

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Arrington S8033

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

On this 22nd day of August 1843 personally appeared out of open Court; before me one of Justices of the Court of Amherst County, now sitting: Samuel Arrington, a resident of the county of Nelson, in said state; Aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of of the United States, in the Revolutionary war as an enlisted soldier under Cap. Jesse Allen, from the then county of Amherst – now Nelson County – and marched to the Albermarle Barracks [sic: Albemarle Barracks about 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville] and there, by the terms of his enlistment was to remain as long as the Barracks was established there – that is, as long as the British prisoners [Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777, brought to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779] – and continued several months under him until he was broke, and was then placed under Cap. Jno Wordroffe [John Woodruff] (who was Lieut under Allen) and finally under Cap Ja's. Burton [James Burton S48412] from Orange County (who had been Lieut under Cap. Burley [sic: Garland Burnley BLWt1885-300] from Buckingham) and finally marched from said place (the Barracks) in charge of the British prisoners to Winchester Va and discharged at said place by Col Francis Taylor [R19418] on the 22nd day of May 1781 making two years, three months, and 5 days services he the declarant performed in the service of his country in the Revo'y. war. on said occasion at the Albemarle Barracks Declarant was again called into service as a drafted militia man from said county under Captain Jno Christian [John Christian] on or about the 30th day of June 1781 – it being just before harvest – and marched to yorktown to hem in Cornwallis – was in service in the lower part of the state and yorktown until the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], and from thence declarant was marched to Winchester Va under Cap. Jno. Stewart [John Stewart] as part of the guard that conducted the British prisoners captured at York to Winchester and was discharged at said last place on or about the [blank] day of Nov'r 1781 – and on returning home was caught in a deep snow while crossing Rockfish gap. declarant served four months or more on said Occasion making two years and 7 months service he the declarant performed in all in and during the Revo'y. war as aforesaid.

The reason why declarant has not put in his claim sooner is that he was told that if he was worth \$5 he could not obtain it, and he being an obscure person and uninformed on this subject knew no better, therefore could not claim, because he owns property – land, Negroes, horses &c. declarant also states that he has made his declaration before Amherst County Court because his witnesses lives in said County and being also not half the distance (12 instead of 25 miles) that it is to Nelson Court house, which is a great consideration with a person of his age and infirmity. That he was under Col Francis Taylor of [blank] Reg't. while in the service at the Barracks as aforesaid, and under Col Richardson [sic: Holt Richeson VAS1954] while in service at Yorktown in the militia – being allowed a sufficient number of days to get home after their discharge as a part of their service. Jno Via [John Via W3896], Wm Via [William Via S9513], Gideon Via, and Jas. Evans [James Evans S39501] was under Allen with declarant in the regular service, but Giles Davidson [S6790] was under Capt Bailey as an enlisted Soldier at said Barracks at the same time with declarant, but neither Davidson nor Evans stayed as long there as declarant. He declarant expected to be able to got to court, but owing to the inclemency of the weather and his age and infirmity he is unable to go.

Samuel hisXmark Arrington

State of Virginia Amherst County S.S.

I William Dillard a Justice of the peace in and for said county, do hereby Certify, that Sam'l Arrington who has this day sworn to, and and subscribed the foregoing declaration before me is a citizen of Nelson County about 2 miles from the Amherst line. Just over which he has qualified to said declaration being unable (as he qualifies) to go to court in such inclement weather as it now is. I also certify, that Giles

Davidson [S6790] told me, that said Arrington was at Ablemarle Barracks, during the Revo'y war as a Soldier in the Service of his Country

Given under my hand this 22nd day of August 1843.

William Dillard JP.

Test James M Harris

State of Virginia, Amherst County S.S.

