lowder Calloway, Private, Halls' Regiment, 1780-83

Lowder Calloway served as a private in Hall's 1st Delaware Regiment from his enlistment on August 18, 1780 to May 1783. He was a resident of the Broad Creek Hundred in the period from 1800 to 1820. He applied for a pension based on his Revolutionary War service in 1828, at which time he stated in his declaration that his age was 73 and his place of residence was

Sussex County DE. At that time he also stated his wife's age was 65. He did not state her name. He died July 7, 1834. No record of his burial has been found.⁵

Wingate Cannon, Private 2nd Delaware Regiment, 1780

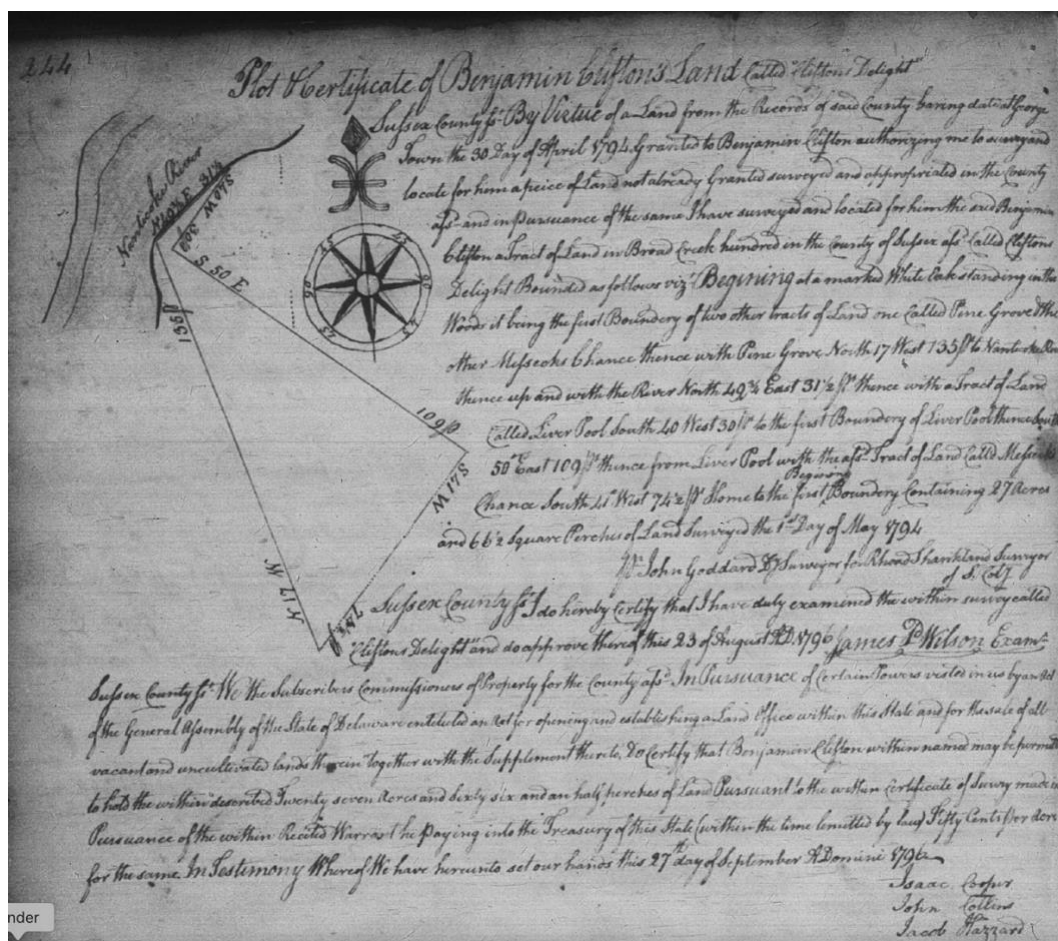
Wingate Cannon served as a Private in the 2nd Delaware Regiment in 1780. He was taxed in the Broad Creek Hundred in 1780. He was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790. The administration bond for the estate of Wingate Cannon dated May 7, 1793 named his wife Sarah Cannon as executor. The inventory of his estate completed August 12, 1793 showed a value of £175 2 s 9p. the administration account completed by Sally Cannon on August 12, 1793 showed a balance due the estate of £192 6s 1 ¼ p.

