

The Burley's in The Revolutionary War

The History Channel stated that a family in the United States could hardly find one ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War. It is difficult today who can show anyone related who participated in the war. I hate to tell the History Channel but; we have Three. Two of those are directly related. We are direct descendants of them. They are 1. Gaspar Byerly, Jr., Gaspar Byerly, Sr., and Michael Charles. 1- Gaspar, Jr. was in Capt. Philmon Waters militia unit he fought for Gen. Thomas Sumter. He didn't join up early during the war. Most of the German settlers did not join up mostly because of religious reasons as stated in the Bible.. That one should not fight against the law of the land and its rulers. The time came when the British took every thing they had to eat. They took horses that was used for planting, took guns used for protection. They took their homes for the troops to stay. In 1780, they had enough so they joined any kind of militia or a bunch of men banding together for protection. . This was what he had to do. Also he had an uncle in Fairfield Dist. who was in the militia Adam Byerly ? Adam had all ready done some things against the British . He was among the ones who ran off a Baptist minister who was preaching at Rock Creek Baptist Church, Rev. Phillip Mulkey was preaching there and was giving pro British sermons at the church. A number of members came together and told him he had to leave this church the community and the dist. Rev Mulkey escaped the church and the area and went to the Fairforest community to start a Baptist church. This is in Spartanburg County today. Adam was at the Battle of Mobley's Meeting House he was with Gen. Richard Winn's militia. He also lived a short distance from Mobley's settlement. I can only prove that he is and in-law of Peter's. Adam's son John Burley married Peter's wives sister Elizabeth. 3-Speaking of Michael Charles ! He served in Thomas Sumter's command under Capt. Philmon Waters and also under Capt. Houseal it was a total of 127 days that he served. He was probably in the skirmish that British Major Tarleton had with some of Sumter's Calvary.

The skirmish occurred November 13, 1779, when General Sumter sent 150 mounted men to spy on Byerly's Ferry to see what the British post was doing. He sent along with these men people who were familiar with the ferry and surrounding area so this could mean that if he had Gaspar Jr, or some one familiar with the area such as Adam Byerly or Michael Charles. As Major Tarelton arrived at the ferry some of Sumter's men took shots at . It appears that having just arrived they went to the waters edge to give water to the horses and wipe the dirt off. Sumter's men were watching from a high bank on the other side . They shot a horse and one man of the 62rd. Tarelton was concealing the Green that they usually wore with red coats. Sumter's men shot and moved away quickly.

Gaspar Byerly, Sr.--He is Andrew Franklin Burley's 2nd Great Grandfather, William John's 2nd Great Grandfather. Was he a Tory? The British records show it but his neighbors did not believe the British. The British had him as a refugee for 127 days in Sept. 1782. Records of British show him in Charlestown,,SC

shows Rank #2-Refugee----Name Casper Byerly, Broad River. He was not a Refugee he was wanting his money for the British taking over his Ferry. If any thing is known about Gaspar it was Money . He was probably a patriot his son was his friends were. So I vote him a Patriot 1st class.

Michael Charles-He is the Great Grandfather of Andrew Franklin Burley, and William John Burley's Great Grandfather. As well as John Burley's Father-in -law (John Burley is Adam Byerly's only son,) Michael Charles was in Capt. Houseal's militia. Attached to Thomas Sumter's army . He was also a footman of Capt. Philmon Waters militia. He had a son who fought in the Cherokee War; Fredrick Charles was attached to Capt. Heart's inf. this was in 1760. Michael Charles was a footman for 127 days that's what he was paid for.

Some kin who fought in the Revolution: 1- Isham Dansby-pvt. 3rd SC Cont. Inf. joined 7/24/1776.

2- Samuel Cross-3rd SC Cont, Inf. joined 2/1/1780
DOB 1759 death-est. 1828 believed married
Elizabeth Findly

3-John Aberhart Fetner -pvt. 3rd SC cont. Inf. -fifer
Joined 9/1/1777

4- John Hoy-sgt maj. 8th Virginia Clarks

co. Joined 4/16/1776