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Pension Application of Zachariah Dulaney W3789

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State of Virginia } S

County of Culpeper }

On this 25 day of February 1837 personally appeared before me George Eggborn a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Mary Dulaney of said county the widow of Zachariah Dulaney dec'd who was a soldier in the Revolution, and who was entitled to a pension under the said recited act but died without getting it, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the said act of Congress of 7th June 1832.

That her said husband as she has often heard him say, and now proves by the testimony of John Smith [pension application W3465], went into the service in the year 1780 and went to the South and after staying in the service till the winter of 1781 or 2 when he was discharged and returned home having served as he often said Eighteen months – that the circumstances of his service were often recited by her husband but she cannot relate them in form and relies upon the testimony – she married her husband the s'd Zackariah some time after the war and is now 56 years of age. That her said husband died on the 24 day of June 1832.

That she never has received any thing in consideration of the act of 1832 though her husband was living when the law passed.

Mary Dulaney

State of Virginia } SS

Culpeper County }

On this 25th day of February 1837 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid personally appeared John Smith aged 74 years and upwards and of good character for veracity who being first duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith That he was a soldier of the Revolution and has been allowed a pension for 18 months service. That he knew the late Zachariah Dulaney of Culpeper during the Revolution and ever since till his death which took place in the summer of 1832 – does not recollect the day exactly but remembers it was just before harvest – he would say it was at June Court which in Culpeper comes on the 3^d Monday. That in the year 1780 he and the said Dulaney substituted in the service under Col Hill who marched them to Fredericksburg where they were placed under the command of others and marched on to the south for the Carolina service. That they continued together till a few days before the Battle at Guilford Court House [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. that he then joined Lee [Lt. Col. Henry Lee's Legion] and left Dulaney under command of Capt [Samuel] Stribling Col's [John] Green, [Richard] Campbell &c. That they remained separated in service until about the close of 1781 or the beginning of 82 when he was returning home and on his way he fell in with Dulaney at Salisbury [NC] with Maj'r Langhorne. That though they did not in the latter part of their service belong to the same troop yet he frequently saw him in passing about and knows that he was constantly in the service during the time that he himself was and they were discharged together at Salisbury, having served a period of Eighteen months.

State of Virginia }

County of Culpeper } SS.

On this 23rd day of October in the year of Christ 1846 personally appeared in open court, before the justices of the county court of Culpeper, a court of record now in session, Mrs Mary Dulaney a resident of the county of Culpeper aged sixty seven years of sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the

provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th July 1838 entitled “an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows” that she is the widow of Zachary or Zachariah Dulaney of Culpeper County in the state of Virginia, who was a soldier in the regular service in the war of the Revolution & in the militia. that he was to the South in the Army under [Gen. Horatio] Gates & Greene [Gen. Nathanael Greene who succeeded Gates as commander of the Southern Department in early Dec 1780] & [militia Gen. Robert] Lawson & [militia Gen. Edward] Stevens & many other officers named by him; that her said husband was at the battles of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] & Guilford Court House, & was out with Lieut. James Barbour to the South; that he was in the Southern department for 18 months & returned & was two months more in service at the seige of York & was also nine months in other militia service before going with the regular army to the south – and she made oath that the said Zachariah Dulaney her husband died the 24 day of June 1832, the 25 June being the birthday of her son William now dead & who if living would now be between fifty & sixty years of age. And she farther declared that she was married to said Zachariah Dulaney in the month of June 1793 (seventeen hundred & ninety three) in the county of Fauquier at her fathers house which father was Charles Duncan – that she has no family record of marriage & births & that she is informed that the records of Fauquier County do not show any thing of her marriage – diligent inquiry being made for that purpose.

Sworn to & subscribed by the said Mary Dulaney on the day & year above written in open court before the justices of the county court of Culpeper now sitting Mary Dulaney

State of Virginia }
County of Culpeper } Selicet [1 Jan 1847]

The Declaration of James Smith taken at the office of John S. Barbour Junior at Culpeper Ct. House before me a Justice of the peace for the State & County aforesaid, which deposition is to be read as evidence before the Comm’ner of pensions of the U. States to support the application of Mrs Polly Dulany widow of Zach’h Dulany for a pension from the U. States.

Question in behalf of Mrs Delany.

How old are you, where were you born where do you now live and were you acquainted with Zachariah Dulany or Delany in his lifetime?

Answer.

