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Pension application of Benjamin Tucker R10141
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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: Declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the 3rd Section of the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836

On this 6th day of January 1838 personally appeared before me Lawrence Ryan -- notary public & QU for said State Mrs. Sarah Tucker a resident of said City and State, aged 77 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, Doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836. -- that she is the widow of the late Benjamin Tucker, who during the War of the Revolution was master of the sloop *Argo*, which was captured by a British Privateer by whom he was wounded & had a piece of his ear bitten off, That -- Edward Blake Esquire and others of Charleston, with authority of the State and January 1780 gave him the command of the armed sloop *Count Pulaski* of 23 or more men, That he sailed for supplies to the West Indies. That, on his return he found the City invested by sea & land by the Enemy. That, by the adoption of a stratagem, he sailed through, and fired into; and escaped from the British fleet, that, upon his landing he was much applauded by the people, and the Governor gave him the command of a Gun during the Siege at Fort Darril [sic, Fort Darrell] within the City of Charleston; That, when the City fell, he was made a prisoner. That in about 12 months thereafter, he escaped to Georgetown and was honored by General Marion with the command of some small vessel, that, some 3 or 4 months after he was again captured by the British, carried to New York and menaced with execution. That, he escaped from them and upon the evacuation of Charleston returned again to his home. She further declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Tucker on the ___ day of ___ in the year 1778 and that, her husband the aforesaid Benjamin Tucker died or was drowned at sea in the year 1793, and that she has remained a widower [sic] since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Sarah Tucker

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before me the said notary, and I do hereby also certify the credibility of the said affiant, and that she is too feeble to attend a Court.

S/ Lawrence Ryan, N. P. & QU
for Charleston District South Carolina

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 9th Day of January 1838 personally appeared before me Patrick Cantwell notary public & QU for said District Mr. Joseph Righton¹ a

¹ [Joseph Righton W22074](#)

resident of said city aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order that the widow of the late Benjamin Tucker namely Mrs. Sarah Tucker now aged about 77 years may obtain the benefit of the provision made by the 3rd section of the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836 --

This Deponent saith, That, he was well acquainted with Benjamin Tucker Mariner, who during the War of the Revolution was captured, and imprisoned and wounded, and had a piece of his ear bitten off by the people of a British Privateer. That he was a gunner in a corps of artillery of which this Deponent was Sergeant, and served with this Deponent at Fort Darrell in the City of Charleston, during the Siege of said City, and became a prisoner to the British on the fall of same: This Deponent saith, he heard and believes the said Benjamin Tucker, was master of the sloop *Argo* at the time of his capture as aforesaid and was subsequently in command of small armed vessels during the War, Deponent saith that he was intimate in a family of said Benjamin Tucker and has no doubt of said Sarah Tucker being his lawful wife & widow, and that, they were married about the year 1778 as set forth in said Sarah's affidavit. This Deponent saith, that, said Benjamin Tucker was lost at sea about the year 1793, and that the said Sarah Tucker has remained a widow and unmarried ever since that period.

S/ Jos Righton

[fn p. 3: On November 28, 1851 in Charleston County South Carolina, Mary T. Ryan of Charleston filed a power of attorney in which she states that she is the only surviving child of Sarah Tucker, widow of Captain Benjamin Tucker, deceased in which she in powers her attorney to seek whatever she might be entitled to by virtue of the pension of her mother having been suspended.]

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Benjamin Tucker late mate of the Above mentioned Sloop *Argos* doth make Oath that the [indecipherable word or words] Matters, facts and things mentioned and contained so far as the same were [indecipherable word] it his knowledge are true; and such as are not he believes to be true.

S/ Benjamin Tucker
Mate of the sloop *Argo*

Sworn this 28th September 1779

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Benj. Tucker

S. C. Sea Service R10141

"Account of harbour pay commenced on board Sloop *Count PoLaska* since Nov. 15, 1779"

A very interesting account of
the capture of the sloop "*Argo*"

by the privateer *Unicorn* signed

Benjamin Tucker Master of the *Argo*

dated September 28, 1779 this paper

is in the claim An Mar. 27 1914

keep it there

has been removed from this claim and locked up in the Record Div.

An. Dec. 7 1911