

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Tucker S16556

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State of Indiana, Putnam County }

On this 28th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Amery Kinney president, William Elrod and David Deweese Esquires his associate judges of the Putnam Circuit Court now in session Thomas Tucker of the said County & State, aged seventy-six years and two months and fourteen days, who being 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States during the revolutionary war under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the said service as a volunteer militia man in the month of March or April, which month or the day of the month, this applicant cannot now recollect, in the year 1779 under Captain Hardy Griffin in Nash County North Carolina, where he then and had previously resided. His company of which one Edward Gaudy [a/k/a Edward Gandy] was Lieutenant belonged to a Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Whitaker [John Whitaker]. The names of other company and field officers are not now recollected. His company rendezvoused at the house of one Colonel Hunter [perhaps, Thomas Hunter] on Stony Creek in the said County, Nash, and marched from that place to Hillsborough in the County of Orange where he joined the Regiment of Colonel Whitaker, from Hillsboro he was marched through Salisbury in Rowan County of said State to the town of Charlotte in the County of Mecklenburg of the said State of North Carolina, where they stayed some time (not exactly recollected at this time) from which place he was marched back to the place from which he started. He says that they fought no battles during this term of service – that he received a written discharge from Lieutenant Gaudy who was ordered to give him one by Captain Griffin or Colonel Whitaker, which he does not recollect – that they were called out on this tour of service against the Tories, who were numerous in that part of the State through which they marched. He thinks that this term of service did not last longer than one month.

On the __ day of July 1781 he entered the service of the United States a second time, in a company commanded by Captain Kidd [Joseph Kidd] of which Dolphin Davis was Lieutenant and William Rynes the Ensign. General Allen Jones is the only field officer recollected by this applicant at this time. That he enlisted in the Town of Halifax North Carolina in the month aforesaid, and served for the term of one year. That he was stationed in the said town of Halifax, and was employed during the year in guarding and defending the said town and prisoners – that during this term of service there were no regular soldiers stationed with them – that there was but one Regiment stationed at Halifax during the year of this applicant's Service – that he was in no battle during this last tour of service as aforesaid – that he was discharged sometime in the fall of the year 1782; making in all one year and two or three months that this applicant served during the revolutionary war – that he received no written discharge at the end of this second tour of

service – that he has lost the discharge that he received at the expiration of his first term of service. In answer to the interrogatories to be by this Court propounded the said applicant says that he was born in Halifax County North Carolina the 11th day of February 1757 – that he has no family record of his age – that his father kept the record of each one of his children in a Bible which is destroyed. He has resided in the Counties of Nash and Randolph of the said State of North Carolina until about six years since when he removed to this County of Putnam and State of Indiana where he has resided since – that he entered the said service of the United States as herein before stated – that he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his said service – that he is well acquainted with John Clements, who is a regular minister of Baptist Church and Jonathan Myers a regular minister of the Dunkard Church since his residence in this County, and that he has been well acquainted with Granberry Mullinix [could be Greenbury Mullinix] for more than 30 years, who are willing to testify to this applicant's reputation as a revolutionary soldier. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Pleas Roll of any Agency of any State or territory.

Sworn to in open Court April 26, 1833.

S/ Thomas Tucker, X his mark

S/ Z. McGaughey, Clk

[John Clemens and Jonathan Myers, both ministers of the gospel, and Greenbry Mullinick [this appears to me the way he signed his name; it is written above like the original transcriber appeared to write it] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana, Putnam County

Be it known that on this 25th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Thomas Tucker who being duly sworn saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: for one month actual service as volunteer militia man: for 12 months served as volunteer militia man; and for which I claim a pension.

S/ Thomas Tucker, X his mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April 1833

S/ Isaac Mahan, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina militia.]