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Virginia documents pertaining to Pierre Gagnia, Lewis Gagnia, Joseph Peltier, Michel Peltier, Alfonse Peltier VAS3662

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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The documents are poorly copied.]

State of Illinois }
Monroe County }

I David Nowlin Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County do certify that it is proven in open Court to the satisfaction of said Court that Pierre Gagnia, Lewis Gagnia, Joseph Pelter [Joseph Peltier], Michel Pelter [Michel Peltier] and Alfonse Pelter [Alfonse Peltier] were soldiers in the revolution in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark [VAS269]. That they served between three and four years when the regiment was discharged, and that they never received a Warrant or Warrants for the Bounty Land promised them either on the Part of the United States or the State of Virginia nor did they ever transfer their claim to it or them, in any manner whatever. It is further proven that the said Pierre Gagnia, Lewis Gagnia, Joseph Pelter, Michel Pelter and Alfonse Pelter died intestate and that the said Joseph Pepin subscriber to this instrument is the only Heir.

In testimony whereof I herewith subscribe my name and [the rest undeciphered]

Report upon the Petition of [undeciphered] agent &c for bounty land for the services of Pierre Gagnia, Lewis Gagnia, Joseph Peltier, Michael Peltier, and alphonse Peltier soldiers of the Illinois Regiment.

To the Governor

Sir I have heretofore reported the claims of Louis or Lewis Gagnia, Pierre Gagnia and Joseph Peltier, good – the first for a service during the war the two last for a service of 3 years. (see printed Illinois List doc. 32 pp. 16 & 20. Journal of the H. of Delegates 1833 34.)

The payrolls & muster Rolls of the Companies in the Illinois Regiment furnish'd the evidence, on the above mention'd report was made.

It appears from these Reports &c that Louis (or Lewis) Gagnia enlisted June 29th 1778 for the war that he was in service, from the time of his enlistment to the 1st of August 1782 in Capt. John Baileys [John Bailey R19354] company – from the 1st to the 31st August 1782 – from Sept 1st 1782 to Jan'y 31st 1783 and from Feb'y 1st 1783 to April 14 1783 – in the same Company – that from April 15th to Oct 31 1783 & from Nov'r 1st to Dec'r 31st 1783 and from Jan'y 1st to Feb'y 15 1784, he was in service in Lieut. [undeciphered] Compay which was detached from Capt. Baileys Company. He was part of the time in Capt. Gerraults [John Gerault] & Capt. McCartys [Richard McCarty] Companies. (see Payrolls of Capt Bailey and Lieut Rich'd Clarks [Richard Clark] Companies &c vol. 1st Illinois Papers.)

It appears that Joseph Peltier enlisted Jan'y 1779 and Pierre Gagnia enlisted March 1779 in Capt McCarty's Compnay, and serv'd to June 2nd 1781 which is the last date to which Capt McCarty's payrolls reach. The payroll of Capt. McCarty Comp'y ending June 2nd 1781 Vol. 1st Illinois Papers.) Capt McCarty was kill'd in 1781 & his men were commanded afterward by some other officer. I find no pay rolls of them later than June 2nd 1781. The men in the Illinois Regiment enlisted for 3 years, or for the war. I have presumed, in favor of Pierre Gagnia & Joseph Peltier, that the serv'd according to their enlistment, and have reported them entitled to the smallest quantity of land, to wit, that allow'd for a service of three years. I thought this reasonable, considering the establish'd fact, that the Illinois Soldiers enlisted for 3 years, or during the war; and the fact that these soldiers are prov'd by the payroll to have serv'd some of them 2 years & five months, and the others 2 years & 3 months; and the additional fact that the payrolls of some of the Companies of the Illinois Regiment have been lost or destroy'd, and particularly the paryrolls

of Captain McCartys Company, after January 1781.

The Petitioner has fil'd the Certificate of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe County, Illinois, that it was prov'd in open Court, that Pierre Gagnia, Lewis Gagnia, Joseph Peltier, Michael Peltier, and Alphonse Peltier were soldiers in the Revolution, of the Illinois Regiment and serv'd between 3 & 4 years, when the Regiment was discharg'd. (see the certificate of David Nowlin Clk &c.)

I have not found the names of Michael Peltier, & Alphonse Peltier, on any of the Illinois payrolls: and have not reported them entitled to bounty land.

Lewis Gagnia enlisted before the 1st of April 1781, for the war, and serv'd until Feb'y 1784. His representatives are entitled 300 acres of land. I think bounty land should be allow'd for the services of Pierre Gagnia, and Joseph Peltier, for 3 years.

Respectfully submitted,
John H Smith Com'r &c
June 4th 1835