

EARLY HISTORY
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DANYELL OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

The first Danyell of Rydelegh was Robert Danyell, to whom letters of protection were granted 21, June 1385 on his departure for Scotland on the King's Service in the retinue of John Devereaux. He was commissioned with Richard de Cholmondlegh to arrest all disturbers of the peace of the Hundred of Nantwich.

In 1389, Robert Danyell of Rydelegh with Robert Danyell of Lyme entered into a recognizance for the release of John Cole.

Robert Danyell, married Alice de Rydelegh about 1395 by whom he had a son:—

Robert Danyell, Lord of Ridly, heir of his mother Alice, II of Henry V.

Robert Danyell and Alice his wife occur again in 1402.

The name Robert Danyell subsequently occurs in Recognizance Rolls down to II of Henry V., whom the "Escheator is commissioned to enquire of the value of the lands of Robert Daniell, a Crown debtor."

In Harlean Mss. 2151, (Page 108,) are church notes taken at Daresbury, Cheshire, England, in 1572, which mention among other Coats of Arms then existing here in painted glass, the Arms of Hallum, Daniel, Dutton, Warburton, Starkey, Norris and Astons; and grave-stones in the Churchyard marked with crosses the heads of which were florees, and which had swords at the sides of them, indicating, most probably, the sepulchres of Crusaders.

(History of Cheshire, Volume 2, Page 736.)

SAMUEL DANIEL, POET LAUREATE.

At Appleby Castle, Cumberland, Samuel Daniel was "tutor to the high-spirited Lady Anne Clifford, daughter of George Clifford, Earl of Cumberland, the celebrated adventurer, to whose beauty and accomplishments he pays many flattering compliments in his works.

In this castle there is a portrait of Daniel, painted by order of Lady Anne Clifford, as part of the family group of Cliffords. She is represented at the age of fifteen "standing in her study, dressed in white, embroidered with flowers, her head adorned with great pearls; one hand is on a music book; her flute lies by her side."

Samuel Daniel was the son of a music master, born near Taunton, in Somersetshire, 1561. His poetical works are republished in Volume 4 of the "Works of the British Poets."

A poetical sketch of this Poet Laureate written by Fitz Geoffrey, is as follows:—

If Spencer merits Roman Virgil's name,
Daniel at least comes in for Ovid's fame.
If Spencer rather claims Appollo's wit,
Virgil's illustrious name will Daniel fit.
No higher than Apollo can we go
But, if a loftier title you can show,
That greater name let Spencer's Muse command,
And Daniel be the Phœbus of our land;
For, in my judgment, of the God of verse
In English would heroic deeds rehearse,
No language so expressive he would choose
As that of English Daniel's lofty Muse.

He succeeded Spencer as Poet Laureate to Queen Elizabeth, and was also a great favorite of the Court of James I.

As such, he was a Troubadour of the 16th and 17th centuries. He died October 1619.

ARNAUT DANIELS, TROUBADOUR

There is a painting in the "Museum de Vatican," Rome, of Arnaut or Arnold Daniels, of Normandy, as a Troubadour.

The Troubadours, as poet-warriors, were conspicuous during the Crusades. They "belonged to a race, language and literature which, at one time, seemed on the point of obtaining intellectual supremacy in Christendom." Their art was called the Gay-Saber. Richard Cœur-de-Lion collected some of the most eminent Troubadours at his Court.

The following is a poetic relic of that romantic age:—

(Translation.)

No nymph my heart can wound,
If favour she divide
And smile all around,
Unwilling to decide;
I'd rather hatred bear
Than love with others share.

DANIELS OF MASSACHUSETTS

A History of Oxford, Mass., by George F. Daniels, published in 1892, contains the following extract:—

"Daniels, Daniell Joseph, supposed to have been the son of Robert Daniels of Watertown, was of Medfield, Mass., in 1660; settled on West Side of Charles River, now Millis. His house was burned by Indians 1676; married Mary Fairbanks; had, with others, Joseph Daniels, born 1666. He and Joseph Jr., were among the incorporators of Medway in 1713. Joseph Jr., had:—

David Daniels, born 21 of February 1699; married Magdalen Partridge; had with others, Seth, born Oct. 1737, who married Unity Thurston, and had, with others, Joseph, born Oct., 14, 1777 who married September 4, 1793 Susan Fisher and had with, 12 other children:

Seth, born Sept., 14, 1794, who settled in Oxford 1816.

The History of Medway, Mass., contains the early history of the Daniels Family, in Medway. It was published by the Town 1885; edited by Rev. E. O. Jamieson.

