

2010 Forsyth Scout and Beecher Island Newsletter # 2

Hello and Welcome to another edition of the Forsyth Scout and Beecher Island Newsletter.

Fort Harker Days 2010 will be Friday & Saturday July 9th & 10th.

The 2010 Beecher Island Reunion will be September 18th & 19th 2010.

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We have added several more readers the last month along with locating several more Scout descendants. We have more readers from the family of Scouts George B. Clark and Elijah Gilbert alias Louis McLaughlin.

As I worked in this newsletter I was wondering who the last living Forsyth Scout widow was. I suspected it was Charlotte (Mrs. Henry) Tucker. Charlotte was one of the last living widows, but she was outlived by two others. Here is what I found;

Charlotte S. Tucker, (Mrs. Henry H.) died MAY-30-1939.

Charlotte S. Piatt, (Mrs. C. C.) died JAN-01-1940.

Sue Tozier, (Mrs. R. R.) died APR-21-1947.

So, Charlotte Tucker was the next to the last of the widows of Scout who were in the Battle at Beecher Island. Charlotte Piatt holds the honor of being the last known widow of a Scout in the Battle. Sue Tozier holds the honor of being the last known widow to draw a Scout's pension. Her husband, Richard R. Tozier, was with Peate and the other six Scouts that missed the train from Fort Harker to Fort Hays, but they were with Carpenter and the 10th Cavalry in the relief of the Scouts at Beecher Island.

The day Charlotte died was also the 60th anniversary of Spillman Creek Raid and killing of Scout Alderdice's family along with a number of other settlers.

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This month we are going to look into the family of Scout Henry Tucker. Henry was an interesting fellow. He was an early settler in Ottawa County, Kansas, coming there with his parents and some siblings. They settled in the area of the future town of Tescott. Henry was among the Scouts recruited by Jack Peate along the Saline River near the Lincoln - Ottawa county line.

His neighbors were, among others, the future Scouts Clark, Morton, Culver, Herington, Eutsler and a few miles up the river to the west were Scouts Smith, Peate, Vilott and Zigler. I believe that Scout George Green also lived in the Tescott area for a time, before moving on west closer to Abram (now extinct) and the future townsite of Lincoln Center, now Lincoln, Kansas.

When recruited as a scout, Henry was still single. In the battle he was wounded in the left forearm, breaking it. This wound apparently caused Henry problems throughout the rest of his life. At least as early as 1872, Henry was trying to get a disability payment for his wounded arm. To add to his problems, in June or early July of 1869, a month after the Spillman Creek raid, Henry lost a thumb and finger when he, along with former Scouts George Green and John Lyden and the proprietor of the Schermerhorn store, Frank Alonzo "Lon or F. A." Schermerhorn, were shot and wounded by the notorious Pat Cleary. All recovered. Twenty years later Cleary, a serial killer, was hanged, but that is another story.

An excerpt from "The Early Days of Ottawa County", says, "In the spring of 1869 he [Henry] acted as courier, informing the settlers on the upper Saline of an Indian invasion." This would have been May 30, 1869. Some sources also say, Henry rode on to Fort Harker and notified authorities and then took a train to Salina, and brought back some additional guns and ammunition to the Saline River settlements. He was also active in the militia that patrolled the area of the Saline River and Spillman Creek, following the raid.

In 1870, Henry married Charlotte S. Ingersoll. Her family was also among the early settlers in Ottawa County. She is credited with teaching the first school in the county. Several of her brothers were also early county officials.

The Tuckers left the Tescott, Kansas area about 1875 and moved to Minneapolis, Kansas, the County seat of Ottawa County. Henry practiced law and for some time in the late 1880's Charlotte and some of the children published "The Review", a local newspaper. Eventually Henry was elected Probate Judge, in which capacity he served for some time.

