

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Tucker W6318 Sylvania Tucker NC
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State of Tennessee } Court of Pleas & Quarter
Bedford County } Sessions – Aug Term 1832

On this 10th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of s'd court now sitting David Tucker a resident of Bedford County State of Tennessee aged about Seventy eight 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 the 7th day of June 1832 for the relief of Revolutionary soldiers

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and other subordinate officers whose names he cannot now recollect and served as herein stated He volunteered as a private soldier for six months in the service of the United States shortly after the Declaration of independence on the 4th of July 1776 probably a year or so after this event, but the precise date he cannot recollect under Capt Thomas Alston who raised a company in the State of North Carolina in the County then called Bute in which this applicant then and at the commencement of the war lived. This county was afterwards [1779] divided into two counties called Franklin & Warren. Alstons company went to Norfolk [Virginia] to fight the Brittish but when it arrived there they had left the place [2 Jan 1776] The company was then called to Wilmington by General Parsons [sic: Thomas Person] as well he recollects under the expectation that they would meet the enemy there but they did not. At this place Alstons company remained until the six months for which this applicant had volunteered expired. he was then verbally discharged by Capt Alston and went home where he remained five or six months when he again entered the service in the Malitia of North Carolina in Col Thos Rutledges [sic: Thomas Routledge's] Regiment in this Regiment Frederick Wells was the Captain of the company to which he belonged. he served under them between five & six weeks during which time this regiment was stationed within one mile of Wilmington Hanover [sic: New Hanover] County. Captain [Alexander] Outlaw with another company belonging to a different regiment was also stationed there. at the end of the five or six weeks above mentioned he was drafted out of Well's company for three months to march to North East river [probably Northeast Cape Fear River] ten or twelve miles from Wilmington to prevent the Brittish from crossing it on a bridge there where after remaining some time they were met by the enemy and occasionally they shot at each other across the river. Gen Kennon [sic: James Kenan] & Captain Hardy Holmes with their forces then retreated back to a place called Rock fish [possibly Rockfish in Hoke County] where he remained until the time for which they were drafted expired During this period three months he was under the command of Gen'l Kennon who was the commander of the drafted regiment and in Capt Holmes' company As soon as he was discharged at the expiration of this term of service he joined a light horse company as a volunteer for three months under the command of Col David Dodd and captain William Williams about this time the tories were very troublesome in North Carolina and the above named company to which he belonged was principally engaged in scouting in the counties of Sampson and Duplin. they had several skirmishes with the tories one of which was at a place called Goshen he states that as soon as this term of service expired he was again drafted for three months in a light horse company under the command of Col James Bloodeth or Bloodwith [possibly Thomas Bloodworth] and Captain Robert Merrit [Robert Merritt] during which time they were engaged in scouting and endeavoring to subdue the tories in the two last mentioned Counties and sometimes in New Hanover County but he does not recollect any particular skirmish with them.

Shortly after this three months service expired he hired a substitute by the name of Beasly to serve nine months for which he was drafted to go to Georgia. Said Beasly went there in his stead and served under the command of Gen'l Moultrie [William Moultrie of South Carolina] After this Term expired he was again drafted for the same period of time and for the same service and hired another substitute whose

name he does not now remember – but during the eighteen months comprising these two terms – he was himself at home engaged occasionally in scouting but not in any organized company nor for more than a few days at a time

Soon after the expiration of the last nine month's drafting for which he hired a substitute – he volunteered in a light horse company under the command of Col Bloodwith and Capt Merrit above mentioned for a term of three months during which they were engaged in scouting and pursuing the Tories in the Counties of Duplin Sampson and New Hanover. shortly before this term of service expired he was shot with a musket ball in the right thigh by the Tories in a skirmish which his company had with them the ball passed through his thigh and cut one of the leaders. before he recovered from the wound the battle of Yorktown and the surrender of Cornwallis took place [19 Oct 1781]. this was but a short time before he recovered from his wound.

He states that he was acquainted with Major Daniel Williams of the North Carolina regular or continental line. He received no written discharges at the end of any term of his service. he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove it. This applicant states that he was born in Halifax County North Carolina but the year of his birth he cannot recollect. he never could write (and has no record of his age – but to the best of his recollection he was between 21 and 22 years of age when he first entered the service as a volunteer. about thirty years ago or more he remembers that his father told him what his age was but he does not recollect what he said it was This Applicant lived as he has stated at the time he entered the service of his country in Bute County N Carolina in that part of it now called Warren. at the close of the war he lived in Duplin County where he continued to reside until he removed to Rutherford County Tennessee about twenty years ago. about ten years ago he removed to Bedford County where he now resides at the expiration of each term of his service he was generally discharged by his captain. 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 of the agency of any State. he was finally discharged shortly after he received the wound above mentioned.

Sworn to subscribed the day and year aforesaid David hisXmark Tucker

NOTE: On 30 Jan 1838 Sylvania Tucker, 81, of Rutherford County TN, applied for a pension stating that she married David Tucker in 1775, and he died 6 Jan 1836. On 20 Jan 1838 Mathew Tucker, about 55, stated that “from an old record, which is now lost, Elijah Tucker, the oldest son of David & Sylvania Tucker, will on the second day of June next be sixty two years of age,” and that David and Sylvania Tucker “were married at the house of one Hicks in Duplin County North Carolina, Thomas Hicks a justice of the peace.” On 31 Jan 1838 Abel Davis, 71, stated that he was present at the wedding and knew the oldest son, Elijah Tucker, about 62. On 4 July 1838 Lewis Tucker certified that the copy of the family record transcribed below was about 12 years old.

Family account of David Tucker

Elijah Tucker was born June the 2nd 1776.

Nancy Tucker was March the 9th 1780

Matthew Tucker was born Aprile the 14th 1783

Jacob Tucker was born November the 20th 1785

Elizabeth Tucker was born May the 25th 1789

William Tucker was born October the 22nd 1792

David Tucker was born September the 24th 1794

Daniel Tucker was born June the 12th 1797

Susannah Tucker was born June the 23rd 1799

Lewis Tucker was born Febuary the 15 1802

Weedom Calvin Tucker was born May the 3rd 1811

Emry Ann Tucker was born october the 22nd 1813

Wrote By John W Sugg.

John [middle name illegible] Tucker was born august 21 day 1824