

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Tucker R10739

Nancy Tucker MD or VA

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State of South Carolina }
Spartanburg district }

On this the sixteenth day of December in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, personally appeared before me, Reuben Bowden, Judge of the Court of Ordinary in and for the district of Spartanburg in the State aforesaid, Mrs. Nancy Tucker, a resident of said District in the State aforesaid, aged seventy-one years and eleven months, 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 July 7 1838 entitled an "Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of John Tucker deceased, who was a private in the service of the United States, as colonies, in the war of the Revolution, as she was informed and believes, and who served the space of three years in said war, as she was informed and believes, and was during a part or the whole of that time in the regular service, she does not know in what Regiment, but believes it was in the Maryland or Virginia line; that she was informed and believes, that her husband, said John Tucker, was [illegible word] the close of said war, under the command of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], and fought at the battle of Eutaw Springs in the South [SC, 8 Sep 1781]; She further declares that she was married to said John Tucker in the Fall of seventeen hundred and ninety and that her husband, the said John Tucker, died in the month of November eighteen hundred and seven in Franklin County, Georgia, where he had removed but a short time before from Spartanburg District in the State of South Carolina, in which the said Deponent is now a resident; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz: at the time above stated.

This deponent further saith that she has never before made application for a pension, that she is old and afflicted, and needs that which may of right be due to her, and that she does fully and verily believe this claim to be a just and righteous claim and therefore prefers the same to the constituted authorities hoping it may be discharged for her personal benefit.

Nancy herXmark Tucker

[Certified on 9 Oct 1847 by Rev. Benjamin Wofford, brother of Nancy Tucker, before J. W. Tucker, a magistrate.]

State of South Carolina } Personally came before me, J. W. Tucker, a Magistrate in and for the
Spartanburg District } District aforesaid, James Seay [pension application S9477], who being
duly sworn deposes and says that he was well acquainted with John Tucker, whose widow Nancy Tucker is now making application to the departments for a pension, that said John Tucker was a faithful soldier of the revolution, and that he fought with this deponent under the command of General Green, at the battle of Eutaw Springs and other places, that said John Tucker, as this deponent believes was a native of Maryland or Virginia, and this deponent knows the fact that said John Tucker was two years in the regular service and was discharged and afterwards drafted for some months and served as a drafted soldier after the aforementioned period

Sworn to and subscribed before me Oct. 11 1847

[signed] James Seay

State of South Carolina }
Spartanburg District }

Personally came before me, J. W. Tucker a Magistrate in and for the District and State aforesaid Mr. Clayborn Holt [Clabourn (Claibourn) Holt S38835], a pensioner of the United States for services performed in the war of the Revolution, who being first duly sworn deposes and saith that he will knew John Tucker of Virginia in the war of the Revolution, previous to the battle of Yorktown [siege of

Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], that said John Tucker was then in the army under the command of General Washington, and that said John Tucker told this deponent, that he was enlisted in the regular service, this deponent does not remember having seen said John Tucker after close of said War, this deponent did not remove to Spartanburg District S.C. till many years after the war.

Claybourn hisXmark Holt

Sworn to and subscribed before me Dec'r. 20 1847

J. W. Tucker Majst.

James Cathcart a highly credebable citizen of said district aged sixty three years past on oath says that he was born and raised within two and one half miles of John Tucker Dec'd. whose widow Nancy Tucker is now an applicant for a pension and was intimately acquainted with him from his earliest recollection till the time of his death and has often heard him speak of his Revolutionary services and understood from him and others that he was a soldier of the Maryland or Virginia line and marched to the south under Gen. Green and continued in the service untill the close of the war, and often told deponant that he was in thirteen engagements during his service. and deponant has often heard said John Tucker and his (deponants) father speak of their revolutionary services, particularly the battle at Eutaw Springs in which they were both engaged and many other incidents of said war. Deponant further says that said John Tucker always acted as fufelman [sic: fogleman; see endnote] for the company in his neighborhood, and was the best deponant ever saw and was so regarded by the community. Deponant can recollect no other man so distinguished for his militay bearing, of which he was very proud, and made him a particular favorite with the young men & boys of the neighborhood, and never heard any doubt entertained of his services as a regular soldier of the Revolution, and understood from his widow said Nancy Tucker, that he had a regular discharge from the regular army, he further says that he is well acquainted with Samuel W. Tucker, eldest son of said John & Nancy Tucker and has known him from his earliest recollection, and that they were raised boys together, and is fully satisfied that he is of the age he represents himself to be in the foregoing affidavit and has a record of his own age and is satisfied that he is correct in his statements with regard thereto.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of January AD 1854. [signed] James Cathcart