The Orphans Court file of Wingate Cannon, deceased, identifies his living children in 1808 as Tabettha, Peggy, Isaac, William W., and Wingate. There were also 2 deceased children at that time: Elijah and Sally. The petition of Isaac Cannon for division of his father's 124 acres of land in Broad Creek Hundred was dated July 19, 1808. As of February 14, 1810 son Wingate Cannon was also deceased. It was determined that the lands could not be divided, and the property was sold for the benefit of the heirs. No information has been found for the burial of Wingate Cannon Sr.⁶

Benjamin Clifton, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1777

Benjamin Clifton served as a Private in Hall's Regiment in the period May to December 1777. The will of Benjamin Clifton dated March 30, 1787 named wife Mary Clifton his son Benjamin as heirs. According to the terms of his father's will, Benjamin Jr. was to inherit his father's land after his mother died. Benjamin Clifton was taxed in Broad Creek Hundred in 1779. In 1796, Benjamin Clifton was granted a Plot Certificate for a

parcel of land in Broad Creek Hundred. An image of the survey completed May 1, 1794 and the Plot Certificate granted September 27 to Benjamin Clifton, 1796 is shown below:



Benjamin Clifton was enumerated in the 1800 Census of Broad Creek Hundred. He appears on a list of delinquent Taxpayers in Broad Creek Hundred in 1805. In 1820, Benjamin Clifton lived in Pickaway County Ohio. No information has been found for his burial.⁷

John Clifton, Private, Haslet's Regiment, Hall's Regiment, 1776-80

John Clifton served as a private in Haslet's Regiment. He enlisted January 23, 1776 for a period of 1 year. He appears on a muster roll of Captain David Hall's Regiment in the barracks at Lewes Town on April 11, 1776. He served in Hall's Regiment in the period 1777 -

1780. John Clifton appears on a roll dated 1779 at Middlebrook. This roll lists him as age 22, height 5 feet 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, hair black, eyes brown, and as a resident of Sussex County DE. Camp Middlebrook in Somerset County NJ was headquarters for General Washington's Army in 1779. He also appears on a muster roll for Camp Middlebrook dated Jun 2, 1779. He next appears on a muster roll dated February 10, 1780 at Wicks Farm. Wicks farm was an encampment of Washington's Army in Morristown NJ in the winter of 1779-80. John Clifton was listed as wanting overalls, shirts, and shoes at Wicks Farm on April 12, 1780. He next appears on a muster roll dated May 2, 1780 at Christiana Bridge DE.

John Clifton was listed as missing in action on August 16, 1780. The Revolutionary War battle of Camden SC was fought on that date. The American Army, commanded by General Horatio Gates, had marched from North Carolina toward Camden SC with a force of 4,000 men, including "a small nucleus of Maryland and Delaware Continentals."

The Battle of Camden was a devastating defeat for the American Army. However, the nucleus of Continental soldiers from Delaware and Maryland fought bravely, and lost an estimated 50% of their number of 1,500 soldiers. "Their bravery and hard fighting earned them the respect of many of the British officers".

In a return dated January 20, 1791, John Clifton was reported to have been wounded in the right arm and his "eyes hurt by the flack of a gun". The first wound was listed as occurring in May 1777 at Synnessuxon [?] Maryland, and the second wound was listed as occurring at the Battle of Camden SC in August 1780. He received a pension of £1, 16 shillings and sixpence per month commencing January 25, 1783. His residence in 1791 is listed as Broad Creek, Sussex County De. His age in 1791 is listed as 37 years.

John Clifton appears on an 1835 Delaware pension roll of men whose residence cannot be determined. That does not necessarily mean he was living in 1835. His death date and burial have not been found. John Clifton was the son of Levin and Lydia Clifton of Sussex County DE.⁸

George Collins, Private, Peery's Company, 1777, Sergeant, Hall's Regiment, 1778 - 1782

George Collins served as a Private in Captain Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE, enlisting on May 6, 1777 and being present at muster on June 2, 1777. He enlisted in Hall's Regiment on May 10, 1778. He served as a Private in 1778, a Corporal in 1778 - 1779, and Sergeant in 1779 - 1782 in Hall's Regiment. He was promoted to Sergeant on August 1, 1779. He was present at muster in Hillsborough NC in September 1780. He was listed in his service record as having died in battle on September 1, 1782.

