

8th day of August 1845 all in the County of Habersham State of Georgia and that previous to the death of Catherine his mother proof was made of a knowledge of the following named children living in distant Countries viz, Daniel Tankersly, Bennet Tankersly, Kitteriah Okneal¹ [by marriage), Fountain Tankersly and Barksdale Tankersly but cannot say in his declaration that all or any of them are now living.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Richard Tankersly, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Union District

Personally appeared before me Gideon Steen an acting Magistrate in and for said District Joseph McJunkin² who being first duly sworn according to law, saith on his oath, that Charles Tankersly of Union District, State of South Carolina, Served in the revolutionary War on the part of the United States in the following order.

To wit one tour amounting to 6 months in the Indian Campaign in the year 1776 in the West (now Georgia) as a Private in the South Carolina militia under Captain Joseph Jolly, Major Thomas Brandon, Colonel John Thomas and General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. After this Tour from the West he the said Charles Tankersly, Stood as a private militia man and was obedient to every call in favor of the United States until the year 1780 and after that time stood as a minute man for his Country until the close of the war in 1783, completing 7 years service in the revolutionary war on the part of the United States. Deponent further says that he himself was an eyewitness to the above services he knew Moravian in favor of Charles Tankersly, he the said deponent serving some part of the same time as a private, Some as a Captain & some as a Major, he also further says that the services of Charles Tankersly were transferred to the jurisdiction of other officers as promotions and changes of the first above named took place, but does not distinctly recollect his leading line of officers at all times. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of May 1845.

S/ Joseph McJunkin

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State of South Carolina Anderson District

Personally came before me Charles H. Simmons an acting magistrate in and for said District, William Grant,³ who being first duly sworn according to law saith on his oath, That from his own knowledge according to the following circumstances, Charles Tankersly served in the Revolutionary War in favor of the United States as a Private in the South Carolina Militia in Brandon's (Brannon's) Regiment [sic, Thomas Brandon] from the year 1776 to the year 1780 under the following named officers General Williamson a part of the time, Colonel John Thomas, Major Gordon and Captain Joseph McJunkin one plausible circumstance of said Charles Tankersly's Services is his going a tour in the above state & time into the Western part of the State of South Carolina after the Indians and being [in] Several Battles with them, one distinctly recollected was the Battle of Tamansa [sic, Tomassee?], another circumstance while on said Tour with a difficulty arising between General Williamson and Charles Tankersly in which General Williamson drew his Sword and Tankersly resisted with his gun when a part of the forces

¹ Also spelled, Kitturah OKneal

² [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

³ [William Grant W1757](#)

interposed and settled the affair, justifying Tankersly. A third and prominent circumstance to my own personal knowledge is that Charles Tankersly was recognized at the time of the revolutionary war by the officers as having been a Soldier in said War on the part of the United States.

Deponent also says that he was knowing to the marriage of Charles Tankersly with Elizabeth Grant in the year 1786 (day of the month not recollected) in the State of South Carolina Greenville District, from the circumstance that the magistrate who married them informed him that he had married them a few days ago, magistrate's name Obadiah Hooper. He further says that Charles Tankersly and Catherine Grant lived together as husband and wife until the day of his death, which death constituted her his widow in which state of widowhood she has remained ever since and bears his family name to wit Catherine Tankersly widow of Charles Tankersly.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th day of 1845

S/ Charles H. Simmons, M.A. D.

S/ William Grant, X his mark

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State of South Carolina The union District

Personally came before me Gideon Steen an acting Magistrate in said District, Joseph McJunkin who being first duly sworn according to law, saith on his oath in order to explain and more fully show the intent and meaning of his affidavit of May 1845. That Charles Tankersly of the State of South Carolina, The union District entered the Army of the United States as a private in the revolutionary War in the South Carolina militia under the following officers, viz. General Williamson, Colonel John Thomas, Major Thomas Brandon and Captain Joseph Jolly, commencing in the year 1776 and ending in 1783 and served 6 months in a Tour in the West (now Georgia) and was in several skirmish Battles one particularly recollected was fought against the Indians at a place called Tamansa. Deponent further says that he himself served the same tour with Charles Tankersly in the capacity of a private soldier and knows that Tankersly did serve as above stated. Deponent also further says that the above tour was completed, they returned back to South Carolina in Brandon's Regiment and Charles Tankersly again entered the service of the United States on parole as a private and served on parole until the close of the war in 1783. Deponent goes on to say that he knows Charles Tankersly rendered the services on parole from the circumstance that he -- Tankersly was in the Battle at the Cowpens 1781 and also Stationed 18 months, at a place called Brandon's Blockhouse sometimes called Brandon's Bull Pen, both of which places deponent saw Tankersly and served with him and also served occasionally with him during all his service on parole. Deponent goes on further to say that the name of the company officers under whom Tankersly alternately served and was subject to the call of while on parole duty were captains Jolly, Grant and Hughes, now recollected. Deponent further says again that a call for duty was so urgent that all the true friends of liberty repaired to remain on parole duty and stand as minute men ready to the call of any and every officer and place to do duty in favor of their Country, and that Charles Tankersly was one of that class and served as above stated on parole, and was the only man by the name of Charles Tankersly in Brandon's Regiment and that he was intimately acquainted with him in all the above named services and served with him. Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 5th of November 1845

S/ G. Steen, Mag.

S/ Joseph McJunkin