## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Dohickey Arundel VAS2967 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from <u>rejected claims in the Library of Virginia</u> filed under the name Jos. Segar and Joseph Segar. Segar was not a soldier in the Revolutionary War but an agent working to obtain bounty lands for the heirs of the soldiers referred to below. For more on Joseph Segar see Corbin Griffin R56]

State of Virginia Pittsylvania County to wit

This day Silvany Gardner of this County Personally appeared before me [blank space] a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made Oath in due form of law that in the time of the Revolutionary War he was well acquainted with James Conway [R13351] that he lived at that time a close neighbour to him and well remembers that he entered the Regular Service in the year 1776 as a Lieut he left the County as Such and never Returned he was informed that he died in the service. he left a Wife and Children how many I do not recollect. I am Well acquainted with his son Christopher Conway who now lives in this County – and believes that the general understanding in the neighbourhood where the said James Conway lived when he entered the Service was that he died or was killed in the Service of the Revolution. and I do Certify that the said Silvany Gardner is a man of Truth and that his statement is entitled to Credit and full Confidence Given under my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> October 1834 Stokley Turner JP

State of Virginia } SS Pittsylvania County }

This day personally appeared before me Stockley Turner a justice of the peace in and for the County of Pittsylvania, George Dodson of the said County, and made Oath that he was in the early part of his youth, well acquainted with James Conway that the said Conway marched from the County of Pittsylvania into the Army of the revolution as a lieutenant, that the said Conway never returned to his family, and common report was that he died in service of his Country; & I certify that George Dodson who hath taken the above Oath before me is a creditable man Given under my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834

Sto. Turner J peace

## Eastville, Dec 29th 1834

Dear Sir [Gov. Littleton Waller Tazewell], I had intended, this day previous to my departure from Richmond, to call upon you in relation to certain claims for Bounty land, but upon hearing that you were indisposed, I declined the call & avail myself of this method of soliciting your attention to the consideration of the applications of the heirs of Captain DohickeyArundel, & Chaplain Francis Franklin Dunlap [VAS2039].

I have to request of your excellency that you will reconsider the above cases, as early as your convenience will admit.

In the case of Capt. Dohickey Arundell, I find the case has ben twice acted upon & rejected. In the last action upon the case, it seems that the sufficiency of the evidence is admitted; & the rejection placed upon the ground that Capt. Arundell having died in 1776, could not be entitled to Bounty Land, there being at that time no law in existence which promised Land Bounty. On this point, permit me to suggest that the Law fixing the rate of compensation in land bounty, (Hen. Stat. at large vol 10 PP. 160-61) Land Bounty was given the representatives of those who died or were slain in Service, and at this date no officer was entitled to Land Bounty at all unless he had served during the war. The terms of this act were general & of course embraced all who should die in the service after the passage of the act. A subsequent act, (See Stat. at Large Vol. 10. P365 or 375 [sic: p. 375]) extended this provision to all who should have died in the service before the passage of any Land bounty laws. There is, then, a provision for those who died in

service, as well before as after the passage of the Land Bounty Laws. The enquiry is whether all who died in service are not entitled to Land Bounty? Was it necessary that the officer sh'd have served any particular period before his death in the service in order to entitle his representatives to Land bounty. I think not. At the time the above laws were enacted, none were entitled who had not served during the war; & it seems to me that to require any thing more than simple death in the service, would order unmeaning [?] & negating that provision of the Law which relates to those who died in the service. Permit me also to suggest that it has been the invariable usage of the executive to allow Land bounty to those who died in the service. I mention a few cases. Colo. Wm Crawford [William Crawford BLWt921-500], Capt John Blair [John Blair VAS2517], Ens. Wm B Bunting [William B. Bunting VAS2774], Ens Nathan Weer, Lt. John Shields [ John Shield VAS1752], Capt. James Kaulderwood [James Calderwood VAS2846], Capt. Goodrich Boush [R19365], Lt. Rich'd Serrant [Richard Serrant], Lt. Wm Worsham [William Worsham VAS1736], Lt. Sam'l Campbell [Samuel Campbell VAS2872], Lt. John Giles, Lt. John Green, Capt. R Lipscomb [Reuben Lipscomb VAS950], Ens. Willis Pugh, Ens. Sam'l Phillips [Samuel Phillips], Capt. Sam'l Patterson [Samuel Patterson] & many others that could be enumerated.

In relation to the other case, that of Francis F. Dunlap, I have had a conversation with you heretofore, & you recommended to me to enquire into the case. I have done so & candidly think that F. F. Dunlap was the chaplain of the 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't & not Wm Dunlap. I respectfully suggest that the conjunction and, in the last clause couples the word Chaplain to the word youth & Son in the preceding clauses. Why, in stating the death of Francis F. Dunlap, sh'd it be stated that the father Wm Dunlap, was chaplain of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment? And how could Wm Dunlap be rector of a parish in King & Queen & Chaplain of the 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't in service? I subjoin a copy of the obituary notice.