George Collins appeared as a Sergeant in an undated muster roll of Col. Williams Regiment in the service of the Southern Army of the United States. Colonel Otho Williams of Maryland was appointed commander of the remnants of Delaware and Maryland Continental soldiers who he reorganized into 2 battalions after the devastating battle of Camden SC fought on August 16, 1780. Sergeant George Collins of the Delaware Regiment is listed as being entitled to a certificate for pay and subsistence for the period August 1, 1780 to January 1, 1782. This certificate was received by John Collins, administrator, indicating that George Collins was deceased.

The will of George Collins, dated April 8, 1781, names his brother John Collins as an heir who was bequeathed a 120 acre plantation and a half interest in a saw mill co-owned

by Robert Houston. The will of George Collins was witnessed by Polly Collins and Samuel Wootton. The witnesses to the certification of the will by the county clerk were Samuel Wootton and William Hardy.

William Hardy was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred. There were several men named Robert Houston in Sussex County in this era. Robert Houston Sr. of Broad Creek Hundred was a large landowner and mill owner as well as a supporter of the patriot cause. There were also several men named John Collins in Sussex County in this period. John Collins purchased land in Broad Creek Hundred in 1781 and was identified as a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in a 1785 deed. Samuel Wootton was the son of John Wootton. He inherited land from his father that he sold in 1800 to William Anderson, who was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred.⁹

John Creighton, Lieutenant, DE Militia, 1776-7

John Creighton served as a Lieutenant in Captain Houston's Company of the Delaware Militia in the period 1776-7. He was one of 8 signatories of a letter dated July 5, 1776 from residents of Broad Creek to the Sussex Council of Safety. He purchased land from John Mitchell in Broad Creek Hundred in 1782. He is listed as a landowner in Broad Creek Hundred in 1790. Upon his death in 1790, he left 2 minor children: sons Robert and John. Robert Houston of Broad Creek Hundred, a fellow signatory of the 1776 letter, co-signed the Guardian Bond. No information for the burial of John Creighton has been found.¹⁰

Matthew Creighton, 2nd Lieutenant, Captain Pollock's Company, Sussex Militia

Matthew Creighton served as 2nd Lieutenant in Captain James Pollock's Light Horse Company of the Sussex Militia in 1780. He was recommended for appointment September 7, 1780. James Pollock's company also apprehended a member of the Black Camp Rebellion on August 12, 1780. Matthew Creighton was identified as a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in an 1803 deed selling land in Laurel Town formerly of his father John Creighton, deceased. Matthew Creighton witnessed the will of George Gordon dated April 29, 1809 at Laurel Town. No further information has been found for Matthew Creighton.¹¹

Edward Hitchens, Private, Peery's Company, 1777

Edward Hitchens served as a Private in Captain Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE, enlisting on May 6, 1777 and being present at muster on June 2, 1777. He was the son of Tamer Hitchens, whose estate was probated March 5, 1791. The heirs of the estate of Tamer Hitchens were sons Edward, Isaac and William, and daughters Polly, Sally, Rebecca, and Vina. The executor of the estate was Thomas Hazzard. In 1790, the surname Hitchens is found only in the Broad Creek Hundred in the state of Delaware. 7 households named Hitchens were found in Broad Creek in 1790.¹²

Ezekiel Hitchens, Private, Peery's Company, 1777

Ezekiel Hitchens served as a Private in Captain Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE. He enlisted May 6, 1777 and was present at muster on June 2, 1777. Ezekiel Hitchens was taxed in the Dagsboro Hundred in 1779. The estate of Ezekiel Hitchens was probated November 3, 1783. The executors were his widow Sarah Hitchens and Hap Hazzard, his friend, and heirs were his wife and daughters Comfort and Aletty. The inventory of his

estate was completed by James Fisher on September 5, 1784. No information has been found for his burial.¹³

