

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tucker S7764

f13VA

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State of Virginia, County of Caroline SS

On this 12th day of November 1832, personally appeared in open court before the justices of the court of Caroline County now sitting, William Tucker, a resident of the United States in the County of Caroline, in the State of Virginia aged 72 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 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 on Friday the 19th of November with Lieutenant John Vaughan, and served in the State Garrison Regiment of the Virginia State line, under the following named officers – The said Regiment was commanded by Colonel Charles Porterfield, Major Waller for a while & after him by Major Magill – His company was commanded by Captain Drew who was promoted to a majority at Gates defeat. His first Lieutenant was John Vaughan, second Lieutenant Opie Davenport, Ensign not recollected – Frank Graves & Philip Rose Sergeants. He enlisted in the County of Essex where he then resided, & rendezvoused at Captain Broaddus' in Caroline. He was marched thence to Williamsburg in Virginia where he remained about eighteen months, thence to Richmond Virginia, where Captain Thomas Ewell took command of his company; remained at Richmond about five months then marched up James River, thence to Prince Edward Court House to Buckingham; thence to Bedford Court House, thence by Richmond & Williamsburg to the siege at York. In consequence of a wound he had received in the leg, he was unfit for duty, & was discharged by Captain Ewell about two months before the three years for which he had enlisted expired, but he continued with the Army & did duty at the siege of York. He was allowed a warrant for his land bounty of 100 acres, which was lost & never located – In consequence of the before mentioned wound, which he received in his leg (which was afterwards amputated) he was disabled from obtaining a livelihood, in consideration of which the legislature of Virginia passed an act on the 4th day of December 1795 for which he was placed on the pension list of the State & allowed \$40 per annum, besides \$50 at the time of the passage of the said act for his immediate relief. He has continued ever since to the present time to draw the said pension of \$40 per annum.

He herewith encloses a copy the said act of the Virginia Legislature, and also the certificate of the register of the land office of Virginia, stating that he drew a warrant for his bounty land of 100 acres, for three years service –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the roll of any agency of any State, except in the manner before mentioned, as a pensioner under the act of the Virginia Legislature.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Tucker



[f p. 3: certificate dated November seventh, 1832 from the Land Office in Virginia indicating that a bounty land warrant No. 615 was issued to William Tucker a private in the state line for three years service. The warrant was dated May 21, 1783 and was for 100 acres of land.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Troops.]

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[Note: The State library of Virginia has a file posted on its digital online collection which relates to the state pension granted this veteran but, unfortunately, there are no papers which give any details regarding his wound or how it occurred. All the papers appear to relate to powers of attorney and receipts for the various disbursements made to the veteran.]

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Essex County Legislative Petition

To the Honorable the Speaker & Delegates of the House of Assembly

The Petition of William Tucker humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was a Soldier in the Second State Regiment, during his Service he received a Wound in the left leg, which has proved incurable.

Your Petitioner is poor, disabled, and besides inform [sic, infirm] in Health, and with great difficulty has drag'd his wearisome life.

Your Petitioner prays that the truth of these allegations may be inquired into, and that the Honorable House will grant to him such Compensation for the time elapsed as they in their Wisdom and Clemency may deem Just, and will moreover allow him a Pension for his future support. And your Petitioner in duty bound will ever pray

William Tucker's Certificate was issued to Francis Graves for £58.9.0 dated 7 June 83.

S/ J. Carter

The above mentioned W. Tucker is not on the pension list.

S/ J. Carter

[Reverse]

Petition William Tucker

November 13<sup>th</sup>

Claims

Voted reasonable and that £15 be allowed him for his present relief

Report made out

Bill made out

Mr. Brook of Essex