

The Life of Campbell Dale:

His Ancestors and Heirs

On the 10th of November 1838, the town of Daleville was laid out and platted by Alexander Campbell Dale, more commonly known as "Campbell Dale." He was 82 years old at the time and a rugged pioneer with a scant education; yet, he had a keen sense of thrift and foresight. He and his family headed west in 1826, after selling all his lands he owned in Maryland. They stopped for a short time in the state of Ohio. Campbell's son, John R., walked from Ohio to the land office in Indianapolis, Ind., where he entered land in his father's name. It is said that he beat a man who started out on horseback at the same time. Since it was wintertime when the trip was made, the journey must have been especially perilous. The first entry of land was January 10, 1827 for 320 acres at \$1.25 per acre. The entire family was living on this land in Delaware County by 1830.

Alexander Campbell Dale was the eldest son of Josiah and Tabitha (Campbell) Holland) Dale. He was born in 1756 in Worcester County, Maryland. Campbell's father owned extensive lands in Maryland (amounting to around 1000 acres) located

on the east side of the Pocomoke River, near St. Martin's River. The land was parts of Green Swamp, Luck in Time, High Clip, and High Clip Enlarged. When Josiah died in 1795, he willed an extensive amount of his land holdings to his son, Campbell.

The Dale family originally came to America from England around 1695. They had lived in England during the reign of William and Mary and they were what was called Desenters, of the order of Presbyterians. They left England because of the Persecution and sought a place where they and their families could enjoy religious freedom. This man by the name of Dale moved his family to Ireland, about seven miles from the City of Londonderry. He and his youngest son, (of seven sons) John, set out for America with the idea if it was a good place to settle, he then would send for the rest of the family. His son was seven years old at the time. They landed in the city of Philadelphia and from there went to Cecil. Co., Maryland where Mr. Dale had a sister, Mrs. Martha Dale McKnight. Mr. Dale took sick there and died with never having returned to Ireland to bring the rest

Dedication for Marker on Dale Grave Planned

DALEVILLE — A marker will be placed in Dale Cemetery here on the grave of Campbell Dale, who platted Daleville 126 years ago, in ceremonies this Sunday.

The marker, provided by the U.S. government for the grave of Dale, a Revolutionary War veteran, will be dedicated at 2 p.m. in the cemetery, located west of Daleville School, by Continental chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

ALBERT T. MORRIS, Eaton postmaster, will serve as master of ceremonies. American Legion members from Hartford City and Daleville will take part and a paper on the life of Dale will be read by Cecil Beeson, Hartford City, the historian for the Indiana S.A.R. Rev. Floyd Emshwiller, pas-

tor of Daleville Christian Church, will give the invocation and Rev. H. R. Carson, Continental chapter chaplain, the benediction.

BEESON SAID Sunday descendants of Dale who reside in California plan to attend the dedication.

Dale served in the Worcester County (Md.) militia in the war against Britain before coming to Delaware County in 1827. He gave the land for and platted Daleville on Nov. 20, 1838.

After the Dale Cemetery dedication, participants will go to Saunders Cemetery, a mile east of here, to dedicate another marker for a Revolutionary War veteran, Alexander McCallister, who served in the Westmoreland County (Pa.) militia.

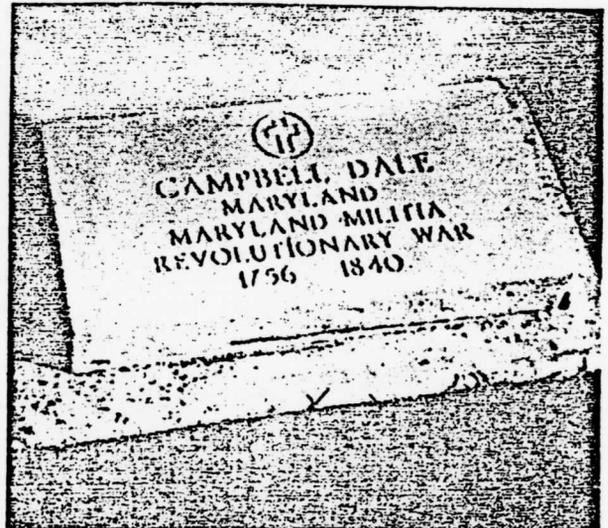
of his family to America. His son, John, lived with relatives until grown. He then moved on to settle in Worcester Co. Maryland, where he married and raised a family. This John Dale was the great great grandfather of Campbell Dale.

Revolutionary War pension papers filed by Campbell Dale show that he served in that conflict for several years. For the most part, he was stationed in and around Worcester County, Maryland where his companies protected the lives and properties of the residents of the counties. He served under Captain John Postley, Lt. Col. Zadoc Pernel, Col. William Pernel, Brigadier General DeShield and at one time, under his father, Josiah. Although his application was turned down on the grounds that he had not served a total of six months, it is evident that he served a good deal longer than that. As so often happened in that conflict, records were incomplete.

Alexander Campbell Dale was married around 1774, in Worcester County, Md., to Elizabeth Cord, who was also his first cousin. She was the daughter of John and Rhoda (Campbell) Cord. Elizabeth's mother, Rhoda, and Campbell's mother, Tabitha, were sisters. He and Elizabeth had five children. A daughter, name unknown, born around 1775. A son, John R., born October 20, 1776. A daughter, Hannah Rhoda, date of birth unknown. A son, Elisha, born around 1794 and a son, William, born around 1802.

Campbell Dale died in January of 1841 at the age of 85. He is buried in the Dale Cemetery which is located at the east end of Sorghum St. behind the home of Robert Smith. In April of 1964, the S.A.R. placed a government marker there in honor of Campbell Dale, Revolutionary Soldier. Also buried there is Elizabeth Dale, wife of Campbell Dale and Hannah Rhoda Dale Leathers, their daughter, although their markers no longer exist. William C. Dale and his wife, Sarah and their sons Lemuel and William J. are buried there also.

Dale's Grave



There are not many descendants of Campbell Dale remaining in this area. Fred Leathers, who for many years was a resident of Daleville but presently resides in Muncie, is a great grandson of Campbell. His grandfather, George Campbell Leathers, was mentioned in Campbell Dale's will. Another descendent who resides in Daleville is Mrs. Betty Leathers Everett who is a great great grand-daughter of Campbell Dale's.

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