

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Tucker S30173

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Samuel Tucker, a Captain in the Navy of the United States during the War of the revolution in consequence of his "long and faithful services," and in compliance with a law of Congress, passed on the third day of March 1821 – having been disabled in the service of the United States whilst acting in the line of his duty, is entitled to receive at the Branch U. S. Bank in Boston, Massachusetts twenty dollars per month, payable half yearly, on the first day of July, and first day of January in every year, during his life, or in continuance of such disability, to commence the first day of January 1818 – the same to be paid to the said Samuel Tucker in person, or on his legal power of attorney, but no payment will be made, either personally or a power of attorney, unless the said Samuel Tucker shall produce or send to the President of said bank the certificate of a Justice of the Peace of the county or place wherein he resides, that he the said Samuel Tucker appeared before the said Justice, in the month next preceding that in which the payment is to be made, and also the certificate of a reputable Surgeon, that his disability still continued.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Navy Department, this 10th day of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty five

Registered, This Certificate to continue for [text too faint to discern] years from January 1, eighteen twenty four

Charles Hall, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the "Navy Pension Fund."
Samuel L Southard

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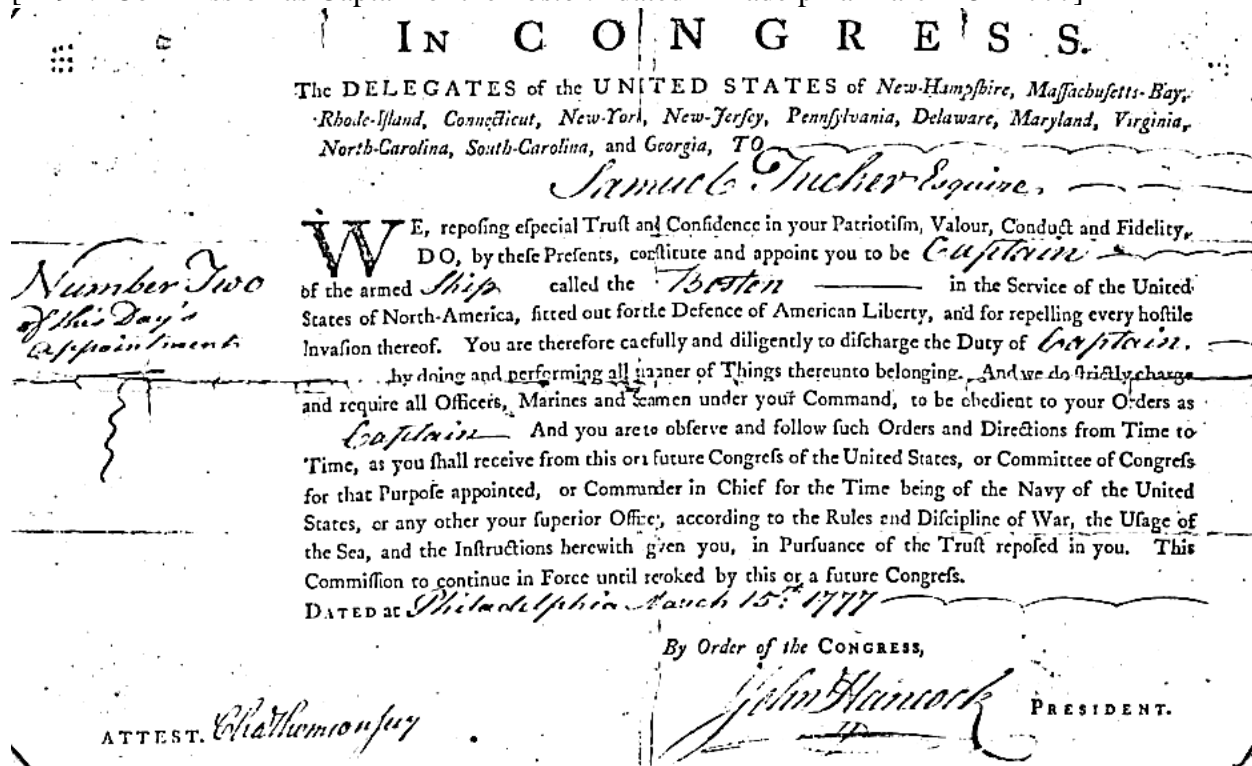
I Samuel Tucker a Soldier of the Revolutionary War – between the United States and Great Britain: – served in the Capacity of Captain, in the Navy of the said United States, from January 20 A.D. 1776 – to the end of the said Revolutionary War (in 1783.) After the Peace (I think in 1784) I was frequently called on after the Peace during four years (occasionally) which at this Court Marshalls [Court Martials] – I was once called to preside in a Court Marshall – instuced [sic] by the Government against Seth Harding Esquire Commander of the Frigate *Confederacy* said Court Marshall was convened in Boston, On January first A.D. 1818. My name was placed on the Navy Pension at \$20 per month from the said first January 1818. I have continued to receive said Pension of \$20 per month up to the first July –, last past, Amounting to Three Hundred & twenty Dollars & since the fourth of March A.D. 1831 At which time the Act entitled "An Act Supplementary to an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers & Soldiers of the revolution passed June, seventh A.D. 1832" and to take effect from and after said fourth of March, 1831. Now I the said Samuel Tucker of Bremen, in the County of Lincoln and State of

Maine, formerly a Captain in the Navy of the said US of America aged 84 years, the twelfth of November last. Do hereby request relinquish all further Claims to said Pension of 1818 and do hereby claim of my Country the pay of Captain agreeably to the provisions of said Pension Act, passed the said seventh day of June, A.D. 1832, at the rate of Sixty Dollars per month from the time said Act takes effect after deducting there from the money I have received since the said fourth of March 1831 Agreeably to said last mentioned Supplementary Pension Act (Section Second) I the said Samuel Tucker, do hereby forward to the Seat of Government my Original Pension Certificate. Witness my hand and Seal, this third day of October A.D. 1832
in presence of
Sullivan Hardy

Samuel Tucker

Samuel Tucker

[I 491: Commission as Captain of the *Boston*¹ dated Philadelphia March 15th 1777]



[Transcribers Note: Samuel Tucker was captain of the Frigate *Boston* when it was taken by the British at Charleston in May 1780.² Unfortunately, Captain Tucker's pension file does not include any documents in which he discusses his actual services beyond those described above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a Captain in the State of Maine in the United States Continental Navy for 8 years 3 months and 2 days.]

¹ https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2391

² May 12, 1780 Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/> & <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>