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Lorance, William

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See a letter in James  
Patterson - R. 8001 in  
which an R. B. Law-  
rence is informed  
relative to his father's  
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the only W. M. Lawrence  
of N. C., he may have  
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Kentucky

William Loran  
Owen Co. in the State of Kentucky  
who was a private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Armstrong of the regt. commanded  
by Col. Murphy in the N. C. Army  
from 22 months from 1777

Enrolled on the Roll of Kentucky  
the rate of 73 Dollars 33 Cents per annum,  
commence on the 15th day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 26 day of June  
1833 and sent to Hon. R. M.  
Johnson. Lt. & Eng.

Amounts to the 15th of March 1833 \$ 146.66  
Pension allowance ending 4 Sep. 36.66

\$ 183.32

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

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**Pension Office,**

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The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus. § ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

| Period when the service was rendered. | Duration of the claimant's service. |         |       | Rank of the claimant. | Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served. | Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service. | Proof by which the declaration is supported. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                                       | Years.                              | Months. | Days. |                       |                                                            |                                                                 |                                              |
| 79                                    | "                                   | 6       | "     | Priv                  | Col. A. Mayhew<br>Capt. W. Armstrong<br>Lieut. Carmichael  | 69 years<br>Brown<br>do                                         | One "self."                                  |
| 79                                    | 1                                   | "       | "     | Men<br>Team           | Col. H. Loebe<br>Capt. W. Armstrong<br>Lieut. Armstrong    | do<br>do<br>do                                                  |                                              |
| 80                                    | "                                   | 6       | "     | "                     | Gen. Mansfield<br>Lieut. H. Loebe<br>Capt. W. Armstrong    |                                                                 |                                              |

*Your obedient servant,*

Commissioner of Pensions.

Commonwealth of Kentucky }  
County of Owen } Sch.

On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of ~~Decr~~<sup>Decr</sup> personally appeared  
in open Court, before ~~the Justice of the Peace~~<sup>the Justice</sup>  
of Owen County Court, now sitting William Loran  
a resident of the County of Owen and Commonwealth  
of Kentucky, aged 69 <sup>last August</sup> years, who being first duly  
sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the  
following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit  
of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States  
under the following named officers and served as  
herein stated - that is to say - he volunteered as a  
private ~~private~~<sup>soldier</sup> in a Company commanded by  
Capt William Armstrong upon a six months  
tour in the <sup>Spring</sup> ~~fall~~ he thinks, May 1779 and accor-  
-dingly entered the service as such - the name of  
his Lieutenant <sup>was William Grimes</sup> ~~was William Grimes~~ - He states that he  
was a resident of Rowan County State of North  
-Carolina at the time he entered the service - that  
his Company rendezvoused at Salisbury in the said  
County and was attached to a regiment under the  
command of Col. Alexander Maybaw - that said  
regiment soon after his said Company joined it  
marched toward Deep River for the purpose of  
keeping down the Tories in that quarter who were  
making some efforts to embody themselves - that  
whilst in that section of the County they came upon  
a number of Tories who were collecting and embody-  
-ing themselves under a man by the name of Samson

at a place called the haw fields on said River and  
after a skirmish with them they dispersed having  
their leader and several of their Companions dead  
on the ground. After scouring the Country for  
some time, ~~the~~ ~~and~~ upon a river & its waters, they  
marched to the Catawba river in the vicinity of the  
shallow ford at which place this declarant with  
his Company and the Principal Portion of his said  
regiment remained for some time and then went  
into the Long settlements on Cross Creek and contin-  
-ued shifting their quarters from one point to another  
for the purpose of protecting the Whigs and keeping the  
Lories in awe and subjection till the termination  
of his said Tour when he was verbally discharged  
by his officers and returned to his home in Rowan  
County having fully served out his said six months Tour

He further states and declares that very soon  
after the termination of his said Tour he again  
became a volunteer <sup>soldier</sup> in a company commanded  
by Capt. William Armstrong - Lieutenant Abel  
Armstrong - Ensign Richard Grimes and entered  
the service as a private accordingly he thinks in  
October 1779 - This company he states was called  
Minute Men and he volunteered for a twelve  
<sup>I did serve accordingly</sup>  
Months service in it. That soon after it was raised  
it rendezvoused together with a full regiment of  
Militia at Salisbury in North Carolina. That Col  
<sup>Matthew Latta</sup>  
~~Matthew Latta~~ took command of them - that  
from Salisbury said regiment ~~and~~ marched towards  
the river Catawba. that they reached said river some

