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Indian River Hundred Delaware Residents Who Served During the Revolutionary War

This report presents the evidence found for residents of Indian River Hundred in Sussex County who served in the Delaware Military during the Revolutionary War. 45 veterans who were residents of Indian River Hundred have been found. This list is intended to form the basis for recognition in the Indian River Hundred of their service in the founding of the United States.

#	Last	First	Rank	Service	Years
1	Atkins	Elijah		Perry's	1777
2	Blizzard	William		Perry's	1777
3	Burton	William	Private	Haslet's	1776
4	Butcher	Robert		Perry's	1777
5	Butcher	William		Perry's	1777
6	Clark	Thomas	Private	Hall's	1777-83
7	Coffin	Nehemiah		Latimer's	1776
8	Craig	Robert		2 nd Delaware	1780
9	Davidson	James		Peery's	1777
10	Harmon	Edward	Private	Hall's	1778-83
11	Hazzard	David	Lieutenant	Peery's	1777
12	Hill	George	Private	Halls	
13	Hopkins	John	Private	Peery's	1777
14	Lacey	John	Private	Peery's/DE Militia	1777, 1780
15	Lacey	Robert		DE Militia	1780
16	Lacey	Spencer	Private	Peery's, DE Militia	1777, 1780
17	Lawson	James		Hall's	1782
18	Lingo	Samuel	Private	Hall's	1783
19	Lingo	William	Private	Hall's	1780
20	Marriner	Constantine	Corporal	Peery's	1777
21	Marriner	Moses	Private	Peery's	
22	Marriner	William		Peery's	
23	McIlvain	Alexander	Private	Peery's	1777
24	McIlvain	Sheppard	Private	Peery's	1777
25	McIlvain	John	Private	Haslet's	1776
26	Okey	William	Private	Latimer's	1776
27	Pool	Major		Peery's	
28	Pool	William		Peery's	
29	Prettyman	Benjamin	Private	Peery's	1777

30	Prettyman	Joseph	Private	Peery's	1776-7
31	Richards	David	Private	Peery's	1777
32	Salmons	Robert	Private	Haslet's	1776
33	Stephenson	Robert		Peery's	
34	Stockley	John		Peery's	
35	Stuart	John	Private	Peery's/Hall's	1777, 1779-81
36	Vaughn	Joseph	Lt Colonel	Haslet's/Hall's	1777-83
37	Vaughn	William	Ensign	Haslet's/Hall's	1776 -
38	Waller	Nelson		Hall's	1782
39	Waples	John	Private	Hall's	1781-2
40	Waples	Joseph	Captain	Hall's	1782
41	Waples	Nathaniel	Captain	Sussex Battalion	1778-9
42	Warrington	Jacob	Private	Haslet's	1776
43	Warrington	John	Private	Haslet's	1776
44	Warrington	Joseph		Peery's	
45	Williams	John	Private	Haslet's/2 nd DE	1776, 1780

Elijah Atkins, Peery's Company

Elijah Aktins served in Captain Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE. Elijah Atkins and his wife Hannah were identified as residents of Indian River Hundred in a 1774 deed selling land there. He lived in the Indian River Hundred in 1790. The estate of Elijah Atkins was probated in 1799. The administrator of his estate was his wife Hannah Atkins. No record of his burial has been found.¹

William Blizzard, Peery's Company

William Blizzard served in Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE. He was a resident of the Indian River Hundred in 1790. There are 2 probate records for William Blizzard in Sussex County. A William Blizzard in Sussex County had a will date of November 12, 1789 and a probate date of December 8, 1789. He is identified as a Planter. His wife Sarah Blizzard was executor, and he had a son William Blizzard, to whom he bequeathed the house and land on which he (the father) had lived in. William Blizzard, likely the son of the William Blizzard who died in 1789, was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1800. The oldest male in this household was 45 and over. This William Blizzard was likely the Revolutionary War veteran. There was also a William Blizzard Jr. living in Indian River Hundred that year. The oldest male in that household was 16 to 25, likely the son of the Revolutionary War veteran. No burial information has been found for William Blizzard.²

William Burton, Private, Haslet's Regiment, 1776

William Burton served as a Private in Haslet's Regiment. He was present at the barracks at Lewes DE on April 11, 1776. There were 6 men named William Burton living in the Indian River Hundred in 1790. There were no other men named William Burton found in Delaware in 1790. 14 Delaware probate records were found for William Burton in the period 1777 - 1827. All were in Sussex County. No burial of a William Burton in Sussex County DE has been found that would have been old enough to be a Revolutionary War veteran. While evidence has not been found to determine the specific William Burton who served in the Revolutionary War, the evidence is sufficient to conclude that the William Burton who served was a resident of the Indian River Hundred. No burial information has been found for William Burton.³