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Some sources say that the Tuckers left Kansas in the late 1890's and moved to Oklahoma. They did in fact move to Oklahoma, but it was shortly after 1900. In 1900 most of the family is still living in Minneapolis, Kansas. In 1898, when Henry and Scouts Peate and Smith made their trip to Colorado to find Beecher Island, Henry was still a resident of Kansas.

In 1901, Charlotte Tucker sold her son, Henry Jr, "Harry" the newspaper. He moved it to Perry, Oklahoma and operated it as the "Noble County News".

In late 1900 or early 1901, Charlotte and Henry moved to Lecompton, Kansas. Shortly after settling in Lecompton, Henry's name was picked as a winner of 160 acres of land in the 1901 Oklahoma Land Lottery. Henry and Charlotte then moved to Perry, Oklahoma, while their son Dudley went on to the area of Roosevelt, Kiowa County, Oklahoma, to construct a home for the Tuckers. Eventually Henry and Charlotte and at least part of their family moved onto the newly acquired lottery land.

Some of the Tucker children stayed in Perry. Susan and her sister, Charlotte Marie, (not to be confused with the mother, Charlotte S.), were working for Henry Jr., editing and publishing the Noble County News. Charlotte Marie, like her sister, Helen Ida, who died in 1899, suffered from Consumption. Becoming more ill, Charlotte, with her mother, started to the southwestern U.S. for Charlotte M's, health. They stopped at Hobart, Oklahoma, for a short visit and Charlotte M, became too weak to travel and died there in 1902. She was buried in the Hobart Rose cemetery, where in 1908, her father and in 1939, her mother, were also buried. There may be other family here, all the graves are unmarked, and early cemetery records are almost nonexistent.

Most of the Tucker family has been located, two daughters, Ella and Susan, were living as late as 1930. Neither had any known living descendants. There are still a number of living Tucker descendants, a few even still named Tucker.

Generation One

1. **Henry Harrison "Harry" Tucker** was born DEC-25-1839 near Mount Gilead or Westfield, Morrow County, Ohio, (son of Ira Allen Tucker and Susan Pringle) and died MAR-06-1908 near Roosevelt, Kiowa County, Oklahoma and is buried in an unmarked grave in Hobart Rose Cemetery, Hobart, Oklahoma. (Hobart Cemetery has no record of this burial, but some Tucker family records and her death certificate indicate she is buried here).

He married Charlotte (sometimes Charlotta) S. Ingersoll, OCT-20-1870 at Coal Creek, near Verdi (along Coal Creek, now extinct), Ottawa County, Kansas. She was born APR-11-1847 in McHenry County, Illinois, (daughter of Sutherland Ingersoll and Mary Elizabeth "Eliza" Murphy) and died MAY-30-1939 in or near Roosevelt, Kiowa County, Oklahoma and is buried in an unmarked grave in Hobart Rose Cemetery, Hobart, Oklahoma.

Children:

- i. George Ingersoll Tucker was born SEP-__-1871 in Ottawa County, Kansas. It is thought he was last living in Kansas City in 1900. He died fairly young, possibly of a sun stroke.
2. ii. Susan Ella Tucker was born DEC-__-1873.
- iii. Helen Ida Tucker was born OCT-08-1874 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and died OCT-09-1899 at Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and is buried in Highland Cemetery, Minneapolis, Kansas, with her grandparents Tucker. (On-line cemetery transcription mistakenly gives a date of death as OCT-09-1879.)
- iv. Marian I. Tucker was born DEC-__-1876 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and died ___-__-19__ in _____, _____ County, _____. She is not known to have ever married, and was last known to be living in Pocatello, Idaho in 1930. Research continues.
3. v. Henry Harrison Tucker Jr. was born APR-17-1878.
- vi. Charlotte/Charlotta Marie "Lottie" Tucker was born FEB-18-1881 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and died NOV-01-1902 at Hobart, Kiowa County, Oklahoma and is buried in Hobart Rose Cemetery, Hobart, Oklahoma, where her parents were later buried. (In 1900 she is in the US census twice, once with her parents in Minneapolis, Kansas and again as a boarder and a School Teacher in Salina, Kansas. In 1901 & 1902 she

- and her sister, Susan, were editing the Noble County News in Perry, Oklahoma.)
4. vii. Dudley Rogers Tucker was born JAN-20-1883.
 - viii. Otis P. G. Tucker was born ___-__-1884 in Ottawa County, Kansas and died there ___-__-18___. (Between 1885 & 1895).
 5. ix. Howard Andrew Tucker was born JAN-07-1886.
 6. x. William Logan Tucker was born NOV-30-1887.

