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Virginia documents pertaining to William Buckner VAS2746  
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Mathews County to Wit                      July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1832

This day personally appeared before me John N. Sale a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid Hugh Hudgins [S10884] and made oath that he was well acquainted with William Buckner in his lifetime He was a resident of the Parish of Kingston and County of Gloucester now the county first aforesaid who was the father of Mrs Mary Norman wife of Captain Thos. Norman of the City of Baltimore in the state of Maryland Mrs Elizabeth Armistead wife of Francis Armistead Esq'r Mrs Dorothy Gayle wife of Dr. Bartlett Gayle Mrs Susan Beazley wife of Mr. Ephraim Beazley and Mrs Martha Gaze dec'd late wife of the said Dr. Gayle the said Armistead, Gayle and Beazley are all of the County first aforesaid and the said Mary, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Susan and Martha at the time of the death of the said William Buckner was his children and only heirs in fee the said Martha left at the time of her death which are now living the following and only children which she had during her covener[?] with the said Dr. Bartlett to Wit Alexander, William, Mathew, Joshua, that the said Buckner was a marine by profession and employed in the merchants service previous to the Revolutionary War, that he was an officer in the service of the State of Virginia during the said war and [one or two undeciphered words] both in the land & naval service as occasion required, for at least three years that he was taken prisoner by the enemy [and] retained at least twelve months but whether he was a Lieutenant or Captain or Commissioned for the Army or the Navy he is unable to say, he has always [one or two illegible words] Captain before and after the war even to his death in consequence of his [two undeciphered words] in the Merchants Service but it is currently seposed and believed in the neighbourhood [that] he [one or two illegible words] before and after [several undeciphered words] the war that was first commissioned as Lieutenant and afterwards promoted . he further states that he never knew any other [illegible] Buckner in this aforesaid counties or any other. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written

*Hugh Hudgins*

Mathews County to wit

This day personally appeared before me John N. Sale a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Richard Ripley [S11299] and made oath that he was well acquainted with William Buckner during his life, that said Buckner was a resident of the Parish of Kingston and County of Gloucester, now Mathews that the s'd Buckner left the following children, born in lawful wedlock Mrs. Mary Norman wife of Capt. Thomas Norman of Baltimore, Mrs. Elizabeth Armistead wife of Francis Armistead Esq'r Mrs. Dorothy Gayle wife of Doctor Bartlett Gayle, Mrs. Susan Beazley wife of Ephraim Beazley and Mrs. Martha Gayle dec'd late the wife of said Dr. Gayle, the said Gayle, Armistead, and Beazley are all of Mathews County, and the said Mary, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Susan and Martha were his the said Buckner's children and only heirs in fee at the time of his death. That the said Buckner was by occupation a Mariner, and called Captain Buckner before & after the war, being master of a Ship previous to the Revolutionary war. That he the said William Buckner was an officer in the service of the State during the said war and commanded both in the land and Naval Service at different periods amounting in all to more than three years and he was taken prisoner by the enemy and detained at least twelve months. he further states that he never knew any other William Buckner in the aforesaid, or any other County. Sworn to and Subscribed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832

Richard hisXmark Ripley

[On 25 July 1832 William Armistead and Anthony Degge made statements similar to the two preceding.]

The affidavit of John D. Jarvis Esq'r. taken to support a claim of the heirs of Capt William Buckner dec'd late of the county of Mathews for the services of the said Buckner in the Navy of Virginia during the Revolutionary War

The said John D. Jarvis being sworn on the Holy Evengalists of Almighty God saith that he was well acquainted with Capt. Buckner but was too young during the revolutionary war to have any knowledge of his services in the Navy but he recollects that it has ever since been generally reported and beleived that he was made a prisoner of war some short time before the seige of Lord Cornwallis's Army at Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] in this state and detained upward of a year probably until hostilities was suspended or the preliminaries of peace was agreed upon. This deponent was with Capt. Buckner at the time of his death and beleives that he certainly died about the last of February in the year 1804

[5 Nov 1832]

John D Jarvis