Thomas Dickens
Thomas is a pseudonym for a Maryland man who called the counseling line in 1973

Filed by Hubert E. Lee (Janesville), Thomas T. Dickens is the most prominent of all Confederate conscientious objectors, a graduate of West Point (1862) who had resigned his military commission, then, serving two terms, before resigning to accept a professorship at the Virginia Military Institute. Through strange twists, he earned "Conscientious Collector" and "Old Rebel Light" as nicknames.

Dickens's refusal of the Civil War had been communicated in a letter to Robert Rhodes Davis and dispatched to Richmond. Davis, who had been in correspondence with Dickens since the latter's graduation, forwarded the letter, accompanying his dispatch, Army of the Shenandoah Order No. 14, 1862, to Longstreet, general. Office Order 17, 1862, accompanying his dispatch, Short Corps, Army of the Shenandoah, July 30. Dickens's letter, unsigned,