"Virginia gazette, May 10<sup>th</sup> 1776. (Deaths) Mr Francis Franklin Dunlap, an amiable youth, son of the Rev. Wm Dunlap, of Stratton Major parish King & Queen county, & Chaplain of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment."

I respectfully solicit of your Excellency the reconsideration of these cases in my absence from Richmond. And your early attention to the subject, will much oblige

your Obt Ser't/ Jos Segar

## Richmond, March 9th 35

Sir [Gov. Tazewell], I present for reconsideration the claims of Maj. M. Donnovan, [sic: Matthew Donovan, claim not found], Lt. James Conway, Capt. Dohickey Arundell, Ensign James Baker VAS2350], & Francis Franklin Dunlap, for Bounty Land.

All of these officers died in the service. Several of them, perhaps all of them, were unfavourably decided upon the legal ground that officers who died in the service, acquired for their Representatives no title to Bounty Land. In addition to the Laws to which I have hitherto called your attention, I beg leave to refer you to a provision upon this subject to be found in <a href="Hen. Stat. at Large Vol 10. P. 51">Hen. Stat. at Large Vol 10. P. 51</a>.

I enclose additional evidence in the case of Lt. James Conway, which I handed in to Mr Richardson & which he refused to receive & [undeciphered word].

I have to request of your Excellency a particular reconsideration of the case of F. F. Dunlap & to call your attention to the suggestions contained in a letter addressed by me to your Excellency some time in Jany last. With due deference, my own correction[?] is clearly[?] that Francis F. Dunlapt was the chaplain & not Wm. Dunlap. It seems to me to be rather irreconcileable with the ordinary nature of an obituary notice to mention the fact that the father of the decedent was chaplain of a Regiment – whereas it would be far from unnatural to speak of the deceased as the son of a particular person of a particular place. Nor do I think that the youth of F. F. D. should be alledged against his appointment as chaplain. It was common in the revolution to take into the service, persons of youthful age or rather I should suppose, from the nature of this case at that period, such a thing was not only common, but unavoidable. I take the liberty also of suggesting that the appellation of Mr, rather than Rev'd proves nothing unfavourable. I recollect no instances in the military records in which a chaplain is spoken of as Rev. A moral & educated youth might well have been appointed a chaplain in the service.

I submit also for original consideration the case of Wm Booth [William Booth R11], a Master of

the State Navy. His name is enrolled on the depreciated pay list as a master of the navy & his services sustained by the evidence of Capt. John Thomas [R100], herewith enclosed [not found].

This is the case which I asked to have excepted from the Regulation of 18<sup>th</sup> August. The ground upon which I ask it is that the parties reside in the state of Maryland.

Intending to leave Richmond on Wednesday, I shall be much favoured by an immediate consideration of these cases. Very Resp'ly/ your Obt Servt/ Jos Segar

To his Excellency L. W. Tazewell Gov'r &c of the State of Virgin

The memorial of William C. Moore in right of his wife Matilda R, Robert Taylore Junior in right of his wife Mary C and Martha T. Taylor children and heirs of Docter Charles Taylor late of Orange County dec'd & formerly a Surgeon in the Virginia Continental line in the Revolutionary War.

Your memorialists for themselves and the other heirs of Doct. Charles Taylor dec'd respectfully represents that in the year 1776 the said Charles Taylor was appointed Surgeons mate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Infantry of the Virginia Continental line and entered the Service in that year, that he subsequently marched to the north with that Regiment as Surgeon's mate and continued to discharge the duties of that Station untill the year 1779 when Col. Francis Taylor brother of said Charles Taylor took command of the Regiment of convention guards raised to guard Burgoynes [Gen. John Burgoyne] troops at Albemarle Barracks [near Charlottesville VA, Jan 1779 - Feb 1781], shortly after which time he was promoted by his s'd brother and made Surgeon to said Regiment and served with s'd Col Francis Taylor & Major John Roberts now living in the County of Rappahannock in this state untill the summer of 1781 when said Regiment was disbanded & himself & the other officers retired from service for want of command as Supernumeraries he the said Charles Taylor having been in sevice upwards of five years. your memorialists farther state that about two years ago application was made to the Executive of Virginia for land Bounty for the services of said Charles Taylor & sundry depositions were then obtained & among others the deposition of Major John Roberts proving most of the foregoing facts – that a report favourable to to the claim was made by the Commissioner but that said claim was not finally acted upon until the spring of 1834 after the term of Gov'r Floyd had expired & it was then acted on & rejected by your Excellency. Your memorialists respectfully asks that said claim be reconsidered & refers to 1st Volume of Jefferson's Correspondence page 170 for evidence that said Regiment was regarded as a Continental Regiment and we refer also to the fact that Major John Roberts has received land & Commutation from the United States for the same services and we especially ask an examination of Major John Roberts deposition filed amongst the papers in said case about 12 or 18 months ago as also to the other depositions filed & pray, for ourselves and the other heirs as aforesaid that Bounty land may be allowed s'd heirs for said services. Verily believeing the same to be Justly due. Your memorialists state that the said Dr. Taylor died in the year 1821 leaving nine children towit 1st Sarah T. Milburn since dead leaving 7 children to wit Sarah, Charles, William, Martha, Eliza, Richard mostly residing in Ky & Eleanor who is since dead without issue. 2<sup>d</sup> Elizabeth G. Jenkins since dead leaving 7 children to wit William, Charles, James, Edward, Sarah, George & Robert residents of this county except Charles & Edward residing in the county of Fauquier in this state & George in Baltimore. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary C. Taylor wife of Col. Robert Taylor Junior one of your memorialist risiding in this county. 4th Martha T. Taylor living in this county also one of your memorialist. 5th Charles Taylor since dead without issue. 6th Harriet Conway since dead leaving 2 Children to wit Evilina & Julia Ann residents of this County. 7<sup>th</sup> Matilda R. Moore wife of your memorialist residing in this County. 8<sup>th</sup> Evelina M. Morton since dead leaving one child to wit Sarah C. Morton living in this county & George F. Taylor living in this County who are the only heirs of said Docer Charles Taylor all of whom unite in prefering said Claim respectfully Submitted/ William C. Moore sen'r/ Martha T Taylor/ Robert Taylor Jr [certified in Orange County 22 June 1835]

