

Little Creek Hundred Delaware Residents Who Served During the Revolutionary War

This report presents the evidence found for residents of Little Creek Hundred in Sussex County Delaware who served during the Revolutionary War. This includes both military and patriotic service. 10 total veterans and citizens who performed patriotic service have been found. This list is intended to form the basis for recognition in the Little Creek Hundred of their service in the founding of the United States.

#	Last	First	Rank	Service	Years
1	Bailey	Thomas	Private	Hall's	1777
2	Culver	Levin	Private	Hall's	1778 - 83
3	Hitchens	Major	Private	Hall's	1781-3
4	Horsey	John	Private	Patterson's	1776
5	Horsey	William	Private	Patterson's	1776
6	Kinney	William	Private	Hall's	1777-8
7	Middleton	James	Private	Haslet's	1776
8	Mitchell	Nathaniel	Major	Patterson's/Gist's	1776
9	Moore	Isaac		Sussex Militia	1777-8
10	Rhodes	William	Private	Hall's	1778

Thomas Bailey, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1777

Thomas Bailey served as a Private in Hall's Regiment. He enlisted April 1, 1777 and served until October 1777. Thomas Bailey was a resident of Little Creek Hundred in 1790, 1800, and 1810. In 1790 and in 1800, there was only 1 man named Thomas Bailey found in Delaware, in Little Creek Hundred. Thomas Bailey and Samuel Bailey, sons of Samuel Bailey, were named co-executors of the estate of their father Samuel Bailey in Samuel Bailey Sr.'s will dated March 26, 1803. The inventory of the estate, completed October 16, 1813 by William Elizey and Levin Moore, yielded a value of \$166.87. William Elzey was a

resident of Little Creek Hundred in 1790. Samuel Bailey completed the Administration account of his father on August 30, 1814. The net balance due to the estate was \$100.26. No burial information for Thomas Bailey has been found.¹

Levin Culver, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1778 – 83

Levin Culver served as a Private in Hall's Regiment, enlisting February 11, 1778. He was reported to be a resident of Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County, 5' 6" tall, brown complexion and dark brown hair. He served intermittently until December 28, 1783. His name appears in an 1815 deed as a bounding landowner for the sale of land in Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County. His heir Isabel Roach applied for a Bounty Land Warrant based on his service. Evidence has not been found as to her relationship to Levin Culver. No further information has been found for Levin Culver.²

Major Hitchens, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1781 – 1783

Major Hitchens served as a private in the Hall's Regiment, enlisting on March 31, 1781 and serving until 1783. In 1810 and 1820, he lived in the Little Creek Hundred in Sussex County DE. No information on his family has been found. Major Hitchens died February 1, 1828. Details of his burial are unknown.³

John Horsey, Private, Patterson's Regiment, 1776

John Horsey served as a Private in Patterson's Flying Camp Regiment in 1776. He was present at the camp in Port Amboy NJ on September 30, 1776. John Horsey was taxed in the Little Creek Hundred in 1779. He was a resident of Little Creek Hundred in 1800 and in 1810. The will of John Horsey, dated September 30, 1827, names his wife Gooden as executor of his estate. No other heirs were mentioned. The inventory of his estate was completed by Henry

Bacon and Perry B. Moore on October 19, 1827. The total value was \$340.29. the administration account of the estate completed by Joseph Smith Esq. showed a net balance due the estate of \$115.37. No burial information has been found for John Horsey.⁴

William Horsey, Private, Patterson's Regiment, 1776

William Horsey served as a Private in Patterson's Flying Camp Regiment in 1776. He was present at the camp in Port Amboy NJ on September 30, 1776. William Horsey was a resident of Little Creek Hundred in 1800 and 1810. The will of William Horsey, dated October 19, 1846, named James Horsey as the administrator of his estate. The heirs of William Horsey were his widow Catherine, James B Horsey, Stephen D Horsey, Stephen B. Collier and wife Elizabeth. The date of death of William Horsey was September 24, 1846. The administration Bond for James Horsey, Stephen B. Collier, and Isaac F. Chipman for the estate of William Horsey was dated December 8, 1846. The total value of the inventory of his estate was \$1,409.23. The administration account of the estate, completed October 19, 1747, indicated that the net balance due the estate was \$973.10. No information has been found for the burial of William Horsey.⁵

William Kinney, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1777 – 1778

William Kinney served as a Private in Hall's Regiment, enlisting on May 12, 1777. He was sick at muster on January 1, 1778. He was on the payroll for March 1778. He was a resident of Little Creek Hundred in 1790. William Kinney's wife was named Francis. They had 2 children: William K. Kinney and Jeremiah Kinney. Francis was executor of his estate. After his death in 1817, his land was surveyed. His land bounded on Broad Creek and Little Creek as shown in the survey map image below:



This land is on the west side of the present day Town of Laurel. No information has been found for the burial of William Kinney.⁶

James Middleton, Private, Haslet's Regiment, 1776

James Middleton served as a Private in Haslet's Regiment. He was present at the barracks at Dover DE on April 12, 1776. The administration bond for the estate of James Middleton, dated July 12, 1796, named Dickerson Middleton as executor. Dickerson

Middleton was a resident of Little Creek Hundred in 1800. Zebedee Jones was named guardian of the minor children of James Middleton. Zebedee Jones was a resident of Little Creek Hundred in 1810. The minor children of James Middleton were Betsey, James, Polly, Somerset, and William. No burial information has been found for James Middleton.⁷

Nathaniel Mitchell, Adjutant, Sussex Battalion, 1775, Captain, Patterson's Regiment, 1776

Nathaniel Mitchell served as an Adjutant in the Sussex Battalion, being appointed September 16, 1775. He served as a Captain in Patterson's Regiment in 1776. Nathaniel Mitchell served as a Major in Col. Nathaniel Gist's Regiment in 1780. After the War, Nathaniel Mitchell was a delegate to the Continental Congress in the period 1786-8. He also served as Governor of the State of Delaware from 1805 – 1808. Nathaniel Mitchell died February 21, 1813 and is buried in the Old Christ Church Cemetery in Laurel DE.⁸

Isaac Moore, Sussex Militia, 1777-8

Isaac Moore served in the Sussex Militia, enlisting first on March 1, 1777 and serving 3 months. He also served in the spring of 1778 for 6 weeks. He was born March 28, 1755 Sussex County Delaware. He lived in Little Creek Hundred in 1800. He later moved to Georgia, where he died April 11, 1840 leaving an unnamed widow. No record has been found for his burial.⁹

William Roads, Private, Hall's Regiment, 1778

William Roads served as a Private in Hall's Regiment, enlisting on May 27, 1778. At the time of his enlistment, he was a resident of Sussex County, 5' 8" tall, brown hair, grey eyes. He was listed as having been born in Sussex County. William Roads was taxed in

Little Creek Hundred in 1788. He was enumerated in the 1810 census of Little Creek Hundred. No further information has been found for William Rhodes.¹⁰

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