Generation Two

2. **Susan Ella Tucker** was born DEC-__-1873 near Tescott, Ottawa County, Kansas and died ___-__-19__ in _____, _____ County, _____ and is buried in _____ Cemetery, _____, _____.

She was last known to be living in Blackfoot, Idaho in 1930. Research continues.

She married (1) Orville Reese Cronkhite, DEC-27-1892 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas. He was born JUL-17-1867 in Rome Township, Jones County, Iowa, (son of B. Hamilton Cronkrite and Malinda Walters Carpenter) and died ___-__-19__ in _____, _____ County, _____ and is buried in _____ Cemetery, _____, _____.

She married (2) Arthur May Boles, ___-__-1905 in _____, _____ County, _____. He was born AUG-22-1878 in Ozark, Franklin County, Arkansas, (son of Alfred H. Boles and Nannie Rubine Hust) and died JUN-10-1933 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and is buried in Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Children:

- i. Baby Cronkhite was born ___-__-189_ in _____, _____ County, _____ and died there ___-__-189.

3. **Henry Harrison Tucker Jr.** was born APR-17-1878 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and died MAY-22-1959 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas and is buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas, Lot 12 Block I Section "O".

He married Nellie E. Murphy-McKinley, ___-__-190_ in Cherryvale, Montgomery County, Kansas. She was born NOV-19-1883 in Cherryvale, Montgomery County, Kansas, (daughter of Clara E. Murphy and adopted daughter of Eli C. McKinley)

and died AUG-09-1968 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas and is buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas.

Children:

7. i. Claranelle Charlotte Tucker was born AUG-12-1910.
8. ii. Virginia Henrietta Tucker was born JUL-15-1914.

4. **Dudley Rogers Tucker** was born JAN-20-1883 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and died NOV-12-1951 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and is buried NOV-14-1951 in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He married Elizabeth Anne Irwin, ___-__-1905 in Hobart, Kiowa County, Oklahoma. She was born FEB-25-1884 in Ireland and came to the USA in 1886 (daughter of _____ Irwin and Annie _____) and died JUN-16-1963 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and is buried JUN-18-1963 in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Children:

9. i. Dudley Rogers Tucker Jr. born OCT-02-1908.
10. ii. Irwin William Tucker was born JUL-08-1912.
11. iii. Margaret E. "Peggy" Tucker was born ___-__-1917.

5. **Howard Andrew Tucker** was born JAN-07-1886 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and died DEC-01-1959 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and is buried in Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He married Mellie Needham Smallwood, NOV-11-1922 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. She was born SEP-23-1891 in _____, Ray County, Missouri, (daughter of Johnson T. Smallwood and Lulu Rippe) and died JAN-03-1965 in Clarendon, Donley County, Texas and is buried in Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Children:

12. i. James Howard Tucker was born DEC-25-1923.

6. **William Logan Tucker** was born NOV-30-1887 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and died AUG-13-1978 in Cement, Caddo County, Oklahoma and is buried AUG-16-1978 in Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He married (1) Barbara Leona Keinz, ___-__-191_ in _____, _____ County, Oklahoma (or Illinois?). She was born SEP-__-1883 in Alsace Lorraine, France

(or Germany) (daughter of John Keinz and Apollonia "Leona" _____) and came to the USA in 1909 (or 1888) and died NOV-04-1939 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and is buried in Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He married (2) Evelyn Joy Bankston, AUG-05-1950 in _____, _____ County, _____. She was born ___ - __ -19__ in _____, _____ County, _____ and died ___ - __ 19__ in _____, _____ County, _____ and is buried in _____ Cemetery, _____, _____.

