

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Francis Busky dit Lafiade VAS2816  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

Declaration of Pierre Mettra[?] and Mary Lafiade alias Busky the nephew and niece and legal heirs of the late Francis Busky alias Lafiade a private in the Illinois Reg't commanded by Col George Rogers Clark in the Revolutionary War.

The undersigned Pierre Mettra and Mary Lafiade alias Busky in order to obtain the bounty land due to their late Uncle Francis Busky alias Lafiade for his services in the Illinois Reg't at Post St Vincent and in the Wabash and Illinois Country most Respectfully represent to His excellency the Governor of Virginia that Francis Busky dit Lafiade who joined Col. Clark when he first approached Post St. Vincent [in Vincennes IN] in February 1779 lived a single unmarried man, and died leaving his brother Pierre Busky dit Lafiade, and his Sister Charlotte the wife of Joseph Mettra both now dec'd his only heirs, and Pierre the undersigned claimant is the son and only heir of the said Charlotte, and Mary the undersigned claimant is the daughter and only heir of the said Pierre – that their Uncle the said Francis having by all accounts that have reached the Claimants served with the Virginia troops many years after aiding in the Conquest of Post St. Vincent [25 Feb 1779], has invariably been reputed to be entitled to bounty land for his services to obtain which his heirs were not advised how or where to apply until the present time – that the evidence of the Venerable Gabriel Uno dit Patoon [VAS2249] with others hereunto annexed will prove the identity and services of their said uncle Francis, and their heirship, and they trust no lapse of time will operate against their claim

Pierre hisXmark Mettra

Signed & sworn to before me

this seventeenth day of May 1845[?]

James Thorne PJKC

Mary Lafiade herXmark dit Busky

State of Indiana }  
Knox County } Ss

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County Gabriel Uno dit Patoon personally known to me to be a highly credible witness who being duly sworn deposeth that he is now eighty eight years of age that he served in the Illinois Reg't commanded by Col. Geo. Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War with the late Francis Busky alias Lafiade the uncle of Pierre Mettrae and Mary Lafiade alias Busky who make the foregoing declaration – that he was well acquainted with the said Francis during his service in said Reg't and many years after peace and has known the applicants Pierre Mettra and Mary Lafiade from their early years – that said Francis joined the Illinois Reg't in February 1779 with this deponent when the troops under Col. George Rogers Clark were approaching Post St. Vincent in taking the British garrison at said Post and remained stationed therein many years and after his discharge resided in Post St. Vincent unmarried until he died – that Charlotte and Pierre Lafiade dit Busky the sister & brother of said Francis were his sole heirs and the applicant Pierre Mettrae the son and heir of said Charlotte who became the wife of Joseph Mettrae both now dec'd and the other applicant Mary Lafiade is the daughter and only heir of Pierre the aforesaid brother of said Francis and they are the legitimate heirs and justly entitled to claim and receive what ever may be due to their said uncle Francis

Gabriel Uno hisXmark dit Patoon

Signed & sworn to before me this sixteenth[?] day of May 1845

James Thorne PJKC

State of Indiana }  
Knox County } Ss.

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of Probate Court in & for said County John P Bouché and Francis Lavellette ancient citizens born in Post St. Vincent known to me as credible who being sworn, upon their oaths declare that they have invariably heard their fathers and other old citizens say and they verily believe that Francis Busky dit Lafiade joined the Illinois Reg't Commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark on its approach to Post St Vincent in the year 1779 and aided in the reduction of the British garrison at said Post and remained stationed there for many years doing active service as a private in said Reg't and after his discharge resided in Post St Vincent without having married until the hour of his death and of their own knowledge they state that Pierre Mattae is the son of Charlotte the wife of Joseph Mattae and Mary Lafiade the daughter of Pierre the brother of Francis aforesaid are the sole true and legitimate heirs of the late Francis dec'd and are entitled to claim and receive any thing that may remain due to him.

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
This seventeenth day of May 1845  
James Thorne PJKC

John hisXmark Bouché  
Francis hisXmark Lavellette

Rejected Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1847