

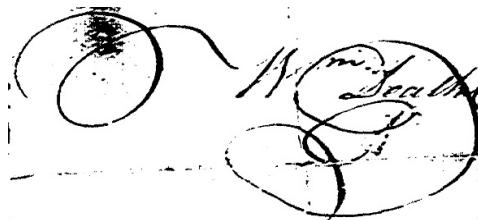
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Death VAS3336
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

In the Name of God Amen I Wm Death being weak in body but but of sound memory blessed be[?] God do this day being the 6th day of April 1779 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say First I give to my friend Jacob Larue 200[?] acres of Land due me from the Congress Also I give the said Jacob Larue all my Wages due to me from the united states of America I give unto his Daughter Pheby all my house hold goods and one gold Ring I also give unto his son Isaac all my wearing apparel with my silver buckles and horse or the price of it. I also give to my friend John Larue 300 acres of Land due me from the Congress. I make my friend Jacob Larue overseer of this my Will to take care and see the same performed according to my true intent In Witness whereof the said Wm Death have to this my Last Will and testament set my hand and Seal

Witness present
Francis McCormick
Will'm [undeciphered]
Jane herWmark Gibbs
Cas. Hicks



[Proven in Frederick County 5 March 1783]

Dear Sir: Mr Jacob Laren [sic] is the heir at Law to the Land belonging to William Death The warrant I delvird you, the deed therefore may be geven in Mr Larens Name

7th march 1785 I am sir/ your Hble Servt
Dan'l Morgan [Gen. Daniel Morgan]



To Colo Ric'd C Anderson [Richard Clough Anderson W1356]
the principle surveyor for the continental Virg'a Line

Hardin County Kentucky October 21st 1833

Dear Sir I have written to Mr. Buzan the person named as witness in the case of Wm. Death's Will concerning his Military Claims on Government he says that he was not a captain but a sergeant major this he can attest he says that he knows nothing of my father's having Devised the Land Claims to my Mother my self Sister and Brother. I wrote to him hearing he was like to Die and fearing that I should have Lost my trip there by his Death I thought Proper to write to him and have this Day recieved an answer I think proper to communicate to you the substance of it expecting some further Directions from you in relation to said matter

I am Sir yours with Due respect

To Mr John P Durall Esqr
Bardstown Ky.

Morgan J. Larue

State of Illinois }

Warren County } Ss I John B. Talbot a Justice of the Peace in and for said county and state aforesaid Do hereby certify that William Buzan is a creditable witness, and that he personally appeared before me in my county aforesaid and made oath, that he was well acquainted with William Death, a Sergeant Major, of Col Daniel Morgan's Rifle Regiment, during the Revolutionary War, that he served more than

three years, and that he continued in service until the end of the war, and that he died in the county of Frederick in the State of Virginia – and have always understood from Jacob Larue, the husband of Jane Larue now Jane Rodes, that the said Death devised his Military claims to the said Jacob Larue, which will more fully appear by the wills of the said Death. And I further state that Jane Rodes, formerly Larue was the widow of the said Jacob Larue, and further said William Buzan sayeth not.

Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of November A.D. 1833. John B Talbot

NOTE: The file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Jacob Larue dated 16 Nov 1815. It is not legible enough for transcription, but names his wife, Jane, and a son-in-law William Buzan. It also mentions his children “by my present wife namely Morgan, a son, Sarah, a daughter, and Jesse[?], a son, as well as a daughter named Mary McDonald and others not legible.