Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Berkley VAS2448 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia in the file of Berkley, James.]

Charlotte County To Wit August 22^d 1822.

This day the reverend John Berkley and Frances Berkly personally appeared before me, one of the commonwealths Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, in the state of Virginia and made oath that James Berkley [VAS2447], William Berkley, and Alexander Berkley [VAS2446], then of Amelia County in the state aforesaid, did enlist in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment, as privates, under Captain Mead. the redjment is not recollected, for the term of three years and served out that term, and returned home honorably discharged, shortley after their return they repaired to Williamsburg, and there enlisted during the War. James Berkly died in the service, & Alexander Berkly was killed at or near Lunenburg Courthouse by Tarltons core of Horsemen [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion; see endnote]. it is believed that Alexander Berkly was appointed and acted as Orderly Serjeant at the time of his death. Given under my hand in the County aforesaid, & state of Virginia the date above written Wm J McKinney

State of Virginia Charlotte County To Wit

The affidavit of Alexander Berkley says that he is the Father of James, William & Alexander Berkley above named, and he has never received, nor have any others, claiming as heirs, to James William & Alexander Berkley his sons deceased, to his knowledge, any Land bounty from the United States, or from the state of Virginia, on account of service rendered in the Revolutionary War by the said James, William & Alexander Berkley, nor did the said James, William & Alexander Berkley, in their lifetime, to the knowledge of this deponent, receive any land bounty from the said state or [the rest missing from the online image]

I hereby authorise Alexander B Hannah, to demand and receive from the Register of the Land office in Richmond Virginia, any Warrant or Warrants for Land bounty, on account of the services of my three sons James William & Alexander Berkly, in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary War, dated this 22^d day of August 1822. Alexander hisXmark Berkly Test/ Wm J McKinney/ John Berkley

Charlotte County state of Virginia To Wit. [22 Aug 1822]

Wm. Hannah being duly sworn says. That John Hannah & Robert Hannah [VAS2449], his sons, enlisted in the Virginia line on Continental establishment under Capt. John Brent at Charlotte Court house in the 4th Regiment Virginia line for the term of three years. their second enlistment and served the term of three years, and were honorably discharged, and that John Hannah and Robert Hannah, have not received any bounty in Land for their service, for their second enlistment in the revolutionary war to the knowledge of this deponent. & further saith not [signed] William Hannah

A warrant of 100 acres issued to William Berkley for his services 3 years as a private of the Virginia Continental Line upon Certificate of the Executive dated 20 June 1783. No warrants appear to have issued for the service of James or Alexander Berkley in the revolutionary war.

A warrant of 100 acres appears to have issued for the services of Robert Hannah [VAS1376] 3 years as a private of the Virg'a Cont'l. Line upon Certificate of the Executive dated 11 Nov'r 1783.

No Land Bounty warrant appears to have issued for the services of John Hannah in the Revolutionary

War. Land Office/ 31 Augt 1822

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

Charlotte County & State of Virginia To Wit

This day Alexander Berkley personally appeared before me One of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, and made oath that his two Sons To Wit James Berkley and Alexander Berkley, did enlist for the term of three years, in the Virginia line on Continental establishment. Served that term out & returned home honorably discharged. they then repaired to Williamsburg and enlisted during the War, and served untill towards the end of the war, when James Berkley died in the Service and Alexander was killed by Tarltons Core of Horse – they received their monthly pay for the three years enlistment, but did not receive pay for the enlistment during the revolutionary War. nor has any one received it for them to my knowledge. Given under my hand this 7th day of October 1822. Wm McKinney

Charlotte County To Wit.

John Berkley this day came personally before me and made Oath, that James Berkley and Alexander Berkley jr did enlist in the Virginia line on Continental establishment as Soldiers, as stated in the within deposition by Alexander Berkley, that they served each their term, that they were discharged & returned home, and again enlisted, James died in the Army & Alexander was killed as stated in the within deposition, whether they received their pay or not this deponent does not know but is under the impression, they did not nor any one for them. Given under my hand this 29th day of December 1824. Wm McKinney

In Charlotte County Court 7 October 1822

On the motion of Alexander Berkley, The Court doth Certify, from evidence to them produced, that the said Alexander Berkley is the father and only heir of James Berkley and Alexander Berkley [undeciphered word] are now dead. Copy Teste/ Winslow Robinson Clk

NOTE: I found no record of Tarleton being in an engagement at Lunenburg Courthouse. If it occurred, it would have been about 8 May 1781.