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Pension Application of Owen Newman R7630

VA

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Pittsburg [Pittsburgh], Nov 22 1850

The following declaration of facts as set forth is believed to be as near the truth as in this case can be arrived at.

Owen Newman enlisted in Pittsburg [then considered part of Virginia] in Capt Croghan's [William Croghan BLWt448-400] company at or near the commencement of the Revolutionary War to serve during the war. He served as first Sergeant it is believed with Capt Croghan until he was appointed Comisary Sergeant which post he held until he was discharged at the close of the war. During the war he was Married to Mrs Margaret Wilcox the widow of an american Soldier. By her he had two children one son and one daughter who respectively reached the age of manhood. His son James Newman was killed at fort Meigs under General [William Henry] Harrison May 5, 1813. His only remaining child Nancy Newman was married in September 1813 to Mr. Ely Horner in pittsburg. Ely Horner died in 1834 Leaving her a widow. She has ever since remained a widow. Said Newman received when discharged certificates for his pay. A law of Congress calling upon all soldiers to present their claims within two years or be debarred in case of neglecting to do so which law was unknown to said Newman until the expiration of the said time. His papers was taken to Washington City by a Mr. Finley and were destroyed at the time that the public Buildings were burnt by the Brittish [see endnote] Said Newman's discharge and other documents being destroyed as aforesaid and in the absence of other testimony Nancy Horner declared that she has heard her father, and others who served with him declare that he was at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], the taking of the Hessians at Trenton [26 Dec 1776]. he afterwards served in the South with General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] until the close of the war

Nancy Horner being a widow, and only remaining child of said Owen Newman respectfully prays that the pay of which the said Newman was debarred by the limitation Act may be restored to her

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Serjeant Owen Newman Enlisted in the Virg'a Continental line in February 1776 and In January 1777 Enlisted for during the War. Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov 1783

W. Croghan Maj Virg'a line

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. Croghan', written in dark ink on a light background.

NOTE: The file includes a personal letter dated Allegheny, 26 Feb 1850 by Peter McGonnigle addressed to "Dear Aunt." The file also contains a letter dated Washington, 7 July 1853 by Daniel W. Cook to Col. A. Stuart of Steubenville OH stating that Owen Newman's papers were destroyed in an accidental fire at the War Department in 1800. The letter also contains news regarding friends or relations.