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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Lewis VAS915

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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A Bill [May 31, 1838] [Rep. No. 940]

For the relief of the heirs of Lieutenant William Lewis

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby required to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to those entitled to receive the same, under a resolution of Congress of the 24th of August, 1780, the seven years half pay due, and hereby allowed, to the widow, or children, or the legal representative or representatives of Lieutenant William Lewis, who died in the military service of the United States in the war of the Revolution.

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Albemarle January 24th, 1838

Dear Sir

The claim of the Heirs of the late Lieutenant William Lewis for Virginia Land bounty has been depending [sic] two or three years before the Executive. I am told it has been once rejected and I am not informed on what grounds. My late Mother Mrs. Lucy Marks was the Widow of said William Lewis and her affidavit has been recently filed, proving enough as I am informed to establish the claim – you will therefore obliged me much by laying this communication before the Executive, and as that the claim for my said Father's service may be re-examined and allowed
with high respect, your Obedient Servant
S/ R. Lewis

Alexander Rives, Esqr.

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State of Virginia – Albemarle County to wit

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for said County Mrs. Lucy Marks, who the said Justice hereby certifies to be a person of respectability, and of strict veracity, and she being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith – that William Lewis her former husband was an officer in the Virginia Continental Line in the War of the Revolution. And that he entered into the said service and was at York Town during the service, and was taken sick and

died during said service. This affiant states that she was the widow of the said William Lewis from the time of his decease till her marriage with John Marks – which took place on the 13th May 1780 – and that the said William Lewis died 14th of November 1779. She further states that her son Reuben Lewis – and her daughter Jane M Anderson are the sole surviving children of the said William Lewis – and that Meriwether Lewis, who was another son of said William Lewis died sometime in the fall of 1809, he was never married, and left a will which was recorded in the County Court of Albemarle County, by which the said Lucy Marks is made his sole devisee – and that the said Meriwether Lewis – Reuben Lewis – and Jane M Anderson were the only children of said William Lewis – and further she saith not. Given under my hand this 9th of June 1835.

S/ Micajah Woods, JP

I do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original affidavit of Lucy Marks in the case of Reuben Lewis and Jane M Anderson, surviving children of Lieutenant William Lewis, on their petition for 7 years half pay, now pending before the Congress of the United States.

S/ Horatio N. Crabb

Clerks Office House of Representatives US
Washington City December 11th 1837

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Report upon the claim of the heirs of Lieutenant William Lewis of the Continental line, for bounty land for his services –

To the Governor

Served,

The Petitioners, or memorialists, have relied upon the affidavit of Richard Spinner, a respectable witness, to prove their claim. The witness says, that he was a soldier of the Revolution, and knew Lieutenant William Lewis, of the Continental line – that the said Lewis was from the County of Albemarle – That he entered the service in the war of the Revolution, and died in service soon after the siege of York. (See the affidavit of Richard Spinner)

It appears from the Journal of the Committee of Safety, that on June 25, 1776, William Lewis was Lieutenant of the first Regiment in the a Company commanded by Captain Fleming. (See Journal Comm. of Safety June 25, 1776.) I have seen no other evidence of Public documents, in relation to the claim now before me.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c
July 21, 1835

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State of Virginia Albemarle County to wit

Personally came before the Subscriber a justice of the peace in & for said County, Richard Spinner who is a resident of said County, and has been known to the subscriber for many years as a respectable & truthful person, and he being sworn according to law, deposeth, that he was a regular Soldier in the War of the Revolution, and that he knew Lieutenant William Lewis of the Virginia Line on Continental establishment. That the said Lieutenant William Lewis was from the County of Albemarle near Charlottesville – and that he entered the service of the said War of the Revolution – and whilst in said service he died. Affiant does not recollect the year in

which he died, but that it took place shortly after the siege of York in Virginia. Affiant was in service and was stationed in the neighborhood of Williamsburg for several years – Was from Mecklenburg County and has lived in Albemarle since the said War – and further he saith not.

Given under my hand this 8th day of June 1835

S/ John R Jones

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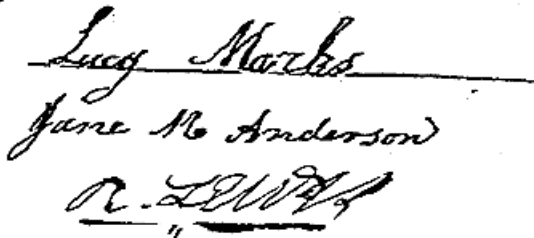
To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

Your Memorialists Lucy Marks, Reuben Lewis and Jane M Anderson of Albemarle County, the former being the widow and the two latter the children and heirs at law of William Lewis late of said County – Respectfully State, that they believe that the said William Lewis was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution & That he entered the said service, and that he died in the same – Your memorialists pray that their claim for Virginia land bounty may be referred for examination and that such land bounty as may be due may be awarded to your Memorialists & that warrants may issue for the same – Your Memorialists state that said Lucy not being acquainted with the particulars of the Service of said William and the lapse of time being so great, she cannot state the Regiment he was in – and your Memorialists Reuben & Jane were young & have no knowledge of those matters. They pray that the records may be referred to & such proof as they may be enabled to procure may be received in order to maintain their said claim, and they will ever pray –

S/ Lucy Marks

S/ Jane M Anderson

S/ R Lewis



The image shows three handwritten signatures in cursive script, each written over a horizontal line. The first signature is 'Lucy Marks', the second is 'Jane M Anderson', and the third is 'R. Lewis'.

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

To the Senate and House of Delegates of the Virginia Assembly –

Your petitioners Lucy Marks, widow of Lieut. William Lewis late of Albemarle County, and Reuben Lewis and others as at law of said William, respectfully represent that he the said William Lewis in 1776 entered the service of his country as a Lieut. in the infantry of the Virginia Line on Continental establishment, and as such continued to serve till the period of his death – your petitioners believing that the land bounty promised to the heirs of such officers as died in the service, they might legally claim, preferred [sic] there petition to his Excellency Governor Tazewell in the course of last year, and the same was rejected for causes unknown to your petitioners – They now respectfully as that your Hon. bodies may take the same into their consideration, and that the Register of the Land Office may be authorized by law to issue warrants to the heirs of said William for Land bounty for a service of three years, and they will ever pray and

they file herewith a paper being a copy of the original papers now on file in the Secretary's

Office to sustain their claim & beg leave to refer to said original papers –

S/ Lucy Marks

S/ Reuben Lewis &

others the heirs at

Law of Lieut. William Lewis

by

S/ Th. Hord their agent & attorney in fact