Robert Butcher, Peery's Company

William Butcher, Private, Peery's Company, 1777

Robert and William Butcher were brothers, the sons of Robert Butcher, whose estate was probated in 1763. In his will, Robert Butcher named his brother William Butcher executor of his estate. He asked his brother to complete the house he had started and to raise his sons Robert and William until "they are big enough to go to trades and be bound out." This indicates that the sons Robert and William were minors in 1763, indicating the sons were the appropriate age to have served in Peery's Company in 1776-7. Robert Butcher appears on an undated list of officers and men of William Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE. His rank is not stated. William Butcher appears on a muster roll of Peery's Company, and his enlistment date is recorded as April 24, 1777.

There were 3 men named William Butcher who were taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1779 and 1780. William Butcher house carpenter sold land in the Indian River Hundred in 1785. There were 2 William Butchers in the 1790 census of Indian River Hundred: William Butcher, Carpenter and William Butcher Sr.

The estate of Robert Butcher was probated in the period 1784-5. The estate inventory, dated February 9, 1784, included coopers tools and coopers ware. Ann Butcher, widow of Robert Butcher, gave leave to William Butcher Sr. to administer the estate. The Orphans Court received a petition from William Butcher Sr., dated March 1785, to sell the lands of Robert Butcher to pay the debts of his estate. The lands of Robert Butcher deceased were sold in 1790 and were described as being on the southeast side of the Indian River.

The estate of William Butcher, Carpenter, was probated in the period 1800 - 1806. He is identified as a resident of Indian River Hundred the estate inventory, which is dated April 5, 1800. The graves of Robert Butcher and William Butcher have not been found.⁴

Thomas Clark, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1777 – 83

Thomas Clark served as a drummer and a private in Captain Kirkwood's Company, Hall's Regiment in 1777-8 and 1782-3. He enlisted June 4, 1777 and served as a drummer in 1777-8. In 1782-3 he served as a private in the same regiment. Thomas Clark married Elizabeth Morris on July 1, 1773 at the Cool Spring Presbyterian Church in Lewes DE. The couple were identified as "mulattoes"[sic] in this record. Thomas and Elizabeth had 4 known children: Whittinton, Nathaniel, John and Comfort. Thomas Clark's 4 children applied for bounty land based on their father's service. Thomas Clark was enumerated in the 1810 census of Sussex County DE; the 3 members of his household were identified as a "free colored persons." Thomas Clark died prior to 1833. Details of his burial are unknown.⁵

Nehemiah Coffin, Private, Latimer's Company, 1776

Nehemiah Coffin served in an Independent Company stationed in Lewes Delaware commanded by Captain George Latimer in the period from March 22 to August 8, 1776. After his service in the Revolutionary War, Nehemiah Coffin was recorded in two land transactions in the Indian River Hundred in 1778 and 1779. In 1790, Nehemiah Coffin was a resident of the Indian River Hundred. Nehemiah Coffin died in 1802. The administrator of his estate was Agnes Coffin. The administrator of the estate of Agness Coffin was Joseph Prettyman. Neither of these probate records list any heirs. A reasonable inference is that Agnes was the widow of Nehemiah Coffin and that her maiden name was Prettyman.

Clues to possible descendants of Nehemiah Coffin are found in his service record. A 1916 letter from the Adjutant General in Washington, D.C. recounts Nehemiah Coffin's service in Latimer's Company in response to an inquiry from William D. Coffin of Philadelphia PA. A reasonable inference is that William D. Coffin was a descendent of Nehemiah Coffin.

William D. Coffin, age 25, birthplace Delaware, was enumerated in the 1910 census of Philadelphia PA. William D. Coffin was born in Wilmington DE on February 7, 1884 to parents David B. Coffin and Alice Coffin. David B. Coffin, age 54, birthplace Delaware, was enumerated in the same ward in Philadelphia as his son William. David B. Coffin and Allice Sammons married on December 19, 1882 in Wilmington DE. David B. Coffin's birthplace is recorded as Millsboro DE and his parents were identified as David H. Coffin and Lurenne Johnson. In 1850, David H. Coffin was a member of the household of Mary Coffan in the Indian River Hundred DE as shown in the table below:

1850 Household of Mary Coffan Indian River Hundred Sussex County Delaware					
Name	Age	Birthplace	Occupation		
Mary Coffin	60	Sussex County DE			
James B Coffin	27	Sussex County DE	School Teacher		
David H. Coffin	24	Sussex County DE	Farmer		
Elizabeth M Walls	13	Sussex County DE			
Sarah Pool	77	Sussex County DE			
Source:					
U.S. Census, 1850, Delaware, Sussex County, Indian River Hundred, household of Mary					
Coffan, The National Archives in Washington, DC; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of					
the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M432; Roll: 55; Page: 188b.					