Robert Houston Jr., Captain, Houston's Company, 1776-7

Robert Houston served as a Captain in the Delaware Militia in 1776-7. He was mentioned in a 1776 letter from George Read to Caesar Rodney and Thomas McKean as having performed admirably in rebuffing an attack by British ships on Lewes. As detailed above, Spencer Benson also identified the other officers in Houston's Company, all of whom were residents of Broad Creek Hundred. Robert Houston was identified as the son of Robert Houston of Broad Creek Hundred in the Orphans Court file of his estate. There are also 3 children of Robert Houston Jr. identified in this file: David, Nancy, and Robert. Robert had died by 1821. No information has been found regarding his burial.¹⁴

Timothy Layfield, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1777-82

Timothy Layfield served as a Private in Hall's Regiment, enlisting in October 1777 and being discharged June 1782. On a return dated January 20, 1791, Timothy Layfield, age 35, was described as an invalid due to a wound in the left leg. He received this wound April 25, 1781 in Camden SC. His residence was listed as Broad Creek on this record. His invalid pension of £1, 6 shillings and sixpence per month commenced on January 25, 1783. Timothy Layfield swore an affidavit on August 7, 1787 that he had suffered a wound in the Battle of Camden SC while serving in Hall's Regiment and that he had been examined by Dr. Joseph Hall, appointed by the State of Delaware to verify this claim. He stated at that time that he was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred. His invalid pension payments ended March 11, 1789. No evidence of his burial has been found.¹⁵

John Mitchell, Major, Delaware Militia, 1776-8

John Mitchell was an Officer in the Delaware Militia in the period 1776 - 1778. His rank was Major. He was also a signatory on a letter dated July 5, 1776 by 8 residents of Broad Creek Hundred to the Sussex Council of Safety expressing concerns about British military threats in the region. John Mitchell died c. 1791. The Orphans Court authorized the sale of the lands of the estate to settle debts. Robert Houston and George Mitchell were authorized to sell the lands formerly of John Mitchell, merchant. James Brattan purchased one of the parcels. On March 4, 1797, Cyrus Mitchell and John Mitchell were the surviving executors of the estate of John Mitchell. They reported to the court on May 1, 1791 that the proceeds from the real estate sales totaled \$2,981.¹⁶

Charles Moore, Sub Lieutenant, Sussex Battalion, 1778

Charles Moore was commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant of the mid County of Sussex Battalion by the Council of the Delaware State on May 16, 1778. He was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in the period 1790 to 1820. The estate of Charles Moore of Broad Creek Hundred was probated March 24, 1834. Executors were his wife Delia Moore and son John Moore. Heirs included sons Henry, John, and Eagleston, daughters Rittey Drain and Sally Outen, and grandson Jessey, son of Sally and Isaac. Evidence for his burial has not been found.¹⁷

Elisha Morgan, Private, 2nd DE Regiment, 1780

Elijah Morgan served as a Private in the 2nd Delaware Regiment. His name appears on a Pay Roll dated October 31, 1780. He was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790.

Elijah Morgan died in 1813 and is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Seaford, Delaware.¹⁸

Hamilton O'Neal, Hall's Regiment, 1778

Hamilton O'Neal enlisted in Peter Jacquett's Company, Hall's Regiment on February 15, 1778 and was paid a bounty of \$100. He is listed as "Sick D State" on November 4, 1780. He received an invalid Pension from February 4, 1787 to March 4, 1789. The administrators bond dated February 5, 1790 for George Bacon and John Bacon, executors of the estate of Hamilton O'Neal. John Bacon was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790. James, Thomas, and William O'Neal were also residents of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790. The evidence is sufficient to conclude that Hamilton O'Neal was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred. No information for his burial has been found.¹⁹

James O'Neal, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1777-1780

James Neal served as a Private in Hall's Regiment. He was listed as sick at Valley Forge on July 16, 1778. James Neil was listed on a payroll for November 1778. He was listed on a muster roll at Middle Brook on May 5, 1779. He was listed on a payroll for January and February 1780. He was present at muster at Christiana Bridge on May 2, 1780. He was present at camp in Hillsborough NC in September 1780. James O Neal purchased land from Thomas O Neal in 1799 that had belonged to their father Thomas O Neal, granted by the province of Maryland. This land was described in a 1776 land warrant as being on the south side of the Nanticoke River on a neck between Broad Creek and Deep Creek.