William Littlefield also a credible Citizen of Spartanburg District aged sixty eight years past on oath says that he was intimately acquainted with John Tucker Dec'd, whose widow Nancy Tucker is now an applicant for a pension, since the day said John Tucker and his wife Nancy Tucker were married, that he was present and witnessed their marriage and the said parties settled within about a mile of his father Solomon Littlefield who had migrated from the state of Maryland and always understood that he and John Tucker came from the same neighborhood, although his father came here before the Revolutionary War and John Tucker came out in the Maryland line, under Gen. Gates [Horatio Gates, summer 1780; replaced as commander of Southern Department by Gen. Nathanael Greene on 3 Dec 1780], and continued in the War of the Revolution till the close of the same and then returned to the state of Maryland, and then as he understood returned to South Carolina and he well recollects that on the day said John Tucker was married, he brought two men with him Osborn West & David Trail with whom deponants father had been well acquainted in Maryland, and ever after intimate friends. Deponant cannot recollect the date of the marriage as he was then a small boy but has been acquainted with Samuel W. Tucker, eldest son of John & Nancy Tucker & issue of their said marriage ever since his birth and knows from personal knowledge that he is of the age he represents himself to be in the foregoing affidavit, and in addition to what the witness James Cathcart says in relation to his the said John Tucker's services as fufel man, and general favorite of the neighborhood, which deponant has often witnessed – that the said John Tucker could sing more war songs than any man he ever saw before or since, and that his reputation as a revolutionary soldier was good which opinion was general, and never doubted, and he further says he has heard the said John Tucker say that he served in the said war four or five years.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of January A.D. 1854

[signed] Wm. Littlefield

Land Office of Maryland

I certify that it appears by the muster Roles remaining in this Office, that John Tucker a private in the 1st Maryland Regiment enlisted 9th February 1780 and was left out October 1780. Muster Role No. 1.

In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name & affix the seal of the Land Office of Maryland this 3^d day of February 1855. J. Murray/ Comm of the L off

Land Office of Maryland

I certify that John Tucker private appears by a Pay role remaining in this Office, to have received of John Hamilton agent of the Maryland Line \$80 arrears of pay from 1st August 1780 to 1 Jan'y 1782. also \$80 pay from 1st January 1782 to 1 Jan'y 1783. Total \$160 and that he was discharged 21st February 1783. [dated and signed as above]

Land Office of Maryland

I certify that it appears by a Depreciation pay roll remaining in this officer, that John Tucker private in the 1st Reg't Maryland Line, received £13.6.0 (on the 5th May 1782) issued to the Maryland Quota of Troops on Continental Establishment [dated and signed as above]

NOTES:

On 16 April 1855 John H. Walker stated that John Tucker "was expert in the manual of arms, and was frequently called on to act as fufleman [sic: fogleman], at the musters which he attended."

On 30 Jan 1854 Joseph Wofford, Esq. stated that he was the brother of Nancy Tucker and was probably at her wedding, although he was too young to remember it, having been born on 13 Nov 1785. On 1 July 1854 Rebecca Mulinax, born on 4 Aug 1778, stated that her sister, Nancy Tucker, was married in 1791, and her oldest child, Samuel W. Tucker, was born on 16 Aug 1792.

A document in the file states that Nancy (Ann) Tucker died on or about 17 June 1855 leaving the following children: Samuel W. Tucker, Rebecca Gillian, Martha Powel, and Nancy Allen, all over 21.

The claims of Nancy Tucker and her heirs were rejected because the evidence of the service of John Tucker was considered insufficient.

There are many other documents in the 92-page file.