Samuel Coffin died in June 1830 in Sussex County Delaware. The administrator of his estate was his widow Mary Coffin. His heirs were his widow Mary, and his children Elizabeth, James B., and David H. Coffin. The evidence supports the conclusion that Samuel Coffin was the son of Nehemiah and Agnes Prettyman Coffin. No burial information has been found for Nehemiah Coffin.⁶

Robert Craig, Private, 2nd Delaware, 1780

Robert Craig served in the 2nd Delaware Militia in 1780. He was issued rations for the month of August 1780 by order of Major James Mitchell of the 2nd Delaware. The estate of Robert Craig was probated in the period 1789 – 1790. He died intestate, and left no children. His land in the Indian River Hundred was sold to settle his estate among his six brothers and sisters: David, John, William, Sarah, Polly, and Betsey. The father of Robert Craig was John Craig. No evidence for the burial of Robert Craig has been found.⁷

James Davidson, Peery's Company

James Davidson served in Captain Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE. He was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790. The estate of James Davidson was probated March 18,

1819. His widow Elizabeth Davidson of Indian River gave permission for their son James Davidson to administer his estate. The younger James Davidson was buried in the Davidson Family Cemetery, described as being 5 miles north of Millsboro DE; however, the location of that cemetery has been lost. No other information on the burial of James Davidson has been found.⁸

David Green, Private, Latimer's Company, 1776, Peery's Company

David Green served as a Private in Latimer's Company stationed in Lewes DE, enlisting on April 19, 1776 and being present at muster on April 29, 1776. He also served in Peery's Company stationed in Lewes. He was taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1779 and 1780. He was granted land by his father on the main branch of the head of the Indian River in 1802. His estate was probated October 15, 1811. The estate inventory was completed April 25, 1807. His administration was Elizabeth Green. No evidence has been found for his burial.⁹

Edward Harmon, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1778-83

Edward Harmon served as a Private in Hall's Regiment from 1777 – 83. Edward Harmon was the son of Job and Comfort Harmon. Edward Harmon married Agnes Jackson on November 27, 1788 at the Coll Spring Presbyterian Church in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred. He lived in the Indian River Hundred in 1800, the Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred in 1820, and the Broadkill Hundred in 1830. Edward and his family were identified as free persons of color in 1820 and 1830. In 1830, Edward lived in the portion of the Broadkill Hundred that later became the Georgetown Hundred.

Edward and Agnes Harmon had 5 children: sons Benjamin, Dirickson, Paynter, and Woolsey, and daughter Eliza. Edward Harmon was a farmer. No evidence has been found that he ever owned land in Sussex County, indicating that he was a tenant farmer and perhaps this explains why his family moved around Sussex County during his life. He received a pension for his Revolutionary War service. After his death his spouse was identified as Eleanor Harmon, indicating that Agnes Harmon had passed away. Edward Harmon died June 21, 1834. Details of his burial are unknown.¹⁰

David Hazzard, Lieutenant, Peery's Company, 1777

David Peery's was appointed 1st Lieutenant of Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE in 1777. He was paid £10 for carting and storage of cargo from the schooner Farmer in March 1776.

David Hazzard is identified in the DAR Ancestor Search as having a wife named Elon and as having died in 1790. The will of David Hazzard dated July 17, 1790 identified his wife as Ellen Hazzard, and his eldest son as Cord Hazzard. 3 other sons were named in his will: David, James, and John. The will identified David Hazzard Sr.'s land as lying entirely in Indian River Hundred. David Hazzard was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790. His wife was identified as Elon in the Administration Bond and the Administration Account for the estate. she completed the administration account in 1791, showing a net value of £528 14s 3 1/2p . No evidence has been found for his burial.¹¹

George Hill, Private, Hall's Regiment,

George Hill served as a Private in Hall's Regiment, enlisting July 28, 1779. He was present at muster of Captain Learmonth's Company, Hall's Regiment at Christiana Bridge May 2, 1780. He was present at muster at Hillsborough NC in September 1780. George Hill appears on an undated roll of Col. Williams Battalion in the service of the Southern Army of the United States. His service record states that he died April 15, 1781. George Hill's name appears on 2 records for certificates for pay and subsistence dated 1783 and 1786. These certificates were vouchers that could be used to pay taxes and for other government charges. They could be paid to surviving veterans or their estates. No information for the recipient of George Hill's certificates has been found.