My object in examining these cases, is to ascertain whether Surgeons of Hospitals like Surgeons in the Line have usually rec'd Land Bounty. This can be ascertained only by reference to the original papers upon which Land Bounty has been allowed. [signed] Jos. Segar

## Submitted July 24th

Whether hospital Surgeons be entitled to Land bounty or no, is a matter dependent upon the laws authorizing land bounty as a compensation for military services, and not upon any precedent which may have obtained If the applicant has any case in behalf of a hospital Serjion to present such case when brought forward will receive consideration. That I am averse from allowing the files of the Executive department to be ransacked with the view of founding upon precedent independently of the law, any claim whatsoever. The application should I think be rejected. [signed] P O Daniel

Aug. 4th/ Advice concurred in & app'l. refused. WR [probably Gov. Wyndham Robertson]

[The following appears to be a list of Surgeons and Surgeons Mates. The dates are those on which applications for bounty land were made or granted. Some have not yet been assigned file numbers.]

Anthony F. Dixon [sic: Anthony Tucker Dixon R13772]

June 9th 1784 Geo D Alexander [George Dent Alexander VAS2202] July 24th 1824 Arch'd Alexander [Archibald Alexander] April 4<sup>th</sup> 83 C Baldwin [Cornelius Baldwin BLWt255-400] Feby 1st 83 L Brodie [Lodowick Brodie VAS2670] Wm Brown [William Brown] May 28th 83 Thos Carter [Thomas Carter R12974] Aug't 6th 83 Wm Carter [William Carter VAS1763] Feby 7<sup>th</sup> 1792 D'o D'o April 29th 1807 October 25th 1783 Thos Christie [Thomas Christie] Jany 21st 92 Ben Chapin [Benjamin Chapin R25] Jos Hay [Joseph Hay R14714] Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 92 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1783 M Clements [Mace Clements BLWt464-400] Nov 29th 82 Jos Davies [Joseph Davis] Ed Duff [Edward Duff] 16th May 83 Feby 11th 84 Geo Evans [George Evans] Dec 31st 1800 H Fullerton [Humphrey Fullerton] Pat Galt [Patrick Galt] Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 82 Dec 4th 84 Jno M Galt [John Minson Galt R14353] 16<sup>th</sup> April 83 Dav'd Griffith [David Griffith VAS2257] Dav'd Holmes [David Holmes BLWt1084-400] March 31st 83 July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1783 Jas Livingston [James Livingston] October 20th 83 Wm McMeekin [William McMeehen] Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 83 Geo Munroe [George Monroe BLWt1523-400] Aug 11th 1808 Wm Pelham [William Pelham S3678] Jno Ramsay [John Ramsay] Feby 17 1810 Wm Rickman [William Rickman VAS1888] Jan 12th 84 Rob Rose [Robert Rose] Sep 11th 89 Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 83 Jno Roberts [John Roberts S4792] D'o D'o Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1819 Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 97 H Seagle June 5th 83 Jno Sharpless [John Sharples] Alex Skinner [Alexander Skinner BLWt1131-400] June 4<sup>th</sup> 83 June 21st 84 D'o D'o Sam'l Smith [Samuel Smith R9847] Feby 16th 1801 Feby 2<sup>nd</sup> 84 Jno Tuzvant[?] [John Tuzvant]

NOTE: E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *Guide ot Virginia Military Organization in the American Revolution* spells the name of the soldier as O'hickey d'Arundel.