On this 26 da of August 1843, before me Jno C Whitehead a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Mr. William Cashwell [W3771], a respectable resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath say that he is 80 years old and got acquainted with Sam'l Arrington (of then Amherst, now Nelson County) at the Albermarle Barracks in Va. in the Spring of 1779 deponent being then in the performance of a malitia tour of duty, to guard British prisoners taken at the surrender of Burguoyne. That said Sam'l Arrington was there, as an enlisted soldier, under Cap. Jno. Woodroffe, of Col Taylor's Reg't. dep. served 3 months there under Cap David Woodroffe and left said Arrington there and that said Arrington told dep. since, that he remained there as a regular soldier, until the prisoners were marched to Winchester, when he Arrington was discharged he having given dep. a history of his travels on his return home. dep Knows the fact also, that said Arrington performed a tour of duty at the seige of York, and as a part of the guard, that went on to Winchester with the British prisoners under Cap Jno. Stewart – Col Vance [probably Samuel Vance, Augusta County Militia] had command of said guard. Arrington was in service on said occasion before dep. as he found him at yorktown when he got there. dep was under cap. Stewart and served from July to the latter part of Nov'r 1781. Arrington served on said occasion, as long as deponant, if not longer being discharged at Winchester at the same time and returned home together – dep. thinks Arrington served 2 or 3 years in all.

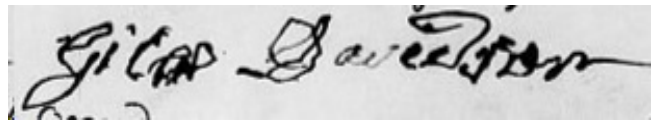
Test. Ro. H Gray

William hisXmark Cashwell

State of Virginia, Amherst County S.S.

On this 17th day of August 1843, before me William Dillard a Justice of the peace in and for said county, personally appeared Mr. Giles Davidson, a respectable resident of said county who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say – That he is 81 years old, and recollects distinctly, that he became acquainted with Sam'l Arrington, now of Nelson County, formerly part of said county during the Revolutionary War while at Albermarle Barracks in the latter part of the winter of 1779 say in Jan'y or Feb'y. That deponant enlisted at said Albermarle Barracks, in Jan'y or Feb'y 1779 under Cap Garland Burley while he was in the performance of a malitia tour of duty from the county of Buckingham, under Cap Wm. Duiguid [sic: William Diuguid]. That he enlisted for 6 mo. but was held for 12 months and was discharged in Feb'y 1780. That said Sam'l Arrington, was also at said Barracks, as an enlisted soldier under Cap. Jesse Allen who in a few months was broke and said Arrington was then put under Lieut Woodroffe of said Allens Company and was in service at said place with deponant as an enlisted soldier for 12 months at least – to witt from Feb'y 1779, to Feb'y 1780 – dep having been in service at said place, from Feb'y 1779, to Feb'y 1780. That said Arrington, dep is disposed to believe served still longer as dep left him in service at said place, as an enlisted soldier as above when dep was discharged; or rather left as he got no discharge.

Test Ro. H Gray

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Giles Davidson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

State of Virginia, Amherst County S.S.

On this 21st day of Augst 1843, before me D. Patteson a Justice of the peace, in and for said county, personally appeared Mr. Jas. Evans, a respectable resident of said county, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say That he is 90 years old and enlisted in the Revo'y war from said county under Cap Jesse Allen, in company with Sam'l Arrington now of Nelson Co. then of Amherst Co. Va and was marched to Albermarle Barracks in Jan'y or Feb'y 1779 where they were to stay as long as the

Barracks was established there. That in some few months Allen was broke and his men put under Cap Woodfroffe. That deonant and said Sam'l Arrington seved 12 months together on said occasion, under said officers, and at said place when dep. left said service and enlisted under Cap. Stribling [Sigismond Stribling BLWt2066-300] in the Southern Service during the war. dep understood that said Arrington served out his term of enlistment on said occasion. And that he composed part of the guard, that conducted the British prisoners from yorktown to Winchester after the capture of Cornwallis. Giles Davidson of said County was also at the Albermarle Barracks on said occasion as an enlisted Soldier under Cap. Burley. dep. served from Jan'y or Feb'y 1779 to Jan'y or Feb'y 1780 at said place with said Sam'l Arrington; Wm Via, Jno Via and Gideon Via their father, was also in Allen's company.

Test/ Ro. H Gray

James hisXmark Evans

NOTE: On Fold3.com the file for Thomas Arrington R269 is merged at the end of the file for Samuel Arrington.