

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Tucker R10735

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State of Tennessee, Monroe County }

On this 19th day of June 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County & State, being a Court of Record, now sitting, James Tucker, Senior, a resident in the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-Four years past, 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 entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in Halifax County North Carolina on the 18th day of May 1759, as he finds from the record of his age now in his possession, taken from his father's record. That in Randolph County North Carolina where he then lived, at the age of Twenty years, and in the year 1779 as he believes, he became a Substitute for his father for nine months, on the agreement as this applicant understood, that his father Robert Tucker should be released from his engagement or liability, as a Continental soldier in the North Carolina line, that this applicant left home under the command of Captain Anthony Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] and marched on the day when he was informed that he was enrolled as a Continental Soldier for three years, applicant was dissatisfied, and next day he returned home – to have the matter better arranged and have the error corrected, remained there two or three days, and received messages from Captain Sharp, and his fellow Soldiers that if Applicant would come on and join them he should be received for and required to serve not more than the nine months. Applicant followed on, we joined the company under Captain Sharp, Major ___ Lewis and Colonel's name not remembered, applicant was charged then with desertion, and in some way or other, which he never understood was enrolled as a Continental Soldier for three years, or during the War, at the election of the officers. We then joined the Command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], at Purysburg or Burensberg, on Savannah River in South Carolina, remained there some time, the length not now remembered, were then marched up the River, on the South Carolina side, to a place called the Two Sisters [Ferry], under command of General Lincoln as he believes but cannot now certainly recollect, remained there some time, not now remembered, the British advance of the Country, we retreated marching by Cowpens, Hanging Rock, Ramsour's Mill to Guilford Court House where the company generally to which applicant belonged were engaged with others in that Battle [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781], but applicant was not, because on the above named march we passed within about 8 miles of my father's residence, I obtained a parole or leave of absence from my officer to visit my parents, for about a week, during which time the Battle of Guilford was fought, at this time the British Army was between me and my company and troops and Major Thomas Duggan [sic, Thomas Dougan] informed me that I ought to join his Troop of Light horse – that it made no difference what Company or Corps I belonged to, so that I was in the Service, I then hired my cousin Lewis Tucker as a Substitute

for me for three months and he entered the Service for me under Major Dougan and marched down into North Carolina to subdue and harass Colonel Fannon [sic, David Fanning) and the Tories, in that service Lewis Tucker was taken prisoner and shot in the left arm entering at the elbow & coming out at the wrist, so soon as I was informed of that, I entered into Service being called on to do so, under the command of the same Major Thomas Dougan in his Corps of Light horse, and marched down to the Little River in North Carolina through the Scotch Settlement as it was called and continued in the service fighting and harassing the Tories, until peace was made and the Tories subdued. I never received any discharge that I remember of, if I did it is lost or mislaid. I have no documentary evidence of my service, and I know of no person within my reach whose testimony I can procure by whom I can prove the above service. I removed from Randolph County North Carolina to Jefferson County Tennessee remained there one year returned to Randolph County North Carolina and lived there seven years, and returned again to Jefferson County, Tennessee and remained there about 29 years, then removed to Monroe County Tennessee, and has lived there near nine years and now resides there. I cannot state the names of any of the Regular officers who were with the troops except as before stated, but believe that Colonel Paisley [John Paisley] of the North Carolina Militia was in service with a Regiment of militia, a part of the time with the troops I served with – I am known in my present neighborhood to Rev. Joseph McSpadden, James A. Haire, Esqr., William Selvidge, Col. Nicholas L. Peck, Silas Perry, James Perry and others, who can testify as to my character for veracity, and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S Wm. Callaway, Clerk

S/ James Tucker, X his mark

[Joseph McSpadden, a clergyman, James A. Haire, William Selvidge and Nicholas L. Peck gave the standard supporting affidavit.]