Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Tucker W2279

Nancy Tucker MD

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For the Purpose of Obtaining the benefit of An act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution, approved on the 15th of May 1828 I John Tucker of in the county of Bracken and in the state of Kentucky, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the continental line of the army of the Revolution for three years and during the war, And continued in its service untill its termination. At which period I was a private in Captain John Coats Jones [sic: John Courts Jones, pension application W25166] Company in the Seventh Regiment of the Maryland line.

And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of Eighty dollars to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th of March 1828 on the pension list of the untied states.

[14 Nov 1828]

Before me John Burkitt a Justice of the peace impowered to administer oath in the county of Bracken and state of Kentucky, personally appeared this day [5 Feb 1829] Benjamin Fitzgerald [S35931] of Mason county who made oath that John Tucker of Bracken county Kentucky by whom a declaration was subscribed was a private in captain John coats Jones Company in the seventh Regiment of the Maryland line and that he inlisted in the continental line of the army of the Revolution and Joined the army as he believes at a place cald middle Brook [Middlebrook] in the state of New Jersey in the spring of the year 1778 or 9.

State of Kentucky Bracken County Sct.

Jonathan M. Grover [pension application S31082] personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in & for the county aforesaid & after being duly sworn according to law deposith and saith. That John Tucker of Bracken county served in Capt. John Coats Jones company of the 7th Maryland Regiment during the Revolutionary war, that this deponant was well acquainted and messed with the said Tucker about eighteen months that he left the army late in the year 1780 in company with Gen'l. William Jourthen grown

Smalwood, & further this deponant saith not

[8 Oct 1829]

State of Kentucky Bracken County Sct

On this the 15th day of April 1833 personally appeared before the Bracken County Court John Tucker a resident of said County of Bracken and State of Kentucky aged Eighty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7 June 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 with Capt John Cotes Jones and served in the Seventh Regiment of the Maryland line under the following named Officers Viz Col John Gunby commanded the Regiment in which he served. Gen'l Smalwood [sic: William Smallwood] commanded the Brigade. As before stated John Cotes Jones commanded his Company & LeMar [sic: William Lamar S46388] was the Lieut and the latter was raised to command of the Company after Jones became an Aid to Gen'l Smalwood [8 Sep 1781]

This Declarant states that he enlisted for three years or during the war – that he served five years

and six months and was discharged at Annapolis and has lost his discharge – that he was discharged by Gen'l. Smallwood. This Declarant also states that he served under Capt Jones until Jones was made the Gen'ls aid & that he was then transferred & became one of Genl Smalwood guard & served in that Capacity until discharged after the close of the war.

That he resided in the County of Montgomery Maryland when he enlisted – that he was in the Batles of the White Plains [28 Oct 1776] – Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Trenton [26 Dec 1776] and marched through Pennsylvania – New Jersey & New York & was in New york City when it was taken by the British. This Declarant also states that previous to his enlistment, in 1776 he served a volunteer tour of nine months under Capt Ned Burgess [Edward Burgess] & resided in same County & State in which he enlisted and having served out the tour was discharged and has lost his discharge

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

John his Xmark Tucker

Land Office, Annapolis, June 17th 1833;

I Certify, that it appears by the Muster Rolls, remaining in this office, that John Tucker, enlisted as a private, in Captain Jones's Company, of the 7th Maryland Regiment, on the 6th of June 1778, for during the war, and on the 16th of August 1780 [the day of the Battle of Camden SC]; was missing;

George G. Brewer/ reg'r. L. Off. W. S. Md.

NOTE: On 29 Dec 1851 Nancy Tucker of Mason County KY applied for a pension stating that she married John Tucker on 10 Jan 1818 in Augusta KY, and he died in Bracken County KY on 24 March 1835. Her claim was rejected because the laws then in effect did not provide for widows who married after 1800. On 3 March 1853 Nancy Tucker, 70, applied under a later law, stating that her husband died on 25 March 1834 after living in Bracken County for 40 years, and that her maiden name was Nancy Mitchell. On 2 May 1855 she applied for bounty land, with Pelina Tucker and William L. Wells as witnesses.