Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Bouch (Bushey) VAS2560 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

Declaration of Vital John Julia Franceway Susan Mary Amable and Laury Buchey the sons and daughters and sole heirs of their late father John Bushey who was a private in the Illinois Regiment Commanded by Col George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War for the bounty land due from the State of Virginia

The undersigned Vital John Julia Franceway Susan Mary Amable and Laury respectfully represent to his Excellency the Governor of Virginia that they are the only legitimate heirs of their father John Bouche who was as they have always understood a private in the Illinois Regiment Commanded by Col. Geo. Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war – that he came to Vincennes in said Regiment in the year 1779 and served as a private aforesaid for many years afterwards – that they submit the best evidence the case will admit of – the venerable Gabriel Uno [VAS2249] being himself in the service, and intimitaely acquainted with their father and family from 1779 to the present day – that the evidence of his services and of their heirship is of a nature not to leave any room for doubt at Vincennes where all the parties are known, and they trust a delay to apply for their rights arising solely from not knowing how to pursue, will not in any way prejudice their just Claim.

Vital hisXmark Bushey/ John hisXmark Bushey

Julia herXmark Bushey/ Franceway hisXmark Bushey/ Susan herXmark Bushey Mary herXmark Bushey/ Amable hisXmark Bushey/ Lawry hisXmark Bushey

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 21st day of May 1845 James Thorne PJKC

State of Indiana } SS Knox County }

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County Gabriel Uno dit [called] Patoon known to be a creditable witness who being duly sworn upon his oath declares – that he is now eighty eight years of age – that he served in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Coln George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war with the late John Bouche, the father of Vital, John, Julia, Franceway, Susan Mary Amable and Laury who make the foregoing declaration – that said John came to Fort St. Vincent in the year 1779 a soldier in said Regiment, aided in the reduction of the british garrison [25 Feb1779], and remained with deponent in said Regiment doing active duty many years. That he knows the said Vital, John, Julia, Franceway, Susan Mary Amable and Laury to be the legitimate offspring and legal heirs of said John Bouche aforesaid and are entitled to claim and receive any thing that may remain due to him.

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

State of Indiana } ss Know County }

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County Francis Laviollete and Amable Arpà native born citizens known to me to be creditable who after being duly sworn depose and say that they were born and have always resided in Vincennes – that they have always heard and believe that the late John Bouche dec'd was a soldier under Col. George Rogers Clark in the Illinois Regiment during the Revolutionary War – that they are personally acquainted with Vital, John, Julia, Franceway, Susan, Mary, Amable and Laury the sons and daughters of the said John Bouche aforesaid now here present and knows them to be the legitimate and sole heirs of the said John Bouche aforesaid and are entitled to claim whatsoever may be justly due for their said fathers services.

Subscribed and sworn to before me	}	Francis hisXmark Laviollete
this twenty fourth day of May 1845	}	Amable hisXmark Arpà
James Thorne PJKC	}	

Rejected Aug 30th 1847/ R. T. Daniel/ L. Gov. [Lieutenant Governor]