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Virginia documents pertaining to Durrett Long VAS3962
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also contains a power of attorney signed on 10 Dec 1841 by Joshua Long as administrator *de bonis non* of Durrett Long and also a letter by Joshua Long dated 20 Feb 1844 and addressed to Gov. James McDowell.]

“State of South Carolina:

I Derret Long knowing the uncertainty of human life at best, I think it necessary to direct the dispersal of my worldly estate while in a sound state of mind, direct it as follows – first, it is my desire that all my debts be paid, then I give unto Joshua Long, all my negroes, horses & other property that I am possessed with, provided he the said Joshua Long calls in person upon my Executor for the above mentioned property. And lastly I appoint my friend Burwell Boykin [SC750] to execute this my last will and testament.

Signed and Sealed this twenty seventh day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

In the presence of

(Signed) Derret hisXmark Long

(Signed) Charles Bedingfield

(“) Edward Rutledge¹

South Carolina

Kershaw County Edward Rudledge personally appeared before the Judges of the County Court then sitting & made oath that he did see the within named Derret Long make his mark and publish as his last will and testament the within instrument of writing and that he did also see Charles Bedingfield subscribe his name with the Deponent as a witness with himself.

Camden 29th July 1792

(Signed) Edward Rutledge

Signed Francis [undeciphered] C.C.

Kershaw County } Received in Office this 21st of February 1792 and recorded in Book C[?] page 56
Clerks Office }

In Spotsylvania County Court July 6th 1841.

“This Court doth Certify that it has been this day proved before this Court by credible witnesses as follows: By Benjamin Truslow [Benjamin Trusloe (Truslow) S7757] who was duly sworn that “he was a soldier of the Revolution, and that he was well acquainted with Lieutenant Durrett Long of Virginia, having served with him in the army from the year 1778 to 1781 in the states of North and South Carolina. I was discharged from the army in the year 1781 at Charleston South Carolina, and at that time left the said Derret Long with the army at Charleston, South Carolina the said Long then held the [illegible word] of Lieutenant and this affiant believes he served in that character ‘till the end of the war. I considered Derret Long a valiant Soldier, and he stood high as an Officer. Capt. Bronaugh commanded the Company to which David Long was attached. I do not know the name of the Major or Colonel; and Churchill Jones [BLWt304-300] was Major of the Regiment in which I served.

And by Shadrack Mastin, “in the year 1781 his father hired him to a certain Mr. Saunders to drive his wagon to South Carolina, loaded with articles for the army stationed near Camden, in company with a Mr. Patty, who was manager of the wagons, at which time an Officer came with 2 or 3 soldiers, by the name of Derret Long, and the said Patty told me that was Lieutenant Long, and the said Long said he was glad to

¹ Probably the Edward Rutledge (1749-1800) who signed the Declaration of Independence. He was Governor of South Carolina from 1798 until his death.

get some supplies from his old native State Virginia as he was born in Spotsylvania County, and that he would send a letter by Patty to his friends in Virginia. And by Lewis Rawlings, that he had frequently heard Mr. Henry Willoughby [S6415] say that he knew Lieutenant Derrit Long and served with him in North and South Carolina in the old war in the year 1780 and 1781 and was well acquainted with said Long, and he was useful to the army. I well recollect that I heard Mr. Willoughby say that Long was the Officer who commanded [the rest missing from bottom of page]

I John Pierce of Spotsylvania County now aged near 89, am well acquainted with Joshua Long, and his family. And I do hereby certify, that he is the Son of John Long, who is the brother of Durrett Long who departed this life in 1791 at which time the said Long will'd his property to the s'd Joshua Long. Given from under my hand this 26th day of November 1841. [signed] Jno Pierce

I Benjamin Truslow Senior of Stafford county Virginia, aged about eighty six years, do hereby certify that I knew Durrett Long a Lieutenant of Infantry in the Continental service, during the Revolutionary war, and that the said Long served as Lieutenant in the Continental service for three years, from 1778 to 1781. I was in the Service myself and knew the said Long. given under my hand this 30th day of May 1842.

