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DUPÉE, BARTHOLOMEW - alias Depee, Depey, Dupuy, Dupuy and Pea

Bartholomew Dupuy, immigrant and founder of the Dupuy family in Virginia is believed to have come from Sedan in the province of Champagne, France. He was born in 1650, joined the army in 1668 at the age of eighteen and served for fourteen years, "during which he fought in as many pitched battles in Flanders." After he became an officer he was assigned to the staff of the household guards for Louis XIV. Dupuy frequently carried messages for his king across international borders, having been furnished with a pass bearing the royal seal.

Dupuy retired from military service circa 1682 and bought an estate. He then married Countess Susanne Lavillon. Although he was known to be a staunch Huguenot he still managed to retain the favor of Louis XIV. A short time before the Edict of Nantes was revoked Dupuy was offered a reward of considerable substance through a messenger of the king if he would be reconciled to the church of Rome. This was followed by urging from the curé of the parish who were accompanied by six armed men. As they entered his home Dupuy drew his sword but was persuaded by the priest to be peaceful. Playing for time, he asked to be allowed time to reflect upon the matter of abandoning his own church. That night, accompanied by his wife in the disguise of a male servant, he set forth to escape on horseback. They were stopped now and then by the military, but he pleaded urgent official business of the king, displaying his pass with the royal seal. Before dawn they were well on their way toward the border of Germany. As they crossed over the boundary between the two countries to safety, he and his wife dismounted and knelt by the roadside, praying and weeping together, singing the song of deliverance, "I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me and heard my cry."

After spending fourteen years in Germany Bartholomew and Susanne went to England. Within months they sailed with a party of Huguenots for Virginia in 1700 and settled in Manakintowne.<sup>1</sup>

The Dupuys had at least five children. On the Liste Generale in 1714 of inhabitants of King William Parish, Bartholomew had a wife, three sons and two daughters.<sup>2</sup> Described as the eldest son in Bartholomew's will, Peter Dupuy was born in 1690 in Germany. He married Judith, daughter of Isaac Lafeavour the patentee. They had John Bartholomew Dupuy who was born in January 1723<sup>3</sup> and who was named in the will of the patentee Bartholomew Dupuy as the testator's grandson who was the son of Peter. Peter and Judith Dupuy also had James (1725-1811); Pierre, born in 1728; Marie, born in 1731; Isaac, born in 1732; Judith, born in 1734 and died before the end of 1737; Marie Magdelaine, born 1736; Ann who married a Jackson and Martha who also married a Jackson.<sup>4</sup>

Peter and Judith Dupuy sold one of his father's patents on 25 September 1749 by which time they had left Manakintowne and were residents of Nottoway Parish in Amelia County where they settled on Flat Creek. Peter Dupuy wrote his

1 The Huguenot, p. 138. Huguenot Emigration to America, Vol. II., p. 109.

2 Huguenot Emigration to Virginia, p. 74.

3 Ibid., p. 78. John Bartholomew Dupuy married Mary Ford 26 Sept. 1765, Amelia Co. His brother James married Prudence Wills 20 Dec. 1783. Va. Marriage Records, p. 32.

will on 29 June 1773 and it was recorded 25 September 1777. In this document he named his wife Judith; his three sons John Bartholomew, Peter and James; his daughters Ann Jackson, Martha Jackson and Judith Dupuy; his grandchildren Elijah, Anthony, Charles, Ann and Elizabeth Hundley. His widow Judith wrote her will while still living in Nottoway Parish on Flat Creek on 15 September 1783. She had died by 22 September 1785 at which time her estate was inventoried by her son Peter. In her will she named only two sons who were Peter and John Bartholomew and her grandchildren Elijah, Charles, Ann and Elizabeth Hundley.<sup>5</sup> John Bartholomew Dupuy was listed as an inhabitant of King William Parish in 1744; his uncle John James Dupuy was on the same list.

Continuing with the issue of the patentee Bartholomew Dupuy and his wife Susanne there was John James Dupuy who was born in 1696 in Germany. He married Susan/Susannah Lavillian in 1728 and predeceased her in 1775. He wrote his will 9 February 1775 as a resident of Cumberland County in the part that is now Powhatan.<sup>6</sup>

One of the patentee Bartholomew's two daughters was Martha, the second wife of Dr. Stephen Chastain of Manakintowne.<sup>7</sup> His second daughter was Phillippe Dupuy who married John Peter Lavillian, Jr., therefore two of Bartholomew Dupuy's children married two of the children of the patentee John Lavillian. In the will of Bartholomew Dupuy he names his son-in-law John Levilian, Jr. Birth records of John Peter Lavillian's children and his own will in 1765 names his wife Phillippe.

