

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Gray Tucker W9867 Frances Tucker NC
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State of North Carolina } on this 15th day of January 1840 personally appeared before me a
County of Halifax } Justice of the Peace for the county above written Mrs. Frances Tucker of
the county of Halifax aged seventy nine years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on her
oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of
Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the Widow of Gray Tucker who was a private soldier in the
North Carolina Line and served as such for the space of three or more years. He had served previous to
her marriage with him in the militia; the precise time she is unable to state; she knows that he served
after his marriage with him as a regular soldier for the space of Three years. The evidence of which
service will more fully appear by the evidence hereunto annexed.
She further declares that she was married to the said Gray Tucker on the Fifteenth day of September
seventeen Hundred Seventy Eight by Col. Willis Alston the only evidence of the fact was an entry in the
Bible which has been destroyed. That her husband the aforesaid Gray Tucker died on the twentieth day
of July Eighteen Hundred and nineteen. That she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully
appear by reference to testimony hereunto annexed. [signed] Frances Tucker

State of North Carolina }
Halifax County } The affidavit of Elizabeth Edwards taken to prove the marriage and
Revolutionary services of Gray Tucker. This affidavit being first duly sworn according to Law testifies
and says. That to her personal knowledge her sister Frances Edwards was married to Gray Tucker on the
15th day of September Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Eight at the house of her father in Halifax
County by Col Willis Alston; she being present at the marriage. The marriage was recorded in the family
Bible which was destroyed by a fire in the lifetime of her father his house being burnt at the time. But
what enables her to speak with certainty as to the period is the age of the eldest child and daughter of her
sister Mrs Tucker who is now alive and in the sixty second year of her age.

She can also testify that Gray Tucker left home in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine
and did not return for more than Three years, and when he did return the war was at an end. She in
conclusion testifies that her sister now applying for a pension has never married since the death of her
husband the said Gray Tucker.

Given under my hand this 16th day of January 1840. [signed] Elizabeth Edwards

State of North Carolina } The affidavit of Col Joseph John Alston [pension application S6498] of
County of Halifax } the County of Halifax taken to prove the marriage and revolutionary
services of Gray Tucker. This affiant being first duly sworn according to Law testifies and says. That
Gray Tucker was born and raised in the same neighbourhood with this affiant in the County of Halifax.
In the month of may seventeen Hundred and seventy seven this affiant was drafted with Gray Tucker and
served for the space of Three months at the Town of Halifax under the command of Col [Nicholas] Long.
and in the month of December seventeen Hundred and seventy nine Gray Tucker was again drafted and
marched under the command of Captn Wren and returned immediately after the defeat of Genl. Gates
[Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. After that time viz. in the spring of seventeen
Hundred and Eighty one in the month of March he enlisted in the regular service for the War and served
to its close. This affiant continued to know and reside near him up to his death. This affiant further
testifies that Gray Tucker was married to Frances Edwards in the month of September seventeen hundred
and seventy eight by the uncle of this affiant Col Willis Alston he this affiant being present at the
marriage. and residing close to the father of Mrs Tucker at the time it took place. In conclusion he can
testify that Mrs Frances Tucker now applying for a pension is the identical person known to him and

married to Gray Tucker in September seventeen Hundred seventy eight, and that she has remained a widow up to the present time. Given under my hand this 24th day of January 1840.

[signed] J J Alston

State of North Carolina/ Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this state that Gray Tucker a private soldier in Capt. Armstrong's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered as a war soldier in the month of January 1782 and that a warrant for bounty land was issued for his services on the 30th day of Sept'r. 1785 No 2694, for the full quantity of land allowed by law to a Soldier for the war, Viz, 640 Acres Given under my hand this 13th day of January 1840

NOTE: A document in the file states that Frances Tucker died on 15 Aug 1857 leaving children "in low & slender circumstances in point of fortune."