James O'Neal was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1800. His estate was probated in the period 1830 – 1831. The administrator was Henrietta O'Neal. The inventory of the estate

identifies James O'Neal as a resident of Broad Creek Hundred. The inventory of the estate completed by Henrietta O'Neal on October 12, 1830 showed a value of \$46.07. No evidence for the burial of James O'Neal has been found.²⁰

William O'Neal, Private, Houston's Company, 1777, Peery's Company 1778, Sussex Militia, 1780

William O'Neal served as a Private in Captain Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE. William O. Neal made a declaration in support of his application for a pension on September 11, 1832. He stated that his age was 70 years, 8 months, and 28 days. He further stated that he volunteered for service in Captain Peery's Company for the defense of Lewes in 1778, and that he enrolled in the Sussex Militia in 1780 and was stationed on the River Nanticoke in a company commanded by Captain James Broughton. He also stated that he served in a company of militia commanded by Captain Robert Houston in 1777. In his deposition dated June 7, 1832, William O. Neal identifies himself as a resident of Broad Creek Hundred. No information has been found for his burial.²¹

William Pepper, Delaware Militia, 1777-80

William Pepper served in the Delaware Militia under Captains George Smith, Charles Moore, Robert Kirkwood, and Ebenezer Herron. In his sworn declaration in support of his application for a pension for his service, dated April 10, 1833, he described the areas where he served as Lewestown, Deep Creek, Broad Creek, and "on the Bay Shore." He further stated that he was born in Sussex County DE on April 25, 1761. He was a resident of Harrison County VA at the time of his 1833 declaration. He was granted a pension for his service beginning on March 4, 1831. He was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790. His wife was identified as Ann

Johnson, daughter of Johnson, in a 1798 deed. He moved to Virginia at age 41. William Pepper died May 29, 1841 in Virginia. He had a son Joshua Pepper. No information for his burial has been found.²²

George Purvis of Sussex, Quartermaster, Patterson's, 1776, Captain, Halls', 1778 – 1783

George Purvis was appointed as the Quartermaster in Patterson's Flying Camp Battalion as of October 8, 1776. He also served as an Ensign, a Lieutenant and a Captain in Hall's Regiment. He enlisted in Halls' Regiment on December 3, 1776. . He was stationed at Wilmington to receive recruits in August 1777. Lt. George Purvis was reported as wounded at the Battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777. He was appointed Adjutant on August 15, 1778. He was a 1st Lieutenant at the camp at Wicks Farm in March 1780. He was a Captain at the post in Wilmington on June 15, 1781. Lt. George Purvis was foraging for supplies at Cantwell Bridge on December 10, 1781. He was classified as 'deranged' and discharged on May 21, 1783.

George Purvis was subject to a judicial sale for land he owned on the Nanticoke River in Northwest Fork Hundred on August 3, 1791. The administration account of Levin Cannon dated February 11, 1792 shows a payment made to George Purvis. The estate of Levin Cannon was recorded as being in Northwest Fork Hundred in 1790.

Captain George Purvis of Delaware was granted 300 acres of bounty land based on his service on May 30, 1789. The location of this land is unknown due to an 1800 fire in the War Office. A 1929 letter to the Bureau of Pensions claims George Purvis was captured at the Battle of Camden SC and lived in North Carolina after the war. No evidence has been

found to support this claim. The DAR Ancestor Search for George Purvis states that he died in Kent County DE in 1801. No evidence has been found to support this claim.

No probate file has been found for George Purvis; however, there is a Sussex County Orphan's Court file for George Purvis, deceased. His 15 year old daughter Betsy Purvis had a guardian appointed by the court, and her guardian Seth Griffith petitioned the court on February 8, 1803 to provide a valuation for the lands and tenements formerly of George Purvis located in Broad Creek Hundred. No burial information has been found for George Purvis.²³

Jesse Royal, Private, Patterson's Regiment, 1776, Hall's Regiment, 1777-80

Jesse Royal served in Patterson's Flying Camp Regiment in 1776. He was present at muster on September 30, 1776 at Port Amboy NJ. He also served as a Private in Hall's Regiment. His name appears on a Pay Roll dated June 1, 1780. He began service on May 1, 1777. Jesse Royal was paid May through August 1779. He was listed as missing in action in August 1780 at Hillsborough NC and listed as sick at Hillsborough on December 4, 1780. He was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1810 and 1820. He received a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War beginning on April 4, 1818. In a declaration dated October 10, 1820, Jesse Royal stated that he was 67 years old and that his wife Jane was 41 years old. He further stated that he owned "5 acres of ground in the right of his wife". He died in Sussex County DE July 7, 1831. No record of his burial has been found.²⁴

