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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Charles Lewis VAS901

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]—3-page file

I Certify that on the 13th day of January 1796 a military Land bounty warrant for six thousand acres of land was issued by the State of Virginia to Charles Lewis for his services during the War as a Colonel in the Virginia Continental Line = & that no other warrant has been issued by the said State on account of the same services.

S/ W. Selden, R. L. Off. July 30, 1832

The petition of the Heirs of Charles Lewis respectfully states –

That he was a Colonel nearly the whole war of the Revolution in the Virginia Continental line, and in 1796 submitted his claim to the Executive, who directed that he should be allowed the bounty due to a Colonel. But by some accident the proportion do as Lieutenant Colonel only was issued to him.

Your Petitioners have applied at the Registers Office for the 666 2/3 acres so obviously due them. The Register admits, it ought to have issued, but he has in abundant caution, laid it down as a general Roll not to issue any warrants pursuant to very old advices of Council, where a part of the warrants were formally drawn.

If that order of the Executive had been made within a few years, he would have no hesitation on the subject, as every Colonel is entitled to 666 2/3 acres or nothing; the law does not allow him less.

Your petitioners begged that they may be allowed the amount now claimed, as it appears they cannot obtain it upon the former order.

S/ Thomas Greene, Attorney for the Petitioners

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 9-page file

Colonel Charles Lewis commanded the Regiment of Guards when it was first raised for the purpose of Guarding the Prisoners of Burgoyne's Army stationed near Charlottesville in Albemarle County Virginia in the year 1779. In the Commencement of that year he commanded the Regiment and Francis Taylor was Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment – William Fontain [William Fontaine] was Major – Colonel Lewis died about the last of February 1779 & upon his death Lieutenant Colonel Taylor was promoted to a Colonelcy & Fontain to Lieutenant Colonel.

Given under my hand this 6th day of April 1839
S/ Jno. Roberts Major [John Roberts]¹
of late Regiment Guards

Receive 31 October 1839

The bat. [Battalion] raised under the resolution of the convention of May 1776 and to the command of which Colonel Lewis was appointed could not have been of either the Continental or State lines – and there is no satisfactory evidence of Colonel Lewis having served longer than six years.

Rejected

S/ DC

Memo of Colonel Charles Lewis services

Colonel Charles Lewis of the Continental line. – He was Colonel in February (about the 13th) 1776. See the Council Journal of that date) Colonel 2nd Battalion May 10th 1776. See Journals of the Virginia Convention of that date page 11. He was allowed bounty Land in 1796 for a service "for and during the war" the warrant which then issued to him was for 6000 acres; another warrant issued for 666 2/3 acres in 1832. His heirs are entitled to additional bounty land. His time of service should be estimated from February 13th 1776 to the end of the War.
[Unsigned memorandum]

I John L Thomas of the County of Albemarle & State of Virginia do hereby Certify that he was born & resides in the aforesaid County and State, and has been well acquainted with Captain Hovel Lewis of the aforesaid County and state, for a great many years, and that he is the oldest and only surviving son of Colonel Charles Lewis deceased. As given under my hand this 4th September 1833

S/ J. L. Thomas

Virginia Albemarle County Sct.

Alexander Garrett of the State and County aforesaid doth hereby Certify that I have resided in the County aforesaid for nearly 40 years past, that I was acquainted with the family of Colonel Charles Lewis deceased that said Charles Lewis died as this affiant believes leaving 2 sons to wit Howell Lewis and Warner Lewis, that the latter died many years ago that the former was reputed & this affiant believes was the eldest son of said Colonel Charles Lewis and is now the only surviving son of the said Colonel Charles Lewis. Given under my hand this 4th day of September 1833

S/ Alex Garrett

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Albemarle County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Virginia House of Delegates

The petition of Howell Lewis Sheweth that your petitioner's father Charles Lewis late of Albemarle County, deceased, was one among the first Citizens of this Commonwealth who took arms against Great Britain, that early in the year 1775, he was on his march to Williamsburg at

¹ [John Roberts W2347](#)

the head of a company of volunteers to restrain the outrages then committed by Lord Dunmore [John Murray, last Royal Governor of the colony of Virginia], he was met by Colonel Henry [Patrick Henry] who informed him he had effected that object, he was soon after appointed to the command of a Regiment of minute men that after serving as long as there was occasion for his services on the Eastern part of the State, he was sent on an expedition against the Cherokees which was not terminated till about December 1776, on his return he was appointed to the command of the 14th Virginia Regiment, that he continued in that service until sometime in the year 1778, that then the care of a large family obliged him to resign, that in December 1778, he was appointed to command a Regiment destined to guard the convention Troops at the Barracks in Albemarle and that he died in that command, the 26th day of February 1779

Your petitioner's Father not having served the term of three years even in the Continental Army or in the service [of] this State, he is not entitled as his representative to the bounty of land, given to officers.... [This petition ends at this point. Clearly at least one page is missing from it which would have contained a prayer for such bounty land as the house of delegates was willing to grant for the services of the petitioner's father.]

[Reverse]

Howell Lewis's Petition

25 November 95

Props [Referred to propositions]

Reasonable

a Colonel's bounty to Representative

Reported