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Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Gordon VAS3733  
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Some documents are not legible enough for transcription.]

January 29, 1834

Postponed at the request of the person presenting the claim J. F. [Gov. John Floyd]

1834 July 18 Rejected

To his Excellency the Executive of Virginia

Having obtained the evidence of Capt. Dudley Digges [S8328] of Louisa County in support of the claim of Tho's Gordon's heirs for his bounty land I respectfully ask a reconsideration of the case I would ask the Executive to examine the will of Capt Gordon's father in which he wills to his Son Thomas certain property provided he returns from the war I rely on this as very strong evidence that said Tho's Gordon was in the Service, and upon the evidence of Jones, Digges and the certificate of the Court of Fauquier County to establish his rank in the army. When the case is acted upon, [several undeciphered words] to be advised of the decision. I reside at Warrenton Virginia

I have the honor to be very respectfully &c Wm Helms

[The will of John Gordon referred to in the above letter is mostly illegible except for the following: "...my five Sons and if my son Thomas dies before he comes home or of age his part of the division to be equally divided among the other four. Item it is my will and desire that if either of my two younger sons should die..."]

To the Executive of Virginia [Culpeper County, 27 Sep 1835]

The subscribers beg leave to represent to your Excellency that they are the heirs at law & distributees of Thomas Gordon dec'd late a Captain of Dragoons in Col Washingtons [William Washington] partisan Legion in the revolution, and that said Captain Gordon entered the service at the commencement of the revolution as we have always understood either as a private or Subaltern officer in a company commanded by said Washington, and that said Gordon was subsequently promoted in the regiment of Cavalry commanded by Col. Baylor [George Baylor W5966] and that he remained mostly with Col Wm Washington as long as he remained in the service and that said Gordon was finally discharged as we have always understood somewhere in the south at the Close of the war of the revolution and died in Norfolk Virginia on his way home. We therefore ask of your Excellency to make an allowance of bounty land to us for the revolutionary services of said Captain Gordon to commence from date of Captain William Washington's first [undeciphered word] the third virginia continental regiment and as in duty bound &c [signed] John Gordon/ Wm. R. Gordon

Richmond March 10<sup>th</sup> 1836

Dear Sir

The enclosed papers has been placed in my hands for the purpose of requesting you to place them on file in your office with the evidence of James Jones in support of the claim of Captain Thomas Gordons heirs for [undeciphered word] any services. Capt. Gordons case was acted on and rejected on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1834. It's confidently [undeciphered word] that the executive will again examine the case with the additional evidence afforded. If however this cannot be done, be pleased to return me the papers at as early a day as convenient, before the rising of the Legislature.

Im Very Respectfully yr  
Wm R Smith