The author begins his Genealogy of the Daniels Family by writing:—

Daniels, in England, and in the early history of this country, was spelled Daniell. In the Encyclopedia of Heraldry it occurs thirty-two times, and is spelled twenty-six times Daniell, five times Daniel, and but one Daniels.

The persons earliest in America of this name were Robert Daniells or Daniel of Watertown, Mass., in 1636 William Daniell of Dorchester 1648 and Joseph Daniell of Medfield in 1649. Their descendants, down to a comparatively recent date, and in some lines to the present time, as appears by their autographs, have spelled the name Daniell. But the Medway branch of the family for some years, have generally spelled the name Daniels, although the late Deacon Paul Daniell used the ancient spelling to his death which occurred in 1873.

Robert Daniel or Daniels, the great ancestor of those of the Daniels name in Medway, came from Cheshire, England prior to 1636, and settled at Watertown, Mass. He was grantee of five lots, and purchased the "homestead" of Nicholas Jacobs, consisting of thirteen acres of land situated not far from the present site of the United States Arsenal.

He was admitted Freeman 14 March, 1639 in Watertown, Mass. His wife upon being married was Mrs. Elizabeth———Daniel, who died 2 Oct., 1643. In 1651 Mr. Daniels removed to Cambridge, Mass., when he married 2 May, 1654, Riana Andrews, second wife. Mr. Daniels died 6 July, 1655.

Bond's History of Watertown, Mass., says:—

Robert Daniels died 6 July, 1655, upwards of 60 years of age. After 1651, he removed from Watertown to Cambridge where he died.

Robert Daniels, his son, sold lands in Watertown and his will is dated 1661-2. It is also probable that Sam'l Daniels of Watertown was his son. He was a planter and sold 127 acres of land to Nathaniel Coolidge April 2, 1667.

The Chetham Society Publications, Volume 97, (Page 95,) notices the Daniel or Daniels Family and Robert Daniel as follows:—

Peter Daniel by wife—————left issue:—

1. Peter Daniell, Captain of the Foot in the Army of Charles I. 1643.

2. Henry,

3. Richard,

4. Robert,

5. Thomas,

6. John,

7. William Daniell of Wigan, County Lancaster, aged 40, 8 April 1665.

8. Thomas Daniell, a Lieutenant in the Army, killed at Brumford 1643.

William Daniel (No. 7.) was Colonel of a Regiment in Scotland upon the restoration of King Charles II: Governor of the Garrison and Citadel of Ayre in Scotland, and afterwards, by speciale command of his said Majesty, carried his regiment into Portugall; where he was instrumental in obtaining the victory in the plain of Evora, against Don John of Austria, Spanish General, 1663.

Robert Daniel, above named, could have been in point of time the Robert Daniel or Daniels who came to Watertown, Massachusetts.

ISAAC DANIELS of BOSTON.

William Daniels died in Boston, leaving a will dated 1678, in which he names, his son John Daniels, who was his father's executor. The latter died September 1765, leaving a son

Isaac Daniels who was, at that time about fourteen years old—and therefore born 1751. The Probate Court appointed John Crehore of Milton, Massachusetts, guardian of the person and estate of said Isaac Daniels, a "minor under 14 years of age, son of John Daniels of Milton, husbandman".

(Volume 64, Page 516, Probate Records of Boston.)

DANIELS OF CONNECTICUT

Jonathan Daniels, son of John (1) and Mary (Chappell) Daniels, was born in New London, Conn., Oct. 15, 1682. "The family habitat of the Daniels tribe was west of New London village, over towards Niantic, and they had holdings up in the Paugwonk region, now Salem. It was here that Jonathan (2) Daniels probably dwelt. His brother Clement (2) Daniels also owned land at Paugwonk. The descendants of Clement have been numerous in Salem, and the name Clement has continued there. Jonathan (2) Daniels married at New London, 14 Dec. 1706, Rebecca Graves.

John Daniels (2), (John, 1), born in New London 19 Jan. 1665-6, married Agnes, dau. of Samuel and Agnes (Keeney) Beebe. Children: John, born 22 Oct. 1685; Samuel, born 29 Nov., 1688; Thomas, born 2 Jan., 1689; Jonathan, born 22 March, 1692-3; Mary, born 24 Feb., 1694; Nathaniel, born 30 June, 1696; William, born 5 Sept., 1699; Ebenezer, born 17 Feb., 1702-3; Susannah, born 9 April, 1705; Hannah, born 16 Sept., 1706; James, born 31 Aug., 1708; Ezekiel, born 27 Sept., 1709 or '10; Lucy, born 29 June, 1711.

SOUTHERN DANIELS FAMILIES.

Thomas Daniels of Wilmington, Delaware, married Joana Miller in July 1745.

In Kentucky, Robert Daniel married Mary Trigg in Lincoln County 16 August, 1783.