Children:

- i. William Logan Tucker Jr., was born AUG-20-1913 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois and died MAY-11-1993 in Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan and was cremated.

He married Jean R. McNulty, FEB-06-1937 at _____, _____ County, _____. She was born NOV-19-1909 in Wilson Township, Atoka County, Oklahoma, (daughter of Michael J. McNulty and Hannah R. _____) and died FEB-__-1982 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.

13. ii. Helen C. Tucker was born ___ - __ -19__ .
14. iii. Barbara Jane Tucker was born JUN-21-1920.
- iv. John H. Tucker was born ___ - __ -1922 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

Generation Three

7. **Claranelle Charlotte Tucker** was born AUG-12-1910 in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas and died JUL-29-2003 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas and is buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas.

She married Cholma Ford "Jinx" Weekley, MAR-05-1939 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. He was born OCT-12-1911 in Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, (son of John Martin Weekley and Bertha C. _____) and died SEP-10-1992 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas and is buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas. Two children, and they have known descendants.

8. **Virginia Henrietta Tucker** was born JUL-15-1914 in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas and died JAN-22-1995 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas and is buried JAN-25-1995 in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas.

She married Edward Benton "Ben" Williams, SEP-01-1940 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. He was born APR-06-1912 in Anderson County, Texas, (son of Edward F. Williams and Ida _____) and died OCT-06-1996 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas and is buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas. Two children, they may also have descendants.

9. **Dudley Rogers Tucker Jr.** was born OCT-02-1908 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and died AUG-24-1975 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He married Adys Ardel Cummings, JUL-01-1939 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. She was born JUN-13-1913 in _____, _____ County, Illinois, (daughter of Harley J. Cummings and Bertha E. _____) and died JAN-01-2002 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Two children and they possibly have descendants.

10. **Irwin William Tucker** was born JUL-08-1912 in _____, _____ County, Kansas and died JAN-18-1975 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and is buried in Resthaven Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He married Thelma Elizabeth Shields, ___-__-19__ in _____, _____ County, Oklahoma. She was born JAN-26-1916 in _____, _____ County, _____ and died MAY-31-1996 in _____, _____ County, Oklahoma and is buried in Resthaven Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Two children, and they have descendants.

11. **Margaret E. "Peggy" Tucker** was born ___-__-1917 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.

She married Howard Eugene Estes, OCT-15-1938 in _____, _____ County, _____. He was born SEP-19-1916 in Duke, Jackson County, Oklahoma and died SEP-18-1997 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Two Children, and they may have some descendnats

12. **James Howard Tucker** was born DEC-25-1923 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and died JUL-11-1999 in Amarillo, Potter County,

Texas and is buried in Citizens Cemetery, Clarendon, Texas.

He married (1) Mary Elaine Raemer, AUG-04-1946 in Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma. She was born ___-__-19___, at _____, _____ County, _____, (daughter of Roy Elwood Raemer and Blanche _____) and died JUN-20-1967 in Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma.

He married (2) Frieda Virginia Zybach, MAR-__-1950 in Canadian, Hemphill County, Texas. She was born ___-__-19___ in _____, Hemphill County, Texas, (daughter of Carl Waldemore Zybach and Edna Louise Rathyen). Three children, and they have descendants.

13. **Helen C. Tucker** was born ___-__-19___ in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.

She married Robert B. McGraw, SEP-01-1941 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. He was born JUN-23-1918 in _____, _____ County, _____ (son of _____ McGraw and _____) and died DEC-11-1989 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and is buried at _____ Cemetery, _____, Oklahoma. Two children, and they have descendants.

