

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abel Tucker S10261

A22VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

8/8/18

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[image 18]

State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Charlotte now sitting, Abel Tucker resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged about Eighty years, 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. –

That he served three tours in the Militia of Virginia during the Revolutionary War. That during the whole of the war he resided in the County of Amelia, that he first entered the Service as a Substitute for a man by the name of Coleman, marched from the said County of Amelia under a Captain Wilson to the Town, or Village of Hampton, at which place he was discharged, after having served a full tour, he does not recollect the Officers who Commanded at that place, nor does he recollect the date at which he entered the Service, or the date at which he was discharged.

He recollects that in the Second tour he was called out according to draft, that he was in the Battle at Guilford Court-house [March 15, 1781]<sup>1</sup> and under the Command of General Lawson [Robert Lawson], he was also at Ramsey's Mill in the State of North Carolina at which place he was discharged, he does not recollect the Captain's name under whom he marched from Amelia or under whom he served during this tour, nor has he any recollection as to the date. –<sup>2</sup>

In regard to the third and last time which he served he only recollects that he, was on the march to York Town in Virginia, & that he was discharged some short distance from that place, that this discharge was but a short time previous to the Surrender of Cornwallis [Battle of Yorktown, October 19, 1781], the Officers under whom he marched or served during this tour are not recollect, nor does he recollect the time he served in each tour, but he is satisfied that he must have served at least six months – He recollects that he received no written discharge – His memory has become very deficient and many Officers under whom he served he cannot now recollect. 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 acknowledged the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Abel Tucker, X his mark

---

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

<sup>2</sup> J. D. Lewis indicates that the Amelia County Militia present at Guilford Court House was under the command of Col. Beverly Randolph, Lt. Col. John Holcombe, Majors St. George Tucker and William Cunningham. See the citation in footnote 1 above.

[image 20]

I Daniel Hendick<sup>3</sup> of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Abel Tucker of the said County of Charlotte and State of Virginia, Served as a Militia Man in the Revolutionary War, one tour at Guilford old Court House – under General Lawson, Colonel Beverly Randolph [sic, Beverly Randolph] and Captain Robert Hudson. – Given under my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1832

S/ Daniel Hendick, X his mark

[image 22: Thomas R Brooks and John Garnett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[image 32]

State of Virginia – Charlotte County to wit:

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1836, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County and State aforesaid, Abel Tucker, aged about 83 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amended and explanatory Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 –

This declarant states that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 1832, he personally appeared in Charlotte County court and duly presented his Declaration for a Pension, which Declaration with the accompanying papers, were forwarded to the War Department: that sometime in the month of April 1833, the said declaration & papers were sent back to the Clerk of Charlotte with a statement of his case in a tabular form – &c &c your declarant states that he was not apprised of the return of the papers &c until some considerable time afterwards; that he lives some twenty miles from Charlotte Court House, and that his several, ever since, has been so bad, together with old age, that he has not had it in his power to attend to the case at an earlier date –

He states that he was born in the County of Amelia, State of Virginia, in the year 1754, and that he has no record of his age: that he was a resident of the County of Amelia during the Revolutionary War, and since that period for the most of his time has resided in the County of Charlotte – That at the time the former declaration was drawn, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he could not state precisely or swear positively to the precise length of time he served in the Revolutionary War, but since that, he has reflected a good deal on the subject, and according to his best recollection at the present time, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: he first entered the service of his country as a private in the militia, in the County of Amelia in the year 1779 as a substitute for a man by the name of Coleman, under Captain Wilson, marched to Hampton in Virginia, where he served three months, and received a regular discharge – In the second tour, he was drafted as a private in the militia from the same County about the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 1781, marched to North Carolina and was engaged in the battle at Guilford Court House, and afterwards marched to Ramsey's Mill, where he received a regular discharge – He served two months on this occasion – His officers were Captain Hudson [Robert Hudson] , Colonel Beverly Randolph and General Lawson – (See Certificates of Daniel Hendrick) In the last tour of duty, he was drafted as a private in the militia from the same County sometime in the month of August, 1781; he served two months, and was regularly discharged near York-Town, some short time before the surrender of Cornwallis – He cannot recollect the names of his officers during this service – That during the whole of the above mentioned service, he served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority; and that during the whole service performed by him, he was in active service in the

---

<sup>3</sup> Sic, [Daniel Hendrick S8706](#)

field and not employed in any civil pursuit – He honestly believes that the above statement of his services, made with great deliberation and due reflection, is just and correct; but he will be satisfied and thankful to receive a Pension for six months services, which is all that he will claim

–  
This declarant further states, that he has used his best exertions, so far as his health and strength would permit, to procure additional Testimony in his behalf; but he verily believes there is not a living witness to be found in this section of Country – He has no doubt, if he were able to visit the County of Amelia, he might find some old companions in arms, who would recollect his services in the Revolutionary war – But he is now too old and infirm to undertake a journey of that extent –

He further states, that he is now old, infirm and unable to move about much; that he is in reduced circumstances, and needs the assistance of his country for support – As to the names of persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution revolutionary war, he refers to former Declaration and accompanying papers, herewith filed and returned to the War Department – There is no clergyman residing in his immediate neighborhood or within any convenient distance thereto–

This declarant in conclusion states, that in this declaration taken in connection with the former, he has endeavored so far as it laid in his power, to comply with all the rules & regulations of the War Department – He therefore finally hopes that the decision of the Department will be favorable.

S/ Abel Tucker, X his mark

[image 36]

Charlotte County to wit

I Daniel Hendrick of the County of Charlotte in addition to the Certificate already given by me dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1832, do hereby certify, that according to my best recollection and belief, the tour of duty served by Abel Tucker in the State of North Carolina during the Revolutionary war was seven or eight weeks.

Given under my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1836

S/ Daniel Hendrick, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 6 months.]

[Note: For reasons unclear to me, this file does not exist among those currently posted on Fold3.com.]