

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel DuVal W5069

Maria DuVal

VA

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Campbell County Virginia to wit

This day Philip DuVal Esquire of the County & State aforesaid aged about Seventy Five Years came before me Rob D Palmer a Justice of the peace for the said county, in the State aforesaid, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that Daniel DuVal his Brother who as well as this affiant lived with their Father Samuel DuVal, who resided in the County of Henrico near the City of Richmond that he the said Daniel DuVal early in the year of 1776 in virtue of an act of Convention of the State of Virginia at their December Session of 1775 Directed Several Regiments to be raised for the Continental Service & directed that the Committees of the several Counties in the said State should elect the Captain or Captains Lieutenants & Ensigns that the Committee of Henrico elected Captain John Pleasants & Capt John P. Cocke that his said Brother a youth was elected an Ensign under Captain Pleasants, that his said Brother was promoted to the Rank of a Lieutenant in the Virginia line on Continental Establishment, that he was further promoted to the Rank of Captain of Sappers and Miners, that young as he was, he also was appointed Assistant Judge advocate in the Northern Department under the Marquiss La Fayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette], that he was appointed aid to the said Marquiss that the said Daniel DuVal was one of his aids de Camp at the Battle of Monmouth in the Jersies in 1778 [28 Jun] that he continued in Actual Service under the Command of Major General the Marquiss La Fayette during his continuance in America & that the said Daniel DuVal in the Spring of 1781 marched from the North to Virginia to aid in Repeling the British Army under Lord Cornwallis & conquering the British Army at Little York in Virginia on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1781. that from the Experience and Good Conduct of the said Daniel DuVal his Rank as Major and Aid to the Marquiss he was further Promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant Colo of the Volunteers & militia & commanded a Regiment of Light Infantry during the seige of little York the latter was only a Brevet Commission. This Affiant was a Common Soldier during the said seige another Brother Major Samuel DuVal Commanded a Battalion of Militia during the seige of Little York William DuVal [pension application S8362] my oldest Brother & Claiborne DuVal my youngest Brother were Volunteers in the Service of their Country in 1781. All the above Facts this Affiant believes to be true and he further states that Major Daniel DuVal died in Henrico County about the year 1794 or 1795 Intestate, Leaving his present Widow Maria DuVal and two Children to wit Humphrey Brooke DuVal & Maria DuVal his Daughter who intermarried with William French an Inhabitant of Norfolk & that his said Daughter has a large Family of Children

That the said Humphrey B DuVal moved several years ago to the State of Tennessee

That his said Widow is an accomplished amiable Woman, is in straitened Circumstances, is related to Robert Brooke Esq formerly a Governor of Virginia & to the Honorable Francis T Brooke one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals of Virginia The Talents & female accomplishments of the said Widow & her amiable disposition do Honor to herself and obtained the esteem of all her acquaintance but she is poor, Poverty is no Crime.

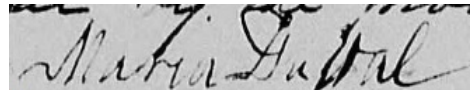
The said Affiant states that the said Daniel DuVal continued in actual Service to the End of the revolutionary War. Given under my hand this 22<sup>d</sup> day Aug't 1832 R. D. Palmer J.P.

Norfolk Borough State of Virginia to wit:

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1837 personally appeared before us Charles H. Sheild & D. C. Barrand Justices of Norfolk Mrs. Maria Duval aged 73 last February a resident of Norfolk Borough in the State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836

That she is the widow of Daniel Duval who was an officer in the Revolutionary war but of what grade she cannot say; that she was accustomed to see Daniel Duval in the uniform of an Officer, and that he

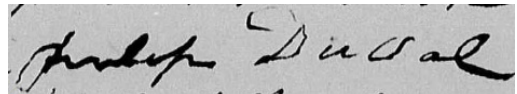
was called Colonel Duval by every body. that she has often heard him say the he entered into the service of his country at the commencement fo the Revolution and served to the close of the war. That she remembers it was currently reported at the time, that he the said Daniel Duval fired at a British Tender in James River the first hostile gun in the revolution, and she also recollects that his long absence made him appear quite a stranger in his own family. She also recollects that a most friendly correspondence was carried on between Daniel Duval and the Baron De Steuben [Baron von Steuben]. She further declares that she was married to the said Daniel Duval on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May but in what year she does not recollect, nor has she the means of ascertaining, having many years since burned all letters and papers which might have tended to prove it. She has a distinct recollection of being married on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March by the Rev. John Matthews who is long since dead, and also recollects that she had just entered her nineteenth year. She also distinctly recollects to have taken from the Parish Register kept by the Rev. John Matthews, a record of her age placed there by Parson Smelt who christened her as she always heard, and the said Register stated that she was born Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1764. From this it appears she was married on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1783. She recollects many persons who were at her wedding, and of all whom she can enumerate there is living at this time but one person Mr. Philip Duval She also says that Daniel Duval died she believes in 1795 but does not recollect the day or month but says it was in the summer, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed.