The undated will of George Hill, registered December 29, 1786, designates his wife Polly Hill and son John Hill as executors. The will also records his plantation as being in Angola in the Indian River Hundred. A witness of his will was fellow Revolutionary War veteran and Indian River resident William Blizzard. In 1787, John Hill, son of George Hill, was named guardian of George Hill, minor son of George Hill deceased. Since George Hill Jr. was a minor in 1787 he could not have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War. No information has been found for the burial of George Hill. If he died in service in 1781 in the service of the southern army, he was likely buried in the Carolinas.¹²

John Lacey, Drum & Fife, 2nd Delaware Regiment

Robert Lacey, Drum & Fife, 2nd Delaware Regiment

Spencer Lacy, Private, Peery's Company, Drum & Fife, 2nd Delaware

3 members of the Lacey family from Indian River Hundred served in the Revolutionary War. John Lacey served as a drummer and fifer in the 2nd Delaware Militia in 1780. Robert Lacey served in Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE in 1777. Spencer Lacey served as a Private in Peery's Company in 1777, and as a drummer and fifer in the 2nd Delaware Militia commanded by Lt. Col. Henry Neill in 1780. Spencer Lacey, Robert Lacey, and John Lacey were all taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1778. The surname Lacey is found only in the Indian River Hundred in the Reconstructed 1790 Census of Delaware. The will of Spencer Lacey was dated March 10, 1810. His estate was probated July 10, 1823. No burial information has been found for John, Robert, or Spencer Lacey.¹³

James Lawson, Private, Hall's Regiment

James Lawson served as a Private in Hall's Regiment He enlisted on May 28, 1782. He was 19 years old at the time of his enlistment, and was a farmer, 5'9" tall with light colored hair. James Lawson was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790, 1800, and 1820. The will of James Lawson, dated December 11, 1828, named his wife as Polly Lawson, and his children as Beatrice, Selby, Jehu, Polly, Henry and Robert. No burial information has been found for James Lawson.¹⁴

Samuel Lingo, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1783

Samuel Lingo served as a Private in Hall's Regiment. He was recruited in Sussex County, enlisting on February 27, 1783. He personally received a payment of \$40.80 interest on a certificate of depreciation for the period March 1 to November 4, 1783 for his service. He was taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1778 and 1779. He was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790. The estate of Samuel Lingo Jr. was probated in 1796. The administrators were Samuel Lingo and John Lingo. The administration account was completed on May 4, 1796. The balance due the estate was £36 13 s 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

There was an Orphans Court case regarding Samuel Lingo deceased in 1807 involving children John, William, James, Henry, Achilles Lingo and Comfort Clark. And his widow Leah Lingo. A petition filed by John Lingo requested division of the lands of Samuel Ling, consisting of 3 tracts of land in Indian River Hundred containing 542 acres. It is likely that the Samuel Lingo deceased in 1807 was the father of Samuel Lingo Jr. deceased in 1796. No records have been found for the burial of Samuel Lingo.¹⁵

William Lingo, Private, Hall's Regiment

William Lingo served as a Private in Hall's Regiment. He enlisted in April 1780 received a coat at Lewestown in that year. His name appears on a muster roll dated September 1780 in Hillsborough NC. William Lingo received a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War. His name was inscribed on the pension roll January 31, 1827 when he was a resident of Maury County Tennessee. According to his declaration, made in October 1826 in Maury County TN, he was 73 years old in 1827 and he stated that he enlisted at Lewestown in 1779. This has led to the attribution of his birthplace as Lewes. No other evidence has been found to support that. William Lingo further stated in his declaration that he was wounded in the right arm in the Battle of Guilford [Courthouse NC] and that he was also present at the Battle of Eutaw Springs. He also stated that his wife was named Susannah, age 63 in 1826. An undated return from the Bureau of Pensions states that William Lingo was also present at the battle of Camden, SC.

Evidence has been found to indicate who the family of William Lingo was. A William Lingo had his estate probated May 19-21, 1770. His executor was Betty Lingo, his wife. His sons were William, Samuel, and Henry. Samuel and Henry paid taxes in the Indian River Hundred in 1778. Both Henry and Samuel Lingo were residents of Indian River Hundred in 1790. This provides evidence that William Lingo the Revolutionary War veteran was the son of William Lingo whose estate was probated in 1770. William Lingo was enumerated in the 1820 census of Maury County Tennessee. No evidence for his burial has been found.¹⁶

Constantine Marriner, Corporal, Peery's Company, 1776-7

Moses Marriner, Corporal, Peery's Company, 1776-7

William Marriner, Peery's Company

Three members of the Marriner family from the Indian River Hundred served in Peery's Company. Constantine and Moses Marriner appear on the muster roll of men who enrolled in Peery's Company on December 18, 1776. Constantine is listed as a Corporal on a 1777 muster roll of Peery's Company. Moses is listed as a Corporal in an undated pay roll for Peery's Company.