Isaac Short, Hall's Regiment, 1873

Isaac Short served in the 1st Delaware Regiment. He received his discharge on February 11, 1783 and received a payment of £15. He was a resident of Broad Creek

Hundred in 1790. The 1796 will of Isaac Short named his wife Elizabeth as executor and bequeathed his home and plantation to his son Shadrach Short. Shadrach Short was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1800. No burial information has been found for Isaac Short.²⁵

Jesse Timmons, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1778-80

Jesse Timmons served as a Private in Halls Regiment. He enlisted March 10, 1778. He was present at muster at Christiana Bridge on May 2, 1780. He was present at muster in Hillsborough NC in September 1780. He was listed as sick in Jersey State on a roll from a camp near Charlotte NC on December 4, 1780. According to Delaware State military records, he died in service on December 1, 1780. The administration bond for the estate of Jesse Timmons dated August 8, 1789, named George Timmons as executor and Robert Timmons as guarantor of the bond. Robert Timmons was a Private in Hall's Regiment and a resident of Broad Creek Hundred. George Timmons was taxed in the Broad Creek Hundred in 1778. George Timmons was identified as a bounding landowner to lands conveyed to Phillip Windgate in 1794. Phillip Wingate was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790. The evidence is sufficient to conclude that Jesse Wingate was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred. No record has been found for his burial.²⁶

Joshua Timmons, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1783

Joshua Timmons served as a Private in Hall's Regiment. He enlisted on February 15, 1783. He was identified as a recruit from Sussex County. He was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790; the only Joshua Timmons found in Delaware that year. Joshua Timmons was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790 and 1800. Joshua's wife was named Celia.

She applied for a widow's pension after his death. A deposition by William Timmons, aged 84, resident of Sussex County, brother of Joshua Timmons, stated that he remembers his brother enlisting in 1780 and that Robert Timmons and Hamilton Neal were among the men who served with Joshua Timmons in the same company. Joshua Timmon's widow Celia was identified as the late Celia Collins in her deposition March 16, 1850. No information has been found for the burial of Joshua Timmons.²⁷

Robert Timmons, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1778 - 1783

Robert Timmons served as a Private in Hall's Regiment. He enlisted on February 10, 1778. He was present muster at Christiana Bridge DE on May 2, 1780. He received a clothing allowance at Dover DE on June 13, 1780. He appears on a return dated December 28, 1783 as fit for duty at Philadelphia. He was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1780. Robert Timmons sold 136 acres of land with buildings in Broad Creek Hundred in 1803. In a declaration dated April 30, 1821, Robert Timmons, resident of Ross County Ohio, stated that he served in the Delaware Regiment commanded by Col. David Hall and that he participated in the Battle of Stoney Point. He received a pension for his service as a resident of Ross County Ohio commencing June 9, 1818. Robert Timmons died in 1832 and is buried in Clarksburg, Ross County Ohio.²⁸

John Windsor, Private, Peery's Company, 1776

John Windsor served Captain Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE. He enlisted May 7, 1777 and was present at muster June 2, 1777. John Windsor also served in Hall's Regiment enlisting on February 7, 1777. Other than his enlistment date, there are no other

records for John Windsor in Hall's Regiment in 1777. He was paid for service in Hall's Regiment in 1778. He died in Camp with Halls' Regiment on October 18, 1778.

The administrators bond for the estate of John Windsor, dated May 5, 1784, named James Windsor and William Polk as administrators of the estate. The will of James Windsor names his wife Betty and William O'Neal as administrators. James Windsor purchased land in Broad Creek Hundred from William O'Neal in 1802. There was only 1 head of household named Windsor in Delaware in 1790: Joseph Windsor. There were 4 heads of household named Windsor in Broad Creek Hundred Delaware in 1800: James, Joseph, Catherton, and Colwell. The evidence supports the conclusion that John Windsor was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred. No evidence has been found for his burial.²⁹

Notes

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