Bartholomew wrote his will on 7 March 1742 in the vicinity of his ninety second year and was still living three months later as signified in a deed to Benjamin Harris who owned numerous tracts in the same area. Dupuy sold one of his two French tracts to Harris in a deed which also included the patent he had bought from Joseph Callio making a combined acreage of 108.

An abstract of the will of BARTHLOMEW DUPUY of King William Parish in Cumberland County reads:

...sick in body.

His wife SUSANNE predeceased him as she participated in no deeds and was not mentioned in his will.

Sons: PETER DUPUY - Eldest son; £5.

JOHN JAMES DUPUY - £10.

Grandson: JOHN BARTHLOMEW DUPUY, son to Peter - £2.

To the poor of King William Parish - £5.

Son-in-law: JOHN LEVILIAN, JR. - To be executor and to him the rest of my estate.

w.w. 7 March 1742/43.

Rec: 17 May 1743.

Gooch. 4/173.

Wit: John Gordon, Stephen Mallet, Stephen Watkins.

4 Genealogies of Va. Families, "Va. Magazine of History & Biography," Vol. IV., pp. 190 and 191.

Chap. III. precarious sources to attest for it, as a whole, more than reasonable correctness.

The sources have been ancestral trees, printed genealogies, which have been partly corrected, and mainly family registers furnished by living descendants. Had all the descendants responded, to whom the author wrote, the result would have been more complete and satisfactory. More than a quarter of a century has been spent in gathering all the data. The descendants from Martha Dupuy are quoted mostly and rearranged from the "Virginia Historical Collection, vol. v., New Series."

Starting with a name in the Index, the lineage may be traced, by following the head lines and reference pages, and by observing that from a certain ancestor, the children of successive families are enumerated by different numbers; thus, I, i, (i), 1, (1); while each generation is marked with a superior number from the old progenitor.

A great diversity of spelling proper names will be observed.

Bartholomew Dupuy and His Children.

Dupuy. Bartholomew Dupuy (p. 176) was born in France about 1652; died between March 7th and May 17th of the year 1743; married in France, 1685, the Countess Susanna Lavillon; died between Oct. 27, 1731 and March 13, 1737. They escaped from France in December, 1685, to Germany; in 1699 they went to England; in 1700 they emigrated to America, and settled on the south side of James river, about 18 miles above Richmond, in King William Parish, Henrico (now Powhatan) County, Va., where they died. Issue\*:

\*Where dates of births are not recorded the order of issue is from inference.

Chap. III. Dupuy. 1. Peter<sup>1</sup>Dupuy; Listed in the first "List of Tithable Persons" in the Parish, 1710, when he certainly was aged 16 years†, m. about 1722, Judith Lefevre; d. between Sept. 28, 1736, and May 17, 1743 ..... Below

II. Martha<sup>1</sup>Dupuy; d., between April 23, and May 20, of the year 1740; m. about 1726, in King William Parish, Stephen Chastain, d. prior to his wife in King William Parish, Goochland Co., Va. ....Page 249

III. John James<sup>1</sup>Dupuy; For many years a church warden and vestryman of the Parish; His estate at death included 2380 acres of land and not less than 35 negroes; b. probably in 1698, as he was first listed in 1714; d., between Feb. 9th and 27th of 1775 in Cumberland Co., Va.; m. about 1728, Susanna Levilain, who was living at her husband's death; (Probably a daughter of John Levilain, Sen.) .....Page 259

IV. Philippa<sup>1</sup>Dupuy; d. probably, about 1738, as her name no where appears after the birth of her last child, in Nov. 1737; m., about 1730, John Levilain, Jr.; (A vestryman of the Parish, and probably a son of John Levilain, Sen., and hence own brother to the wife of John James Dupuy.) ..Page 360

LINE OF PETER<sup>1</sup>DUPUY.

Peter<sup>1</sup>Dupuy, m. Judith Lefevre, (above). Issue:

I. John Bartholomew<sup>2</sup>Dupuy, Legatee in the old Progenitor's will; b. in King William Parish, Va., Jan. 1723, (Register, No. 3.); m. Esther Guerrant, b., Dec. 2, 1735 (Register, No. 22); (Daughter of Peter and Magdalene Guerrant, who was probably son of the immigrant, Daniel Guerrant) ..Page 180

II. James<sup>2</sup>Dupuy, m. Prudence Wills. They lived in Nottoway Co., Va. Issue:

i. Lawrence<sup>3</sup>. ii. James<sup>3</sup>, m. Martha Mann. Moved to Mississippi .....Page 182

†They were listed for taxation at 16 years of age.

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