

Birth:

Born Jan 17, 1749, Gloucester, Rhode Island

Enlistment:

July 1775 – Town of Gloucester, Providence County, Rhode Island – Ensign of Second Company or Trained Band, Col. Chade Brown's Regiment

Service Information:

July 1775 – Capt. Samuel Mayberry's Company, Ezekiel Pettiplace Lieutenant - To repel the progress of the British after in consequence of the capture of Newport, RI. Station in the Town of Providence on guard duty for about two months. After this duty Daniel's company was dismissed.

1776 – In the latter part of June, 2 months service in a regiment commanded by Col. Stephen Windsor

1777 – Forepart of September, in a company led by Lieutenant Ezekial Pettiplace after marching to Bristol, was engaged in passing boats from a bay near Warren, the British fleet then laying in the Newport Harbor, and with a view of crossing the Congress' troops over to the Island where Newport stands, they were fired on by the British fleet and the attempt to cross was relinquished. Remained in camp below Howland ferry doing guard duty about two months, General Spencer commanding.

May 11, 1778 – Daniel received commission of Lieutenant

Fall 1778 – With the British in full possession of Newport Island, the militia was providing defense of the adjoining country by order of Colonel Chade Brown and supporting General Sullivan's invasion of Newport to expel the British. After the driving of the British off Newport Island, Daniel was involved in short efforts related to enemy actions until the French fleet arrived at Newport.

Payment Information:

None

After the War:

1790 Federal Census for Gloucester, RI, has a Daniel Mathewson residence with 1 free white male 16 and over, 2 free white males under 16, and 5 free white females.

1800 Federal Census has two Daniel Mathewson with residences in Rhode Island. One is in residence in Bristol, Barrington County that has 4 free white males under 10, 1 free white male 10-15, 1 free white male 26 – 44, 1 free white female under 10, and 1 free white female 26 – 44. The other residence is in Smithfield, Providence County that has 1 free white male 26 – 44, 1 free white male 45 & over, 1 free white female 10 – 15, and 1

free white female 45 & over. Daniel would have been about 51 in 1790, eliminating Daniel with residence in Bristol.

1810 Federal Census has five Daniel Mathewson with residences in Rhode Island. Daniel would be about 61. The Daniel residing in Smithfield, Providence County is the only one having a free white male age of 45 and older.

1820 Federal Census has four Daniel Mathewson with residences in Rhode Island. The subject Daniel would be 71. Only the listing for Glocester, Providence County, RI lists a free white male that is in the correct age range.

1830 Federal Census for Walworth, Wayne Co., NY lists Daniel's son Artemus' and George's residences, and also a Daniel Mathewson residence, but none list a free white male in the range to be old enough to be the subject Daniel (age 81). Neither does the household of Leicester Robbins, husband of Daniel's daughter Selinda list a free white male old enough to be subject Daniel nor the households of the other daughters.

Pension Roll of 1835 – Daniel, age 83, was an Ensign and Lieutenant in the Rhode Island militia. Pension of \$63.33 per year commencing March 4, 1831. Placed on Pension Roll February 4, 1834.

Daniel died as a widower with the following children surviving him: Sons Artemus and George; and daughters Prudence Kelley, wife of Eliphalet Kelley of Danby, Vt.; Amy Smith, widow, of the Town of Villenova, Chautauqua County, NY; Bettria Chase, wife of Stephen Chase, also of the Town of Villenova, Chautauqua County, NY; Zeruiiah May, wife of Silas May, also of the Town of Villenova, Chautauqua County, NY; and Selinda Robbins, wife of L(eic)ester Robbins, also of Walworth.

Death:

Daniel died September 28, 1832. He is buried in the Baker Cemetery, Walworth, Wayne County, NY.



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