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Virginia documents pertaining to John Washington VAS4886
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files. The file contains the following note referring to a letter by George Washington: "Washington letter removed Apr. 2, 1940 and put in Dame's Case in folder for Mar 2, 1777."]

To his excellency William Campbell Governor of Virginia

Your Memorialist respectfully Represents that his late Uncle John Washington was a Captain in the Virginia Continental line and Died while such and in the public service. That some five or six years ago your memorialist obtained the Allowance of said claim and warrants for 4000 acres of land were obtained by him and his co heirs but he has since understood that the rule of satisfying such claims is that an officer who has lost his life in the service of his Country should be intitled to all the land he could have acquired a right to had he remained in service untill the end of the war and the proclamation of Peace. Your memorialist therefore believes that there is yet additional land due in right of his said Uncles sivrvice having commenced in February 1776 or sooner. See the Journals of the Committee of Safety of that date. of that date. Also that he was commisioned Captain of Cavalry on the 2nd of April 1776. See Mr Commissioner Smiths Reports of officers intitled to additional lands being document No 6 of the Journals of the House of Delegates of Session of 1815-6

Your memorialist therefore prays your excellency to cause an investigation of this claim and that you may grant him and his co heirs whatever additional land shall appear to be yet due in right of said [undeciphered] and your memorialist as in duty bound will ever Pray.

Henry [undeciphered]/ Attorney for L Washington

This is to certify that I was acquainted with Robert Washington Lund Washington Lawrence Washington and well remember John Washington who died when I was young These Gentlemen were all brothers [undeciphered] the latter of whom died in [undeciphered]. the former Robert Washington left three children to wit. Thomas Washington Nancy Washington who intermarried with a certain William Thompson and Lund Washington which said Lund now lives in the City of Washington. the elder brother Thomas Washington died without issue. Nancy Thompson left three children to wit Elizabeth L Thompson Robert T. Thompson and Catharine F. Thompson – and further this deponant saith not
[Fairfax County, 25 March 1831] John W. Ashton

On this seventh day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before me the subscriber, a Justice of the peace for the County of Washington and district of Columbia Mrs. Sarah Washington formerly of King George County in the state of Virginia, who being duly sworn, says that she was well acquainted with Captain John Washington (also of King George County) of the Army of the Revolution, he being a blood relation of her own as well as the Uncle of her late husband and a frequent visitor at her fathers house. That the said John Washington received a Commission of Captain as she has understood, and joined the Northern Army at an early period of the War. His length of service she does not now distinctly recollect. That while so in service he was taken sick of the small pox and died as she understood at the time and has always fully believed, and that this was the common report and general belief of the neighborhood at the time, to which he never returned. And the deponent further sayeth, that the said Captain John Washington died unmarried and without Lawful issue, that he had but three brothers vizt Lawrence, Lund, and Robert Washington. That Lawrence and Lund died without issue, and the said Robert Washington left the following children to wit, Thomas the late husband of the deponent, Lund and Nancy. That the said Thomas died without issue, and that the said Nancy intermarried with one William Thompson and died leaving the following children to wit, Robert Townshend, Elizabeth

Lund, and Catharine Forte and that the said Lund Washington is still living, and that he, and the said Robert Townshend Thompson, Elizabeth Lund Thompson, and Catharine Forte Thompson are the only living heirs at law of the said Captain John Washington. Sarah Washington
[An accompanying letter from Lund Washington states that Sarah Washington was 15 or 16 years old at the time John Washington died.]

Memorial to the Hon'bl The Executive of Virginia.

The petition of the undersigned to the Executive of virginia respectfully represents that they are the only surviving heirs of their late mother Mrs. Ann Thompson, and as such are Co-Heirs with their uncle Mr. Lund Washington, of Capt. John Washington of the virginia Continental line in the army of the Revolution, who died in the service. And on account of the services of the said Capt John Washington the undersigned respectfully ask for so much additional bounty land as they may be entitled to, as his heirs in part.

Feb 21st 1838

Eliza'th L Thompson

Catharine F Thompson

I hereby certify that Robert T. Thompson, brother of Elizabeth L. Thompson & Catharine F. Thompson, died in May 1833 and left no other heirs than his two sisters before named.

[Fairfax County, 22 Feb 1838]

R C Mason