Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to J Laventure VAS3937

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[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

Declaration of Pilage and Angeline Terace Laventure only living and now sole heirs of their father J. Laventure, a Sergeant in the Illinois Regt. Commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark [VAS269] during the Revolutionary war to obtain the bounty land due from the State of Virginia on account of their father's services

The Undersigned Pilage and Angeline Terace Laventure Respectfully represent to his excellency the Governor of Virginia that they are the only living and now sole and legitimate heirs of J. Laventure who as they have always learned[?] was a Sergeant in the Illinois Reg't. of Virginia troops commanded by Col. Geo Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war – that he came from Kaskaskia [in IL] to Post St. Vincent [at Vincennes IN] in the 1779 serving in the capacity of a Sergeant and acted in that capacity for many years in defence of the Wabash and Illinois Country – that he was well known to the many inhabitants of Post St. Vincent and his old associate and fellow soldier Gabriel Uno dit Patoon [VAS2249] can testify of his own knowledge to his services and of their legitimate & sole heirship that the other corroborative testimony of Native Citizens whose early information will serve to fortify the evidence of Gab'l. Uno is offered and they humbly pray that the delay to present their claim which has arisen from a want of knowledge on their part how to proceed will not prejudice His Excellency against them as justice under the laws of Virginia was always confided in

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 24th day of May AD 1845
James Thorne PJKC

Pilage herXmark Laventure Angeline Terace herXmark Laventure

State of Indiana }
Knox County } Ss

Personally appeared before James Thorn Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County Gabriel Uno dit Patoon known to me to be a creditable witness who being duly sworn deposes and says that he is now eighty eight years of age that he served in the Illinois Reg't. Commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War with the late J Laventure the father of Pilage and Angeline Terace who make the foregoing declaration – that he came from Kaskaskia to Post St. Vincent in the year 1779 a Sergeant in said Reg't. and acted in that capacity for many years in defence of the Wabash and Illinois [several words missing at bottom of page] said Pilage & Angeline Terace now here present are [the rest missing]