

SAR Patriot Ancestor's Biographies

Sarah Duke Murphy

Citizen Patriot, provide aid, provisions and forage to the patriot cause

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Sarah Duke Murphy was born 1733 in Virginia and died in Union County, South Carolina 1818. She was married to Simon Murphy. They had the following children: Sion, Mark, Hannah, Mirgia, Delilah, Drucilla, Miriam, Sarah, Elizabeth, William, Zilpia, Mary and Unity.

Sarah Duke Murphy placed herself and her children in grave danger, anyone caught helping the Patriots were summarily executed on the spot, as was her husband, in North Carolina when he was stopped by Tories who merely suspected he was helping the Patriots, and shot him to death. Sarah and her family lived in Union County, South Carolina, Tory territory and fear was part of their lives. But the cause was greater than self. Her two sons Sion and Mark joined the South Carolina Militia. Her Indent Stub #3325 page 75, dated 18 July 1786, paid her 14 pounds sterling for providing provisions and forage.

She is buried with her son Sion, on Sion Murphy's family farm cemetery in Union County, South Carolina.