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Virginia documents pertaining to Gero Meteau VAS3702
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Gero, Matean.]

Declaration of Joseph Meteau Catharine Meteau Pierre Meteau Madlin Meteau and Arkonse Meteau sons and daughters of Joseph Meteau who was the nephew and only heir of Gero Meteau said Gero having lived and died unmarried.

The undersigned Joseph, Catharine, Pierre, Madlin and Arkonse Meteau sons and daughters and sole heirs to Joseph Meteau who was Nephew and sole heir to Gero Meteau who was a private in the Illinois Reg't Commanded by Col George Rogers Clark [VAS269] during the Revolutionary war Respectfully Represent to His excellency the Governor of Virginia that they learned from their youth to the present time and verily believe that said Gero. Meteau their fathers Uncle came from Detroit to Post St Vincent [at Vincennes IN] when the British controlled many years before the Revolutionary war or Illinois Regiment under Col. George Rogers Clark were heard of and he joined the Volunteer Company under Capt. Francis Charloville [Francois Charleville R13147] on its approach to said Post in the year 1779 – that said Gero Meteau after the taking of Post St Vincent [25 Feb 1779] in which he aided, left with the Company aforesaid to go to Kaskaskia, and was stationed occasionally there and occasionally at Post St Vincent ever ready to obey his country's call in defence of the Wabash and Illinois Country – and Continued in service until the Close of said Revolutionary war – that the evidence herewith presented of the identity, service, and heirship under which they claim, will it is believed place it beyond all doubt that the undersigned should receive from the state of Virginia the bounty land due said Gero and that the length of time elapsed since the services of said Gero they trust will prove no barrier to their receipt as they have but recently ascertained the manner in which they had to pursue

The widow and heir of Joseph makes his mark	Joseph hisXmark Meteau by his widow and heir
and qualifies. The other heirs not signed are absent.	Pierre hisXmark Meteau
Subscribed & sworn to before me	Arkonse herXmark Metea
this 24 day of may 1845 James Thorne PJKC	

State of Indiana }
Knox County }

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County Gabriel Uno dit Patoon [VAS2249] who is known to me to be a creditable witness who after being duly sworn upon his oath declares that he is now eighty eight years of age – that he was well acquainted with Gero Meteau uncle to Joseph Meteau dec'd who was the father of Joseph Catharine Pierre Madlin and Arkonse who make the foregoing declaration [several words missing] and during the Revolutionary war [one or more lines missing at bottom of page] volunteered in a company Commanded by Capt. Francis Charloville attached to the Illinois Reg't under Col. Geo Rogers Clark when said Reg't came to Post St. Vincent in the year 1779 – that he was in said Company at the conquest of said post and returned with it to Kaskaskia and was either stationed their or at Post St. Vincent until the close of the Revolutionary war – that he knows said Gero remained in service many years and believes him entitled to whatever was promised the company of volunTERS to which he belonged and in which he served. He knows that said Gero Meteau lived and died without having been married – that his nephew Joseph Meteau now deceased was his only heir – that said Joseph was lawfully married and that Joseph Catharine Pierre Madlin and Arkonse are his only true and legitimate heirs and are entitled to claim and receive all that was due to their said father and his said Uncle

Subscribed & Sworn to before me	Gabriel hisXmark Uno dit Patoon
this 24 th 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 & for said County, Arpa and Francis Laviollete, aged, and native born citizens of Vincennes, known to me to be creditable who after being sworn according to law depose and say that from the information of other old citizens they verily believe that Gero Meteau came to Post St Vincent prior to the Revolutionary War – that he volunteered his services in Captain Francis Charloville’s company attached to the Illinois Regiment under Col Geo. Rogers Clark when said Reg’t approached Post St. Vincent in the year 1779 – that he aided in the conquest of said Post and returned to Kaskaskia with said Regiment and was stationed occasionally there and occasionally at Post st. Vincent doing active service in defence of the Wabash & Illinois Country until the close of the revolutionary war – that of their own knowledge they state, that Joseph Catharine Pierre Madlin and Arkonse Meteau who make the foregoing Declaration are the sons and daughters and sole heirs of Joseph Meteau deceased who is alleged to have been the only heir of said Gero Meteau aforesaid.

Amable hisXmark Arpa

subscribed and sworn to before me

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