

*Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory*

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 300 Space: G 26

**Walking Tour # 2**

Find A Grave # 11900112

Name: **Banning, John**

Birth date: 1739 Death date: February 15, 1791 Burial Date: Age: 52  
b. Dorchester, MD

Spouse: (Mrs.) Elizabeth *Alford* Casson (or Cassius) (1740- 1781) m. between 1781 and 1785; remarried Dr. William McKee after John Banning died, and died in 1812; her mother Charity Alford is buried beside John Banning

Children: Sarah "Sally" Banning Ridgely (1787-1837) (married Hon. Henry Moore Ridgely); John Alford Banning (1790-1854); Elizabeth Margaret Banning (1788-1880)

Parents: Richard Banning (1715-1742) and Esther *Wilson* Banning (1700-1742)

Siblings:

Residence: 529 S. State St. Dover, DE (in front of church property, corner of Elm Terrace and State St., still occupied)

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary:

Service/occupation information: Lawyer; Revolutionary War; Justice of the Peace, Joint Committee of Accounts, Committee of Correspondence, Council of Safety, General Assembly

Officiate:

Lot Owner: Banning

Inscription: see p.2

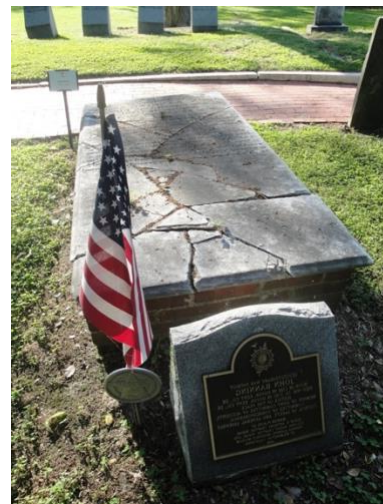
DIMENSIONS of ledger: H 6' x W 3' x D 11"

DIMENSIONS of footstone: H

STYLE: ledger, and footstone place by NSDAR

Repairs: Stone is cracked and has been repaired.

Cleaned in June, 2021



Inventory date: April 6, 2019 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

Ledger top:

In Memory of  
John Banning, Esquire  
who departed this Life  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1791, in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Year of his Age  
Leaving a *Widow* and Infant Son and Daughter  
to deplore their loss.  
Blessed with a humane and charitable temper  
he was the patron & protector of the poor  
An indulgent Husband and affectionate Parent  
and kind Master  
His punctuality and fidelity with discharge  
of the duties of the several important Offices  
to which his Country appointed him from time  
to time, met with universal approbation. In a  
word his many public as well as private virtues  
rendered him highly beloved and esteemed,  
by all who knew him and now greatly lamented.

Footstone:

Revolutionary War Patriot  
JOHN BANNING  
Born in 1740 in Dover, Kent Co., DE  
Died Feb. 15, 1791 in Dover, Kent Co., DE  
Justice of the Peace  
Member of Joint Committee of Accounts, Committee of Correspondence,  
Council of Safety, and General Assembly

Marker Placed by  
Susan B. Anthony Chapter, NSDAR  
Colonel Haslet Chapter, NSDAR, and  
Phineas Banning Residence Museum  
of Wilmington, California  
2008

From find-a-grave.com: June 19, 2021

John served in the 1st Delaware General Assembly as a member of the Legislative Council (State Senate). He served on the council from Kent County, Delaware. The Legislative Council members were elected to the Council for a three year term at this time in history. He served for three terms (9 years) from October 20, 1776 to October 20, 1784.

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Posted 11 Mar 2009 by mmadler1

John Banning (the father)..... He married Mrs. Elizabeth (Alford) Casson between 1781 and 1785. She was the widow of John Casson and the daughter of Philip and Charity Allston Alford (173101783). He joined the Kent Cou. Militia on April 2, 1776, a member of the Council of Safety and was on the Committee of Correspondence in Aug. 1775 and was one of the founders of the state of Delaware. He was a wealthy man, owned a saddle shop and other business. A House he built in 1766 still stands at 529 S. State St. in Dover. He was a member of the 1st Electoral College that made George Washington President and a member of the De. Assembly from 1777 until his death on Feb 15, 1791 in Dover. He is buried there in Christ Churchyard. She then married Dr. William McKee, died Jan 5-17 1812, and is buried next to John. children were

John Alford Banning  
Sarah Banning

## BANNING

Phineas Banning came from England and settled in Dover, Delaware, where his son, John Banning, was born in 1740, and there died February 15, 1791. John Banning was a member of the Council of the State of Delaware from 1777 until his death; treasurer of Kent County; military treasurer; town commissioner; member of the Council of Safety, and member of the first Electoral College, casting Delaware's vote for George Washington as president of the United States. In the Revolution he was one of the foremost patriots, "contributing liberally both in money and services to organizing and establishing the State government of Delaware, and is said to have been considered the 'banker of the State.' When the Continental Army was disbanded, and the soldiers had nothing but the depreciated script, it is said that he stood on the step of the old Academy of Dover and gave them hard money for their notes, thus trying to redeem his nation's credit." He married, in 1766, Mrs. Elizabeth (Alford) Cassius, daughter of Philip and Charity Alford. She was a woman of great beauty; "indeed," a gentleman of note said "she was the most beautiful woman he had even seen in Europe or America. \* \* \* Sarah Banning, her daughter by her second husband, who married Hon. Henry Moore Ridgely, was highly educated and accomplished, and inherited much of her mother's beauty. When Mr. Ridgely was in the United States Senate they were spoken of as the handsomest couple in Washington society." Mrs. Banning married (third) Dr. William McKee, many persons and families of prominence being represented among their descendants.

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