

Society Members Participate in Honoring War of 1812 Veteran July 1, 2017

Members of the War of 1812 Society in Virginia along with other lineage societies participate in honoring the Dove Family's veterans of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Confederate War. Participation included having members in the combined color guard, presenting a wreath and other portions of the ceremony which was conducted near Gretna in Pittsylvania County.

Members of the Society participating were. Past President Dennis Fritts, Chaplain, Larry Aaron, Councilor Cranston Williams, Jr, Treasurer, Shane Newcombe and members Bob Vogal and Gary Hall

The program, information regarding the veterans and some photos taken follow:



VETERAN GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY – DOVE FAMILY REVOLUTIONARY WAR – WAR OF 1812 – WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

July 1, 2017 – Saturday – 10 a.m. Old Dove Family Cemetery; Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Presentation of Colors

Invocation Rev. Larry Aaron

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Historic Staunton River Foundation Janet Johnson

Uncovering of Headstone and Marker for William Dove – Revolutionary War Veteran

Daughters of American Revolution Diane Moon

Sons of American Revolution and Pittsylvania Historical Society Rev. Larry Aaron

Service of William Dove in the Revolution Gary Lee Hall

Uncovering of Headstone and Marker for William Dove – War of 1812

Virginia Society War of 1812 Dennis Fritts

Service of William Dove in the War of 1812 Gary Lee Hall

Uncovering of Headstone and Confederate Iron Cross for George A. P. Dove

United Daughters of the Confederacy Ginger Gentry

Sons of Confederate Veterans Reggie Bennett

Service of George A. P. Dove in War Between the States Gary Lee Hall

Firing of three volleys in honor of three veterans, followed by Taps

Benediction Rev. Larry Aaron.

*Special Appreciation to the following Participating
Organizations:*

*Armistead Goode Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Campbell Guards Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Charlotte County Grays Camp, Sons of Confederate
Veterans*

*Daughters of the American Revolution
Historic Staunton River Foundation
Order of the Founders and Patriots
Pittsylvania Historical Society
Sons of the American Revolution
United Daughters of the Confederacy
Virginia Society, War of 1812*

WILLIAM DOVE – WAR OF 1812

Service Records; William Dove Land Bounty; Mary Polly Dove Widow's Pension papers.

Officers of the 101st Regiment Virginia Militia:

Lieutenant William Lewis

Soldiers in the 101st Regiment Virginia Militia - January 1814:

William Dove, George Dove, and Elisha Dove served from 5 January 1814 to 30 January 1814

Officers of the 6th Regiment Virginia Militia:

Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Coleman

Lieutenant William Wimbish

Soldiers in the 6th Regiment Virginia Militia – January 1814 to April 1814:

William Dove, George Dove served from 30 January 1814 to 12 April 1814. Elisha Dove served from 30 January 1814 to 9 April 1814 the date of his death.

In the Hames community in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, William Dove (age around 29) enlisted for a period of six months. Post service records indicate that William's older brother George Dove (approximate age 33) also served as their children remembered them talking about their service together in later years. William's daughter, Mary J. Neal, remembered in 1895 "...my uncle George Dove who also served in the War of 1812. He and my father went to war together." Elisha Dove (approximate age 19), a cousin of some type, also enlisted on January 5th and served in the unit from Pittsylvania County sent to defend Norfolk.

The initial unit of these three young men was a detachment of infantry under command of Lieut. William Lewis from the 101st Regiment in Pittsylvania County. Around 5 January 1814 they began their march to Norfolk. "As the crow flies", a march of at least 160 miles.

Reorganization placed Lieutenant Lewis' company under the command of Lieutenant William Wimbish, 6th Regiment Virginia Militia.

William, George, and Elisha served in the fortifications around Norfolk; however, British forces concentrated on other sites around Chesapeake Bay and not on the seaport forts protecting Norfolk for the period of the Doves' service.