Benjamin X Truslow Sen

Witness/ Alex'r Fitzhugh

I James Bigger of Prince Edward County State of Virginia Do Certify that I have sum Recollection of Robert Lawson [VAS850] & Durrett Long Leaveing this County a bout one time in the begining of the old Contineal wore the date I Dont Recollect Lawson return a gain Long I never saw any more Lawson was Commaning Offerser when left this County Giveing under hand this 28 day of Sept 1842

[signed] James Bigger

I Benjamin Truslow of the County of Stafford and state of Virginia aged about eighty six years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Lieutenant Derrett Long in the Revolutionary war from 1778 'till 1781 at which time my term of enlistment expired and I left the s'd Long in the army in Charleston south Carolina, and came to Virginia, and in a few weeks was drafted and went to the seige of York under the command of Capt. William Bronaugh & this is the third deposition I have given on this subject – in the first there was a mistake made by the writer in saying that Leutenant Long served under Bronough. I myself served under that Captain. I never was acquainted with Long until 1778 and served with him 'till 1781. Long was a valuable and useful officer, during the time I was frequently in company with him in routing the tories in North and South Carolina. Long was better acquainted with the movements of the tories than most of the officers and was often sent against them. I myself was with him often. I was in the Horse service and Long was in the infantry [several words missing at bottom of page] acquainted with Lieu[rest missing at bottom of page]

witness my hand the 8th day of October 1842.

Benjamin hisXmark Truslow

I David Bronaugh of Louisa County and State of virginia Deposeth and Saith that I was acquainted with Benjamin Truslaw who was the Son of Thomas Truslaw who was as tenant to my Father about the year 1778 I Being about 13 years old, at which time the s'd Benjamin Truslow was a man on the muster Roll and to the Best of my recollection went off I supose in the army after Being on the muster Roll in my Fathers Company and Farther the deponent saith not [signed] David Bronaugh

surviving son to William Bronaugh Dec'd

I do here by certify that I have been in Company at diferent times with Mr. Henry Willoughby in the last six or seven years, and I heard the said Willoughby say that he was well acquainted with lieutenant Dirret Long from Virginia a contenantel officers and that he served with the said Long in North and South Carolina from the year 1778 untill 1781 at which time Willoughby time exspired and he left Long in the

army Willoughby said Long was a vallant and useful officer and also I heard Willoughby say that Long was the officer of the night when the enemy Shot one of our sentenal, Mr Willoubhby further stated that he had understood that Joshua Long was the heir of Durret Long also stated he never would go to court nor give any evedence whatever owing to some despute with Joshua Long in times passd but might if the said Long died for Long children given under my hand this 3rd day march 1842

[signed] James W Pierce

1842 Oct 1. Resubmitted & again rejected.

I Ann Keegan aged 78 years of Spotsylvania and state of virginia do certify that I was well acquainted with John Durret and Joshua long Durrett was the brother of John Long Joshua was the son of John Long. Durret Long went from prince edward county about the year 1776 as well as I can recolect in the old contineltall armey as I was informd and was not heard from till about 1790 or 91 at that time a certain man came in from the south by the name of Rudledge and brough Durret Long will and he had left his property to Joshua Long his Brother Son and the said Joshua Long recevd it I well remember given from under my Hand this 20th day of November 1843

[signed] Ann Keegan

I James Wallace about eighty years of age Do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Lieutenant Durret Long of Virginia in north and south carolina in the old contineltal army. I went in the army in 1778 and I left the army in 1781 and Long remained in the army he was attach to colonel Robert Lawson Redgement from prince Edward as well as I can recolect he the said Long was a valueable officer and stood as high as any in the army of his rank in South Carolina he was called the Tory torant[?] as he was very severe to the sort of people in those days I myself belong to the bagage in handling provisons to different parts of the army and often saw Long acting in his rank given from under my hand this 19 day of February 1844

[Spotsylvania County]



March 23^d 1844 Exam'd Rejected Ja. McDowell