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Virginia documents pertaining to Joseph Lavigne VAS3938
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Declaration of Franceway and Pierre Lavigne the Heirs of Joseph Lavigne who was a soldier in the Illinois Virginia Reg't. under the Command of Col. George Rogers Clark [VAS269] during the Revolutionary war to obtain his bounty land

The undersigned Franceway and Pierre Lavigne most respectfully represent to His excellency the Governor of the State of Virginia that they are the legitimate children & heirs of the late Franceway Lavigne who was the legal & sole heir of Joseph Lavigne deceased, who they learned in their youth, and have ever had reason to believe joined the Illinois Reg't. under Col. George Rogers Clark when said Reg't. first approached Post St. Vincent [at Vincennes IN] in 1779 – that he joined and was in the Armerican ranks before the British garrison at said Post were compelled to capitulate and abandon the place to said Reg't. [25 Feb 1779] and that said Joseph their grandfather served therein many years – that the evidence of Gab'l Uno dit Patoon [Gabriel Uno dit Patoon VAS2249] an old and well known soldier of said Reg't. together with that of other old citizens here hereunto annexed will they truth establish this right to the bounty land due to said Joseph for his services which would have been claimed long since had the present applicants been properly advised and they now believe the delay will not be permitted to weaken their application.

Signed and sworn to before me by Franceway Lavigne
this tenth day of June 1845
James Thorne PJKC

Franceway hisXmark Lavigne

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 known to me to be a creditable witness who being duly sworn upon his oath declares that he is now eighty eight years of age and served in the Illinois Reg't commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war with the late Joseph Lavigne the grandfather of Franceway and Pierre who make the foregoing declaration – that said Joseph joined said Reg't. upon its approach to Post St Vincent in the year 1779 and aided in conquering the British who then had possession of said Post – that after the conquest of said post he remained stationed with said Reg't at said place doing active service as a private therein for [part missing at bottom of page] and only true and legitimate heirs and are entitled to claim and receive any and all claims due to their said father.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this tenth day of June 1845 Gabriel Uno hisXmark dit Patoon
James Thorne PJKC

State of Indiana }
Knox County } Ss

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County Francis Laviollete and Amable Putvine, old native born citizens known to me as creditable who being duly sworn upon their oaths declare that they have invariably heard & believe that Joseph Lavigne was a private in the Illinois Reg't. commanded by Col Geo. Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war – that he joined said Reg't. on its approach to Post St Vincent in the year 1779 and aided in the reduction of the British Garrison at said Post – that he remained stationed at said Garrison in defence of the Wabash and Illinois Country for many years – that of their own knowledge they state that Franceway & Pierre Lavigne who make the foregoing declaration are his grandchildren and only living and true heirs and are entitled to

claim and receive all that may remain due to him in bounty land or otherwise.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this tenth day of June 1845

Francis hisXmark Laviollete

James Thorne PJKC

Amable hisXmark Putvine

Rejected Aug 30th 1847 R T Daniel L. Gov.