Moses Marriner was taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1778 and 1779. Moses and Constantine Marriner were listed as residents of Indian River Hundred in 1790. William Marriner purchased land in the Indian River Hundred in 1775. No information has been found for the burials of Constantine, Moses, or William Marriner.¹⁷

Alexander McIlvain, Private, Peery's Company, 1777

John McIlvain, Private, Haslet's Regiment, 1776

Shepherd McIlvain, Private, Peery's Company, 1777

Three members of the McIlvain family from the Indian River Hundred served in the Revolutionary War. Alexander McIlvain served as a Private in Captain Peery's Company, enlisting April 24, 1777 and being present at muster in Lewes DE on June 2, 1777. John McIlvain served as a Private in Haslet's Regiment in 1776. John appears on a muster roll dated April 11, 1776 at the barracks at Lewes DE. He is recorded as having enlisted on January 20, 1776. Shepherd McIlvain served as a Private in Peery's Company, enlisting on December 18, 1776. Alexander and Shepherd McIlvain were taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1778 and 1779.

The estate of Andrew McIlvain Jr. was probated in 1790. His wife is identified as the late Mary McIlvain. The estate of Andrew McIlvain is listed in the 1790 census of Indian River Hundred. John and Mary McIlvain are recorded as having a son John born May 10, 1771. This record in a transcribed record including in other records from the Cool Spring Presbyterian Church.

John McIlvain served as a guardian for Moses and David Marriner, sons of the late Mary Marriner of Indian River Hundred. In 1801, John McIlvain petitioned the Orphans Court to sell the lands of the late Mary Marriner to support the 2 minors. The lands are described as bounding on the lands of Samuel Lingo and Constant Marriner. No burial records have been found for Alexander, John, or Shepherd McIlvain.¹⁸

William Okey, Private, Latimer's Company, 1776

William Okey served as a private in Latimer's Company, enlisting on April 23, 1776 and being discharged on September 17, 1776. He was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790 and 1800. The last will and testament of William Okey was dated October 27, 1807. The will names his wife Lauranna as his executor, and sons Eley and Burton as other heirs. His estate was probated November 12, 1807. No burial information has been found for William Okey.¹⁹

Major Pool, Latimer's Company

Major Pool appears on an undated payroll for Latimer's Company, which was active in Lewes DE in 1776. He was taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1779. He was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790. The will of Major Pool, dated January 7, 1793, identifies his children as Betsy, Andrew and Sally. He named his executor as "my trusty friend Peter Robinson, Esq." No evidence has been found for the burial of Major Pool.²⁰

William Pool, Latimer's Company

William Pool appears on an undated payroll for Latimer's Company, which was active in Lewes DE in 1776. He was taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1779. He was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790 and in 1800. The will of William Pool was dated January 28, 1835, and the probate date for his estate was April 13, 1838. The executors of his estate were Sarah Pool, his wife and Nathaniel Ingram. His daughter Charlotte W. Pool was the only other heir in addition to her mother. No burial information for William Pool has been found.²¹

Benjamin Prettyman, Private, Peery's Company, 1777

Benjamin Prettyman served as a private in Captain Peery's Independent Company stationed in Lewes DE in 1777. He married Elizabeth ______ in 1782. Benjamin Prettyman lived in the Indian River Hundred in Sussex County DE in 1820. Benjamin Prettyman died June 27, 1824. His estate was probated September 16, 1824. His wife Elizabeth was executor. His children were son Lewes and daughters Comfort, Hetty, Patience, and Eliza. His father was identified as Thomas Prettyman. Details of his burial are unknown.²²

Joseph Prettyman, Peery's Company, 1777

Joseph Prettyman served in Captain Peery's Company in Lewes DE; his name appears on a roll for this company dated June 2, 1777. He was taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1778. Joseph Prettyman was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790. The will of Joseph Prettyman was recorded January 3, 1804. This will was verbally expressed by Joseph Prettyman to witnesses Isaac Waples, Moses Stuart and Joseph Waples. He stated that his brother Cannon Prettyman should have the bulk of his estate. No evidence for the burial of Joseph Prettyman has been found.²³

