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Virginia documents pertaining to Gasper Butcher VAS2820
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Some documents could not be deciphered.]

City of Washington/ H. R./ Jan 4 1837

Wm Selden Esqr Sir

I am requested by some heirs of Gasper Butcher De'd late of Illinois to present their claim for the bounty Land due him as a Soldier in the Virginia State line, and belonged to the Illinois Regiment Commanded by General George Rogers Clark. I perceive by the Resolves of Congress that the Claim is solely referable to the Executive department of the State of Virginia, have consequently enclosed the within document to you, will you be pleased to examine it, and have the goodness to inform me of the result of the examination, in order that I may inform the heirs who reside in my district

I have the Honour/ to be very respectfully/ your obt servt/ A. W. Snyder

State of Illinois } At a court held for Jackson county Illinois on the 8th day of May 1837
Jackson County } SS. satisfactory evidence was adduced in court to prove that George Butcher, Samuel Butcher, Polly Butcher, now Polly Grubb and William Grubb her husband, Katharine Butcher, now Katherine Arendall and Thomas Arendall her husband, John Butcher, Nancy Butcher now Nancy Creeksam[?] and John Creeksam her husband who are living in and are Citizens of Jackson county and State of Illinois also that Winifred Butcher late Winifred McMullen deceased who has left heirs in fee to her Estate to wit: Sarah McMullen, Eleanor McMullen, William[?] McMullen, and [undeciphered] McMullen, also Sarah Butcher late Sarah Sorrels deceased, who has heirs in fee to her Estate to wit; Jefferson Sorrels, John Sorrels, James Sorrels, and William Sorrels, also Jacob Butcher now deceased who has left heirs in fee to his Estate to wit: Gaspar Butcher Winnifred Butcher and George Butcher are the children and only heirs at law in fee to Gaspar Butcher, late a Soldier in Colonel George Rodgers Clark's Regiment of Virginia Troops

State of Kentucky Ss
County of Warren

Be it known that on this the 9th day of September 1841 Personally appeared Phineas Cox [W3004] who after being sworn according to law deposes and says that, He knew Gasper Butcher in his lifetime, and had known him for a period of forty years previous to his death. That said Gasper Butcher enlisted in the Illinois Regiment of Virginia troops under the Command of Col George Rogers Clark and faithfully served out his term of Twelve months and was lawfully discharged from said service That said Gasper Butcher left at his death Samuel, George, John, Jacob, Butcher and Catharine, [undeciphered], Nancey, Sarah Winny daughters heirs of said deceased



Rej[ecte]d Jany 9 1838 by order of the Governor
Rejected DC [David Campbell]

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

Department of War/ Bounty Land Office/ Jan'y 22^d 1840

Sir [Hon'e John Reynolds/ Ho. of Rep'ts] Yours addressed to the Secretary of War, and covering the enclosed letter of Mr. John Dougherty, was referred to this Office on the 15th ins't, and in reply to the inquiry relative to Gasper Butcher, I have the honor to inform you that, his name appears on an Official return of the Soldiers of the "Illinois Regiment, and North Western Army commanded by Gen'l Geo. R. Clarke," as being entitled to bounty land from the State of Virginia, which return was made to the Executive of that State, by its Commissioner appointed to investigate Revolutionary claims; the case is therefore referable solely to the authorities of said state. The troops under the command of Gen'l. Clarke, were not on the Continental Establishment of Virginia, and were not, of course, embraced by the Resolutions of Congress granting bounty lands. Congress, having made no provision in Scife[?], or otherwise, since the Act of March 3^d 1835, for satisfying the Warrants issued by the State of Virginia to her Officers and Soldiers, and the appropriations of land under that Act, being exhausted, those in possession, as well as those reported to be entitled to such Warrants, must, necessarily, await the further favourable legislation of that body, before they can obtain anything.

Very Respectfully/ Your Obt Servt/ Wm Gordon