

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Puncrass VAS306

vsl 3VA

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Declaration of Mary Louisa and Henry Racine dit Puncrass the heirs of Francis Puncrass dit Racine who was a private in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war in order to obtain the bounty land due their said father from the State of Virginia.

The undersigned Mary Louisa and Henry Racine dit Puncrass respectfully represent to His Excellency the Governor of Virginia that they are the only heirs of Francis Puncrass dit Racine now living in this part of the Country – that their father the said Francis died at long since leaving Andrew, Mary, Sileste, Mary Louisa, John Baptiste, Barbary & Susan Racine dit Puncrass his legitimate heirs – that the aforesaid Andrew, Mary, Sileste and John Baptiste have since died leaving their brothers and sisters their sole heirs – that the aforesaid Barbary and Susan reside at a distance if [indecipherably faint word] and the undersigned declare in their own behalf and that of all said heirs – that they from their earliest day invariably understood the said Francis Puncrass dit Racine<sup>1</sup> their father was a private in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War – that he came to Post St. Vincent [Vincennes] in the year 1779 in said Regiment and aided in the reduction of the British Garrison at said Post and served many years afterwards as a private in said Garrison and in the Wabash and Illinois Country – that the evidence hereto annexed they trust will be sufficient to prove the services of their father the said Francis and their legitimate heirship and they humbly pray the time which has elapsed may not be allowed to prejudice their claim in any way it has arisen solely on account of their want of knowledge how to apply.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1845

S/ James Thorne, PJRC

S/ Mary Louisa Racine

dit Puncrass, X her mark

S/ Henry Racine dit Puncrass, X his mark

[Acknowledged in the State of Indiana, Knox County]

State of Indiana Knox County: SS

Personally appeared before me James Thomas Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County Francis Laviollete and Amable Putvine native born citizens known to me to be credible who

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*Francis Puncrass dit Racine*

being duly sworn upon their oaths declare that they have invariably heard and believe that Francis Puncrass dit Racine came to Post St. Vincent in the year 1779 in the Illinois Regiment of Virginia troops commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark and that he aided in the conquest of the British Garrison at said Post, that he remained stationed in said Garrison doing active service as a private for many years in defense of the Wabash and Illinois Country – that of their own knowledge they state that the said Mary Louisa & Henry who make the foregoing declaration and the living heirs therein mentioned are the only true and legitimate heirs of the said Francis who are now known to be living – and that said a are entitled to claim and receive all that may be due from the State of Virginia to him for services.

S/ Francis Laviollete, X his mark

S/ Amable Putvine, X his mark