Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim for Cornelius Hagany BLWt1971-100 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 15 April 2020.

State of Delaware new Castle county Ss

Be it Remembered that on this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Twenty nine Before Thomas McDonell one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Caleb P Bennett [S35779] and Peter Jaquett [S46500] late officers of the Delaware Regiment in the army of the Revolutionary war, who being qualified in due form of Law do depose and say, that they were personally well acquainted with Cornelius Hagany, that he enlisted as a soldier in the army of the Revolution of the United states, in the Delaware Regiment Capt. Kirkwood's [Robert Kirkwood BLWt1102-300] company, "for and during the war", and that he was slain at the Battle of Gilford in North Carolina [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], in the service of the united States, by the Enemy during the Revolutionary war. Of faquett late faptan de hegt

C P. Bennett

P. Jaquett late Captan Del. Regt

Sworn and Subscribed to at Wilmington in the State of Delaware March 19th 1829. Before Tho McDonell

I certify that the above Cornelius Hagany was the same Cornelius Hagany who was the father of John Hagany – that the said named is spelt on the original roll of the Delaware Regiment now in my possession dated Nov. 1780 Cornules Hagney which list or roll contains the names of those only who were enlisted for the term of "during the War" – and I well remember that I saw him killed.

P. Jaquett

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Sworn & Subscribed to Sept. 19 1833 Before

Tho McDonell

State of Delaware County of New Castle

I John Hagany only son & heir at law of Cornelius Hagany do upon my oath declare & testify according to the best of my knowledge & belief that said Cornelius Hagany did enlist in Capt Kirkwoods Company of the Delaware Regiment commanded by Col Hall [David Hall] about the year (unknown) for the term of during the War & served as a private in s'd Regiment until the battle of Guilford at which battle he was slain. That I have never received the bounty land promised to s'd Cornelius Hagany by the United States nor do I believe he ever received it or transferred his claim to it in any way whatever. Now therefore know all men by these presents that I John Hagany do hereby authorise & empower Vespasian Ellis of Accomack Co Virginia as my Attorney to demand & receive from the secretary of War of the United States the quantity of land due to me for his said service & in all respects to act for me in the premises in like manner as I could do if personally present & all his acts I will ratify & confirm by these presents witness my hand & seal this 19th September 1833 [signed] John Hagany Teste/ Tho McDonell

Accomack CH Va Oct 13, 1833

Rec'd per mail from the Sec'y of War a Warrant for 100 acres No 1971 issued to John Hagany only heir of Cornelius Hagany a private in the Delaware line dated 30th Sept 1833 Ves Ellis Atty

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia misfiled as pp 16-22 of Hackney, William. One document is illegible.]

I certify that I was personally acquainted with Cornelius Hagany – that he enlisted in Capt Kirkwoods Company for the term of during the War and was killed as I always understood and verily believe in the battle of Guilford not being myself present in that battle as I was sent to the north to recruit men being an officer of the Army.

C P. Bennett

[19 Sep 1833]

I certify that I was a Captain in the Army of the Revolution & served in Lee's Legion [sic: see endnote] of the Virginia line & that I well remember that Cornelius Hagany enlisted as a private in Capt Kirkwoods Company for the term of during the War & served in said Company in Lee's legion in the Virginia line until the battle of Guilford and that he was slain in that battle & in my presence, as I distinctly remember.

p. Jaquett

[19 Sep 1833]

Petition for bounty land.

The Heirs of Cornelius Haggany – Sold'r. Lee's Legion.

Two credible witnesses prove that Cornelius Haggany enlisted in Lees Legion, for the war, and was slain in battle, at Guildford Ct. House. There is no proof that he was a virginian, and one of those for whom Virginia had credit, as part of her Quota. If he was, his heirs are entitled to two hundred acres of land. If he belonged to Delaware, or another State than Virginia, his heirs are not entitled to bounty land from Virginia. On this head, there is no evidence.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith Com'r &c

P. Jaqueth

To his Excellency/ Gov'r Tazewell April 16th 1834

1834 May 16 Rejected

NOTE: Capt. Peter Jaquett did not serve in the Legion of Lt. Col. Henry Lee. As he stated in his own application for bounty land from Virginia (which was successful), Jaquett and other Delaware continental soldiers served as infantry support to Lt. Col. William Washington's Light Dragoons. At the battle of Guilford Courthouse Lee's Legion was apparently engaged to the south and east, while the Delaware troops and Washington's Light Dragoons were engaged to the north.