I am in my sixty ninth year, was born in the county of Culpeper within one mile of Zachariah Delany I knew him all my life until his death, – I have always lived in Culpeper County & live in it at this time.

Question for same.

Is Mrs Mary Dulany his widow, is she usually called Polly Dulany, was she Miss Mary or Polly Duncan, what is her age, according to the best of your belief, & narrate all you know of Zachariah Dulany’s service in the Army in the War of the Revolution, & was he the same Zachariah Dulany who was the Husband of this same Mary Dulany now his widow?

Answer. Yes Mrs. Mary, or Polly Dulaney is certainly his widow – she certainly was Miss Duncan, daughter of Charles Duncan of the County of Fauquier. I suppose her to be about one year younger than I am. Zacharh Dulaney, my brother, Thomas Thornhill [pension application S46518] and Anthony Dulaney enlisted for 18 months & served their time and all returned to Culpeper except Anthony Dulany who was wounded & died of his wound in battle [at the Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781, according to other testimony]. Zach’h Dulaney staid in the service more than 18 months, say four months on account of his uncles wounds & death – I have a very distinct recollection of Zach’h Dulaney’s release from the service, but not quite so distinct of their going – He is the same Zachah Dulaney who was the husband of the same Mary or Polly Dulaney now his widow – Zacha’h Dulaney & Thomas Thornhill were both my cousins, – said Thornhill enlisted in Lees [Lt. Col. Henry Lee’s] Legion, as I always understood for the remainder of the war.

Question by same, Mrs Delany says that you knew her soon after her marriage in 1793 & have known her ever since. Is that true, & do you speak of her marriage & age from that knowledge.

Answer – I do. I lived upon Zachariah Dulaneys farm two years at the time of the marriage; was at my father's at the wedding party when Zachariah Dulaney came home with said his wife and confirm all the facts, as to time, marriage, age & subsequent acquaintance – all well remembered by me

[signed] James Smith

[1 Jan 1847] The deposition of Mr Leannah Smith aged seventy seven years taken before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for Culpeper County to be read as evidence before the Commissioner of Pensions of the Gov't of the United States in the application of Mrs Polly Delany for a pension (that is Mary Delany) widow of Zachariah Delany

1st Question. Have you any knowledge of the Service of Zachariah Delany (or Dulany) in the army during the war of the Revolution; and if so state all that you know of his going into the service as a soldier where he went, how long he remained in service, & when he returned home? Will you state any circumstance of kindred blood, neighbourhood, or acquaintance or the like that enables you now to recollect said Zachariah Dulaneys service & his return to Culpeper after his service was over?

Answer. My Brother John Smith and Zachariah Dulaney went into the Army together. My Father and Zachariah's Father and Friends were very much opposed to their going but they said they would run away if they would not consent. The friends gave up at last and the boys enlisted in the revolutionary Army for eighteen months but remained much longer than that. we were looking for them home a long time before they came. I have no recollection of the year they went South, some of the neighbors boys returned at the end of the eighteen months. The war continued after they returned. Zachariah Dulaney was my first cousin, born and lived at the time they went into the Army within one mile of my Father

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[Mrs. Winny Gotobed, 81, also deposed that her brother, John Smith, went into service with Zachariah Dulaney, and both served longer than expected.]

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Zachariah Dulaney/ age 16/ height 5' 3"/ farmer/ born and residing in Culpeper County/ brown hair/ gray eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 20 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

On 5 Dec 1846 Mary Dulaney applied for the pension her husband would have obtained up to the time her own application began, giving the date of her marriage as June 1793 in Fauquier County. She also stated that when he died he left two sons: Charles William Dulaney, who died in Culpeper 16 March 1845, and French Dulaney, who died in the West several years previously. Another supporting deposition states that Charles W. Dulaney was active in civic affairs. On 30 Dec 1846 Mary Wharton, maiden name Mary Dillard, deposed that her father was the brother of Mary Duncan Dulaney's mother. On 3 Jan 1847 Charles Pinckard, born 24 Mar 1774 deposed that when he lived in Fauquier County he knew Charles Duncan, father of Mrs. Mary Dulaney, who as a very young girl married Zachary Dulaney "to please her father more than to please herself," it was said. Another deposition states that the first child of Zachariah and Mary Dulaney was a girl who was born 16 Mar 1794 and died at about age two, followed by Charles William Dulaney, usually called William Dulaney, born 24 or 25 June 1795. Another document states that Mary Dulaney died in 1852 or 1853, Other depositions in the file provide additional family information.