David Richards, Private, Peery's Company

David Richards served as a Private in Captain Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE. He enlisted on April 24, 1777 and was present at muster on June 2, 1777. He was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1800. The will of David Richards, dated December 20, 1801, named his wife Comfort Richards as his executor and his son William Prettyman Richards, as heir to all of his lands. David Richards died January 7, 1815. In 1820, Comfort Richards was a resident and head of household in Indian River Hundred. his widow Comfort Richards applied for and received a widow's pension based on his service. At the time of her application for the pension in 1838, she was a resident of Philadelphia PA. As part of her application, she presented a family bible record that stated the marriage date of David and Comfort Richards as March 2, 1782 and listed their children as shown in the table below:

Name	Birth	Death
Patience Richards	January 20, 1783	
Deborah Richards	December 22, 1784	
Abijah Richards	February 17, 1792	November 9, 1805
Barack Richards	March 19, 1789	
Elizabeth Richards	August 28, 1790	
Huldah Richards	December 16, 1792	
Mary Richards	September 13, 1795	
Temperance Richards	January 11, 1800	

Comfort Richards lived in Philadelphia in 1840. She received her final pension payment in March 1841. There is a record of her burial in Union Cemetery in Philadelphia. No information has been found for the burial of David Richards.²⁴

Robert Salmons, Private, Haslet's Regiment, 1776

Robert Salmons serve as a Private in Haslet's Regiment in 1776, enlisting on January 18, 1776 and being present at muster in the barracks at Lewes DE on April 11, 1776. The estate of Robert Salmons was probated in 1816; the estate inventory was dated April 26, 1816. He died intestate; the executor of his estate was Benjamin Salmons. This was the only probate file found in Delaware for Robert Salmons in the post Revolutionary War era. No burial information has been found for Robert Salmons.²⁵

Robert Stephenson, Private, Peery's Company

Robert Peery served as a Private in Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE, enlisting on December 21, 1776 and serving in January 1777. Robert Stephenson was taxed in Indian River Hundred in 1778 and 1779. The estate of Robert Stephenson was listed in the Reconstructed 1790 census of Indian River Hundred. The will of Robert Stephenson, dated March 4, 1786, names his children and heirs as sons Kendle and Robert, and daughters Mary, Betty, Nancy, Salley and Ann. He named his executors as Thomas Deal and James Vent. No wife or widow was mentioned. No information has been found for the burial of Robert Stephenson.²⁶

John Stockley, Peery's Company

John Stockley served in Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE. John Stockley Sr. and John Stockley, carpenter were residents of the Indian River Hundred in 1790. The records of the Cool Spring Presbyterian Church record the death of John Stockley, Elder of I.R., on January 26, 1799. The Cool Spring Church was formally incorporated in 1787 as the "United Presbyterian Congregation of Lewes, Cool Spring, and Indian River." The estate of John Stockley, probated 1799 – 1800, was administered by Sarah Stockley. The inventory of his estate, dated April 15, 1799, identifies him as John Stockley, Carpenter. No burial information has been found for John Stockley.²⁷

John Stuart, Private, Peery's Company, 1777 and Private, Hall's Regiment, 1779-81

John Stuart served as a private in Peery's Independent Company in 1777 and as a private in Hall's Regiment in 1779 - 1781. He enlisted on August 4, 1779 for the duration of the war. His named appears on a list of men receiving clothing in Wilmington on September 8, 1781. John Stuart appears on Payrolls for Capt. Kirkwood's Company, Hall's Regiment in 1779 and 1780. He appears on a Muster roll for that company dated April 23, 1780 at Wicks Farm. John Stuart appears on a muster roll dated May 2, 1780 at Christiana Bridge. The latest muster roll found for John Stuart was dated September 1780 at Hillsborough North Carolina. He was killed September 8, 1781 at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, South Carolina.

The name John Stuart appears in two wills in Sussex County Delaware a few years prior to the Revolutionary War. The first will is the 1773 will of John Stuart, which names a son John Stuart as an heir. John Stuart of the 1773 was the son of another John Stuart, whose will was made in 1755. His son John was his only son, executor, and heir who inherited part of his plantation. The eldest John Stuart purchased land on the 'Broad Kill Creek' in 1724. In 1790, there was a man named John Stuart and a man named John A. Stuart living in the Broadkill Hundred. In 1792, John Stuart of Broadkill Hundred and his wife Mary conveyed land in Sussex County. Since John Stuart the Revolutionary War soldier died in battle in 1781, the John Stuart of Broadkill Hundred could not be John Stuart the Revolutionary soldier.

