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Bounty land information relating to Alexander Garden BLWt1825-200

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[pp 1-2 is the will of Alexander Garden dated May 6, 1828]

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By Act of Congress passed on 23rd May 1828, Lieutenant Alexander Garden was allowed five years full pay as commutation for his half pay for life as a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War.

The provisions of the Act of 15th May 1828 was extended to the aforesaid Lieutenant Alexander Garden

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State of South Carolina, Charleston District

I., H. A. Desaussure Guardians of Alester Garden sole devisee & representative of Major Alexander Garden late of the City & District of Charleston and State of South Carolina but now deceased, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the said Alexander Garden was aid de camp to General Greene [Nathanael Greene] & was a Lieutenant in Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Legion Regiment of __ belonging to the Virginia line, on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary War. I do further testify and declare, that I have never received a warrant for him the United States for the quantity of land due the said deceased, from the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his war right to it in any manner and his life.

Therefore, no all men by these presents, that I H. A. Desaussure Guardian of Alester Garden as aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint Colonel Joseph Watson my true and lawful attorney, for me, in my name, to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, for the time being, a warrant for the quantity of land due in right of the deceased. And my said attorney I do hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint, one or more substitutes or attorneys for him, for the special purpose herein expressed, and the same to revoke at will.

In witness whereof, I have unto set my hand and seal, this 15th day of March A.D. 1832

S/ H. A. DeSaussure

Guardian of Alester Garden

Ho. A. De Jaufiere Guardean of Alester Garden

State of South Carolina Charleston District: SS

Personally came before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District aforesaid, Charles Graves and James Jervey both credible and disinterested persons, being duly sworn, did depose and say, that they have often heard & they verily believe that Major Alexander Garden named in the

within declaration, signed by H. A. DeSaussure Guardian of Alester Garden served in Lee's Legion in the Virginia line, during the Revolutionary War: that they have understood that he died about three years since, viz. on or about the 24th day of February 1829 at Charleston within the City of Charleston of State aforesaid leaving no widow, and that Alester Garden is the reputed devisee & representative of the said Alexander Garden.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 15th day of March A.D. 1832 S/ James D Mitchell, Ordinary of Charleston District and Justice of the Peace

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Addendum to Alexander Garden BLWt1825-200

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 22 Feb 2020.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia. The file also contains a copy of an act of Congress dated 6 April 1832 authorizing the US Treasury to pay the heirs of Alexander Garden five years full pay in accordance with the act of 23 May 1828. Other documents in the file are illegible.]

Department of War/ Bounty Land Office/ July 5 1832

I certify that Land Warrant No 1825 for 200 acres issued at this office on the 25 day of March 1832 in the name of Alester Gardeen [two undeciphered words] of Alexanderr Garden, who was a Lieutenant in Lees Legion in the War of the Revolution.

W Gordon first Clerk

Land Office Va. July 28th 1832

I certify (from the Records in this Office) that no Military Land bounty warrant ever issued to Alex. Garden.

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