

Louise Dahlstrand



A Real Daughter of The Revolution

Until quite recently few people were aware that a real "Daughter of the Revolution" was living and enjoying life amid her family and friends in the old Revolutionary town of Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Mrs. Louisa Carolina Gaillard, the youngest child of Samuel DuBose and Martha Walter his wife, was born Oct. 5th, 1809, in Pineville, St. Stephen's Parish, Charleston County, S.C. On the 10th of April 1827, at Pineville by the Rev. David Campbell, Rector of the ancient Parish of St. Stephen, she was married to David Gaillard of St. John's Berkeley.

Mr. Gaillard removed to Fairfield in 1835 with his wife and five children. Here he was a typical planter of the old regime, managing with great energy and success his fine estate until his sudden and untimely death March 4th, 1855.

Mrs. Gaillard is the mother of thirteen children of whom twelve (eight sons and four daughters) attained maturity. Left so suddenly with such heavy responsibilities, domestic and financial, this matron of "the olden time" rose to the full measure of duty to her children and to society, meeting and discharging every obligation with the fortitude and devotion so characteristic of the heroic Huguenot stock from which she comes. To the defense of the Confederate States she gave six sons and several almost as dear as sons; -withholding nothing, - giving her all for State and Country. Surviving the loss of so many dear ones; serene, steadfast, and enduring in her Christian faith, through all that dreadful wreck and run, she lingers with us still, blest with good health and in full possession of her faculties; a gracious and revered presence: a shining example of the Carolina lady, wife, and mother. May God spare her to us for many years yet!

Of Samuel DuBose but little is known now, he having died during the infancy of his only surviving child, Mrs. Gaillard. He was the son of Isaac DuBose and was born in St. Stephen's Parish, August 28th, 1758. Entering the Revolutionary Army a mere boy, he rose to the rank of Adjutant in Marion's famous Brigade. His Commission, signed by Governor John Mathews and counter-signed by General Francis Marion, is now in possession of one of his great grand-sons, the Rev. Wm. Porcher DuBose, S.T.D. Dean of the Theological Faculty of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee.

Capt. Samuel DuBose died April 11th, 1811, at Pineville, S.C. in the prime of a useful and happy life.

Charles Stevens Dwight

(C.S. Dwight was the son-in-law of Louisa Carolina DuBose Gaillard. He was married to her daughter, Maria Louisa Gaillard.)