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Pension Application of John Lurty R65 VA Sea Service
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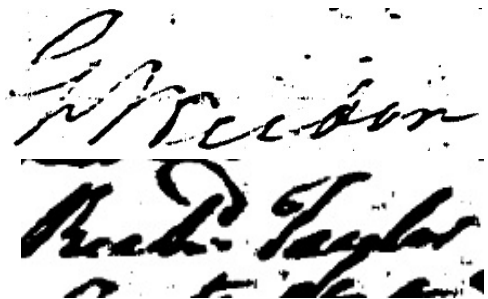
The Deposition of George Morton of Mason County Kentucky taken at the office of David Bronaugh Esqr. in the town of Washington, County and state aforesaid on Tuesday the Ninth day of February 1836. This deponent being seventy seven years of age and first duly sworn deposes and saith: This he was well acquainted with Lieutenant John Lurty of King George County, state of Virginia, that the said Lieutenant Lurty was appointed Lieutenant under the command of Captain Eleazer Callender on Board the Dragon, he thinks this appointment was made about the time the first Virginia naval force was raised, the year he does not now recollect – and that the said Lieutenant Lurty served on Board the Dragon until the end of the War in capacity of Lieutenant. The said Lieutenant Lurty then purchased a vessel of his own and tended up and down the Rappahannock River until he was appointed to the command of a Revenue Cutter at Hampton and died in the command of that vessel in May or June in the year 1795. He knows that the said John Lurty was a Lieutenant he having often shown this deponent his commission as such. This deponent frequently saw the said Lieut. Lurty from the time he first became acquainted with him until the day of his death – the family of the said Lurty residing part of the time within one mile of this deponents residence. This deponent states that Lieut Lurty left at his death three sons and one daughter his sons were William, Moore and Robert and his daughter was named Mary Stevens Lurty. His son William is now living in Bracken County Kentucky. Moore Lurty died in Virginia leaving several children. Robert Lurty died in Bracken County Kentucky and has two children towit: William and Elizabeth. Mary Stevens Lurty married Abraham Proctor and died leaving ten children. This deponent well recollects the time of Lieut. Lurtys death, it having occurred the same year this deponent left Virginia to reside in Kentucky. Lieut Lurty died in May or June 1795 and this deponent removed to Kentucky the fall of the same year.

And further this deponent saith not. Geo Morton

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Lurtey, John.]

This may Certify that Captain John Lurtey was enlisted[?] in the state Navey the 1st day of April 17[?] & continued in Service till the 7th of April [illegible] Given under my hand/ May 13th 1783
G. Weedon BG [George Weedon BLWt2418-850

The above is a true state of [illegible] Captn Lurtey was in the [illegible] Certified by me Rich'd Taylor [Richard Taylor S25873] Captn State Navy

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'G. Weedon' and the bottom signature is 'Rich'd Taylor'. Both signatures are written in a cursive style.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Lurtz, John. This file includes a document signed on 17 May 1831 by William B. Lurtey, Polley Lurtey, and Notley L. Procter promising their attorney, William J. Barker, one-fourth of the land and ten percent of any money Barker could recover for the services of their ancestor, John Lurty.]

State of Kentucky Mason County Sct

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the peace in

and for the county aforesaid George Morton and made oath that he was Born and raised in the County of King George in the State of Virginia and that some years since he removed to the County of Mason and state of Kentucky that he is aged about seventy three years, and that he was well acquainted with Capt. James Markham [R72] of the Virginia State Navy who was an active and efficient Officer in the Revolutionary war, and that he was also well acquainted with John Lurty who at the commencement of the said revolutionary war was commissioned as first Lieutenant on Board of a vessel called the Draggon and that the said Lurty remained and continued in the virginia state line service during the whole of the said war; and during the same may have been promoted to a Captaincy as he was generally called Captain Lurty, but this affiant does not certainly know that he was commissioned as such; but does know for he has often seen his commission as first Lieutenant that he was at the outset as described the first Lieutenant on Board said vessel Draggon, and after the final close of the revolution the said Lurty as this affiant has always been informed and believes was put in command of a vessel a revenue cutter and continued on board the same in the service of the united states until the time of his death which took place some time in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five at Hampton That he never was out of the service aforesaid except a short time after the close of the war till he was put in command of the revenue cutter where he died as aforesaid, and [part missing at bottom of page] who is now dead leaving his wife Mary Lurty his heir by his will, Mary Lurty who intermarried with Abram Proctor and is also dead leaving issue one of whom is Notley L. Proctor and More Lurty who is also dead but left issue the three first named have also empowered William J. Barker their attorney in fact to seek out their claim:

Given under my hand this 25 day of May 1831 Geo Morton

[Also in [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) is a petition by William B. Lurtey, Mary Lurtey, and perhaps other heirs claiming that John Lurty was entitled to bounty land equal to that of a Major in the army. The claim was registered on 22 July 1833 and rejected by Gov. John Floyd. There is also a 15 July 1833 letter to the Governor of Virginia from N. D. Coleman of Marysville KY stating, among other things, that many had fled the local area because of an outbreak of cholera.]

NOTE:

No application was found in the pension file, but a letter dated 7 March 1836 indicates that the document in the file was submitted as part of the claim of the heirs of John Lurty for half pay under the act of 5 July 1832.

A document in the pension file from the court of Mason County KY dated 3 Nov 1834 lists the heirs of William Lurty as follows: Moore Lurty, deceased, leaving children in Virginia; Robert Lurty, deceased, survived by William Lurty and Elizabeth Lurty; and Mary Ann Proctor, deceased, leaving 10 heirs: Notley Proctor, Newton Proctor, William Proctor, George Proctor, John Proctor, Larkin Proctor, Patsey Proctor, Hannah Proctor, Fanny Stevenson, and Lucy Ann Wood (wife of Baker G. Wood).