

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. This includes both military and patriotic service. 12 total veterans and citizens who performed patriotic service 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
Calloway	Lowder	Private	Hall's	1780-83
Cannon	Elijah		Patriotic	1780
Clifton	John	Private	Haslet's/Hall's	1776-80
Hearne	Ebenezer		Patriotic	
Hitchens	Edward	Private	Peery's	1777
Hitchens	Ezekiel	Private	Peery's	1777
Layfield	Timothy	Private	Hall's	1777
Moore	Charles	Sub Lieutenant	Sussex Batt.	1778
Morgan	Elijah	Private	2nd DE Regiment	1780
O'Neal	Hamilton		Hall's	1778
Royal	Jesse	Private	Haslet's/Hall's	1776-80
Windsor	John	Private	Peery's/Halls	1777-1778

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.¹

Elijah Cannon, Patriotic Service

Elijah Cannon paid the Continental Tax in support of the American Revolution in Broad Creek Hundred in 1780. Elijah Cannon was a resident of Broad Creek Hundred in 1790 and 1800.²

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 ¾ 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.³

Ebenezer Hearne, Patriotic Service

Ebenezer Hearn is died in April 1785 and is buried in the Little Hill Church Cemetery in Gumboro DE.⁴

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 Hittchens were found in Broad Creek in 1790.⁵

Ezekiel Hitchens, Private, Peery's Company, 1777

The estate of Ezekiel Hitchens was probated November 3, 1783. The executor was Sarah Hitchens, his wife and Hap Hazzard, his friend, and heirs were his wife and daughters Comfort and Aletty.⁶

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. Jospeh 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.⁷

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.⁸

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.⁹

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 for George Bacon and John Bacon, executors of the estate of Hamilton O'Neal was dated February 5, 1790. 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.¹⁰

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 n the right of his wife". He died in Sussex County DE July 7, 1831.¹¹

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.¹²

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