

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Tucker S3837

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State of Tennessee Hickman County

On this 29th day of January in the year of our Lord 1839 personally appeared before me John Depriest one of the Justices of [the peace] and a Justice of the County Court of the County of Hickman aforesaid John Tucker a resident of the County of Hickman and State of Tennessee aged eighty-six years, who being duly first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 under Captain Bradley and Lieutenant Turner and served in the Regiment (number forgotten) of the militia line, under the following named officers (viz.) Colonel Rogers and Captain John Falkner and left the service in February, he states that he served two tours of enlistment or towers one of eight months and the other three months he states that he left home in October 1781 and marched to York town under Colonel Rogers and Captain John Falkner, That he lived in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia when he entered the service, he states that he was engaged in the Battle of Little Yorktown, where Cornwallis surrendered. That he marched [indecipherable word] from home to Petersburg, and thence to Little York. He states that he was born in the month of October in the year 1752 in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia. He has no record of his age when he was called into service he lived in the State of Virginia in the County of Halifax.

He states that he moved from the County of Halifax in the state of Virginia to Chatham County in the state of North Carolina and from thence to Williamson County in the State of Tennessee thence to Hickman County in the State of Tennessee where he now resides.

He was called into service by being drafted the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where he served all the following, viz., Colonel Rogers, Captain John Falkner, Captain Bradley, Lieutenant Turner and General Washington = Commander in chief. He states that he was in the Virginia line (names of Continental lines and regiments forgotten). He states that he was engaged in no battles during the eight months tower, but, that he was engaged in the Battle that was fought at Little York. He received a discharge from the Service; signed by Colonel Holt Richardson and Captain John Faulkner, but from the length of time he has lost it. He never received any Commission but served as a private soldier all the time he was in the service. The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify to his declaration for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution namely, Alexander Goodman, Jacob Smith, Joseph Tucker, William Dowdy, Isaac Anderson, Hopson Talley and J. F. Demby.

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 or agency in any State.

S/ John Tucker, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 29th day of January 1839

S/ John Depriest, JP

State of Tennessee Hickman County: I testify that I was in the revolutionary war with John Tucker when he was at Little York and that he served the time above stated as well as I now remember.

S/ John Talley,¹ X his mark

[John Goodman, a clergyman, and Allen Talley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Hickman County: SS

On this 12th day of November in the year 1839 personally appeared in open Court being the Circuit Court for the County of Hickman aforesaid at the November term 1839 of said Court before the Honorable Edmund Dillahunt Judge of the said Court the declarant John Tucker Senior a resident Citizen of the County of Hickman in the State of Tennessee aforesaid, aged 86 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 Acts of Congress passed June 7th 1832. – That Affiant was drafted a private Soldier in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia in the year 1781 or 1782 as well as he can now recollect – he hired & paid a Substitute to serve the said Tower [tour] of three months, but the said Substitute failed and refused to render the Services in his place and a file of man from the Army of the United States was sent after him and he was taken under guard and carried to the Army where after rendering his said excuse of having hired a substitute who had failed to report himself to the Captain, your Affiant was ordered into the Continental Army for eight months and placed under the command of Captain Bradley and Lieutenant Turner their given names he cannot now recollect, at the Magazine on Roan Oak [Roanoke] River in the State of Virginia and served out his Term of enlistment. Affiant was sent to Hillsboro in Virginia with a Wagon for provisions, before the expiration of his said eight months tour of duty. Affiant was placed under the command of Captain Taylor after Captain Bradley left the Command of the company and affiant was honorably discharged by said Captain Taylor after the expiration of the term of service, And he returned to his home in Halifax County in Virginia where he remained until sometime in September of 1781 or two or three, as well as he can recollect he was again drafted a private Soldier in Halifax County in Virginia and was mustered in the service under Captain John Faulkner for three months and marched to Little York town, and was in the Battle of Little York and at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]: And after the term of his service expired after the surrender of Cornwallis he was honorably discharged by Captain Faulkner and Colonel Holt Richardson – Affiant was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richardson and under the Command of Major General George Washington. Affiant was eleven months in the Actual Service of his Country in the Army of the United States in the War of the Revolution. Affiant obtained the services and professional eight of Henry Nixon Esquire an attorney at law who prepared for him his declaration & proofs & affiant delivered to his said Attorney his discharges which he was informed & believes to be true were enveloped & forwarded to the War Department of the United States at Washington City in the District of Columbia & affiant has never received any return from said proceedings. Said Henry Nixon Esquire died shortly afterwards & affiant knows not what has went [?] with the papers aforesaid said application was made more than six years ago and sometime in the present

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year a declaration & proof was made & certified and as he is informed and believes to be true was forwarded to the War Department and the following paper of Instruction was received in reference to his application which will be forwarded back & is here referred to as Exhibit A. Affiant is very old, and infirm, and is poor and much in need of the benevolent aid of his Government in granting him paid Pension – which he humbly prays may now be granted to him as the law direction from the passage of the Act of June seventh 1832 & as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency – any State in the United States of America. Affiant respectfully refers the Honorable Secretary of Pensions to the proof heretofore forwarded to the Honorable Department and humbly prays as he has heretofore prayed, which is his reason for not making his application sooner.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 12th of November 1839

S/ John Tucker, Sr., X his mark

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