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Virginia documents pertaining to Samuel Buckner VAS2751
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files indexed as Buckner, Saml and Buckner, Samuel. The file for Samuel Buckner also contains an affidavit that is undeciphered except for the signature of Almon Dunston W731.]

To His Excellency Littleton W. Tazewell Governor of Virginia. The petition of Wm. T. H. Pollard of the County of Hanover respectfully states, that he intermarried with Sousan C Winston who is the grandaughter of the late Saml Buckner, who was a lieutenant in the revolutionary war. He further states that his said wife has one sister & one brother viz Joana E Winston of Hanover & Wm H Winston of Amelia, for whom this petitioner is guardian, and that the said sisters & brother are the only heirs at law of the said Lt Saml Buckner.

Your memorialist is unable to say any thing about the services of sd Buckner, being young himself, – He has only heard that he did serve as an officer, but how long or under what circumstances he cannot say. He asks a consideration of his claim, & such an allowance of bounty lands, as your excellency may consider him entitled to.

Aug. 13 1835

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For further evidence in this case, the Executive is refered to the evidence filed in the case of capt Charles Tomkies [W6304].

I have not been able to find the name of Lt Saml Buckner any where upon record. The absence of his name from the records may be accounted for on the ground that he was a prisoner till the war ended. But such absence cannot be urged against him since other claims have been [undeciphered word] allowed, in support of which there was no record evidence what ever – For Lt Philip Lightfoot [BLWt2220-200] – In a list of Va officers made out (I believe by order of Genl [William] Woodford in 1778) which list is filed in the case of Lt Rd Muse [Richard Muse VAS799], there is a “Capt Lieut Buckner of Goucester” named. It is more than probable that Lt Saml Buckner is here meant, as he resided in Gloucester.

R. Hord/ Atty in fact for the heirs.

Report on the claim of the heirs of Samuel Bucker Lieutenant, in the Continental line, for bounty land for his services.

To the Governor/ Sir, Samuel Bucker was Cadet, in the 6th Regiment, on or about or before Dec’r 10 1776 (see Council Journal of that date.) He was Ensign, in the 6th Regiment commanded by Col. Mordecai Bucker [sic: Mordecai Buckner], in Oct 1776. In a receipt book of Col. Mordecai Buckner, for a part of the year 1776 (which is now in my possession & may be seen by the Executive, if desir’d) I find the following Receipt. viz. “Receiv’d of Col. Buckner twenty dollars, as Ensign in the 6th Va. Reg’t. for the month of oct. 1776. Samuel Buckner/ Ensign.”

a reference to the Journals of the Council of Dec’r 12 1776 will shew, whether the Sam’l. Buckner there mention’d was, or was not, then a Cadet & If he was, there must have been two Samuel Buckners in service.

I do not find, that Ensign, or Lieutenant, Sam’l. Buckner ever settled his accounts with state auditors, or with the Continental Commissioner.

The claimants have fil’d the affidavit of Alman Dunstan, a respectable witness. He states that he & Samuel Buckner enter’d the service, in the Revolutionary army in the spring of 1777, he as private & Buckner as Lieutenant. That the said Buckner belong’d to the Company of Captain Charles Tompkies & the said Buckner was made Prisoner, by a Part of the British Fleet, in Hampton Roads, and carried to England, where they were confin’d, as he understood, in Jail, and did not return home, until the war

ended. (see aff't of Alman Dunston.)

The claimants Counsel has refer'd to the papers fil'd with the Petition of the heirs of Captain Charles Tompkies for bounty land. Their Papers may be seen in the office of the Executive Department. The Counsel for the claimant has also refer'd to the documents on file "in the case of Lieut. Rich'd Muse."

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r. &c/ August 17 1835

I certify that I was well acquainted with Samuel Buckner of Gloucester county, in which county I resided in the revolution. Said Buckner entered service in the beginning of the war as Lieutenant in Capt Tomkies company and was at the battle of Gwin's Island in the fall of 1775 [sic: Gwynn Island VA, 8-10 Jul 1776]. He was also at the burning of Norfolk [1 Jan 1776] and at the battle of the Great Bridge [9 Dec 1775]. I entered service in July 1778 & marched to the south and then left Buckner in service. How long he continued therein, I do not know.

Henry Buchanan [S37807]

[21 April 1838]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Buchanan". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.