

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Derouette de Richardville VAS4219
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Declaration of Michael, Victoire, Mary, and Mary Louise de Richardville to obtain the bounty land due to their late father Derouette de Richardville for his services as a volunteer soldier under Col. Geo. Rogers Clark [George Rogers Clark VAS269] during the Revolutionary War

The undersigned Michael Victoire Mary and Mary Louisa de Richardville most Respectfully represent to His Excellency the Governor of the State of Virginia that they are the legitimate children & sole heirs of the late derouette de Richardville who as they have always heard him and others relate was at Kaskaskia on a visit when Col. Geo Rogers Clark first arrived there from Kentucky in the year 1778 - 9– that he volunteered & joined the Virginia troops under said Clark and after having full possession of Kaskaskia [4 Jul 1778] accompanied said Reg't to Post St. Vincent where he aided in the reduction of the British garrison at said Post [20 Jul 1778 or 25 Feb 1779]– that after said Conquest he furnished Col. Clark with a considerable quantity of provisions for his Reg't and that payment for the same was promised but never made – that the evidence of the venerable Gabriel Uno dit Patoon [VAS2249] hereunto annexed who served with the said Derouette their father after the American troops came to Post St. Vincent for many years and who has also known them from childhood will they trust [illegible] sufficient to substantiate their claim and they also add that of other old citizens who testify to their belief & knowledge – that the delay which has been occasioned solely on account of their not knowing how to proceed, they are satisfied will in no wise prejudice their claim.

Michael hisXmark de Richardville

Victoire herXmark de Richardville

Mary herXmark de Richardville

Mary Louise de herXmark Richardville

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 9th day of June 1845

James Thorne PJKC

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. Geo. Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war with the late Derouette de Richardville the father of Michael, Victoire, Mary and Mary Louise who make the foregoing declaration – that the said Derouette Came to [part missing at bottom of page] payment has never been made although at the time promised that he was well acquainted with said Derouette and knows Michael, Victoire, Mary & Mary Louise the foregoing Claimants to be sole heirs to all that may yet remain due to him Gabriel Uno hisXmark dit Patoon

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 9th day of June 1845

James Thorne PJKC

State of Indiana }

Knox County } Ss

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County James Laviolette and Amable Arpa', ancient and native born citizens known to me to be creditable, who being duly sworn depose & say, that they have always learned from their youth and verily believe that Derouette Richardville was a private in the Illinois Reg't commanded by Col. Geo. Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war – that he was on a visit to Kaskaskia when Col Clark arrived there from Kentucky – that he then volunteered his services and aided in the conquest of said place – that he came from said place

to Post St Vincent in the year 1779 in said Reg't & aided in the reduction of the British garrison at said Post – that he supplied said Reg't with a considerable quantity of provisions for which he has received nothing – that he remained stationed at said Post for many years in defense of the Wabash and Illinois Country – that of their own knowledge they state that Michael, Victoire, Mary & Mary Louise who make the foregoing declaration are the only true and legitimate heirs of the aforesaid Derouette De Richardville and are entitled to claim and receive anything that may be due to their said father.

Francis hisXmark Laviollete Amable hisXmark Arpa'

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 9th day of June 1845

James Thorne PJKC

The COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

To Mr Derouette de Richarville Gentleman,

KNOW you, that from the especial Trust and Confidence reposed in your Patriotism, Fidelity, Courage, and good Conduct, you are by these Presents, constituted and appointed Ensign of the Militia in the District of St Vincennes in the County of Illinois [sic: Illinois County then of VA]

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge all the Duties appertaining to the said Office, and to hold the same according to an Act of General Assembly entitled An Act for establishing the County of Illinois, and for the more effectual Protection and Defence thereof.

Witness John Todd Esquire County Lieutenant of the County of Illinois, the 24th Day of June in the third Year of the Commonwealth, Annoque Domini 1779 [signed] Jn Todd jr