

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shadrach (Shadrack, Shadrich) Tucker¹ W6316 Elizabeth f74VA
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State of North Carolina Rockingham County

On this 30th of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Court of pleas & quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting Shadrach Tucker a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged eighty-two years of age 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.

That he entered the service of the United States and was enrolled on the militia [muster roll] as a substitute for one Peter Ellington under Captain Edward Walker in the County of Amelia & State of Virginia that he marched to Williamsburg & thence to Hampton, he states there were four Companies marched from Amelia at the same time & joined the regular Army at Hampton but he has forgotten the name of the commanding officer & the year [?] in which he was enrolled that he served in this tour six or seven weeks – He states that he was afterwards called out under the command of the same officer and proceeded to join this Army under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] in the State of North Carolina & County of Guilford & that he was in the memorable battle at Guilford C. H. on the 15th of March 1781 that they pursued the enemy to Ramseys Mills on Deep River where he was discharged after having served six or seven weeks, That he was again called out but has forgotten the name of the Captain – that he was under the command of General Lafayette at the siege of York – that they were joined by General Washington and he thinks the two commands amounted to one hundred thousand men he was during a good part of this time employed in driving a wagon and was discharged by the wagon Master General who had the small pox & sent his discharge to him by a Negro boy which was laid on the corner of a fence in the open air where he afterwards found it that he served at this time three months. He says he served several other short tours of which he has a very indistinct recollection, his recollects being in a skirmish at Jamestown in Virginia but does not remember the names of the officers or how long he served.

That he has no documentary evidence having lost the discharge which obtained at York & that he knows no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and surrendered the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Shadrach Tucker, X his mark

S/ Robert Gallaway, CCC

[William C Morton, a clergyman, and T. L. Gallaway gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County: February 13, 1833

This day personally appeared before me [name written over and illegible] a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Shadrach Tucker the applicant for a pension in the aforesaid Declaration under the act of Congress the 7th June 1832, and being first sworn according to law, he swears that his recollection is much impaired by old age, and that he will serve [sic, well served?] the two tours of duty mentioned in the aforesaid declaration of six or seven weeks each Tour and also the three months tour also mentioned in said application and as he states in the said Declaration he served several other short Tours of duty which to the best of his recollection would amount to three months service or thereabout. That he has no documentary evidence as stated in the application but he swears to the best of his recollection at this time that taking his services together that his services would be something like upwards of nine months part of these services was in the first of the Revolutionary war and part in the last of the war, and that he made the aforesaid declaration in Rockingham Court of pleas and quarter sessions at August court and in the same County in which he resides, and lives.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day above written.

S/ John J Wright, JP

S/ Shadrach Tucker, X his mark

[f p. 12: On June 9, 1852, in Rockingham County North Carolina, Elizabeth Tucker, aged about 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Shadrach Tucker a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that her husband died in Rockingham County North Carolina on the 29th day of December 1833; that she married him in Rockingham County North Carolina in her father's house June 15th, 1793; that they were married by Thomas Moore a Baptist Minister who is now dead; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Puckett; that she had a family record of her marriage and the ages of her children but it was lost in a fire which destroyed her home October 20, 1839; she offered as her reason for not having filed an earlier application that she lived in a secluded manner since the death of her husband and had understood that pensions were not available to widows who married their husbands after the revolutionary war. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 14: John Coram, 81, gave testimony in Rockingham County that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that he was present at their marriage at the house of Elizabeth Puckett's father, Robert Puckett; that the marriage took place in 1793 and was performed by the Reverend Thomas Moore, a Baptist Minister. Lucy Johns gave a similar affidavit saying she also was present at the marriage of the veteran and his wife; that she has known them ever since except for time that she, affiant, lived in Kentucky from about the year 1810 till 1828 when she returned to North Carolina. On f p. 28: Lucy Johns offered another affidavit in which she states she was one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Elizabeth Tucker; that she, Lucy Johns was married precisely one year after Elizabeth Tucker was married and that she, Elizabeth Johns, has one child living Samuel P Johns who is now 57 years old and was born April 20, 1795 just 10 months after her marriage. f . p. 30: Bible record shows that Absalom Johns and Lucy Garrett were married June 15, 1794.]

[Facts in file: in 1868 when living in Reidsville in Rockingham County North Carolina, the widow stated she was then 106 years of age. The widow died October five, 1871 near Reed's full, Rockingham County, North Carolina. None of the names of the children of the veteran and his wife are set forth in this file. Their oldest child, a son, is said to have been born in the

summer of 1795 and lived and died in Rockingham County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for his service as a private for nine months in the North Carolina militia [sic, Virginia militia]. Veteran's widow was pensioned at a like amount until after the Civil War at which time upon petition for the reinstatement of her pension, the pension amount was raised to \$130 per year.]