

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Via W6363

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County of Albemarle Sct:

On this the 5th day of May 1828 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Albemarle, William Via, resident in said county, aged sixty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Wm. Via drafted for term of eighteen months on the 21th day of March in the year 1781 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Beverly Roy in the Regiment commanded by Col. Casey in the line of the State of Virginia on the United States Contineltal establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until about the 1st Nov'r. 1782, when he was discharged from the service by Gen'l [Charles] Scott at Cumberland Courthouse in the State of Virginia that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the rolls of any State except that of Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that until recently he was assisted by his boys who have all now left him, and also he has grown more infirm by old age – and is troubled with a rupture – and, in persuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

It: 1st. 165 Acres of land very poor, 3 Horses, between ten and twenty two years old, 4 head cattle – six hogs, this declarant is a farmer, but by old age and being ruptured he is unable to support his family, he has now in family five such[?] himself his wife and three daughters – the younger 15 years the next in her 17th and the older now with me in her 18th year – and have generally enjoyed good health, and their capacity for assisting this declarant, is reasonable good so far as the calling comes within their duties – and that since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property – Towit: one bed and furniture which I give to one of my daughters, Nancy Dunn

Land \$1 pr acre. . .	\$165	William hisXmark Via
3 Horses.	75	
4 cattle.	20	
6 Hogs.	<u>4.50</u>	
	\$244.50	

The affidavit of Jesse Lewis [pension application S5680] of the County of Albemarle and state of Virginia, sworn to before a justice of the peace of the said county states that he entered the services with William Via under the command of Captain Benjamin Harris, who was a captain of the militia of the State of Virginia by whom they were marched to Chesterfield old Courthouse the place of rendezvous of the United States troops then commanded by Gen'l. Stuband [sic: Baron von Steuben], that he then entered a company, which he believes was commanded, at that time, or very soon after by a Captain [Abraham] Kirkpatrick, and that he does not now recollect the name of the Col. who commanded the Regiment as the Officers in and of that brigade were frequently transfered, but that he recollects the said William Via was under the command of Col. [Thomas] Gaskins who belonged to what was then called the Va. line upon

the United States Establishment. That from that place of rendezvous he marched with 2nd Va. to the Point of Fork [at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers] that from thence, they were marched under the command of General Stubbins to [sic: toward] North Carolina [6 Jun 1781], from thence counter marched to the siege of York in Va. [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] where they were remained until the close of the siege, from thence to Cumberland old Courthouse to Winter Quarters where he separated from said Via, and he believes and was informed that he was marched to the State of Georgia – and believes he served eighteen months – and that he was discharged honorably

Jesse Lewis

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: William Via/ age 20/ height 5' 7½"/ black hair/ black eyes/ brown complexion/ born and residing in Albemarle County where he was drafted on 20 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Sized on 9 Apr 1781.

On 5 Aug 1839 Mary Via, formerly Mary Craig, 71, applied for a pension stating that she married William Via on 7 Dec 1784, and he died on 27 June 1836. On 2 Apr 1841 Micajah Via declared that he was the brother of William Via and was present at the publication of the marriage banns of William Via and Mary Craig at Mountain Plain Meeting House in Albemarle County and was at the marriage officiated by Irvine, a Presbyterian minister, at the house of Richard Word. In a document dated 28 Aug 1843 the age of Mary Via is given as 77.