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Virginia documents pertaining to William Peery VAS4117
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Virginia Tazewell County, Sc. [29 April 1836]

On this day personally appeared before the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace for said County Low Brown [S5299], who having been duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth & saith that William Peery enlisted under Captain Jesse Evans [S15826] in the regiment commanded by Col. Geo. R. Clark [George Rogers Clark VAS269] & that on the 22nd day of March 1779 the said William Peery, this deponent, & others who had enlisted under the said Capt Evans left the now County of Tazewell & proceeded to the place of rendezvous to wit at Long Island on Holstein [sic: Holston] River. This deponent further maketh oath & saith that the said William Peery proceeded from Long Island on Holstein, the said place of rendezvous to Illinois & served as Sergeant under the said Capt. Evans in the regiment commanded by said Col. Geol R Clark [illegible word] called the Illinois Regiment; but the length of time during which said William Peery served this deponent does not recollect. This deponent also saith & maketh oath that William Perie, whose name is on the printed Roll of officers & privates belonging to said Illinois Regiment, is the same individual as the said William Peery of whom this deponent testifies; that the said William Peery is now dead, & that the persons whose names are subjoined are the representatives & heirs & all the heirs of said William Peery, to wit: Robert Peery, Evan Peery, George Peery, Thomas Peery, Henry F. Peery, Poly Peery, Archibald Peery & Nancy [the rest missing from bottom of page]

To the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The undersigned petitioners would respectfully represent, that they are the Children, and legal representatives of William Perie, or Perry deceased, late of the County of Tazewell in the state aforesaid, and as such, are legally entitled to all [undeciphered word] which by law were vested in their said ancestor for his services in the war of the Revolution, and especially to the Military Bounty land, promised by the state of Virginia, to the Officers and Soldiers of her line. Your Petitioners can know nothing personally of the services of their said ancestor, but have understood and believe there is to be found on the files of the documentary history of the war, evidence of the fact, that William Perry was in the said service, and remained and continued in it as a sergent long enough to entitle him to Military Bounty land which he nor any under him has ever received. He was attached to the Regiment commanded by General George Rogers Clarke familiarly known in the history of the war, as the "Illinois Regiment" They therefor humbly conceiving themselves to be legally and equitably entitled to the said Bounty land, pray your Excellency, to grant them a warrant for the land to which they are entitled on right of their said ancestor Sergent William Peery deceased and as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Robt Peery Henry F. Peery [two or more names cut off at bottom]

John Wynne in right of Olivia Wynne his wife, formerly Olivia Peery

James Wynne in right of Sophia Wynne his wife, formerly Sophia Peery

John Gibson in right of Cynthia Gibson, his wife, formerly Cynthia Peery

Minor[?] Wynne in right of Emily Wynne his wife, formerly Emily Peery

John J Buren in right of Cosby Buren, his wife, formerly Cosby Peery.

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NOTE: A document in the file lists the heirs of William Peery as follows: Robert Peery, Evans Peery, Thomas Peery, George Peery, Henry F. Peery, John Wynn & Olivia his wife, Archibald Peery & Nancy his wife, Polly Peery, James Wynn and Sophia his wife, John Gibson and Cynthia his wife, Miner Wynn

and Emily his wife, and John J. Buren and Cosby his wife.