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Virginia documents pertaining to Pierre Brossard VAS2685
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Declaration of Pierre Pelkia the Stepson and only heir of Pierre Brossard dec'd who was a Sergeant in the Illinois Regiment Commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark [VAS269] during the Revolutionary war to obtain the bounty land due for the services of his said Stepfather from the State of Virginia.

The undersigned Pierre Pelkia born in Vincennes now aged sixty three years most humbly represents to His Excellency the Governor of Virginia that Pierre Brossard who was his Stepfather has always been reputed to have been a sergeant in the Illinois Regiment of Virginia troops commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war – that he came to Post St Vincent from Kaskaskia with Col Clark in the capacity of a Sergeant in his regiment as aforesaid in the year 1779, and after aiding in the Conquest of the Post [25 Feb 1779] was stationed therein and served in said Reg't in protecting the Wabash and Illinois Country from Indian depredations for many years – that after his honorable discharge as claimant has been informed and believes said Pierre Brossard remained at Vincennes and married his mother Felicit Miat Pelkia: Of his own knowledge he states that said Pierre Brossard died without issue leaving his mother the said Felicit now dec'd his only heir of whom your declarant is the sole heir – that the only surviving Soldier of Col. Clark's Reg't now known is Gabriel Uno dit Patoon [VAS2249] whose evidence is annexed and who has been a neighbor of claimants from his early days and is intimately acquainted with the services of Pierre Brossard as well as claimants heirship – that all the circumstances of his testimony are corroborated by that of other native born citizens whose knowledge was derived from their fathers the actors and participants of the warfare carried on at Post St. Vincent – that the delay on this part of this claimant to apply to Virginia for the bounty land of Sergeant Brossard his stepfather as aforesaid has been solely occasioned by not knowing the required form and evidence essential to establish his right and under such circumstances he prays His Excellency the Governor to abate what ever of the forms might otherwise obstruct the satisfaction of his just claim. Pierre hisXmark Pelkia

Subscribed & Sworn to before me
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Personally appeared before me James Thorn Judge of the Probate Court of said County Gabriel Uno dit Patoon who is known to me as being a respectable citizen and creditable witness who being duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he is now eighty eight years of age and that he served in the Illinois regiment Commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark with the late Pierre Brossard the Stepfather of Pierre Pelkia who makes the foregoing declaration. That the said Pierre Brossard was a Sergeant in said Regiment – that he came from Kaskaskia to Post St Vincent with said Reg't in the year 1779 – that said deponent was intimately acquainted with him from his arrival in Post St Vincent until his death – that he served three or four years with deponent and was considered a faithful company officer – that said deponent has a perfect recollection of said Sergeant Brossard's marriage to Felicit Meote Pelkia, the mother of the claimant Pierre Pelkia and that she was at the death of said Sergeant Brossard his only heir – that he knows the claimant to be the only legitimate heir of his mother the said Felicit Meote and that he should receive all claims due said Pierre Brossard his Stepfather for bounty land in right of his said mother.

Gabriel Uno hisXmark dit Patoon

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 24th day of May 1845
James Thorn PJKC

NOTE: The claim was supported by Francis Laviollete and Amable Arpa, “old, and native citizens of Vincennes... [who] have always heard their fathers and other old Citizens say” that Brossard served as stated above.