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Pension Application of John Dudley R35

VA Sea Service/ VA Half Pay

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At a County Court held for Elizabeth City county, Sept'r. 24th 1852

It appears to the Court by satisfactory evidence that Eliza Braddicks the wife of Henry Braddicks is the grand child and only heir at law of John Dudley, formerly of Northumberland County, Virginia, who it appears to the Court was a Lieutenant of the Virginia State Navy in the war of the revolution, and that the said John Dudley died in the said County in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven – and the Court further certifies that the administration on the estate of the said John Dudley granted to Joseph Segar at a former session of this Court was granted to him by and with the consent of Henry Braddicks aforesaid. A copy/ Teste/ S. S. Howard Clk

[The following are among the [bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#): Copies are in the federal pension file.]

[The online image of the following is very faint.]

To the Gov. & Council of VA

The heirs of John Dudley respectfully represent that the said Dudley was a Lieutenant of the State Navy on board the Sloop Congress in the War of the Revolution and served with the Sloop Congress until said vessel was laid up in 1780.

They refer to the affidavit of Amos Nicken who proves the above state of facts and to the certificate of the Auditor of Pub. Accts which shews him to have been an officer of the Congress.

Whether he served three years or not is immaterial he served until his vessel was dismantled; he was a Supernumerary officer, and as a Supernumerary officer he is entitled to Land bounty without regard to the length of service.

But the affiant Nicken, who served on board the Congress, declares that he did serve three years.

Confirmatory of the statement of this affiant is the fact that every other officer of the Congress has rec'd. his land bounty.

The navy journals shew also that the Sloop Congress was put in Commission early in the year 1776.

On this evidence & state of facts they ask an allowance of land bounty as Lieutenant of the State Navy
Harry Braddicks & wife Per J. Segar

Nov. 25 1850

Commonwealth of Virginia

Northumberland County Sct.

on this 10th day of May AD 1847 before me a justice of the peace of s'd State of Virginia in & for s'd. County personally appeared Amos Nicken, of lawful age & having made oath in due form of law on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth that he served on board the Sloop Congress as Seaman that he knew personally John Dudley generally known as Jack Dudley – formerly of Virginia & some years since deceased.

That to his knowledge s'd. Dudley served more than three years in the service of s'd. State of Virginia on board the Sloop of War Congress commanded by Capt. Skinner [William Skinner, pension application R92] during the revolutionary war & that s'd Jack Dudley acted in the capacity of a Lieutenant on board s'd. vessel during more than three years & till s'd vessel was laid up late in the Spring of the year 1780. That s'd. Jack had an only daughter Ady or Edy Dudley by his lawful wife. That s'd Ady or Edy was the mother of Eliza Dudley now the wife of Henry Braddicks of Baltimore Cty in Maryland.

Williamsburg January 7th 1778.

	Sloop Congress	Dr.
	To cash paid Lieut. Hogg for an overcharge on cloth &c per acc't.	4.16.3
" 13.	To ditto paid Lt. Jno. Dudley for ditto ditto	2.5.0
	Williamsburg – January 28 th 1778.	
224.	Cash	Dr.
79.	To Lieut. Jno. Dudley	33.6.9
	Auditors Office/ November 25 th 1850.	

I certify that the above extracts are correctly copied from a book in my office called a "Day Book," commencing August 18th 1777 & terminating September 30th 1778.

Ro Johnston/ First Aud'r

Williamsburg April 27 1780 – Rec'd of the Keeper of the public store, two coils of Rope (76 lbs) for use of the sloop Congress. Capt. Skinner

John Dudley Lieut/ Sloop Congress.

Auditors office Nov 25 1850

I certify that the above is correctly copied from the 2^d volume "Papers concerning the State Navy" on file in my office.

Ro Johnston/ First Aud'r

State of Virginia/ Elizabeth City County towit,

The affidavit of James Burke [James Burk S6649] taken & made before me Richard G Banks a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid this 23^d day of July 1850. The said affiant being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he knew well William Skinner of Hampton both during the Revolutionary War & after, that this affiant served himself as a warrant officer towit a Gunner on board the State Boat Patriot in said War; that the said William Skinner entered the naval service of Virginia early in the year seventeen hundred & seventy six as Lieut of the Sloop "Congress," was afterwards Captain of said Sloop "Congress," & served in that Capacity, until the Congress ceased to be a State vessel; when this happened the affiant cannot state precisely, but he thinks it was early in the year seventeen hundred & eighty; after the War, said Skinner was a Sea Captain, & was lost at sea about the year Eighteen hundred & five or six. Further this affiant saith not. Given under my hand the day & year first before written.

(signed) R. G. Banks J.P.