

Revolutionary War Pensions Provide Interesting Family Stories

When young, William Dove moved with his parents from Maryland to Fairfax County, Virginia. During August of 1777 when the British landed at Elk River and marched towards Philadelphia, he enlisted as a Marine onboard the General Washington at Alexandria. This vessel was destined to carry dispatches to France.

Two years later he enlisted again as a seaman and sailed for Amsterdam in Holland. When that mission was complete, he was appointed corporal under Capt. Thomas Pollard and marched to Malvern Hills below Richmond. After the war, he removed to Pittsylvania County where he lived until he died.