

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Tucker S6278

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Virginia }
Harison [sic] County } SS

On this 22 day of Sept 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Joseph Johnson Benjamin Copelin Benj. Stout and Jedediah Waldo. The Court of Harison County now sitting Henry Tucker of Harrison County and State of Virginia aged 88 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 7th 1832.

Some time in the Summer of 1778 he entered the service as a Spy under the Command of Capt James Booth of the County of Monongalia State aforesaid that he was Stationed in Coons fort on the West Fork of the Monongahaly River [sic: Fort Coon, possibly same as Fort Booth, on West Fork River, a tributary of Monongahela River in Harrison County] that he was Employed in Traversing the County between the aforesaid River & the Ohio River, particularly on the waters of Buffalow Bingamin, Tenmile & Middle island Creeks [sic: Buffalo Creek, Bingamon Creek, Tenmile Creek, Middle Island Creek] during which times he was Frequently sucksesfull in the discovery of Indian signes & in apprising the Settlements of approaching danger, during which time he suffered much hardship & inconvenience from Fatigue & Hunger having on one occasion to subsist for six days in succession on Buds & having been unsucksesfull in all attempts to Procure Game. abought this time [June 1778 according to David W. Sleeth (S6111) and others] Capt James Booth was kild on his own place on Booths Creek at which time he was discharged having served two months. Soon after he Volenteered under Capt. Joseph Gragery [Joseph Gregory?] & was stationed at said fort & continued to guard the same for three months when he was Discharged Orally

Some time after say one or two years he was drafted in a company under the Command of James Tibbs who was a Sargent & was Employed in Reconoirting the Cuntry adjasent to Martins fort on the Monongahela River & continued in said survis six months when he was Discharged Orally as before, he was afterwards Detail'd & Surved a short Tower under Capt. Thom's. Pindal in pursuit of Indians who Kild Jacob Shote & Mr Dragoon citizens of Monongalia County the Exact time not Recolected he has no dockumentory evidence to Proove the above facts & he knows of no Living witness Except his Brother John Tucker [pension application S6274] whos affidavit is here with anexed

He hereby Relinquishes Every Clame to a Pension or anuity Except the Present & declares that his name is not on the Pension List of the agency of any State

From Monongalia he Remooved to Harrison County where he now Resides he is acquainted with Capt. Nathan Davis Ephrijer[?] Bee Squire Sears & Various Gentlemen of the neighbourhood to whom Refference may be had.

Sworn & Subscribed to this day & year aforesaid
Henry hisXmark Tucker

Harrison County, To wit.

This day John Tucker personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that his Brother Henry Tucker did serve as he states above under Capt James Booth & Capt. Gregory Sworn and subscribed to this 22nd Sept. 1832
Benj Stout JP John hisXmark Tucker

[Notes by W. G. Singleton. See note below.]

Henry Tucker, \$26. 66/100

on the 6th of august 1834 Henry Tucker gave the following statement of his age & service - has no record of his age but thinks he is 91 yrs. old - Born in Maryland. Moved to Harrison County two years before the Revo. War, On the commencement of the war, he Enlisted under Capt James Booth for 2 months, was stationed at Coons Fort on Booths creek. about Sixteen men at the station. they were sent there to guard the Fort and keep it from Brakeing up - this

was in the latter part of the Summer, done no manual labour whilst at the Fort. was Scouting and guarding -

in the next year 1777 he volunteered as a spy for two months under same Captain, was stationed at same place he spied on Buffalow creek, around on ten mile & back to the Fort - one Jonathan Boyer spied with him-

next year 1778 in March entered under same Captain as a spy at same Fort. - he spied on the same ground on which he was the previous summer, until Booth was killed by the Indians - was in service nearly four months - and thus ended his services — Col. Jos. Johnson wrote his Declaration. charged him one half of [illegible word] years pay.

the forgoing statement was given in presence of Nathan Goff. Read to Tucker in his hearing & acknowledged to be correctly taken down. W. G Singleton Nov. 21, 1834

NOTE: W. G. Singleton had been sent as a Special Agent to investigate a large number of fraudulent claims in Lewis County. See the pension application of David W. Sleeth for details. The file includes a copy of a note from the Pension Office dated 10 Mar 1835 to Nathan Goff of Clarksburg stating that Henry Tucker was on a long list of names from Harrison County to be dropped from the pension list.