Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Tucker W6315 Transcribed by Will Graves Lucy

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[f p. 10]

Prince George County to which

Second Judicial Circuit of Virginia

This 4th day of May in the year of our Lord 1819, Personally appeared before me Richard E Parker, one of the Judges of the General Court and Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit aforesaid Reuben Tucker, and in Pursuance of the Act of Congress Entitled "An Act to provide for certain Persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" and in order to obtain the Assistance thereby afforded to Revolutionary Officers and Soldiers in reduced Circumstances, made oath that during the year 1776 he entered Captain Thomas Ruffin's Company of Infantry (in the 6th Virginia Regiment in the Continental Service Commanded by Colonel ___ Buckner [Mordecai Buckner] of the Virginia Line). That he continued in that Regiment until his Discharge at the Valley Forge by General Weedon [George Weedon]: that he has long since lost his Discharge: That he has received no pension or other Bounty from the Government: and that from his reduced Circumstances in life, he stands in need of assistance from his Country for support. He further declares that he was in the Battle of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, October 11, 1777] and at Mud Island Fort [October-November 1777] when it capitulated –

[f p. 12: Attested by Judge Richard E Parker May 4th, 1819.]

[f p. 11: On April 28, 1819 in Prince George County Virginia, Joshua Heath gave testimony that Reuben Tucker served with him in the regular service during the revolutionary war for two years in the sixth Virginia Regiment. His affidavit was attested by the Justice of the Peace and took it and does not bear the signature of the veteran. It does not appear that this veteran filed for a federal pension for his service in the revolutionary war.]

[f p. 33]

Prince George County to wit

Reuben Tucker personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the said County, and made Oath, that in the month of February 1776 he entered as a private in Captain Thomas Ruffin's Company of Infantry, in the sixth Virginia Regiment in the Continental service, commanded by Colonel ____ Buckner of the Virginia line, and that he continued in that Regiment until his discharge at the Valley Forge, by General Weedon, in the month of February 1778 being the term for which he enlisted. –

Given under my hand this 14th day of July 1819.

S/ Alexander Tanner, JP

[f p. 5: On March 11, 1842 in Prince George County Virginia, Mrs. Lucy Tucker, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Reuben Tucker a revolutionary war pensioner for you one year but which pension was discontinued for reasons she does not know; that she married him in the month of August 1783 in Dinwiddie County Virginia; that they were married by Parson Jesse Lee; the ages of her children all recorded in an old Bible but in consequence of being old and torn by her youngest son (Drury Tucker) the ages were copied onto a new leaf or sheet of paper which is now in her possession; that her husband died January 7th, 1821; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 8: family record:

Jane Tucker was born May 17, 1786 John Tucker was born November 6 1788 Richard Tucker was born February 22, 1791 Reuben Tucker was born May 1, 1792 Eliza Tucker was born February 23, 1795 Martha Tucker was born May 1, 1798 Abraham Tucker was born January 11th, 1802 Nancy Tucker was born February 1, 1803 Drewry Tucker was born July 11th, 1807 Polley Tucker was born February 18th, 1810 Register of Names drawn off of by Drewry Tucker 19th 1828]

[fact in file: the widow's maiden name was Lucy Daniel.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing May 4th, 1819 for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental service. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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Addendum to Reuben Tucker W6315 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 24 April 2022.

[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

State of Virginia Prince George County, towit

Personally came Abraham Alley [Abram Alley S11955] of the County and State aforesaid before me Jas. H. Belscher a Justice of the peace for said County and state aforesaid who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Reuben Tucker Deceased that he enlisted in the Continelal service in seventeen hundred and seventy six and to the best of his knowledge served three years this deponent further states that he has just reason to believe that said Reuben Tucker was one of Gen'l. George Washington's life guard and was long acquainted with said Tucker after he came out of said service And that they served a Tour of Militia Duty together and that said Tucker was a Cetizen of Prince George County and State of Virginia that said Tucker drew a pension as a continelal Soldier of Ninety Six Dollars died in Eighteen hundred & Twenty One that he knew of no other man of the name of Reuben Tucker in said service but the above R. Tucker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd of September one Thousand Eight hundred and Thirty four

Abraham Alley

State of Virginia Petersbourg [sic: Petersburg], towit

Personally came Abraham Tucker of Petersbourg and State aforesaid before me Dan'l Lyon a Justice of the peace for Petersbourg and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn saith that the following persons are the only living Heirs of Reuben Tucker Deceased, formerly in the Revolution whose services are prooven by Abraham alley (Viz) Lucy Tucker Wife of said Reuben Tucker, John Tucker Richard Tucker Abraham Tucker sons of said Reuben Tucker & Drewry Tucker son of do Jane Tucker Martha Purken formerly Martha Tucker Nancy Allen formerly Nancy Tucker Mary Tucker are all the Heirs of said Reuben Tucker and that he has no doubt as to the correctness of the Testimony given in favour of his service sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th of December Eighteen hundred and thirty four Dan'l Lyon Alderman

State of Virginia

To The Executive of Virginia

The undersigned Heirs of Reuben Tucker beg leave respectfully to present, their Memorial for Land Bounty to the Executive of Virginia and in support thereof to submit the following statement, that your memorialist are the wife, sons and daughters of the said Reuben Tucker and are now Citizen of PetersBurg and Prince George all of Virginia that he served in the ContineIton Line enlisted in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six believes he was one of Gen'l. Geo. Washingtons life guard was of the County of prince George & State aforesaid and are of the belief that he served three years

Your Memorialist Verily believes themselves entitled To Land Bounty for the services of said Reuben Tucker aforesaid and are induced to this belief on consideration more from the report of others than from any knowledge they themselves possess on the subject, they therefore believe that if the Claim can receive the advantages of an investigation by the Commissioner appointed therefor, that will be fully shewn. They respectfully ask that their claim or case may be considered and that such a disposion may be made thereof as that right and Justice may be done

Abraham Tucker son of Rubin Tucker/ Thomas Alley, Son in Law and husband of Jane daughter of

Reuben Tucker/ Drury Tucker son of Reuben Tucker/ Jane herXmark Tucker Daughter of Rubin Tucker/ Thomas Tucker in wright of my Wife [undeciphered] daughter of Reuben Tucker

1835 July 22 Rejected