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## DANIEL CLARY

Tavernkeeper, Salisbury, North Carolina, 1774

Daniel Clary was born ca. 1750 in Maryland<sup>1</sup> and died before 9 August 1797 when administration of his estate was granted to George Penn, Esq.<sup>2</sup>, the son of William Donovan Clary<sup>3</sup>. Birth information and marriage date are lacking for his first wife, mother of several of his children. He married second in Rowan County, North Carolina on 6 November 1786 Sarah Nesbit<sup>4</sup> born in North Carolina ca. 1762 and living, in Alexander County, NC, age eighty-eight in 1850.<sup>5</sup>

Daniel Clary was probably the first Clary in North Carolina. He is first reported as a taxpayer in Rowan County in 1768<sup>7</sup>. On 26 April 1769 he purchased one-half of lot six in the south square of the town of Salisbury, fronting on Corbin Street, from William Neely for one hundred pounds.<sup>8</sup> In May 1769 he served as a juror.<sup>9</sup> He was an active businessman, farmer and weaver.<sup>10</sup>

On 3 May 1774, Daniel Clary was granted a license to have a tavern in his house in Rowan County. Abraham Baker and John Beard served as sureties to obtain the license<sup>11</sup> which was reissued or renewed on 8 November 1783, and again on 9 February 1788.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ralph Shearer Rowland and Star Wilson Rowland, *Clary Genealogy-Four Early American Lines and Related Families*, (Sterling, VA, privately printed, 1980), 206, 218.

<sup>2</sup> McCubbins Collection Manuscript, Rowan Public Library, Salisbury, NC.

<sup>3</sup> Rowland, *Clary Genealogy*, 206, 218.

<sup>4</sup> Brent H. Holcomb, compiler, *Marriages of Rowan County, NC 1753-1868* (Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1981), 77.

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Census for Alexandria Co., NC for 1850 as cited in Rowland, *Clary Genealogy*, 218-219.

<sup>6</sup> Rowland, *Clary Genealogy*, 218

<sup>7</sup> William D. Kizziah, *Rowan Co. Tax Lists, 1760s, North Carolina Genealogy* 63 (Spring-Summer 1971), 2607-2608. In area of Rowan Co. later Davidson Co.

<sup>8</sup> McCubbins Collection ms.

<sup>9</sup> Jo Linn White, *Abstracts of the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Rowan County, NC 1763-1774, Vol.II* (Salisbury, NC, priv. printed, 1979)94, citing 3:108 of the Court Minutes.

<sup>10</sup> 8 May 1777, Arthur Clark, aged ten, orphan son of Maurice Clark, was bound to Clary until twenty-one to learn the trade of weaver. Linn, *Abstracts*, III:18, citing Court Minutes 4:106.

<sup>11</sup> 1773-1786 Rowan Co. Minutes, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 4:19;

Daniel acquired several hundred acres of land, some abutting that of his brother John Clary. Both were listed among persons who "refused or neglected to appear before the Justice of their respective Districts and take the Oath of Affirmation of Allegiance to the State....."<sup>13</sup> Whether they had Tory leanings, as others in the family, or were Quakers, forbidden to swear oaths, is not apparent. In 1780 Daniel supported American independence by selling corn to the Continental Army.<sup>14</sup> He served often as road overseer and in the administration of estates.<sup>15</sup> His household is listed in the 1790 US Census for NC.<sup>16</sup> Children include David T. 1782; Sarah 1784; Richard 1787. Michael J. Vaughn

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<sup>12</sup> Linn, Abstracts 1775-89, III:103, citing Court Minutes 4:391. Ibid. III:174, citing 5:127.

<sup>13</sup> "Loyalists and Tories in the Rowan-Davidson -Davie Counties Area, 1778," North Carolina Genealogy, 56, (Winter 1968): 2239-2240.

<sup>14</sup> Rowland, Clary Genealogy, 219.

<sup>15</sup> Linn, Abstracts III:67,71,77,94,109,114,132,149,156,169,199

<sup>16</sup> (Government Printing Office, 1908), 175. Clary Genealogy