distanced below Beatty's ferry and understanding that a body of Tories were collecting some distance above the point at which they struck the river, a detachment consisting of 30 or 40 Company of which this declarant was one under the Command of Col. Campbell was dispatched against them and directed its march up the river, and a few miles above Beatty's ferry at a Mill called Ramours Mill came upon them and after a smart skirmish in which William Armstrong this declarant's Captain was killed the Tories were dispersed. He states that upon the death of Capt. William Armstrong, Abel Armstrong who had been the lieutenant of said Company took the Command. He further states that he was with his said Company in active service during the winter and spring 1779 & '80 in keeping down the Tories who abounded in that part of North Carolina and rendering relief and protection to those who were well affected to the American Cause. That their services were in almost constant requisition - that upon one occasion they went to the forks of the Roanoke and dispersed a parcel of Tories who were collecting. He further declares that during the summer of the year 1780 his Company usually acted separately from any other and was often called out for the purpose of keeping the Tories in subjection who were frequently committing outrages and depredations upon the Whigs; and that he was always with his said Company upon its excursions. He further states that his said Company in the latter part of the summer or first of the fall was attached to a Regiment under the Command of Col. Caldwell and that he marched with it to the

Quacken and joined the Army under the Command of  
Genl Smallwood. That his said Company himself with  
it frequently composed a portion of detachments which  
were sent from the Army for the purpose of harassing the  
British and keeping down the Tories. Genl Gates was the  
Commander in Chief of the American Army in that  
quarter of the Country and this declarant understood that  
he was displaced that fall, and that Genl <sup>Greene</sup> took the  
Command. - He states that he continued in the Ar-  
my <sup>& served therein</sup> ~~until~~ <sup>until</sup> the expiration of his said term of service &  
was verbally discharged by his officers and returned  
home to Rowan County.

He further states that after his return home there  
was again a great call for men and he volunteered  
as a private <sup>soldier</sup> in a Company Commanded by Abel  
Armstrong About the Christmas <sup>(1780)</sup> following his return  
from the service as above mentioned, upon a tour  
of six <sup>& served therein accordingly</sup> months. Richard Grimes was the Lieutenant  
and Resided in Sany following (1781) as well as  
he now recollects, he joined Genl Morgan with his  
said Company, who was then stationed on the Racon  
river, and that his said Company was placed  
under the Command of Major McDowell. That  
soon after he joined the Army under Genl Morgan  
it crossed the Racon and marched towards  
Broad River and came to a halt at a place  
called the Cowpens, at which place the British  
under the Command of Col. Tarleton came up  
with the Army and made an attack and a  
battle was then fought - This declarant was  
in the Battle under the Command of Major  
McDowell - Capt Abel Armstrong was still the  
Commander of the Company to which this declarant belonged -

He states that he was in the front line in the beginning of the action and upon the first fire it fell back upon the second line which this declarant thinks was commanded by Col. Pickens. In this battle a number of prisoners were taken and this declarant with the militia and volunteers that remained in the Army were detached with ~~the prisoners~~ <sup>them</sup> over Broad River and the Catawba into Virginia. End Morgan followed on and Lord Cornwallis pursued to the Catawba. After the Army crossed the Catawba ~~and~~ <sup>by</sup> it encamped and rested for several days until End Grene came and <sup>took</sup> the Command in person.

Soon after End Grene arrived Lord Cornwallis forced a passage over the Catawba at <sup>Lowman</sup> ~~Boyle's~~ ford <sup>as witness Smith</sup> which was defended by End Davidson & this declarant was one of the detachment under his command & a skirmish took place in which End Davidson was killed and the detachment dispersed. This declarant and a portion of the Company to which he belonged including his Captain fell in with the main body of the Army which took the route to Salisbury thence to the trading fords on the Yadkin and Lord Cornwallis kept in pursuit. After the Army crossed the Yadkin it marched to Guilford Courthouse where it was joined by End Muger and his division. The whole Army thus continued its retreat towards Virginia and was pursued by Cornwallis and was at last compelled to cross the river Roan which was effected at <sup>Forbes</sup> ~~Boyd's~~ & ~~Lowman~~ which were within

3 or 4 miles of each other and this declarant was  
one of the men who were detailed to bring down  
boats for the Army to cross over in. The Army  
remained in the borders of the State of Virginia only  
a short time till it received considerable reinforce-  
ments and then it again crossed the river and  
followed Cornwallis who was retiring through the country  
towards Hillsborough. The foraging parties about this time were  
very bad and this declarant & his Company were  
frequently detached to harass them <sup>together with</sup> ~~some~~ parties of  
the British. The main body of the Army continued its  
march and crossed the New River ~~to~~ near its source &  
stationed itself on Troublesome Creek. Gen. Greene  
however kept the Army in almost constant motion not  
suffering it to encamp on the same ground two nights  
in succession. Whilst the Army was in this situation  
Cornwallis made an attack on a portion of it which  
was stationed on Reed's Fork under Col. Campbell  
and Col. Lee. And the Americans were forced to retreat  
with the loss of some killed and Gen. Greene retired  
with the whole Army to the iron works. Gen. Greene  
was almost daily receiving reinforcements and finally  
about the middle of March 1781 ~~the Army~~  
~~retreated to the iron works~~ marched the  
whole Army to Guilford Court House. On the day before  
the Battle of Guilford, in the evening this declarant  
and the Company to which he belonged was detached  
with a parcel of the Baggage wagons belonging to the  
Army across a creek which lay about two miles off  
and they were directed after they crossed to take up  
the baggage and await further orders. This was the

