Pension Application of John Lurty R65
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

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 deposeth 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

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