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Jacque-Lynne Schulman presents an oral history about the effects of the War of 1812 on the people of the Chesapeake.

The War of 1812 is often referred to as our forgotten war. We may recall the burning of Washington and the attack on Baltimore, which resulted in the writing of our national anthem, but little has been told of the war's effect on farms and villages along the edge of the Chesapeake. Cut off from normal commerce and constantly under threat by the British Navy, many of these properties were raided for provisions, including the farm of Ms. Schulman's then infant great-great-grandmother. The task of defense fell upon the people themselves and the militia units they were able to form.

Ms. Schulman frequently speaks about regional history, is a regular volunteer at the DAR headquarters and Maryland Archives, and has dedicated years to researching colonial Maryland families. She is related to Captain Thomas Woolford, who commanded a unit of the 48th Regiment of Dorchester volunteers, and to others who served under its colors.