

## DUNBAR or DURHAM?

**Dunbar** – See “New Hope, pg. 192” Fairfield Sketchbook.

Quote: Para. 1. “*New Hope is in the northern section of Fairfield County. It is a very old neighborhood and is steeped in history and tradition. The people are predominantly of Scotch-Irish and English extraction, most of them strong adherents of the Associate Reformed “Presbyterian church*

*Para. 2. A few families lived in the community before the Revolutionasry War and had established substantial homesteads. ...*

*Para. 3. When the war ended several families of newcomers from Ireland settled here .... Among these families were the **Dunbar’s**, Thompsons, Bices, Douglas’s, Douglass’s, and Stevensons.’ ...*

“Cedar Tree” pg 38,

QUOTE: Para 1. “Built about 1853 by Edward G. Palmer of Valencia for his son, Doctor John Palmer of Ridgeway.

Para 4. “*Near the house is an ancient cemetery containing the weathered gravestones and tombs of those who once lived here. Beneath one of these rests **Colonel Dunbar, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.***”

[ First name of Colonial Dunbar not recorded.

**Durham** – See “Timms House, pg 154-156. Quote: Para. 5. “*Between 1836 and 1850 the house [ca. 1824-1836] become the property of John W. Durham but no deed of the transaction is recorded. In 1850 John W. Durham sold the house and lot to the Reverend Mr. Boggs. In this deed Durham states “... on which I formerly lived.”*

Researcher: Note the similarity of names in the spelling both in number of letters and possible transcribing of early handwritten documents.

**American Revolution Records :** *Southern Campaign Revolutinary War Pension Statements and Rosters.*

Listed as soldiers from South Carolina:

**Dunbar:** Jonathan Dunbar (S19286); Hambleton Dunbar (VA53439); Thomas Dunbar (S30998 & W3879); William Dunbar (SC296), Birth and Death Unknown for a Col. Dunbar.

**Durham:** **Charnel Durham (W9418)**; James Durham (S8367 & S8371); John Durham (S310s & S42677); Joseph Durham (R3158); Mastin Durham (S1197); Matthew Durham (S32224); Samuel Durham (R3135); William Durham (W4186) Birth: 2 Jul 1754, Death: 13 Apr 1836 – Charnel Durham

**Fairfield County Cemeteries:** “Find-a-grave” (<https://www.findagrave.com>)

**Dunbar** – No matches.

**Durham** – Capt. Charnel Durham, Dutchman Creek Fairfield County, SC – See attached.

**Fairfield County Maps:** USGS Map (Topoview) Co-ordinates:

**Durham Cemetery:** 34.32656, -80.99943 (Dutchman's Creek)

**Cedar Tree House:** 34.311491, -80.996484 (Van Exem Rd.)

**Revolutionary War:** History of Fairfield County, South Carolina, Fitz Hugh McMaster, Reprint 2007.

Page 120: *Revolutionary War Soldiers From What Is Now Fairfield County.*

**Dunbar:** No soldier surname "Dunbar" listed in any of the three Fairfield County Military Companies.

**Durham: Captain Woodard's Company** – Charnel Durham – Private

**1790 Federal Census – Fairfield District:**

**Cheraw – James Dunbar**

**Georgetown – Mary Withers Dunbar Shackelford (widow of Col. Wm Dunbar of Georgetown)**

**Ninety-six – William Dunbar**

**Additional Info:**

1. Copy of newspaper article appearing in FCGS Newsletter 03 May 2017. "No cemetery found at Cedar Tree Plantation."
2. "The American Revolution in S.C." <https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution>
3. "SC Plantations" website: <https://www/south-carolina-plantation.com> – refers to Dunbar gravesite.
4. "Roots & Recall" website: <https://www.rootsandrecall.com/Fairfield-county>. Refers to Durham gravesite.