The second will mentioning John Stuart in Sussex County prior to the war was the will of Daniel Stuart dated February 23, 1774. This will names John Stuart as a son and heir. This will makes the bequest to John Stuart dependent on him reaching the age of 20 before his death, thus indicating that this John Stuart was born after 1754. Other heirs included a son William and a daughter Comfort Lingo. William Stuart and John Lingo, both of Indian River Hundred, sold land in the Broadkiln Hundred in 1784. There were 4 men with the surname Lingo in the Indian River Hundred in 1790. The evidence supports the conclusion that John Stuart the Revolutionary soldier was the son of Daniel Stuart. This evidence also indicates that John Stuart may have been a resident of the Indian River Hundred. John Stuart's granddaughter Susan Watson filed a bounty-land claim based on her grandfather's service in 1833. Susan Watson was married to John Watson and they had a son Nathaniel. Susan Watson died December 19, 1848 and she is buried in Millsboro DE. Millsboro is located in the Indian River Hundred, providing support for the conclusion that John Stuart was a resident of the Indian River Hundred.

The name of John Stuart's wife is unknown. Susan Watson stated in her declaration that she was John's only heir. John Stuart was likely buried at the battlefield in Eutawville South Carolina.²⁸

Joseph Vaughn, Captain, Haslet's Regiment, Major and Lt. Colonel, Hall's Regiment, 1778-83

Joseph Vaughn served as a Captain and company commander in Haslet's Regiment. He enlisted January 21, 1776 and was in command of the company at the barracks in Dover DE on April 12, 1776. He also served as a Major and Lt. Colonel in Hall's Regiment. His name appears on a payroll for Hall's Regiment for the month of July 1778. His rank was Major at that time. Major Joseph Vaughn also appears on a 1779 accounting for clothing for the Delaware Regiment. He appears on a list of commissioned field officers for Hall's Regiment for January and February 1780. Joseph Vaughn was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790. This was the only Joseph Vaughn found in Delaware in 1790. The estate of Joseph Vaughn was probated November 15, 1796. His executor was Levin Vaughn. No information for his burial has been found.²⁹

William Vaughn, Ensign, Haslet's Regiment, 1776, and Lieutenant, Hall's Regiment, 1776-7

William Vaughn was appointed by the Committee of Safety as an Ensign in the Sussex Battalion of the Continental Regiment on January 12, 1776. He served as an Ensign in Haslet's Regiment, enlisting January 21 and being present at muster in Joseph Vaughn's Company, Haslet's Regiment at the barracks in Dover DE on April 12, 1776. He served as a Lieutenant in Hall's Regiment, enlisting December 2, 1776. He died March 29, 1777 from wounds received at Brunswick. The Battle of Bound Brook near New Brunswick NJ occurred on April 12, 1777. William Vaughn likely died in one of the skirmishes with British and Hessian forces prior to the British attack on the American encampment at Bound Brook. According to the account of Hessian Captain Johan Ewald, Lord Cornwallis's planned attack on Bound Brook was delayed by snowy, cold weather but there were skirmishes between American and British/Hessian forces preceding the battle.

The will of William Vaughn, Joiner dated February 28, 1775 named a son William as an heir. William Vaughn, Joiner purchased land in the Indian River Hundred in 1755. Nathaniel Vaughn was another son and heir of William Vaughn, Joiner. Nathaniel Vaughn was taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1778-9. The evidence supports the conclusion that William Vaughn the Revolutionary soldier was a resident of Indian River Hundred. No information on the burial of William Vaughn has been found.³⁰

Nelson Waller, Hall's Regiment, 1782

Nelson Waller received rations for July 27 – 29, 1782 as a member of Captain Moore's Company, Hall's Regiment. Nelson and George Waller, sons of George Waller, sold land in the Indian River Hundred in 1779. Nelson Waller married Phanny McIlvaine on June 24, 1780 in Cool Spring Presbyterian Church. He was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790. Nelson Waller died c. 1796. His heirs were identified in 1833 as William Waller, deceased, Lemuel Waller, and Nancy Waller, who married Thomas McIlvain. No record of his burial has been found.³¹

John Waples, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1781-2

John Waples served as a Private in Hall's Regiment, enlisting on April 20, 1781. He was present at muster on June 20, 1781. He died in service on November 14, 1782. A note below his death date states 'Paul Queonault'. Paul Queenault (the spelling varies) was a Captain in Hall's Regiment. Some of the members of Queenault's Company were deployed in Beaufort and Colleton Counties of South Carolina in late 1782 to combat British activity in the region. The Battle of James Island SC occurred on November 14, 1782.