As usual, disease was a constant problem with soldiers not exposed in youth. Elisha Dove died 9 April 1814 just three days before the Pittsylvania Company was discharged and began their march back to home. It is most certainly a fact the Elisha Dove was buried in Norfolk. Historians have stated that Fort Tar was a site of mass burials. Measles ran rampant in the command and it can be assumed that Elisha Dove succumbed to that illness as so many did in 1814 in the American camp. Most likely, Elisha lies in a mass grave in Fort Tar. William Dove and George Dove certainly visited Elisha's mother and gave her the news of his death in Norfolk. Elisha Dove's mother, Levicy Dove, hired an attorney to retrieve the pay due her son at his death.

Years later, the children of George and William Dove remember the old soldiers sitting and frequently talking about their service in the War of 1812. This recollection is the only surviving evidence that brother George Dove was a soldier in the War of 1812. William J. Neal stated in a deposition in 1895 "...he had one brother only, named George Dove, who was in the War of 1812 with my father-in-law, William Dove. I have heard him, Geo. Dove, and my father-in-law, both say that they were in the same regiment together and I think in the same company during the war."

Sometime while in Norfolk William was promoted to Corporal. Corporal William Dove first received an 80 acre Land Warrant 18 November 1850. Later his lifelong wife, Mary Polly Mustain, obtained a Widow's Pension which ended at the outbreak of the War Between the States but later was reinstated. William Dove died 20 May 1860 and his wife Mary Polly Dove died 14 June 1880. Both are buried in the Old Dove Cemetery that was established on the old Dove Grist Mill site along with his father William Dove who fought in the American Revolution.

George Dove may have died before 1850 and did not receive a Land Warrant when his brother William did.

Interestingly William Dove was paid an additional 13 days pay for 260 miles travelled. "As the crow flies" from Stinking River to Norfolk was approximately 160 miles, so the 260 miles must have been for travel to and from Norfolk. The number of miles were more likely at least 320 miles actually.

6 Va. Militia.
(Coleman's, Jan.-May, 1814.)

Elisha Dove
Appears with the rank of *Priv* on a
Muster Roll

of a Detachment of Infantry under command of
Lieut. William Wimbish, 6 Reg't Virginia Mil.

(War of 1812.)

for Jan 30 to Apr 12, 1814.

Roll dated Norfolk

Apr 12, 1814.

Date of appointment or enlistment, Jan 30, 1814.

To what time engaged or enlisted, Apr 12, 1814.

Present or absent,

Distance from Norfolk to place of rendezvous, } miles.

Remarks and alterations since last muster:

Died April 9, 1814 -
(7d 10 40 abt)

as on roll

Tolman
(569c) Copyist.

6 Va. Militia.
(Coleman's, Jan.-May, 1814.)

Elisha Dove
Appears with the rank of *Priv* on a

Pay Roll

of a Detachment of Infantry commanded by Lieut.
William Wimbish, 6 Reg't Virginia Militia,

(War of 1812.)

for Feb 1 to Apr 12, 1814.

Roll dated Norfolk

Apr 12, 1814.

Commencement of pay or of this settlement, Feb 1, 1814.

Expiration of pay or of this settlement, Apr 9, 1814.

Term of service charged, 2 months, 9 days.

Pay per month, dollars, cents.

Distance from place of discharge to place of rendezvous, } miles.

No. of days returning home,

Pay returning home, dollars, cents.

Subsistence returning home, dollars, cents.

Total amount of pay, dollars, cents.

Total amount of pay and subsistence, } 18 dollars, 40 cents.

Remarks: Died April 9, 1814

Tolman
(572c) Copyist.

BY Virtue of a General Order of the Eleventh day of April,
 1814, *William Dove a private Corporal* Soldier of
 Captain *John A. Lys* Company of the 6th Regiment,
 Virginia Militia, is hereby discharged from service, having performed
 the tour of duty required under the Act of Congress of the
 10th April, 1812.

Daniel Coleman
in
6.6 of the 6 Regiment
Filed on 10th. 1336 S. 80-vv. *sig. comp and*
7m 50c. *vol 012.*



Pictured from left behind the gravestones and wreaths are the members of the society that participated:
 Larry Hall, Dennis Fritts, Shane Newcombe, Bob Vogel, Cranston Williams and Larry Aaron



