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War Department, Washington, D. C."

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON. February 10, 1927.

Respectfully returned to

Miss Florence I. Lawton,
Beaufort,
Box 186, S. C.

The records of this office show that one Joseph Lawton served in the Revolutionary War as a sergeant in Captain Alexander Thomas' Company in Colonel John Topham's Regiment of Rhode Island State Troops, in the service of the United States, engaged for one year from the 16th of March, 1778. He enlisted June 9, 1778, was advanced to Drum Major September 21, 1778, and transferred to the F & S; reenlisted March 16, 1779 for one year, and was assigned as sergeant to Captain Christopher Dyer's Company, same regiment, and his name is last borne on a muster roll dated at Newport, March 13, 1780 with remark, "Absent with Liefte".

The name Winborn Lawton has not been found on the records on file in this office of soldiers in the Revolutionary War, nor on the rolls of any organization of soldiers in service in the war of 1812.

The Collection of Revolutionary War records in this office is far from complete, and it is suggested as a possibility that additional information relative to service in that war may be obtained from the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., the State Record Commissioner, Providence, R.I., or from the authorities of the state from which the soldier may have entered the service.

Robert C. Davis
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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Estill, S. C. March 3rd 1936.

Miss Florence I. Lawton,

Estill, S. C.

Dear Florie:

My father, Capt. William Brisbane Peeples, attended the Lawtonville Academy, which was afterwards burned. This Academy was situated on the lefthand side as you entered the church from the Orangeburgh Road.

The solid brick wall around cemetery to Lawtonville Churchyard was about four and a-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) or five (5) feet high, the brick being handmade by slaves on the plantation of Captain Edward H. Peeples, Sr. (my grandfather) before the ward 1861-1865. I saw this old wall and it was here until 1898. The United States soldiers tore town part of this wall of bricks and used them for their shanty chimneys to their tents.

United States soldiers died here and are buried outside at the rear of this cemetery.

My father, Captain William Brisbane Peeples, was a Captain of a company of Confederate soldiers. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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The United States soldiers had my grandfather, Edward H. Peeples, Sr. Captain of the Home Guard at Lawtonville, Beaufort District, South Carolina, arrested at Lawtonville in United States Camp between 1861-1865. He was one of four Deacons of this Lawtonville Baptist Church before and after this war.

I was the last Deacon of the old Lawtonville Baptist church and am the oldest Deacon of the Estill Lawtonville Baptist Church.

C. L. Peeples Sr

C. L. PEEPLES.