

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Robert Dudley VAS3072

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled with papers of Dudley, Banks.]

The Heirs of ~~John~~ Robert Dudley [sic] – Lieut Cont'l for add[itiona]l Land

The facts are Lieut Dudley was commissioned February 12<sup>th</sup> 1776 and died in the service. His heir has rec'd bounty land for three years service; and now claims it for the war.

Pursuant to the principles recognized in the case of Lieut John Gregory, Gen'l Hugh mercer & others I think him entitled to bounty land for a service from February 12<sup>th</sup> 1776 to the end of the war; deducting therefrom the quantity already receivd

Respectfully submitted  
John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency Gov'r [John] Floyd March 17, 1834

Allowed from Feb'y 1776 to the end of the war, deducting that already rec'd J.F.

[The following are in the bounty-land records of Woodford, William.]

In Congress

The delegates of the United Colonies of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, to Robert Dudley, Gentleman.

We reposing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity Do by these presents constitute, and appoint you to be first Lieutenant of the Company in the fifth Battalion of Virginia Forces in the Army of the United Colonies raised for the defence of American Liberty, and for repelling every hostile Invasion thereof – You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of first Lieutenant by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under your command to be obedient to your orders as first Lieutenant. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as you shall receive from this or a future congress of the United Colonies or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, or Commander in chief for the time being of the Army of the United Colonies, or any other your superior officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War; in pursuance of the Trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force until revoked by this or a future Congress. Philadelphia February 12<sup>th</sup> 1776. By order of the Congress John Hancock – President

Attest/ Chas. Thompson Secy

This is to certify that the within named Robert Dudley was a Lieut. in my company, and that he died in the service – Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> June 1783.

Geo. Stubblefield Capt

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1783.

I do hereby certify that Capt. Ambrose Dudley is the heir at Law of the above named Robert Dudley dec'd.

Given under my hand the day and year aforesaid. Thomas Sowles[?]