

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Via S9513
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State of Virginia, Amherst County

This 5th day of September 1843, before me William Dillard a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Mr. William Via a Resident of the County of Nelson. Aged 92 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 7, 1832: That he enlisted the service of the United States, in and during the Revolutionary War - from the County of Amherst as an enlisted soldier under Cap. Jesse Allen of the regular Army in the month of Jan^y or Feb^y 1779 - at the Albemarle Barracks - having marched to said place in a militia Company under Capt. Sam Allen from Amherst County now Nelson.

That he served one month under said militia Captain and then enlisted as above under Capt. Jesse Allen - who, after a few months was broke for habitual drunkenness - and declarant was then placed under Cap. Jno. Woodroffe [John Woodruff?] who was Lieut. under Allen - and finally under Cap. Jas. Burton [James Burton] from Orange [County] under whom declarant served until the British prisoners was marched to Winchester, declarant did not go to Winchester but was discharged and Returned home, on or about the __ day of Jan^y 1780 - having served as a Regular Soldier on said occasion about one year, and __ months, or two years. Declarant also served another tour of duty in the militia from said County, under Cap. Wm. Tucker [William Tucker] of three months duration at York, and Hampton in the spring and summer of 1781 - and was at the capture of Cornwallis in Oct. 1781. He was also at the Malvin Hills [Malvern Hills] - He was under Col. Taylor at the Barracks in Albemarle. Declarant would have put in his claim sooner-- but did not know who to apply to prove his services, except Wm Smith [William Smith—whose affidavit proving one tour of three months and twenty days service —has been lost by Lavender London [?]]--Smith being dead. Gideon Via, and Jno. Via, and Saml Arrington [Samuel Arrington¹] was in said Jesse Allen's Company - at the Barrack in Albemarle - with declarant, all of whom went on to Winchester with the British prisoners. Declarant served in all over two years in the Rev. War. He has made his declaration in Amherst, because it is only two miles to the magistrate - and is also better acquainted in that County - having proven his Services for that County also - and being too infirm to go either to Nelson Court twenty-five miles or to Amherst Court

¹ [Samuel Arrington S8033](#)

twelve miles.

S/ William Via, X his mark

S/ William H. Viar

“of Nelson” interlined before signed

S/ William Dillard, J.P.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ William Dillard, JP

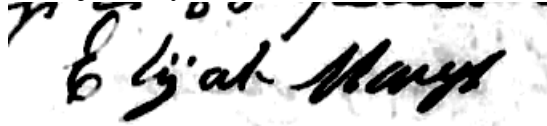
[This file is very interesting because of the procedures the claimant took in stating his case after its rejection by the War Department. He petitioned Congress to review his case. The file has many documents relating to that petition.]

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State of Virginia, Nelson County to wit

On this 25th day of September 1844, before me Richard Phillips a Justice of the peace in and for the said County personally appeared Elijah Mays a respectable resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – That he was well acquainted with William Via during the Revolutionary War – the same man that enlisted under Captain Jesse Allen from the County of Amherst in the year 1779 or '80 – to serve as a regular Soldier at the Barracks in the County of Albemarle, to assist in guarding the British prisoners that was taken at the capture of Burgoyne's Army. Deponent served a tour in the militia himself from Amherst near Nelson County at the said Barracks in the summer of 1780 – and when he got to the Barracks he found said William Via there, as an enlisted Soldier in the said Allen's Company. He is under the impression that Allen was broke, or suspended perhaps for drunkenness – but is not certain, nor is he certain who commanded the company that said William Via was in – but he is certain that said Via along to the regular troops, that was commanded by Colonel Taylor – for the regular troops – and the militia, was stationed separate and apart from each other but that deponent frequently saw said via, from time to time, while there, and conversed with him; and when he deponent left there, that he left said William Via still in the service, and that he understood that he remained there, until the prisoners was marched to Winchester. Deponent has frequently seen said Via from time to time since the Revolution war though he lives some distance from him – and was surprised to hear that he had not gotten his pension before now – as he has no doubt he is as much entitled to it as any who is now drawing. Said Via is several years older than deponent – may be said to be a tall man say 5 feet 11 inches high – and is the only man by that name (William Via) that deponent ever knew, deponent is 80 years old.

