

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Setzer VAS4404  
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Declaration of Samuel and John Setzer Sarah Gillmore relict of Ephraim Gillmore formerly Sarah Setzer and Rebecca Setzer now Rebecca Welton the wife of Wm. J Welton the sons and daughters and only heirs of the late John Setzer dec'd who was a private in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark [VAS269] during the Revolutionary War in order to obtain the bounty land due their said father from the State of Virginia

The undersigned Samuel and John Setzer sons Sarah Gillmore and Rebecca Walton formerly Sarah and Rebecca Setzer daughters and only heirs of the late John Setzer who was a private in the Illinois Regiment Commanded by Col. Geo. Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War Respectfully represents to His Excellency the Governor of Virginia that they have always understood and believe that their father John Setzer joined Col. Clarks Reg't in Kentucky and went with said reg't to Kaskaskia [Illinois] and aided in the conquest of that place [4 Jul 1778] from thence he came to Post St Vincent with said Reg't in the year 1779 and assisted in the reduction of the British garrison at said Post [at Vincennes IN, 25 Feb 1779] – that he was one of those detailed to convey the prisoners taken at said Post to Louisville, Kentucky, and was ordered back and remained stationed at said Post doing active duty as a private aforesaid in defence of the Wabash and Illinois Country from many years afterwards – that he resided in Knox County many years after the time peace was declared until his death – that the accompanying testimony of his identity service and of their heirship they trust will be sufficient to satisfy his excellency of the justness of their claim – that the length of time transpired since said services they feel assured will prove no barrier to justice as they have heretofore been unadvised as to the proper manner of pursuing in order to obtain their rights.

Samuel X Setzer                      John Setzer

Rebecca herXmark Welton formerly R. Setzer

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 24 day of may 1845  
James Thorne PJKC

State of Indiana } ss  
Knox County    }

Personally appeared before me James Thorne Judge of Probate Court of said County Gabriel Uno dit Patoon [VAS2249] who is known to me to be a creditable witness and being duly sworn upon his oath declares that he is now eighty eight years of age – that he served in the Illinois Reg't Commanded by Col. Geo. Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war with said John Setzer the reputed father of Sam'l and John Setzer Sarah Gillmore and Rebecca Welton who make the foregoing declaration – that the said John Setzer was a private in said Reg't and came from Kaskaskia to Post St. Vincent in the year 1779 under Col. Clark and aided in the reduction of the British Garrison at said Post – that he was one of the number detached to convey the prisoners taken at said garrison to Louisville (the falls [of Ohio]) Kentucky, and was ordered back and remained stationed at said Post doing active duty as a private aforesaid many years. that he was well acquainted with said John and knows that he resided in Knox County until his death. and he believes the heirs are entitled to receive whatever may be due to the said John Setzer.

Gabriel Uno hisXmark dit Patoon

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 24 day of may 1845  
James Thorne PJKC