

George Tankersley, R-10387, VA

State of South Carolina, Greenville District Court of Equity. 8 July 1833, George Tankersley, age 76, stated that he was born in Caroline Co. Va. on 8 January 1756, and afterwards moved and resided in Henry Co. Va. While living there in May 1776, he enlisted in the State Troops of Va. under Captain Abraham Penn of General Andrew Lewis' Brigade for a term of 12 months and belonged to the 2nd Battalion of Minute Men, commanded by Lt. Henry Line. He marched to Jamestown, Va. and joined a company of artillery commanded by Lt. Edmund Carrington. Then the Artillery and the companies of Captain Dillard, Capt. Perkins and Nicholas Cabell marched to Gwinns Island. After the battle of Gwinn's Island the 2nd Battalion of minute men was ordered to the south against the Indians. This deponent was sick and Lt. Line gave him a permit to remain behind until he recovered, which was not until the after the company returned from its tour to the southwest against the Indians. He served 12 months. In 1781, he served as a drafted militiaman for 3 months in the company commanded by Capt. Hamon Cright, Lt. John Tenant, Major Duvall's Battalion, Richardson's Regiment, McLain's Brigade and marched from Henry County where he then resided to Parker's Old Fields in the fork of the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers 15 or 16 miles above Yorktown and remained until his term of 3 months expired, and was discharged about 10 days or 2 weeks within the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

James Douthit, Clergyman, and B.D. Garrison of Greenville stated that the applicant was reputed to be a Revolutionary Soldier in the neighborhood in which he lived.

William Choice Sr., on 12 June 1833 in Greenville Dist., S.C., stated that in June 1776 that he was in the Army of the State of Va. under the command of Capt. Thomas Dillard, and on the march to Jamestown, Capt. Penn's company, in which George Tankersley served, joined them at Petersburg. He left George Tankersley and his brother John, both in the service stationed at Jamestown, after being in service with him 2 or 3 weeks. He left Jamestown and did not see him again until his return home to Pittsylvania Co. Va., where William Choice and George Tankersley both lived at that time.

Abraham Bolt of Greenville District, S.C., on 12 June 1833, stated that he was acquainted with George Tankersley in Henry Co. Va. in 1781 and was in the same companies he was in for a while, and that George Tankersley served in the army with him for a tour of 3 months.