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Dan Ridley, Revolutionary patriot, was probably the son of Nathaniel Ridley II of Southampton County, Va., and his wife Priscilla Apple-whaite. As a young man, Ridley moved across the line from Southampton County, Va., to Hertford County ^[2], N.C., where he became active in the movement that led to the American Revolution ^[3]. A member of the committee of safety for the Edenton District, he represented Hertford County in the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Provincial congresses ^[4] held at Hillsborough and Halifax between August 1775 and December 1776. He was present when the Halifax Resolves were adopted and when the Declaration of Rights and the State Constitution were drawn up. He also served as paymaster for troops in his district. His promising career was cut short by his death at a young age. By his wife Martha, daughter of Timothy Thorpe, he had sons, Nathaniel and Timothy, and daughters, Margaret and Martha.

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