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Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Broom VAS2684  
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). One online image in the file is illegible except for the signature of Robert Crouch S34717. The other documents are nearly illegible]

South Carolina./ In the name of God Amen.

I Thomas Broom of Camden in the State aforesaid being sick & weak of Body but of sound and disposing Mind & Memory do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following.

Whereas by my Intermarriage with my first Wife Mary McMackin I acquired a Right to a sum of Money now lying in the hands of her Uncle David McMackin Esq'r of Baltimore – I give & bequeath the same unto my Daughter Frances my only Child by my said Wife and to her Executors & Administrators forever. Item. Whereas by my Intermarriage with my second Wife Elizabeth Boykin I became entitled to a considered personal Estate and an [undeciphered word] third part of certain real Property formerly belonging to Samuel Boykin Esq'r. I give devise and bequeath all and whatsoever I acquired by my said Wife to be equally divided between Elizabeth Boykin Daughter of my said Wife by her former Husband and my Daughter Martha Rebecca my only child by my said last Wife to them their Heirs Executors and Administrators forever. And Whereas there is a Dispute existing between myself and the Executors of the late Samuel Boykin relative to the Division of his Estate My Will & desire is that my Brother Zebulon Rudolph and my friend William Johnson Jr. do settle and adjust the same in such manner as to them shall seem most advisable. Item my Will and desire is that my said Brother do continue to carry on the Business now carried on at Camden under the firm of Broom and Rudolph untill my said Daughters shall attain their full Age or Day of Marriage under the same Terms & Stipulations and agreement [one or more illegible lines] Guardian of my said Children and recommend them to his peculiar care.

Item. All the rest and residue of my Estate Whatsoever and wheresoever not before herein disposed of. I give devise and bequeath to my said two Daughters, Frances and Martha Rebecca, to be equally divided between them share and share alike, and to their and each of their Executors and Administrators for ever.

My Will further is that my Brother do leave my said Daughter Martha Rebecca to reside with her Aunt Frances with whome she now resides untill she is of Age proper for schooling, and to allow her said Aunt a handsome compensation for her attention.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this twenty fifth Day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Nine. T. Broom

Town of Camden  
Kershaw District & State of South Carolina.

Personally appeared before me William B. Hunt, one of the Justices of the peace in and for the District aforesaid Zebulon Rudolph of Edgefield District & State aforesaid and made Oath that Frances Lee [?] of the said Town of Camden, Widow of Francis Lee late deceased is the daughter and only surviving heir of Thomas Broom. His the deponents half brother, [undeciphered word] that said Broom was a revolutionary Soldier in Colo. Henry Lees Dragoons and that at or about the close of the war when discharged [one or two undeciphered words] to be a Sergeant. This deponent has known Mrs. Lee from her infancy she having been born in Cecil County & State of Maryland near Elkton where this deponent Lived at the time of her birth whence her father with herself and her brother David in her minority emigrated to this place subsequently to the decease of his first wife. The said Broom married again in this District and had children, all of whom died without issue his Son David also died in minority & without issue so that Mrs. Frances Lee the Administratrix of her [undeciphered word] deceased Husband is the

only surviving and legal heir of Thomas Broom who died in the City of Charleston in the month of October 1799. This deponent further declareth that thro' mistake of the Post Master at Columbia in forwarding to the Ridge instead of Richardson P.O. Edgefield District So. Ca. a Letter from John Bennet near [undeciphered word] P.O. Delaware 29<sup>th</sup> August 1822 He this deponent failed to get it in time to inform the Heir of Thomas Broom of the claim she had to Military Land by right of her deceased father.

[signed illegibly]

Sworn to this 16 day of January in the year 1822 before me/ William B. Hunt J.P.

Maryland } [one or two undeciphered words] of John Bennett [VAS579] aged 87 years  
Cecil County } Be it Remembered that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of [undeciphered] 1823 personally  
appeared before [undeciphered] one of the Justices of the peace in and for said  
County John Bennett of the State of Maryland New Castle County and a Private in Lt Col Henry Lees  
Legion, who being Duly Sworn according to Law deposeseth and saith that he was well acquainted with  
Thomas Broom until the time of his death and about the year 177[?] he enlisted in the County aforesaid as  
a Dragoon in the Legion commanded by Lt. Col. Henry Lee in the service of the united states under which  
he continued, as also this deponent, who was then in the first[?] Troop of said Legion. This deponent  
further deposes that Thomas Broom was a sergeant, in the second[?] Troop of Lees Legion and Continued  
in said Legion to the Close of the Revolutionary war in the year 1783 – and was honorably discharged at  
Elkton by Capt Michael Rudolph [BLWt945-300] the 23 of August AD 1783  
subscribed and/ sworn before me/ [undeciphered]