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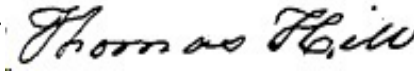
Virginia documents pertaining to Banks Dudley VAS1069

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

1<sup>st</sup> April 1787

This is to certify that Banks Dudley was Serg't in 7<sup>th</sup> Virgi'a Reg't. and was wounded at the action of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], which is at this time visible in his face – his age at that time I suppose to be about twenty-five years of age. Thomas Hill Maj'r,



On Examination of the above mentioned Person who appears to be about the age of Thirty five years find a Ball has passed thro' the upper Jaws, that all the neighbouring Bones have been greatly Injured; that the wound is still open, & its hole so exceedingly large as now to require a Tent of three or four Inches in Length & more than an inch in diameter, that without this Tent worn Constantly he can neither Speak or Swallow but with the utmost difficulty; that a very offensive & considerable discharge is still kept up from the wound – his sufferings have been extremely great & the Inconveniency such, as I think entitles him fully to a Place on the Pension List if his claim will authorise it. W. Foushee/ April 2<sup>d</sup> 1787

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify That Banks Dudley, aged about 35 years, late a Serjeant in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and whose monthly pay was Ten dollars, was wounded in the service of The United States by a musket ball which passed through his upper Jaw; and that the said Banks Dudley is allowed the sum of Eighteen pounds yearly, to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 3<sup>d</sup> day of April 1787

T. Meriwether

Edm. Randolph

June 27<sup>th</sup> 1789 Rec'd of Mr. Dawson Cooke the Contents of the within warrent. Banks Dudley

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files, one of which also contains papers relating to a Robert Dudley VAS3071. Capitalization partly corrected.]

This is to certify that Banks Dudley deceased served three years as a Sergant in the seventh Virginia Regiment. The said Dudley was attached to the same company in which I was a private and in the battle of Brandy Wine he was severely wounded by a ball passing through his jaw. Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> of July 1814

John hisXmark Collier

[King and Queen County]

At a Court held for King and Queen County at the Courthouse on monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1814

John Collier appeared in Court and made oath that Banks Dudley dec'd served three years as a Sergeant in the seventh Virginia Regiment that he the said Banks Dudley was severely wounded in the battle of Brand Wine by a ball passing through his jaw, and the Court doth certify that the said John Collier is a credible witness Teste/ Ro. Pollard C.C.

Banks Dudley, Claim for Land bounty as Serg't for 3 years service, Continental line. allowed/ certf'te iss'd [certificate issued] nov'r 11<sup>th</sup> 1814

[The following records relate to a claim for additional bounty land by the heirs, who evidently believed that Banks Dudley had been a Lieutenant.]

I Alexander Shackelford [S7506] of the county of King & Queen and state of Virginia, do hereby certify that I enlisted on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of February in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, as a Fifer in the Revolutionary war, under captain Charles Collier [VAS3068]; on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the same month, (February) I marched with captain Colliers recruits, to Williamsburg, and was place in the continental Barracks, where I remained 'till the completion of the new magazine or state Barracks, when I went into said Barracks and remained therein 'till the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight: Immediately after the receipt of orders to march the troops from Williamsburg to the north, captain Collier resigned and captain Abner Crump [R13459] took command of the company in his stead In the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight I marched, under the command of captain Abner Crump, attached to the first Virginia Regiment, commanded by col. George Gibson [BLWt1985-500] to Valley Forge, where I was enoculated for the small pox: From Valley Forge I went to Monmouth – from thence to Stony Point – from thence, to White Plains, and from thence back to Philadelphia, where I stayed ten or twelve days and then returned to Virginia: after remaining with my friends in King & Queen, on a visit, three or four weeks, I went to Williamsburg to obtain my discharge, (having served out my tour of three years and a little more) and was sent by the then governor [Thomas Jefferson] to col. Allison [John Allison W4112], who was in command at Petersburg: I obtained my discharge from Col. Allison in July seventeen hundred and eighty one, but was taken very sick immediately after, and remained in Petersburg 'till after all the troops left there for the South: I then returned to King & Queen, where I have resided ever since. I was well acquainted with Banks Dudley of this, the county of King & Queen, who was a Lieutenant [sic: see endnote] in the first Virginia Regiment, but do not recollect who was his captain. The said Banks Dudley went out with his company to the north and received a severe wound in the face, in the battle of Germantown or Brandywine, tho' I am not certain in which of them it was: On my arrival at Valley Forge I there met with Banks Dudley, who was then under the Physicians: His face was very much disfigured, and continued so to the day of his death, having received a musket ball, which entered at one side & passed out at the other of his mouth, taking off the entire upper row of his front teeth. The said Banks Dudley was at Monmouth, Stony Point, White Plains & Philadelphia, at each of which places I frequently saw him: He went to the north some time before I did, & returned to Virginia at little before me: I have no hesitation in saying that he was a brave and excellent officer, and that he was to my certain knowledge, in the service upwards of three years in succession. after the war was over the said Banks Dudley & myself lived near each other, and were frequently together, when we would talk over the battles we had been engaged in & the hardships we had encountered whilst we were in the service. As witness my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November AD one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Alexander hisXmark Shackelford