John Daniel was in South Carolina as early as 1736, when on 23rd of January of that year he married Sarah Raven in Charlestown.

Stephen Daniel, and his brother, David, migrated to North Carolina from Virginia some time in 1700. Their father was Elisha Daniel, and family tradition says that Elisha Daniel's wife was a Parker.

In Georgia, in Effingham County, Josiah Daniel married Elizabeth Dixon 23 April, 1772, and John Daniel married Hannah Damons, 20 Feb., 1774.

EARLY VIRGINIA MARRIAGES.

1731 May. Mary Daniel and Ralph Shelton, Middlesex County.

1742 June 3. Gustant Daniell and Robert Thurston, Middlesex County.

1744 Jan. 9. Robert Daniel and Lucy Daniel, Middlesex County.

1746 April 28. Clara Daniel (widow) and George Blakey, Middlesex County.

1750 Jan. 8. Rachel Daniel and John Murray, Middlesex County.

1751 May 15. William Daniel and Agnes Markham, Amelia County.

1752 Dec. 22. George Daniel and Mary Daniel Middlesex County.

1754 Feb. 15. Sarah Daniel and William Roame Middlesex County.

1754 Sept. 14. William Daniel and Susanna George Middlesex County.

1756 May 8. Esther Daniel and Jeremiah Shepherd, Middlesex County.

1760 Nov. 3. Mary Daniel (widow) and Henry Shepherd, Middlesex County.

1763 Sept. 19. George Daniel and Frances Daniel Middlesex County.

1764 Oct. 2. Richard Daniel and Margaret Guttery Middlesex County.

1768 March 28. William Daniel and Patty Field Allen, Cumberland County.

1769 May 11. Ann Daniel and Bartholomew Yates Middlesex County.

1773 Nov. 23. Robert Daniel and Frances H. Humphreys, Orange County.

1774 March 26. Katy Daniel and Robert Evans, Accomac County.

1776 July 25. John Daniel and Lucy Mary Marshall, Orange County.

1776 Nov. 20. Lucy Daniel, d of Reuben, and John Conner, Orange County.

1780 Nov. 23. Ann Daniel and William Terrill Orange County.

- 1783 May 22. Jane Daniel and George Quisenbury
Orange County.
- 1785 Jan. 31. William Daniel and Mary Gaines
Orange County.
- 1786 Feb. 28. Beverly Daniel and Jane Hiatt.
Orange County.
- 1789 Dec. 31. James Daniel and Sarah Wright.
Alexandria.
- 1790 Sept. 8. Benjamin Daniel and Peggy Brown
Caroline County.
- 1792 Jan. 10. William Daniel and Edith Sutton-
field, Campbell County.
- 1792 July 2. Easter Daniel and Liggen Mays.
Henry County.
- 1793 June 18. William Daniel and Polly Martin
Charles City County.
- 1794 Jan. 3. Sally Daniel and John Pattee, Caro-
line County.
- 1794 March 13. Sally Daniel and Thomas Black-
burn, Caroline County.
- 1795 April 4. Rachel Daniel and John Sinclare,
Loudoun County.
- 1795 Oct. 22. Joseph Daniel and Tacy Humphrey
Loudoun County.
- 1795 Nov. 18. George Daniel and Hannah King
Westmoreland County.
- 1796 June 14. Mary Daniel and John Tranham
Caroline County.
- 1797 Sept. 30. Polly Daniel and Samuel Sneed
Caroline County.
- 1799 Nov. 22. Mildred Daniel and John Cash.
Spotsylvania County.

DANIELS NOTES.

The New York family of Daniels began with Robert who married Susanna Nicholas, 24 Dec 1702. Thomas Daniels of New York married Sarah Godfrey, 27 Feb 1704.

Clement Daniels, evidently from the Connecticut family, was of Cape May County, N. J., in 1737 when on October 24 he married Deborah Young.

There were several families of Daniel in Pennsylvania. In October 1758, John Daniel married Elizabeth Parker in Philadelphia.

REVOLUTIONARY RECORDS

Allen Daniel, born 1738, died 1814, commanded a company in the Eighth Virginia Regiment. He died in Madison County, Ga. His first wife was Mary Allen. Their daughter Elizabeth, born 1770, married Aaron Johnson.

Amariah Daniels, born 1769, in Holliston, Mass., died 1841, in Portage County, Ohio, served as a musician at the age of twelve. His wife was Olive Rider. Their daughter Adaline married Nicholas Gee.

Dan Daniels, born 1758, in Worthington, Mass., where he died. He enlisted in 1780, as a private in the Hampshire County Militia. He married Zernah Herrick in 1782. Their daughter, Lucy, married Isaiah Kingman.