The inventory of the estate of a John Waples was completed on May 20, 1773. The Orphans Court session held on January 10, 1787 of John Waples Senior identifies his children as John, Levin, William, Sally, Lydia, and Peter. At that time, children John and Levin were deceased. On March 1, 1784, Patience Waples received a security for pay and subsistence as administrator of the estate of John Waples. No information has been found for the burial of John Waples.³²

Joseph Waples, Captain, Hall's Regiment, 1780 - 1782

Joseph Waples served as a Captain in Hall's Regiment in the period 1780 to 1782. Joseph Waples married first Hessy White (daughter of old Jacob) on September 7, 1775 in Cool Spring Presbyterian Church. He second Leah Prettyman on September 11, 1794 at Cool Spring Presbyterian Church. He was a resident of the Indian River Hundred in the period 1800 to 1820. The estate of Joseph Waples was probated October 18, 1825. His wife was Mary Waples, and his children were listed as Isaac, Cornelius, Rober, Eliza, Hester, Lettitia, and Polly. No burial information has been found for Joseph Waples.³³

Nathaniel Waples, Captain, Delaware Militia, 1778-9

Nathaniel Waples was appointed Sub-Lieutenant of the Sussex County Company of Delaware Militia on May 18, 1778. He was paid as a Captain in the Delaware Militia on February 3, 1779. He married Agnes Waples August 27, 1765 in Sussex County DE. Nathaniel Waples Esq. was taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1778. Nathaniel Waples of Indian River died February 28, 1798. His wife Agnes was administer of his estate; however she was deceased by February 27, 1800. William D Waples became administrator after her death. The net value of his was over \$3,000.

William D. Waples also administered3 the Orphans Court case of Nathaniel and Agnes Waples in 1800. There were 2 minor children: Comfort Waples and Penelope Waples. No information has been found for the burial of Nathaniel Waples.³⁴

Jacob Warrington, Private, Haslet's Regiment, 1776

Jacob Warrington served as a Private in Haslet's Regiment, enlisting on March 8, 1776 and being present at the barracks at Lewes DE on April 11, 1776. Jacob Warrington inherited a share of his father Jacob Warrington's estate in 1774. Jacob Warrington Sr.'s land was located in the Indian River Hundred. The probate file of Jacob Warrington, dated 1773 – 1789, includes document from both Jacob Jr. and Jacob Sr. The letters of administration of Elizabeth, widow of Jacob Warrington, is dated March 2, 1773. The administration account for Jacob Sr.'s estate was done by his son John Abbott Warrington, in place of his mother Elizabeth, who had died. Anna Warrington, widow of Jacob Warrington, requested that the court appoint Rhoads Shankland as administrator. This request is dated May 19, 1789. It is clear from this evidence that Elizabeth was the widow of Jacob Warrington Sr. who had died c. 1773, and that Anna was the widow of Jacob Warrington Jr., who had died c. 1789. Jacob Warrington Jr. was the Revolutionary soldier, and his burial is unknown.³⁵

John Warrington, Private, Haslet's Regiment, 1776

John Warrington was a Private in Haslet's Regiment, enlisting on January 20, 1776 and appearing on a muster roll as present at the barracks in Lewes DE on April 11, 1776. John Warrington married Eunice Johnson in 1778. No further information has been found for John Warrington.³⁶

Joseph Warrington, Peery's Company

Joseph Warrington served in Captain Peery's Company stationed in Lewes DE. He was taxed in the Indian River Hundred in 1779. The estate of Joseph Warrington was taxed in Indian River Hundred in 1778. The estate of Joseph Warrington was probated October 26, 1778. His widow was Sarah Warrington, and his heirs included a son Joseph. The will of Joseph Warrington Sr., dated October 20, 1778, identified him as a resident of Indian River Hundred and bequeathed 400 acres of land to his son Joseph. A note in this probate file states that son Joseph Warrington died March 8, 1787. No record of his burial has been found.³⁷

John Williams, Private, Haslet's Regiment, 1776, 2nd Delaware Regiment, 1780

John Williams served as a Private in Haslet's Regiment, enlisting on January 24 1776 and serving until the end of the year. John Williams also appears on a list dated July 10, 1780 of men furnished by Captain George Polk for the Eastern Battalion. He appears on an August 12, 1780 muster roll of Captain William Moore's Company, 2nd Delaware Militia.

The will of John Williams was probated May 22, 1786. His heirs were his wife Sarah, and his daughters Elizabeth, Rhoda, and Mary. William Butcher Sr. was one of the witnesses to the will. He was a resident of Indian River Hundred in 1790. The administration bond for the

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