

Commemoration Service October 27, 2010 at 1:30 pm

for War of 1812 Soldier

PRIVATE ALFRED S. DEARING

Buried in the DEARING GRAVEYARD

Caledonia Farm, 47 Dearing Road, Flint Hill, VA

Conducted by the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of VA

Assisted by the Madison's of Montpelier Chapter U.S.D of 1812

Private Alfred S. Dearing was born 22 March 1791, son of Revolutionary War Captain John Dearing, and died 18 March 1856. He married in Culpeper County, 17 April 1817, Anne Jackson, who drew a pension for his military service. She died in April 1889 with a last known residence in 1879 of P.O. Flint Hill, Rappahannock county, VA. Before he died he applied and drew a bounty land warrant for his military service.

He served in Captain Charles Shackelford's Company of the 34th Virginia Militia Regiment of Culpeper County. This company was attached to the 1st Virginia Militia Regiment, commanded by Lt Colonel Robert Crutchfield of Spotsylvania County from 22 August to 17 December 1814 and was part of Brigadier General William Madison's Brigade. This brigade was called out by Governor Barbour on July 29, 1814 to help protect the Northern Neck and northern Virginia from British incursions. His company was first located at Camp Sheldon and nearby Belle Plains on Potomac Creek that separates the counties of Stafford and King George. His unit may have arrived to this location by the 24th of August 1814. If so, there was an encounter there that day as the British were capturing a schooner in the creek and militia were firing at them from the shore.

Lt Colonel Crutchfield's 1st Regiment soon thereafter moved to defense positions around Baltimore at Camp Crossroads and Camp West River. The Battle of Baltimore took place during the period 13-15 September 1814. His unit may have been involved.

He was on duty for over three months, thus was eligible to draw a bounty land warrant.

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