State of Virginia, Campbell County to wit:

This day personally before me, a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Philip Duval to whose Testimony full faith and credit are due, who being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth as follows. He says that he was long and intimately acquainted with Capt. Daniel Duval of the Continental Army of the U.S. and that he was present at his wedding. That the said Daniel Duval was married in the spring of the year to a Miss Maria Brooke and that the marriage occurred at a place called Farmers Hall in Essex County Virginia and he is confident it took place prior to 1783 He is not able to name the precise date so long a time having elapsed, but names several circumstances which satisfy him it was prior to 1783 and that it happened in the spring. The widow of Capt Daniel Duval he saw frequently after her marriage but has not seen her for many years past. She resided at one time in Henrico County and had a daughter Maria Duval who married William French of Norfolk, where he has understood the widow of Capt. Daniel Duval lives, and he believes from what he has heard that she is still alive and living there.

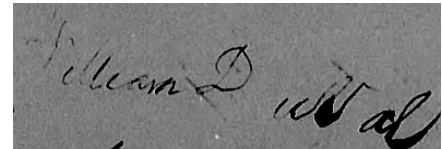
Mr. Duval also states that he himself was present and a volunteer soldier at the battle of York Town, that Daniel Duval was also there and in service. He states several anecdotes which occurred at York Town and seems to have a good remembrance of many things which then occurred. He was present and witnessed the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, and believes that Daniel Duval was also present. He also states that he has never heard or known of Capt. Daniel Duval's resigning his commission, and believes that he considered himself as belonging to the Army until the close of the war And further this Deponent saith not.



Buckingham County, State of Virginia to Wit [26 Jun 1837]

This day personally appeared before me John W. West a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Maj'r. William Duval, who is well known to me, and to whose testimony full faith and credit are due, and also being sworn on the holy evengalist of almighty god, deposeth as follows. He says that he was long and intimately Acquainted with Capt Daniel Duval of the Continental Army, that he saw him

several times during the War, and knows that he was in Actual Service as late as the Capture of lord Cornwallis, he being there in the Command of a Regiment of light infantry as Honary Lieutenant Colonel and was annexed to the division of the Army of Maj'r General Lafeyette in whose family he resided as his Aid de Camp, & That when Gen'l. Lafeyette last visited this Country [1825] he saw Gen'l. Lafayette in Richmond, who enquired in the most friendly manner after Capt. Dan'l Duval, and was distressed at hearing of his death; also that he has often heard Capt. Dan'l. Duval speak of Gen'l LaFayette as one of his kindest friends. He also states that he knows when he entered the service of the U. States it was as ensign in Capt. Pleasants Company of Virginia Henrico County in 1776, that he remained in service and was in the action at York Town in October 1781, that he believes he after that time considered himself as an officer of the United States never having known of his doing any Act which could be interpreted into a resignation. He further states that Capt. Dan'l. Duval was married to Miss Maria Brooke of Essex in 178[2] or early in 1783, and verely believes that it was before the fall of 1783, that they frequently visited him, pas[sed] as man and Wife, and were regarded by all as having been married. That Capt. Duval died he believes in 1795 and that he saw his Widow at Norfolk where she now resided in 1831. That she was alone and single and the identical lady who was married to Capt. Dan'l. Duval. That she lives with her son in law William French Esq'r who married her daughter and that she is now alive as he has often heard; and has every reason to believe it is true.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored surface. The signature appears to read "William French" followed by a flourish.

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1837 Henry Love [possibly S8856] a Revolutionary soldier of good memory aged 81 years, and to whose Testimony full faith and credit are due, personally appeared before me and being duly sworn and says he has a strong recollection of Major Daniel Duval, that he first saw him above Richmond, that he was then in actual service, and that this was just after the action at Petersburg [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781], that he continued for a week or more under his immediate command when the body of the troops began to move down towards Williamsburg – that he recollects him perfectly, that he stood well with the troops and went on to York Torn. He says it was in May when the troops were above Richmond – and has a perfect recollection of the time, and of events that then occurred  
signed/ Henry hisXmark Love

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled  
The Petition of Maria Duval relict of Daniel Duval deceased and William French and his wife Maria daughter of the said Daniel Duval dec'd and the said William French in behalf of the infant heirs of Humphry Brook Duval dec'd who was the only child of the said Daniel Duval dec'd besides the said Maria wife of the said William French

Humbly sheweth that the said Daniel Duval was appointed an ensign in the old continental line in the beginning of the year 1776 to wit in Captain John Pleasants Company of Virginia, in which capacity he acted until promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the same line, where he continued until April or August 1779 when he was by a vote of Congress appointed a Captain of Sappers and Miners, which latter Commission he continued to hold until the end of the War, – during which he also occasionally acted as Judge Advocate in the Northern division of the Army and as aid to Baron de Steuben and the Marquis de LaFayette. Your petitioners therefore pray that under the resolution of Congress in the years 1780 and 1783 commutation may be granted them as Representatives of the said Daniel Duval of five years full pay as Captain of Sappers and Miners with interest thereon

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

[signed] Maria DuVal

[signed] William French

[Referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims 12 Dec 1837.]

