Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Michael Compo VAS3103 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

Declaration of Charles Burdelou in right of his wife Mary formerly Mary Compo and Eneas Burdelou in right of his wife Frances formerly Frances Compo, and Joseph and Victoria who now the son and daughter and only heirs of the late Michael Compo dec'd who was the brother of said Mary & Francis and said Mary, Francis and Michael were the children and legitimate heirs of Michael Compo who was a private in the Illinois Reg't Commanded by Col Geo Rogers Clark [George Rogers Clark VAS269] during the Revolutionary war The undersigned Charles Bendelou in right of his wife Mary and and Eneas Bendelou in right of his wife Frances formerly Mary and Frances Compo and Joseph & Victoria Compo who are the son and daughter of Michael Compo Jr. respectfully represent to his Excellency the Gov'r of Virginia that they are the only true and legitimate heirs of Michael Compo dec'd who was a private in the Illinois Reg't Commanded by Gol. George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war as they have always heard from their youth – that he came to Post St. Vincent [at Vincennes IN] in year 1779 in said Reg't. – that he aided in the reduction of the British garrison at said Post [25 Feb 1779] and afterward remained stationed for many years at said garrison in defence of the Wabash and Illinois Country – that the evidence herewith presented of his identity and of the kinship under which they claim will it is believed fully satisfy – that the undersigned Chas. Burdalou is the legal husband and heir of Mary Compo Eneas the legal husband & heir of his late wife Frances Compo and that Joseph & Victoria Compo are the children of the late Michael Comp Jr the said Mary Frances and Michael Jr being the children and sole and legitimate heirs of Michael Compo whose bounty land they claim. That the length of time elapsed since the services of said Michael will not they trust be any bar to their right the validity of which they expect to prove by the oldest citizens of the place [two undeciphered words] have always lived in or near Vincennes.

Subscribed & sworn to by Eneas & Chas. Bendelou & Joseph before me this 9th day of June 1845

James Thorne PJKC

Eneas hisXmark Burdelou in right of his wife late Francis Campo Chas hisXmark Burdelou in right of his wife late Mary Compo Joseph hisXmark Compo

State of Indiana } Ss Knox County }

Personally appeared before me James Thorne judge of the Probate Court in & for said County, Gabriel Uno dit Patoon [VAS2249] who is known to me to be a creditable witness who after being duly sworn upon his oath declares that he is now eighty eight years of age and served in the Illinois Reg't. Commanded by Col. Geo Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war with the late Michael Compo the father of said Mary & Frances and Grand-father of said Joseph & Victoria named in the foregoing declaration – that the said Michael [part missing at bottom of online image] said Reg't – that he was well acquainted with said Michael and knows that after the surrender of Post St. Vincent by the British he remained stationed at said Post doing active service as a private in said Reg't for more that three years in defence of the Wabash and Illinois Country – that he is well acquainted with the claimants and know that Charles Burdalou married Mary and Eneas Burdalou married Francis Compo who were the daughters of Michael Compo and that Joseph & Victoria Compo are the son & daughter of Michael Compo Jr. dec'd – that the said Mary Frances and Michael Jr were the only true and legitimate heirs of the aforesaid Michael and [two undeciphered words] and these heirs are entitled to claim and receive any thing that may be due their said father in bounty land or otherwise

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 9th day of June 1845 James Thorne PJKC

Gabriel Uno hisXmark dit Patoon

State of Indiana } Ss Knox County }

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County Francis Laviollete and Amable Potvine who were born in Vincennes and Citizens thereof known to me to be creditable persons who after being duly sworn according to law depose & say that from their earliest information they had heard and verily believe that Michael Compo dec'd the father of Mary, Frances & Michael Jr. whose heirs make the foregoing declaration was a private in the Illinois Reg't Commanded by Col Geo. Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war – that he came to Post St Vincent in the year 1779 in said Reg't aided in the Reduction of the British garrison at said Post and remained stationed therein for many years in defence of the Wabash and Illinois Country – that of their own knowledge they state that Charles Burdelou is the lawful husband of Mary and Eneas is the surviving husband of the late Frances Compo and that Joseph & Victoria are the son & daughter of Michael Compo Jr. – that the said Mary Frances and Michael Jr. were the only legitimate heirs of their father the said Michael and their heirs are entitled to claim in their right the bounty land due from the State of Virginia

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this ninth day of June 1845 James Thorne PJKC

Francis hisXmark Laviollete Amable hisXmark Potvine