

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Tucker ¹ R10738

Matilda Tucker f42NC

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[Note on p 2 reads:

This is a gross fraud. The husband of Matilda Tucker was not a Revolutionary Soldier as she herself testified. This is one of the Ramsay cases.

S/ Dodge"]

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State of Georgia Columbia County

On this the 30th day of September 1855, personally came before me Stephen Drane a Judge of the Inferior Court, a court of Record, for and in said County and State, Matilda Tucker a resident of the County of Richmond, said State, but, formerly of Columbia, who takes oath in this County & said State because, her evidence and acquaintances all reside here, and, she being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838; that, she is the wife of John Tucker late of said County and State, who was a soldier of the Revolution in the State of North Carolina, and done good service she thinks, in fighting the British from 1780 up to 1783; under a Captain Hall as an enlisted soldier & Corporal. And she further declares, that, she has often heard him speak of the said Captain, and, many of the battles they were in, but she has forgotten them, and, she further declares and says, she is the identical Matilda Tucker the wife of the late identical John Tucker who came to this State from North Carolina and married her in the County of Warren said State of Georgia. And she further declares, that, she has none of his papers, as they were all lost, nor, does she know of any documentary evidence by which she can prove his claim. And, she further declares and says, that, the said Tucker never applied to her knowledge for a Pension, as he left the field of his labors, and, was careless about the matter, if he ever knew it; which she thinks white probable.

And she further declares that she married the said John Tucker in the year __ she does not recollect as no record exists, and the aforesaid Tucker died on the 9th day of August 1846 and, that, she has remained a widow ever since, as will more fully appear by the evidence here unto annexed.

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

S/ Stephen Drane, JIC

S/ Matilda Tucker, X her mark {Seal}

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Declaration For Widow

Who has never received Bounty Land, and whose husband served 14 days in any war.

State of Georgia County of Columbia: SS

¹ BLRej229264-1855

On this 14th day of December 1855, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Matilda Tucker aged ___ years a resident of the County of Richmond in the State of George or who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of John Tucker deceased, who was a corporal in the company commanded by Captain Clement Hall in the North Carolina Regiment of Continentals commanded by Colonel not recollected in the war of the Revolution 1776 to 1783.

That her said husband entered the service at not known on or about the 8th day of January A.D. 1781 for the term of the War months and continued in actual service in said war for as much as fourteen days, and was honorably discharged at ___ State of North Carolina on or about 30 day of August A.D. 1782 and that she has not his discharge certificate. She further states that she was married to the said John Tucker in the County of Warren State of Georgia on or about 18 day of May A.D. 1792 the ceremony was performed by ___ a minister of the Gospel, and that her name before her marriage was Matilda May and that there is no private or public record of her marriage; that her said husband died at Columbia County State of Georgia on the ___ day of August A.D. 1846 and that she is still a widow. She has never before applied for, or received land under this or any other act of Congress. She has not married since the death of her said husband.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the Act pass March 3, 1855.

She also requests the Commissioner of Pensions to deliver the warrant to Thomas Lumpkin of Washington city, DC, home the declarant hereby appoints as her attorney to receive and take charge of the same.

S/ Matilda Tucker, X her mark

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State of Georgia Columbia County

On this the 31st day of December 1855, personally came before me Francis M Hobbs a Justice of the Peace for and in said County and State, William Wells of the County of Lincoln late of Edgefield South Carolina who being duly sworn according to law saith, that, he was born and raised in Moore County North Carolina, that, he came to Columbia County Georgia in 1790, with John Tucker, the late husband of Matilda Tucker of Richmond County, who he learns applies for his Pension. He declares, that, he saw John Tucker married to the said Matilda in the year 1792, the day or month he does not remember, as he never expected to be called on about it; but, he knows it was 1792, but, he is sure of it, for he broke his leg the next day. The match was a [indecipherable word]² match. And he further says, that, he knew John Tucker in North Carolina, during the war of 1776, they entered the service together under a Captain Clement Hall in February 1780 or 1781, which he cannot precisely recollect, and, they continued in said service until 1782, about the month of August as near as he recollects. John Tucker was a Corporal, we were not in any remarkable battles except that of Camden which was fought by General Greene in 1781.³

John Tucker was a clever man & a true soldier. I once applied to General Thomas Glascock to get my Pension, but, was not able to go to N. C. to get evidence, and, the General said the process was rigid and uncertain. I abandoned it on that account; but, would like to have it now if possible in my 98th year. I remained with Tucker until after his marriage then I went to Edgefield then to Lincoln, and, next I hope to go to Heaven.

Sworn to and subscribed this the 31st of December 1855

S/ William Wells, X his mark



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³ Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html

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State of Georgia Columbia County

Personally came before me Francis M Hobbs a Justice of the Peace for and in the County and State aforesaid, Beckam May aged one hundred and passed, who, being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say, that, he knew when Matilda Tucker the present living widow of John Tucker, she married the said John Tucker – for he was at the wedding and it took place in the year 1792 – and the month of May, the day he does not remember as he is quite old and infirm, but, he knows they lived together as man and wife many years, until the said Tucker died, which event occurred on the day he does not recollect, but, in the month of August in the year 1846, and, he declares he is to the best of his recollection certain about the year and month of the marriage and death, but, the day he cannot remember, but, he was at the wedding, and burial & helped fill the grave. The body of the said Tucker lies close here, and, all the neighbors know it. And he further declares and says the said Tucker was quite old, has no wife, but, the said Matilda, and, was legally married to her, & she is now a widow & has been ever since the death of Tucker. And he further declares that Tucker, the said John, came to this country from N. C. in or about the year 1790, and, he belonged in North Carolina to the Army of the Revolution and served under a Captain Hall, as a Corporal, for I have often seen his discharge & papers, and, upon one occasion I saw Hall who came here to see Tucker on some evidence matter, then pending in North Carolina. I know these things to be true. If Tucker ever got a pension, I do not know it but, this Tucker is the identical Tucker, who served under Hall & was a Corporal or, he and Hall both represented matters wrong.

This is all I know of it & I do not know whether the law gives her anything or not, but what I say is correct, and, I know she is the identical John Tucker's wife whose claim she asserts. She was raised here, & I have known her always, she is poor and in want at present and she is now about 78 years of age, she was born in the year 1777, and I think the month of August, of the month, I am not sure, but she was married in her 14th year.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of November 1855

S/ Beckam May,⁴ X his mark

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In the case of Matilda Tucker, widow of John, of Georgia, under act of July 7, 1838 paid for arrears under act of 1832, it appears from the testimony taken before the US Commissioner on the examination of Dr. Ramsay – being the oath of Judge True and Matilda Tucker, that the papers are in the handwriting of H. A. Ramsey, and prepared by him. That Matilda Tuchman never knew or asserted that husband served in the Revolutionary war – that she was married to him in 1818 nor 1819, and that he died in the year 1846.

June 19, 1856

S/ G. G. Dodge.]

⁴ [Beckam May R7049](#)