

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Lafarro (Lafaro) VAS814

vs14VA

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Declaration of Antoine Kirky and Baptiste Duffa in right of their wives, Julia and Mary Ann formerly Lafaro grandchildren and only heirs of Francis Lafaro who was a private in the Illinois [Regiment] Commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary war in order to obtain the bounty land due their said Grandfather from the State of Virginia.

The undersigned Antoine Kirky in right of Julia his late wife formerly Julia Lafarro and Baptiste Duffa and Mary Ann his wife, formerly Mary Ann Lafaro, Respectfully represent to His Excellency the Governor of Virginia that the said Julia and Mary Ann are the grandchildren and only legitimate heirs of the late Francis Lafaro who was a private in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War and that they have always heard and believes that their said grandfather Francis Lafaro came to Post St. Vincent [Vincennes]<sup>1</sup> in Colonel Clark's Regiment in the year 1779 and assisted in the reduction of the British Garrison at this post – that he remained stationed at said Post doing active duty as a private aforesaid, in defense of the Wabash & Illinois Country, for many years afterwards – that the services of said Lafaro and their kinship as set forth in the accompanying documents, will they trust satisfy his Excellency that the bounty land due to said Francis Lafaro is justly their right – that the long delay in applying for what is properly due them will they feel assured be no barrier to their success in his much as they were heretofore ignorant of the mode they had to pursue to obtain the same.

S/ Antoine Kirky, X his mark for his wife Julia

S/ Baptiste Duffy, X his mark

S/ Mary Ann Duffa, X his [sic, her] mark

State of Indiana Knox County: SS

Personally appeared before me James Thomas Judge of the Probate Court of said County Gabriel Uno dit Patoon<sup>2</sup> known to me to be a credible witness who being sworn deposes and says that he is now eighty-eight years of age and served in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark in the Revolutionary War with the late Francis Lafaro the Grandfather of Julia the [the image of this document is cut off at the bottom thereof at this point] [next page]

<sup>1</sup> February 23-25, 1779. <https://revolutionarywar.us/year-1779/battle-of-vincennes/>

<sup>2</sup> [Gabriel Uno dit Patoon VAS2249](#)

last mentioned place in the service of the State of Virginia defending the Wabash & Illinois Country, for more than three years afterwards – that he was intimately acquainted with said Francis Lafaro from the time he came to Virginia until his death – that he has known the claimants Julia the late wife of Antoine Kirky and Mary Ann the wife of Baptiste Duffa formerly Julia and Mary Ann Lafaro, from their childhood – and knows them to be the grand children & only surviving legitimate heirs of said Francis Lafaro deceased and that they with their said husbands are entitled to his bounty land if the same is yet due.

S/ Gabriel Uno, dit Patoon, X his mark

*Gabriel Uno dit Patoon  
mark*

State of Indiana Knox County: SS

Personally appeared before me James Thomas Judge of the Probate Court of said County Francis Laviollete and Amable Putvine, old and respectable and credible native born citizens, who being sworn according to law do upon their oaths declare that they have always heard their fathers and other old citizens say and they verily believe that Francis Lafaro deceased came to Post St. Vincent with Colonel Clark's Regiment in the year 1779 – that he acted in the capacity of a private in said Regiment at the reduction of the British Garrison at said Post and faithfully served the State of Virginia for many years afterwards – that of their own knowledge they state that Julia the wife of Antoine Kirky and Mary Ann the wife of Baptiste Duffa the claimants in the foregoing declaration who with their said husbands are now here present are the grandchildren and only living legitimate heirs of the said Francis Lafaro deceased and with their said husbands are entitled to receive all that may be due to him in bounty land or otherwise.

S/ Francis Laviollete, X his mark

S/ Amable Putvine, X his mark

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845

S/ James Thorne, JP KC