

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jesse Tucker W7987

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

State of Virginia

Bedford County S. S.

On this 25th day of July 1843, before me Harwood Major a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Mrs. Nancy King a resident of said county, Aged 70 years - who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, and the 23rd of August 1842, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war. That she is the former widow of her first husband Jesse Tucker dec'd. of said county - under whom she claims; who was a private soldier in the Rev'y. war - both in the regular service, and the militia. That he enlisted in the early part of the Revo'y. under Captain Franklin or Ballinger - and heard him say that Cap. Rich'd. Taliaferro [sic: Richard Taliaferro] was in the same service with him - that he served out his first enlistment as a regular soldier - and afterwards performed two or three tours as a militia man - the names of the captains she cant recollect; and that towards the close of the Revo'y. war he enlisted to serve during the war. She also declares, that she was married to the said Jesse Tucker her first husband on the 26th day of Jan'y 1791 in the county Amherst, by the Rev'd. Cleas Crawford; that her first husband the aforesaid Jesse Tucker died in said county in March 1817. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of Jan'y. 1794 - Viz. at the time above stated. She further declares, that after the death of the husband aforesaid, she was married to Powell Ownsley on the [blank] day of Nov'r. 1819 - that he died on the [blank] day of Jan'y 1820 - that after his death, she was married to Gilliam King her last husband, who died in Jan'y. 1830 - being married to him in Nov'r. 1822; and that she is still his widow.

[signed] nancy king

[H. Major certified that Nancy King could not make her deposition in court, because she lived at a distance of "say, 23 miles, over a rough road."]

State of Virginia

Amherst County S. S.

On this 14 day of July 1843, before me - Joseph R. Carter a Justice of the peace, in and for said County, personally appeared Mr. Abraham Carter a respectable resident of said County - who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say - That he is 80 years old and was well acquainted with Jesse Tucker during the Revo'y War - the same person who married Nancy Lane in said County some 54 or 55 years ago - and after deponents marriage and in the same year which was on the 22nd day of February 1787 - and that after said Tucker's death his widow nancy married Powell Ownsly - and after Ownsly's death she married Gilliam King who also died some 25 years ago. That the aforesaid Jesse Tucker who died in the County of Bedford where he was living - served two or three tours in the militia, from said county in and during the Revo'y. War. one tour the said Jesse Tucker served with deponants brother, William Carter [pension application W2539] - and two other tours with his brothers Isaiah Tucker and Drury Tucker. Deponant once knew the names of the captains they all served under, but have now entirely forgotten them. The places they served at he has also forgotten in part but is certain that one of the tours was at Guilford. That towards the close of the war he dep. thinks, that Jesse Tucker and Wm. Carter both enlisted to serve during the war rather than be called out any more. but dep can not say positively who they enlisted under. That he dep. has frequently heard the said Jesse Tucker and his brothers and Wm. Carter laughing and talking about what happened when they were in the service together after they had returned home; from said tours of service - which was of 3 months duration each - making about nine months as a militia man, besides his services as a regular soldier - which was to the end of the war - his father being very much opposed to his enlistment.

[signed] Abram Carter

deponant Abraham Carter also says that he himself served one tour at Amherst Old Ct. Ho. during the Revo'y. War and that his Father employed substitutes for him in two other tours rather than he should leave home.

State of Virginia Amherst County S. S.

On this 15 day of July 1843, before me Wm. M Waller a Justice of the peace in and for said county, personally appeared Mr. William Cashwell [pension application W3771], a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say - that he is 80 years old and was well acquainted with Jesse Tucker during the Revo'y War - the brother of Isaiah and Drury Tucker all of said County. Deponant knows the fact that the said Jesse Tucker served a tour of service in and during the Revo'y war at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse] in N. Carolina, in March [15th] 1781 of three months duration in Holcombs [sic: Col. John Holcombe's] Reg't and Jas. Dillard's [James Dillard's, pension application W7019] Company of Riflemen leaving home the 1st of Feb'y. 1781 and returning the last of April 1781 - deponant knows of no other service, that said Tucker performed tho' he may have rendered more - said Tucker moved to Bedford where he died.

Test Ro. U Gray

Wm. hisXmark Cashwell

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written Before me Wm. M. Waller J.P.

In presence of James Allen Jos. I. Tucker

Deponant says that Capt. Jas. Dillard above refered to was a regular officer at one time, as Lieut under Capt. Jas. Franklin - both of whom were recruiting officers from said county in the war of the Revolution

Wm. M. Waller J.P.

State of Virginia Bedford county S. S.

On this 23rd day of October 1843 before me Wm. R Jones a Justice of the peace in and for said county personally appeared Mr. Willis Hensley, a respectable resident of said county who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say - That he is 41 years old that he was present when Joseph Crews - a U. S. pensioner [W221] made a statement to him of what he Crews knew, and heard Jesse Tucker say in regard to his Revo'y. services - and of which, Mr. Ro. U Gray made a memorandum, in order to write his Afdt. [affidavit] which statement was to the ani't[?] that Jesse Tucker enlisted in the early part of the Revo'y war - and having served out his first enlistment he again enlisted during the war, and that he Crews and Tucker had frequent conversations in regard to each others services. And dep. further says, that Mrs. Nancy King's last husband Gilliam died on the 9th day of Jan'y 1830 - having formerly been the widow of Powell Ownsly, and Jesse Tucker her first husband - under whom she is claiming a pension from the Gen'l. Gov't in consideration of said Tuckers services. That Powell Ownsly her 2nd husband died in Jan'y. 1820 and Jesse Tucker her 1st husband died in March 1817.

