

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Francis Compara VAS3102
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Declaration of Odella Compara widow of Joseph Compara son of Francis Compara who was a private in the Illinois Reg't commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark [VAS269] during the Revolutionary war and of Gabriel Patoon [Gabriel Uno dit Patoon VAS2249] in right of his wife Mary Ann formerly Mary Ann Compara a daughter of said Francis, and Fanchet Compara also a daughter os said Francis Compara to recover and receive the bounty land due to their said father from the State of Virginia

The undersigned Odella Compara, relict of Joseph Compara deceased, Gabriel Patoon in right of his wife Mary Ann, formerly Mary Ann Compara, & Fanchet Compara in her own right, as the children legitimate and only heirs of the late Francis Compara, who was as they have always been informed a private in the Illinois Regt. Commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark at the Conquest of Post St. Vincent [at Vincennes IN, 25 Feb 1779], and during many years service afterwards, most Respectfully present to His Excellency the Gov. of Virginia, the annexed evidence of a claim of their late father the said Francis Compara to obtain the bounty land promised for his services as a private in said Regiment, with evidence of their right to said bounty land as his legitimate and sole heirs.

The delay on their part to make application for said land has been occasioned by a want of knowledge; although their father during his life, frequently spoke of being entitled to said bounty land the means of presenting his claim, they have only become acquainted with recently, and the authority of Virginia will not it is believed withhold their just claim on that account.

Subscribed & Sworn o before me this 24th day of may 1845

James Thorne JPKC

[Knox County IN]

Gabriel hisXmark dit Patoon in right
of his wife Mary Ann
Odell herXmark Compara
Fanchet herXmark Compara

State of Indiana }
Knox County } Ss.

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of the Probate Court of said County Gabriel Uno dit Patoon known to me as a creditable witness who being duly sworn deposes & says that he is now eighty years of age and was in the service under Col. George Rogers Clark as a private in the Illinois Regt in the year 1779 and many years after in succession – that he was personally acquainted with Francis Compara before and after the arrival of Col. Clark in 1779 and married his daughter Mary Ann. That said Francis Compara his father in law and deponent joined the army at the same time when the American troops arrived near to Post St. Vincent or Fort Sackville as the English garrison had named the Stockade and served therein after the conquest at said garrison and in the Wabash and Ill[part missing at bottom of image] did not leave [part missing from online image] all the heirs of said Francis Compara – that he in right of his late wife mary Ann, Odella the widow of the late Joseph, and Fanchet whose names are affixed to the foregoing declaration are the only legitimate heirs of the said Francis

Subscribed & sworn to before me
this twenty fourth day of May 1845

James Thorne PJKC

Gabriel Uno hisXmark dit Patoon

State of Indiana }
Knox County } Ss

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of the Probate in & for said County Amable Portvine, aged seventy years, Francis Lavellette aged 62 native born Citizens of Vincennes, known to me as creditable, who being duly sworn upon their oath do say, that they have heard their father and other old

citizens say and they verily believe that Francis Compara was a private in the Illinois Reg't commanded by Col. Geo Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war that he joined said Reg't in the year 1779 as it approached Post St. Vincent and aided in the conquest of said Post – that he served therein after said conquest until the close of the Revolutionary War defending the Wabash and Illinois Country – that of their own knowledge they state that Gabriel Uno dit Patoon married Mary Ann the daughter of said Francis, Odella is the widow of Joseph, the son of said Francis, and Fanchet is the daughter of the said Francis Compara aforesaid and are his only true and legitimate heirs and are entitled to receive that which may be due to him for his services or otherwise

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 24th day of May 1845
James Thorne JPKC

Amable hisXmark Portvine
Francis hisXmark Lavellette