I Robert Willis of the county of King & Queen and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Banks Dudley of this, the county of King and Queen, who, it was said & generally believed throughout the county, was an officer in the Revolutionary war. He had a severe wound in the face, which he always said, & no one doubted, he received in some battle to the north: I think is was either in the Battle of Germantown or Brandywine that he received that wound: I became acquainted with the said Banks Dudley very soon after the close of the war, and know it was the prevailing opinion in the county at that time, that he did receive said wound in one of the abovementioned battles, and that he did also serve upwards of three years in the regular army. I was not in the service with him, myself, but have often heard him & others who knew of his services relate all the circumstances connected with the same, and have no doubt that he did serve his country faithfully, and, probably, for a much longer term than three years. As witness my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of november A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

[signed] R Willis

I Almon Dunston [W731] of the county of Gloucester and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that I knew Banks Dudley of the county of King & Queen, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war, but am not sure whether he was Lieutenant or Ensign, though I am certain he was the one or the other. The said Banks

Dudley and myself did not belong to the same Regiment, nor do I recollect who command'd the company to which he belonged. He went to the north with the first Virginia Regiment, in the early part of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight, some few months before I went out there with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment: I well remember that on my arrival at Valley Forge, I there met with the said Banks Dudley, who was there under the hands of the Physicians, having received a severe wound in the face at either German Town or Brandywine, but which of those battles I cannot now speak with certainty. His face was very much disfigured, the whole of the upper part of his mouth & front teeth having been taken off by a musket ball which passed in at one side & out at the other. I enlisted, myself, in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, as a soldier in captain Machim Boswells [sic: Machen Boswell R19364] company of Infantry, and marched with that company, in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight, to the northern station, where I remained 'till the winter of seventeen teen hundred and eighty and eighty one [sic], when I return'd to Gloucester and was discharged in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, having served out my term of three years for which I had inlisted. The said Banks Dudley was in service at Monmoth, Stoney Point and White Plains, and returned with us to Philadelphia, after which, I have no recollection of seeing him again untill after the close of the war, when I frequently saw him at his own house & elsewhere. as witness my hand & seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November AD. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.



Petition for bounty land,  
H'rs of Banks Dudley – Lieut. C. L.

This officers name has not been found on the army Registers: nor on any of the Rolls of officers, either of the State, or continental, line. It has not been found in any of the Books of settlements of officers accounts.

Alexander Shackelford says that Banks Dudley was Lieut. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Va Reg't & march'd with his Company, when that Reg't first march to the north. That he was severely wounded in Battle and that to his certain knowledge, the said Dudley was in service more than 3 years in succession. &c

Almon Dunston says that in 1778, he went with Banks Dudley, at Valey Forge. that he was Lieut, or ensign; and had been severely wounded in the face. This witness does not prove any particular time of service of Dudley.

Ro. Willis was we acquainted with Banks Dudley soon after the close of the war and knows it was the prevailing opinion in King & Queen County, that the said Dudley was wounded in Battle, during the Revolution, and that he did serve upwards of 3 years in the regular army.

This is the substance of the testimony & is resp'ly submitted  
To his Exc'ly Gov'r Tazewell    May 14<sup>th</sup> 1834                      John H Smith Com'r &c

1838 Nov 12

This claim is allowed for a service of three years as a Lieut in the State line

D Campbell [Gov. David Campbell]

NOTES:

Pay and muster rolls show that Banks Dudley was a sergeant in the company of Capt. Thomas Hill in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continental Regiment. I could find no record of Banks Dudley having been commissioned a lieutenant.

The following extract is from *Virginia Soldiers of 1776*, Louis A. Burgess Ed, Vol 1, p230 (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co. 1973):

“Warrant 6172 for 200 acres issued 14 Dec., 1815 to Dawson Cooke assignee of the heirs of Banks Dudley. This quantity was deducted from the 2666-2/3 acres allowed the heirs and filed 12 Nov., 1838.

Robert Pollard, Clerk of King and Queen Co. certified that there are no wills of record in the office of this county of Banks Dudley as the reputed father of Thomas, William, Henry, Ann and Elizabeth Dudley (Now Elizabeth Mourning). Certified, 9 Apl. 1839.

Court Order, King and Queen Co., Apl. 8, 1839. It being proved to the satisfaction of the court that Banks Dudley, an officer in the Rev. Army, who died sometime between the years 1804 and 1805, left eight lawfully begotten children as follows:— George, Robert, Frances (married Edward Row), William, Thomas, Henry, Ann, and Elizabeth (married Henry Mourning).

That William and Thomas Dudley died under lawful age; Henry and Ann died after they were of lawful age, intestate. Elizabeth (Dudley) Mourning and her husband died intestate. So that it is the opinion of the court that George and Robert Dudley and Frances Row are the only surviving heirs. That Henry Mourning and Edward Row are both dead.”