

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Baptiste Laviolette VAS3939
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Declaration of the heirs of Baptiste Laviolette to obtain is bounty land as a soldier in the Illinois regiment during the revolutionary war
we the undersigned Francis & August Laviolette Sole heirs of Baptiste Laviolette a soldier of the Illinois regiment under Col George Rogers Clark [VAS269] in the Capture of Kaskaskia [4 Jul 1778] and post St Vincennes [20 Jul 1778 or 25 Feb 1779] in the year 1778-9 and in the Wabash and Illinois country from the period of those events doing service untill peace was made with England, do most respectfully represent, and declare, to is Excellency the Governor of Virginia, that they are the legitimate and only heirs of the said Baptiste Laviolette he being a brother of their fathers and they being the nearest surviving relations. We present and prove administration, to transmit these facts at the time attended to – we pray that the lapse of time may not be allowed to operate against us, as the mode to apply for our rights in this matter has only recently came to our knowledge. We present to your Excellency herewith unquestionable testimony of the identity of our uncle, the faithful service he rendered, and our exclusive right to receive and enjoy all his unsatisfied claims. The bounty land due to him from Virginia, we heard of in our youth, but want of information, living in retirement, and speaking the french language, deprived us of the facilities essential to obtain it. Refering to the evidence, we respectfully place the facts in possession of your Excellency.

Signed and sworn to before me This 16th day of May 1845 by Francis hisXmark Laviolette
Francis Laviolette. August Laviolette
James Thorne PJKC

State of Indiana–Knox County. SS.

Personally appeared before me James [part missing at bottom of page] Gabriel Uno dit Patoon [VAS2249] [part missing] with the late Baptiste Laviolette from the arrival of Col Clark in 1779 untill he departed hence. deponent believes he came from Kaskaskia, a soldier with the Illinois regiment under Col Clark and knows that he served in said regiment with said deponent at post Vincennes and in the wabash country three years or more, that he deponent, also knows Francis & August Laviolette are the nephews of said Baptiste Laviolette aforesaid, and are his only proper and legitimate heirs.

Signed and sworn to before me This 16th day of May 1845 Gabriel hisXmark Uno dit Patoon
James Thorne PJKC

State of Indiana Knox County SS.

Personally appeared before me James Thorn Judge of the Probate Court of said county Pierre Greemore an old and respectable citizen of Vincennes, personally known to me, now aged seventy five years, who on his oath declares, that he was acquainted with Baptiste Laviolette a soldier under Col George Rogers Clark in the Illinois regiment, that he knows Baptiste Laviolette served in said regiment, and believes that he said Baptiste served to the close of the war with England, that he knows Francis & August Laviolette now the applicants for the bounty land of said Baptiste, are the sons of a brother of said Baptiste, and are his only proper and legitimate heirs, entitled to the bounty land due to said Baptiste.

Signed and Sworn to before me This 16th day of may 1845 Pierre hisXmark Greemore
James Thorne PJKC

Rejected Aug 30th 1847 N. F. Daniel L. Gov.