performed and the engagement resulting in the defeat of the American Army, they were directed to scatter the way - some in the woods, take out the horses and join the Army, which they did do on the day after the battle - at Reddy Fork Creek and soon afterwards the Army retreated to the iron works on Troublesome Creek which place had been appointed for a rendezvous of the Army in case of defeat. Some days after the battle Lord Cornwallis commenced a retreat and Genl Greene with the Army engaged in the pursuit of him and finally at Ramsays Mills on Sap river gave it up and came to a halt where it remained for several days - From this point this declarant was one of a party detached upon Croft Creek for the purpose of quieting the disturbances there and continued in that vicinity <sup>near</sup> till the expiration of his term of service before which time they marched on the Catawba <sup>about two miles from</sup> ~~near~~ the Saluda ford and there had a little rencounter with a party of Tories under command of Jack Brown. In this little scrape this declarant received a slight bayonet wound in his right knee - At the expiration of this tour which was the last performed by this declarant he received a discharge from his officers ~~and~~ which he has since lost and returned to his home in Rowan County -

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or bounty except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. <sup>in the Army</sup> And that he has no documentary evidence of his service but that he can prove most of them by William Knight who served a part of the time with him <sup>now alive</sup> and others.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid William Loran  
Interrogatoras propounded by the Court to William  
Loran the above named applicant

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1763 in the  
County of Rowan and State of North Carolina ac-  
-cording to the best information which I have on the  
subject.

2<sup>d</sup> Have you any records of your age; and if so where  
is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age in an old  
Book which formerly belonged to my father and which  
I now have in my possession

3<sup>d</sup> Where were you living when called into service; where  
- have you lived since the revolutionary war, and  
- where do you now live?

Answer. I lived with my father in the County of  
Rowan and State of North Carolina and continued  
to reside in said County for a number of years  
after the revolution and finally moved to Kentucky  
and to the County of Owen where I now reside.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you  
drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute  
and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered in each tour of service which  
I performed.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who  
were with the troops where you served; such Continen-  
-tals and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, &  
the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. At various times during my service I re-  
-collected to have seen Genl. Gater, Smallwood, Major  
Cremes Morgan, and Rutherford & Oliver Davidson  
who was killed at ~~Rowan~~ <sup>Rowan</sup> ferry, also Col. Mayban

Baldwell, Craig, Pickens, Campbell, Lee, Washington Williams, and Howard. I first entered the service as a volunteer in the Company of Capt William Armstrong, in the Spring of the year 1779 upon a tour of six months - during this tour I was engaged in a rencontre with the Tories on Deep river under a man by the name of Hannon at the low fields. ~~And the same~~ - I continued in the service until the expiration of said tour and a verbal discharge & returned home.

I afterward volunteered in a Company Commanded by the same man upon a twelve months tour - during this tour I was in another engagement with the Tories at Ramsours Mills on the Catawba in which Capt Armstrong was killed. And Abel Armstrong the Lieutenant of the Company took the Command - I continued in the service & was frequently in detachments against the Tories during the said 12 month tour and at its termination was verbally discharged and returned home.

Afterward about Christmas 1780 or early in Jan. 1781 I again volunteered upon a six month tour in Capt <sup>Abel Armstrong</sup> ~~Abel Armstrong~~ Company and joined Gen Morgan and was with him at the battle of the Cowpens in which action I was personally engaged. I was engaged soon afterward in a skirmish with the British at <sup>at Cowpens</sup> ~~Cowpens~~ Ford on the Catawba in which Gen Davidson was killed. I was also with the Army on the day before the battle of Guilford.

Sometime after the battle of Guilford I was one  
of a party which had a skirmish with the Tories  
who were under the command of one Jack Brown  
near the Island ford on the Catawba. In this skir-  
-mish I received a slight wound in the right knee  
I continued in the service during my tour & was  
discharged in writing by my officers but have since  
lost it.

Q<sup>d</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service,  
and if so by whom was it given, and what has become  
of it?

Answer I never received but one discharge in writing  
and that for the last tour of six months which was  
signed by my officers and which I have since lost

Q<sup>d</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are  
known in your present neighbourhood, and who can  
testify as to your character for veracity and their belief  
of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer I am acquainted with Farmer Rufus  
& Chorwood Madison

who are residents of my neighbourhood and to whom  
I am known

I sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

his  
William Loranee  
marks

~~The~~

~~a~~ ~~clerk~~ ~~residing in the~~  
County of ~~Richmond~~ ~~and~~  
Doc. Farmer Rufus and Chorwood Madison  
residing in the <sup>of our State</sup> County hereby certify that we are  
well acquainted with William Loranee who has sub-  
-scribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we