

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim of Alexander Brownlee BLWt2353-150 VA
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State of Virginia }
County of Botetourt } [10 Feb 1845]

I, James Brownlee heir at law of Alexander Brownlee Dec'd do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that said Alexander Brownlee did enter the service in 1777, for the term of the War and served as an Ensign in the Regiment No. [blank] under the command of Colonel Grayson [see endnote], of the Virginia line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until March 1781

By the Act of Congress, approved the 9th Feb'y 1833, the "seven years half pay" was granted to James Brownlee, son and only heir of Alexander Brownlee, who was an Ensign in the Virginia line, and killed in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781].

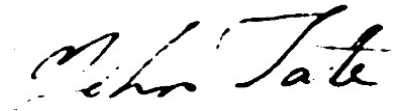
Land was granted by the State of Va. to the heir of the aforesaid Alex'r. Brownlee

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). indexed as Brownlee, Alex. A note in this file reads as follows: "rejected – testimony not specific, and was killed in common militia"]

At a Court held for the County of Botetourt this 11th day of November 1812

Henry Bowyer [W5859] being sworn deposed & saith that he knew Alexander Brownlee deceased in the late army of the United States, that he served in Capt. Thomas Bell's company in the Reg't. commanded by Colo. William Grayson, and that he believes s'd Brownlee was promoted to the rank of an Ensign in said Regiment, that shortly after his said promotion he resigned, as this deponent was inform'd. and believes. Deponent was also inform'd & believes that the said Alexander Brownlee was afterwards killed at the Battle of Guilford whilst serving in the Virginia Militia – which is ordered to be certified A Copy teste H. Bowyer C.B.C.

Some time in the spring of the year of 1777 Alexander Brownlee Enlisted Under Capt Thos Bell of Augusta Va and serv'd as an uncommission'd officer in September the same year shortly after Germantown Battle [4 Oct 1777] the said Brownlee was advanc'd to an Ensigns Commission; how long he the said Brownlee Remained in service I am Not able to tell – James Brownlee of this County is the only Existing heir of his Father Alexander Brownlee who was kill'd at Guilford Battle in North Carolina then an officer in the Common Militia John Tate [S6191]
January 17 1817



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Brownlie, Alexander.]

I Do hereby Certify that some time in the spring of the year 1777 Alexander Braunlee Father to the present James Brounlee, Enlisted Under Capt Thomas Bell of Augusta County Virginia, Acted as an Uncommissioned officer at the time he the said Brownlee was March'd to head Quarters At the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] from his Good Conduct and Nature he got an appointment to an Ensign, he the said Brownlee was Enlisted for the 16th Virginia Regt Under Colo. Grayson or Gen'l Scotts [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850] Bigade. At the Battle of Gilford he the said Alex'r Braunlee Was an Ensign Under Capt James Tate of Augusta and in the same Action Was Kil'd

given Under My hand this 26th day of of January one thousand Eight and Eighten.
[Botetourt County, 26 Jan 1818] John Tate



I knew Alexander Brownlee in the Army of the Revolution, that he was a Sergeant in Captain Thomas Bell's company in one of the 16 additional Regiments Commanded by Colo William Grayson on Continental establishment; that said Alexander Brownlee was promoted in s'd Regiment to the rank of an Ensign, & shortly after his s'd promotion he resign'd that Commission

I served in the 12th Virg'a Regim't at the afores'd time as Lieut't & Adjutant of last ment'd Regiment

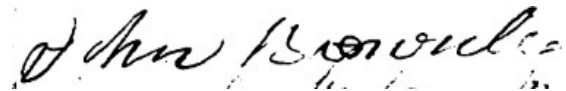
Given under my hand the 13th day of November 1826
Henry Bowyer



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Brownlee, Alex.]

State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct:

This day [9 Sep 1822] personally appeared before me Justice for said County John Brown Lee [John Brownlee S35799] [who makes] oath that Alexander Brown Lee enlisted in the year 1777 as a Seargeant in Augusta County Virginia for Three years in Capt. McGuire's Company afterwards Capt Thomas Bell's Company in the 16th Virginia Reg on Continental Establishment Commanded by Col Grayson, that said Alex Brown Lee continued to serve in said Corps as a first Seargeant until the battle of Germantown, when in consequence of his services in that Battle he was appointed and Commissioned an Ensign in said Corps, and that he continued to serve in said Corps as an Ensign until the battle of Guilford Court House when he was killed in the Line of his duty and in the service of the United States. That this affiant is the Only surviving Brother and Heir at Law of the said Alexander Brown Lee – and that he has never drawn the Land Warrant due him as Heir to his said Brother, and now prays the Governor and Council of Virginia to Grant him his warrant for said services; sworn to and subscribed



Fayette County Sct

This day [9 Sep 1822] personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for s'd County James Lee [R6250] who made oath that he was a Regular Soldier in the Revolutionary War [three illegible words] Regiment with Alexander [several illegible words] affidavit, that he knows s'd Alexander Brown Lee was Enlisted as a Seargent for Three years or during the War, and that he was promoted to an Ensign after the Battle of Germantown in s'd Revolutionary War [the rest illegible]

Kentucky Franklin County Sct

William B. Wallace [S42612] late a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line in the Revolutionary War, made oath that he was personally acquainted with Alexander Brownlee who was promoted from a Sergeant to an Ensign in the Virginia Regiment in the Revolution, on Continental Establishment and that said Alex Brownlee was killed in the Battle of Guilford Court-House while he was in the Continental service and sustaining the Commission as Ensign – and that this deponent has rec'd his

bounty of Land, for services rendered in the same line with the above named Alex Brownlee.

[18 June 1824]

W B Wallace late Lieut in the Virg'a Continental line

NOTE: William Grayson [BLWt1366-500] commanded an Additional Continental Regiment of Infantry, sometimes called the 16th Virginia Continental Regiment.