Daniel Daniels of New London, Conn., enlisted in 1775 in Captain Parson's Company of New London. His wife was Mary Wicks. Their son Jared married Eleanor H. Bogue.

David Daniels, born 1710, in Mendon, Mass., died there 1816, served on the committee in 1775, to purchase powder and cannon. He married Huldah Arnold Taft. Their son Darius married Ruth Aldrich.

Eleazer Daniels, born 1761, in Mendon, Mass., died in Herkimer County, N. Y. 1848. He enlisted in the State Militia and served at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He married Mary Burrell in 1786. Their daughter Damaris, married John Wheeler.

Increase Daniels, born 1752, in Mendon, Mass., died 1806, in Westmoreland, N. H. responded to the Lexington Alarm in Captain Josiah Daniel's Company. He married Elona Thayer. Their daughter Persis, married David Rankin.

Isaiah Daniels of Medway, Mass., turned out at the Lexington Alarm in Colonel John Smith's Regiment. His son Jeremiah married Orinda Barber.

James Daniel, born 1758, in Orange County, Va., died there 1819, commanded a company of local militia in 1777. He married Sarah Elmo. His son, William Travers Daniel, married Julia Terrill.

Jeremiah Daniell, born 1744, in Needham, Mass., died there 1784. He was a minute man at the Lexington

Alarm. His wife was Abigail Fisher. Their son Jeremiah married Eunice Keith.

John Daniel, of Granville County, N. Car., signed the Association Test in 1778. He was born 1742, and married twice. His son Zadoc married Elizabeth Lewis.

John Daniels of Massachusetts, was at the Battle of Bunker Hill in Colonel Joseph Rea's Regiment. He married Zipporah Pierce. Their son Leonard married Elizabeth Cutler.

Joseph Daniels, born 1738, in East Medway, Mass., died there 1823, responded to the Lexington Alarm under Lieut. Moses Adams. He married Deborah Keith. Their son Israel married Anna Parker.

Joshua Daniel of Virginia, was appointed Justice in Loudoun County in 1777, and died in 1810. He married Jane M. Hamilton. Their daughter Elizabeth married John Worsley.

Nathan Daniels, born in Vermont, 1747, died in Oneida County, N. Y., 1833. He served in the Vermont Militia as a lieutenant. He married a Miss Tuttle. Their daughter Lydia married Silas Hanchett.

Nathaniel Daniels, born 1720, in Milton, Mass., died in Worthington, 1780. He was a member of the Committee of Correspondence. He married Ann Grosvenor. Their son John married Lucy Monroe.

Peter Daniel, of Pennsylvania, served as a private in the Northumberland County Militia in 1781. His son Thomas, born 1808, married Katherine Brown.

Peter M. Daniel of Virginia, enlisted in 1779, when sixteen, and served to the close of the war. He married Annie P. Gooch. Their son James Henry Daniel married Mary E. Jones.

Reuben Daniels, born 1757, in Hartland, Conn., died there 1839, was a private in Captain Ozias Pettibone's Company at the Battle of White Plains. He married Sarah Meeker. Their son Samuel married Lydia Kettle.

Samuel Daniels of Leicester, Vermont, was killed in a skirmish in 1777, by a band of Indians, led by a British officer. He married Elizabeth Wiswall. Their son Samuel married Huldah Parker.

Starling Daniels, born 1742, died 1835, was a private in the Massachusettes Line. He married Charity Johnson. Their son Jonathan married Rhoda King.

Timothy Daniels, born 1722 in Medfield, Mass., died 1802, in Sherburne. He was a patriot and selectmen 1777 to 1779. He married Ruth Leland. Their daughter Rachel married Whitney Hill.

Verin Daniel, born Milton, Mass., 1737, died 1776. He was a minute man at the Lexington Alarm. He married Ruth Billings. Their daughter Ruth married Samuel Holden, Jr.

Vivian Daniel, born 1726 in Middlesex County, Va. died in Orange County. In 1775, he was a member of the Orange County Committee of Safety. He married Elizabeth Vivian. Their son Peter married Nancy Hunt.

William Daniel of Virginia, served in the Line Regiment of that state. He married Martha Allen. His son Judge William Daniel married Margaret Baldwin.

William Daniel, born 1743 in North Carolina, died 1840, in Clarke County, Ga., served in the war with the Georgia troops. He married Nancy Haslip. Their daughter Elizabeth, born 1763, married Benjamin Davis.

William Daniel, born 1747, in Centerville, Va., died 1807 in Edgefield, S. Car. He enlisted at Edgefield and served under General Sumter. He married Lucretia Bell. Their daughter Catherine married Llewelyn Threwitz.

