Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to James Lemmon VAS888 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

State of Maryland Baltimore City: SS

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said City Martin Eichelberger¹ who being duly sworn saith that he was a Lieutenant in Hartley's Regiment (one of the Sixteen Additional Regiments commonly called Congress Regiments in the War of the Revolution) and that James Lemmon an officer of said Regiment was killed at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], being at the time of his death an officer of said Regiment and further he saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of July 1829

S/M. Eichelberger S/ [indecipherable signature], JP

State of Maryland Anne Arundel County: SS: Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Charles Croxall who being duly sworn saith that he was an officer in the Revolutionary Army and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Hartley one of the United States regiments ordered raised in the year 1776. That he Captain James Lemmon belonged to the same Regiment. This deponent sayeth he cannot recollect when or where or in what action Cap. Lemmon was killed or if he died of wounds, or the actions of akinsis, Iron Hill, Cooches Bridge, Brandywine & Piola were all so near after each other, and himself wounded in the last and made a Prisoner of War and retained for near two years, he well recollects the aforesaid Regiment suffered very much in the laws of officers killed and wounded and that in this deponent now not recollects Captain Lemmon being with the Regiment after the Battle of Brandywine.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 27th day of May 1829

S/ Charles Croxall S/ John L Wilson

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¹ FPA W9423 – Pennsylvania Line ² FPA S17907 – Pennsylvania Line

State of Virginia Jefferson County: SS: Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Alexander Lemmon who being duly sworn according to law says that he is now about sixty-five years of age that in the period of the Revolution two of his Uncles (to wit) James and William Lemmon were officers in the said Revolution, they being citizens and residents of Berkeley County and State of Virginia. There actual rank he knows not but he has always understood that his Uncle James was a Captain and was killed at the battle of Brandywine. This said deponent only knows from common report at that time but he has often seen his said Uncle's coat at the House of his grandmother and saw the two bullet holes in it where the balls was said to have passed through him and although the said Deponent did not see the Death of his said Uncle yet he feels as confident that he was killed at the battle of Brandywine as he could possibly be of anything which he did not see. He says that his Uncle was a single and unmarried man, but there was an illegitimate child born of a girl whose maiden name was Catharine or Catterline who his said uncle always recognized as his Daughter and who was raised by William Garret [could be William Garrel] now dead that this illegitimate Daughter afterwards married a man by the name of John Carr. That she and her Husband sold the land left her by his said Uncle to Davenport and Stevens and he the deponent afterwards purchased the said land from the last named purchasers – and that the said John Carr and his wife moved to the West many years ago probably 30 or more: that he knows not to what place they moved but thinks that it was in the State of Ohio and further he says not.

Given under my hand this the 15th day of April 1837

S/[Signature of the attesting JP is illegibly faint]

Captain James Lemmon left a will which was recorded in Martinsburg in 1778 – but died intestate, as to this property which descended to his oldest Brother – Alexander – who left five children viz. three daughters – the wife of Judge Reynolds of Urbana Ohio & the wives of Governor Joseph Vance of Ohio & his brother – and two sons – thus showing that the aforesaid witness Alexander Lemmon the nephew has no shadow of interest in the claim to Virginia Land Bounty.

I Henry Bedinger³ do hereby certify that Captain James Lemmon who was reported to have been a Captain of Hartley's Regiment and to have been killed at the Battle of Brandywine was a Schoolmate of mine and was a citizen of Berkeley County and resided near Shepherdstown at the time of his entering the Army.

S/ Henry Bedinger, Captain

[attested March 3, 1830 in Berkeley County Virginia]

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³ Henry Bedinger S8059