That the above Family register [see notes below] containing the marriage of Jesse Tucker to Nancy his wife - the 26th Jan'y. 1791 &c was taken from a Book called Herveys Meditation which belonged to Mrs. Nancy King and has always been in her possession - and that said registry of marriage; and births which are torn are in the hand writing of said Jesse Tucker dec'd and gives no doubt the true time of his marriage - as dep. recollects having seen the age of Pamela A Tucker his oldest daughter below named before it was torn as below - which was dated the 16th day of Nov'r 1791 - and dep also encloses a true copy of said Tuckers childrens ages - which was taken from said Tuckers register before it was torn as below.

Willis hisXmark Hensley

Register of Discription of Names Officers and Privates at C O Ct House

names	age	feet	In's	Hair	Eyes	Comp	Particular marks of Features	Occup'n
William Tharmond	16	5	10	light	gray	Fair	---	---
Jesse Tucker	18	6	—	do	do	do	---	---

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Place of Residence			Where born		Engaged			
State	County	Town	State	County or Town	How	where	When	How long
Va	Amherst	----	Va	Amherst	Enlisted	Amherst	10 th Oct 82	3 yr
Va	Amherst	----	Va	Amherst	do	do	1 st Decem 82	do

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Former Service		When Sized	Remarks
What Corps	How Long		
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This is to certify that the foregoing, contains true extracts from a Register, to be found in the first volume of papers concerning the Army of the Revolution, on file in this department, given in the First Auditors Office Richmond Virginia this 29 December 1851
Ro Johnston
First Auditor

State of Virginia Corporation of Lynchburg To witt:

On this 30th day of August 1851 before me Thos. Dillard a Justice of the peace in and for the Corporation aforesaid duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Mr. Susan Akers a resident of said Corporation, and a person of credibility, who being sworn according to law, declares That she is 67 years old in Ap'l. next and recollects about the time that Jesse Tucker dec'd of Amherst Co. Va. was married to her Sister Nancy Lane now Nancy King - who married again after the death of her 1st husband Jesse Tucker, who served in the Revolutionary war. That she the deponant was about 6 years old at the time he Jesse Tucker married said Nancy Lane and that she stayed a great deal at said Tuckers house with her sister Nancy after their marriage as aforesaid - And have frequently heard said Jesse Tucker speak of his services in the Revolutionary war at the Battle of Guilford, and other places, which she can not recollect except at Williamsburg and the Albemarle Barracks [which housed prisoners of war] - both of which places he was at, and which she has heard him speak a good deal about; and she recollects that when on a visit with her sister Nancy Tucker to see her brother Wm Lane about ___ miles from Charlottesville [sic: Charlottesville] some 15 or 20 years after she was married to Jesse Tucker - that in passing by the old Barracks her Sister Nancy Tucker shewed her the deponant the old chimneys of the Barrack houses where her husband Jesse Tucker served in the Revolutionary war. She deponant heard Jesse Tucker further say, that he enlisted to serve to the end of the war the 2^d time he enlisted but she can not speak positive as to the name of the Capt. he enlisted under. Said Tucker was married to said Nancy Lane in the County of Amherst about 61 years ago and died about the year 1816 leaving his present widow Nancy King now alive, and unmarried. and that she the deponant is in no way interested in any pension which may be allowed her by the Gen'l. Gov't. Jesse Tucker was not a long[?] on the 2^d visit to see her brother Wm Lane.
Susan herXmark Akers

NOTE:

"William Tharmond" appears to have been William Thurmond, whose heirs applied for bounty land [BLWt 1996-100.]

The file includes a copy of a bond signed by Jesse Tucker and Garland Hurt in Amherst County on 10 Jan 1791 for the marriage of Tucker to Nancy Layne. On 17 Apr 1855 Nancy King, 82 and then living in Botetourt County VA, applied for bounty land, stating that she married Jesse Tucker in Feb 1788

The first part of the family record referred to by Hensley is on both sides of the title page of *A Descant Upon Creation*:

On the 26 of June 17[page torn here and at *] Jesse Tucker was married to Nancy his Wife
Pamela A Tucker was Born Nove[*]
Francis S [*] Born oct'r[*]
Henry [*]
Cre[*] Haskins Tucker was Born Sept 1st 1798 [note: Creed Haskins was a Captain of Militia]
Polley C Tucker was Born De'r 2th 1800
Susanah L Tucker was Born february 16th 1803
Nancy Leftwich Tucker was Born April 16th 1805
Betsy Tucker was Born June 15th 1807
Sophia W. Tucker [*] Born August 15th 1809
[*]k Tucker was Born [*] 17th 1811

The second register referred to:

Permela B. Tucker was born Nove 16 1791
francis S Tucker was born Oct 25 1793
henry L Tuckler was born feb 7 1795
Creed H Tucker was born Sept 1st 1798
Mary C Tucker was born Dec 2th 1800
Susan L Tucker was bornn feb 16 1803
Nancy L Tucker was born April 16 1805
Elizabeth F Tucker was born June 15 1807
Sophia W Tucker was born August 15 1809
Martha R Tucker was born Sept 17 1811
Claudius L Tucker was born Sept 16 1813
Benil[?] g Tucker was born nove 16 1815