S/ Elijah Mays

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elijah Mays". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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State of Virginia Amherst County to wit

This day James Evans² a revolutionary pensioner of the United States personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Amherst State of Virginia and made oath that he was acquainted with William Via in the revolution and knows that he enlisted with Captain Jesse Allen and was stationed at Albemarle Barracks and when he left and went to the South that he left said Via there acting as a soldier. Given under my hand this 2nd day of June 1843

S/ William Dillard, JP

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State of Virginia Amherst County to wit

This day Giles Davidson³ a revolutionary pensioner of the United States personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Amherst State of Virginia and made oath that he was acquainted with William Via in the revolutionary war and was stationed with him at Albemarle Barracks in Captain Jesse Allen's company that he served with him about 12 months and left William Via there as a soldier when he left. Given under my hand this 2nd day of June 1843

S/ William Dillard, JP

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State of Virginia, Amherst County

On this 6th day of September 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 became acquainted with William Via, now of Nelson – formerly part of said County – during the Revolutionary War at the Albemarle Barracks – in January or February 1779. That deponent enlisted at said Barracks in January or February 1779 under Captain Garland Bailey – while he was in the performance of a militia tour of duty from the County of Buckingham, under Captain William Duiguid. That he enlisted for six months but was held for twelve months and was discharged in February 1780. That said William Via was also at said Barracks as an enlisted Soldier under Captain Jesse Allen – who was broken for habitual drunkenness – and said William Via was then put under Lieutenant Woodroffe of said Allen's company; and was in service at said place with deponent as an enlisted Soldier for twelve months at least – to wit from February 1779 to February 1780 – deponent having been in service at the same place that period of time. Deponent is disposed to believe that said Via served still longer as he left him in service at said place as an enlisted Soldier as above – when deponent left said Barracks in February 1780. Said Via is the identical person who is now claiming a pension; and is no doubt entitled to it. John Via and Gideon Via was also in said Jesse Allen's Company at the Albemarle Barracks as aforesaid.

Witness

S/ James M Harris

S/ Giles Davidson

² [James Evans S39501](#)

³ [Giles Davidson S6790](#)



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State of Virginia, Amherst County SS

On this 5th day of September 1843, before me William Dillard a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Mr. James 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 Revolutionary war from said County under Captain Jesse Allen and was marched to Albemarle Barracks in January or February 1779 – and that William Via of Nelson County – who is now claiming a pension belonged also to said Allen's company and that when the said Allen was broke – William Via and deponent was then put under Captain or Lieutenant Woodroffe. That said William Via and deponent served 12 months together on said Occasion, under said Officers – at said place and that when deponent left said service and enlisted under Captain Stribling [probably Segismund Stribling] in the southern service he left said William Via still in said service – and is disposed to believe he served out his enlistment at said place – the term of which was until the British prisoners was removed from thence to some other place. Deponent and said By a served together from February 1779 to February 1780 at said Barracks as enlisted soldiers together. John Via and Gideon Via was also in said Jesse Allen's company.

S/ James Evans, X his mark

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State of Virginia Amherst County SS

On this 21st day of December 1843 before me William Dillard a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Mr. Micajah Pendleton⁴ a respectable resident of the County of Nelson, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say. That he is 85 years old; and was well acquainted with Samuel Arrington and William via (both of the County of Nelson) during the revolutionary war – and is well satisfied in his mind that they were both in the regular service during the Revolutionary war under Captain Jesse Allen (who was broke for drunkenness) at the Albemarle Barracks – in the year 1778 or 80. That he deponent was in the militia service at said place at the same time, that said Arrington and William via was – as he understood, though he does not now recollect of seeing them there yet he is satisfied in his mind that they were there as enlisted soldiers under said Allen and that after Allen was broke as above – said via and Arrington with the rest of said Allen's company was put under Lieutenant John Woodroof: how long they served he cannot say – but were stationed there to guard the British prisoners (Hessians) taken at the capture of Burgoyne's Army. Said Arrington and via are now trying to obtain pensions – which

⁴ [Micajah Pendleton S8951](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending July 28, 1849, when he died. He was pensioned for one-year service as a private in the Virginia service.]