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**From:** Wilson, Donald L  
**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2007 8:45 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: "Pre" Evergreen

Heidi - Frances Jones in her 1978 survey form for the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission says "Evergreen is within Carter Burwell's 2,000-acre portion of Robert "King" Carter's Bull Run Tract. By 1822 Lewis Berkeley, a Burwell descendent, had carved out a 1,064-acre plantation upon which Evergreen was built."

I have attempted to clarify how that transfer took place. In 1810, Lewis Berkeley first appears on the land tax lists of Prince William County as the owner of a 1,115 acre tract "on the waters of Bull Run." From 1814, when the tax lists begin to show place of residence, Lewis is identified as living in Berkeley County (now West Virginia). Beginning in 1820, when the tax lists begin to show value of improvements, this unnamed plantation has buildings worth \$1600 (but those buildings may have been standing years before that).

Between 1791 and 1809 I found the same 1,115 acres listed in the name of Edmund Berkeley (Lewis' father). By the end of that period the property was in the name of Edmund's estate. He lived at "Barn Elms" in Middlesex County, where he died in 1802. The estate papers that would show the transfer to Lewis would be filed in that county.

Edmund Berkely (IV) (1730-1802), who served in the House of Burgesses 1771-75 [See *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, v. 1, p. 449-450], was married in 1768, to Mary, daughter of Carter Burwell of "Carter's Grove" in James City County. Mary, who was Edmund's second wife, became the mother of Lewis, her youngest child, in 1789.

Her father, Carter Burwell (1716-1756), a member of the House of Burgesses 1742-55 [also written up in *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, v. 2, p. 429-431] received a large grant from his grandfather, Robert "King" Carter, in 1724: 41,660 acres jointly with two brothers and four cousins, the "(Upper) Bull Run Tract."

I don't have access to documents that detail the breakup of that tract. Some of them may be lost; some may be on file in other counties where the owners lived. Carter Burwell should have owned one-seventh of the entire Bull Run Tract, or about 6,000 acres at his death, 1756. His daughter Mary must have inherited a portion of that by his will. A brief abstract of his will can be found in *Some Wills from the Burned Counties of Virginia*, by William Lindsay Hopkins (Athens, Ga.: Iberian Pub. Co., 1995), p. 122, citing manuscript Acc. 24801 at the Library of Virginia. The recorded copy was apparently destroyed in James City County during the Civil War. The abstract we have does not name all the children or describe what they are to receive. The abstract implies that certain properties will be divided among all his children. Presumably Mary's share is what later is shown in the possession of her husband Edmund Berkeley. The surviving copy of the will at the Library of Virginia would need to be checked for further details.

Hope this answers your question.

Don

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**From:** Heidi M. Baumstark [mailto:hmbaumstark@quantum12.com]  
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Hi Don ...

I'm working on an article about the history of the Evergreen Manor House in Haymarket, at the foot of Bull Run Mountain, off of Waterfall Road and near Mountain Road. I know Lewis Berkeley built the house in the early 1800s (I think it was 1827?) and his son, Edmund Berkeley was part of the "Evergreen Guards" of the Civil War.

But, I'd like to touch on what was there before the Berkeleys arrived. It may just have been part of Carter's Bull Run Tract. I know the Delashmutts owned it sometime after the Berkeleys. But, the "pre" Berkeley-era is what I'm interested in. Can you help me?

My deadline for this is early July, so I have some time ... Any info. you have on the pre-Berkeley era would be much appreciated. I have Fairfax Harrison's book, *Landmarks of Old Prince William*, which is VERY helpful and detailed, which I love!

Thanks, Don,  
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EVERGREEN, Prince William County

1821 Land Tax List (upper county)

BERKLEY, Lewis, res. Berkley [County], 1115 ac., Waters of Bull Run, 32 mi. NW, worth \$18 per acre, \$1600 improvements, \$20070 total value, \$18.07 tax.  
Do. of Skinner, 221 ac., Bull Run Mountain, 27 NW, \$15/ac., no improvements, \$3315 total, \$2.99 tax.

1820 (upper)

BERKLEY, Lewis, res. Berkey Cy., 1115 ac., Waters of Bull Run, 32 NW, \$18/ac., \$1600, \$20070 total, \$25.09 tax.  
Ditto of Skinner, 221 ac., Bullrun Mountain, 27 NW, \$15/ac, 0 imp, \$3315, \$4.15 tax.

1816B (upper)

BERKLEY, Lewis, res. Berkley Cy., 1115 ac., waters of Bull run, 32 NW, \$2.27/ac, \$2527.05 total, \$18.91 tax.

1814B (upper)

BERKLEY, Lewis, res. Berkley, 1115 ac., Waters of Bull run, 32NW, \$2.27/ac, \$2521.05 total, \$21.43 tax.

1813 (upper)

BERKLEY, Lewis, Waters of Bull run, 1115 ac., \$2.27/ac, \$2521.05 total, \$16.34 tax.

1810B (upper)

BERKLEY, Lewis, 1115 ac., \$2.27/ac, \$2521.05 total, \$12.15 tax.

1809B (upper)

BERKLEY, Edmond's Estate, 1115 ac., \$2.27/ac, \$2531.05 total, \$12.15 tax.

1801B

BERKLEY, Edmond, 1115 ac, \$2.27/ac, \$2531.05 total, \$12.15 tax.

1795B

BERKLEY, Edmund, 1115 ac, 13/7 per ac, L757.5.5 total, L11.7.2 tax.

1791B

BERKLEY, Edmund, 1115 ac, 13/7 per ac, L757.5.5 total, L11.7.2 tax.