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Bounty Land Warrant of John Chilton BLWt519-300
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Whereas John Chilton of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia did enter into the service of the United States in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy six as a Captain in the third Virginia Regiment in the war against Great Britain in which Grade of service the said John Chilton continued untill he deceased in the war between the United States & Great Britain. And Whereas by the Laws of the United States he is entitled to a certain bounty in Land from the said States for his said Services. Now Know all to whom these may concern that I Thomas Chilton heir of the said John Chilton deceased have nominated and by these presents do constitute nominate and depute Joseph Stokely of Westmoreland County and State of Pennsylvania my Lawful and absolute attorney for me and in my name and stead to seek after and obtain from the United States all such Land Bounty as may be due me for his said services and for the more effectually securing unto him the said Joseph Stokely the Land [several illegible words] by virtue of said services. Be it known that for certain valuable considerations to me paid by him the said Joseph Stokely I have sold unto him the said Joseph Stokely all my Right and Interest therein I do hereby order and direct the Honourable Henry Dearbourn Secretary of War or his successor to issue any such Land Warrant as may appear to be due for his said services and in the name of him the said Joseph Stokely hereby giving & granting unto him the said Joseph Stokely my whole Right Power and Authority in and concerning the premises
As witness my hand and seal this 28th day of May one thousand eight hundred and Ten.

Thomas Chilton

We do certify that Capt. John Chilton entered into the Continental Virginia Line third Virginia Regiment early in the year 1776 and that he was killed at the Battle of Brandywine the 11th of September 1777 — Given from under our hands at Germantown in Fauquier County this 5th day of June 1810

James Knight

[illegible signature; possibly Simon Morgan]
Late Capt'n Cont'l Va. line

[The [Revolutionary bounty-warrant files in the Library of Virginia](#) include the following:]

Monday 25th March, 1776.

A Warrant to Capt John Chilton pr £64.10.0 for Arms & Blankets as pr Acct.

Same to Capt. Chilton pr £92.10.0 for bounty money & recruiting expenses of his Company from Fauquier 3rd Regiment

[Certified as an extract from the Journal of the Committee of Safety.]

NOTES:

According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution* (Westminster MD: Heritage Books. 2007), John Chilton became a Captain in the Culpeper District Battalion in Oct 1775. The papers relating to [Revolutionary rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) includes a copy of a portion of a requisition for hunting shirts and other articles "For Capt. John Chilton's Comp'y." at Williamsburg dated 27 Oct 1775.

The file contains a copy of the last will and testament of John Chilton dated 24 Aug 1776 and probated 24 Nov 1777, with the following provisions:

"land purchased of Debutts be sold when my son Thomas comes to age and the money arising from Sale of said Land be equally divided between my four Children Joseph, Lucy, George and Nancy."

His estate to be equally divided among his children as they become of age: the boys 21, and the girls 18. The executors (Maj. Pickett, Thomas Keith, and Charles Chilton) to provide for the education of the children out of the estate.

To son Thomas the land given to John Chilton by his father, where he lately lived, as well as his surveying instruments.

The file includes a letter dated 12 April 1837 by Joseph Chilton inquiring whether his brother, Thomas Chilton, had received the bounty warrant.