14. **Barbara Jane Tucker** was born JUN-21-1920 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and died OCT-24-1959 in Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota and is buried OCT-28-1959 in Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

She married Carroll C. Leach, ___-__-1942 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. He was born AUG-13-1916 at _____, _____ County, _____ (son of Charles C. Leach and Ora A. _____) and died MAY-30-1966 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas and is buried in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. One child, and they possibly have descendants.

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The following clippings may be of interest;

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
March 7, 1908

Father of Head of Uncle Sam Oil Company and of Local Newspaper Men. Captain H. H. Tucker, Indian fighter, scout, hero of the battle of Arickaree river and one of the last survivors of that great fight, which was a rival of the Alamo, died at his home on a farm near Roosevelt, Oklahoma, a small town south of Hobart, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon of pneumonia.

News of his death was received in Oklahoma City last night by D.R., H.A. and W.L. Tucker, sons, proprietors of the Daily Pointer. Captain Tucker was 67 years old and had been a resident of Oklahoma since the opening. Aside from his children in this city, H.H. Tucker, head of the Uncle Sam Oil Company, is also a son. [More children living, not listed.]

Captain Tucker had a distinguished record as a soldier. He was a member of the three-months' men of Ohio, serving as a private in Company G, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded and discharged for disability from that company in 1862 and afterwards served as First Lieutenant in Company B, One Hundred and Forty Third Illinois Volunteers, and was mustered out of the service September 26, 1864.

After the war he went to Kansas. In the fall of 1868, at the time of the great Indian raid, he was one of the fifty frontiersmen employed by General Forsyth under orders from General Sheridan. They went in pursuit of the Indians and were surrounded by them on the Arickaree River. There, for nine days, (Continued on page seven) the soldiers and the red men fought. Relief came only after the soldiers rations had been exhausted and they were compelled to survive upon horse meat. Tucker was shot through the arm by an arrow on the first day. During the nine days he lay in the trench without medical attention, the surgeon having been killed by the first onslaught by the Indians. He was then taken to Fort Wallace.

Early during the next Spring, before his arm had healed, notice of the approach of Indians was received. Tucker went from Fort Harker down to Salina and got a horse and rode up the Saline River, warning the settlers of the approach of the red men. When he arrived at the place where the Indians were, with his arm still in a sling, he alone charged on seven Indians and saved one family. He organized the

men for the defense, got a fresh horse, rode all night and brought the men to the front while the women and children were taken down the river. He then rode to Fort Harker for the troops. For forty eighty hours he was in the saddle. During this encounter he received a wound to the hand which rendered that useless. The funeral will be conducted this afternoon.

Salina Republican Journal

Salina, Kansas

October __, 1899

Dr. J. W. Jenney received a telegram this morning announcing the death of his niece, Miss Helen I. Tucker, which occurred at Minneapolis [Kansas]. She died of consumption at the age of 25 years. She had been in ill health for some time and had frequently visited Salina, becoming a temporary member of Dr. Jenney's household. She was the daughter of Captain H. H. Tucker, of Minneapolis. She was a young lady of many excellencies of character and the loss is a severe one to her relatives. - Salina Republican Journal. [Transcriber's note, Mrs. Jenney was Henry's sister, Emily.]

Review

Minneapolis, Kansas

October __, 1899

FALLEN ASLEEP

Our Helen has fought the good fight and gained the victory of eternal rest from the tempests and heartache of this life.

Helen Ida Tucker daughter of H. H. and Charlotte I. Tucker, was born in Minneapolis, October 8th, 1874. She was a third child, there having been nine in the family, she blessed our home long enough to celebrate her 25th birthday. The following morning she fell peacefully asleep in her Mother's arms, like a tired child her strength was spent. She left behind her the memory of a kind, loving, unassuming character. While we realize our loss and know that she was the most tenderly loved by all of any of the other ones in the family circle, while we mourn we do not wonder that one whose life has been a shining mark, would be chosen first a jewel in that better land where we all hope to sometime meet again. It is comforting to know that her kindly everyday life will live on to benefit the brothers and sisters left behind; a beacon light to the faltering steps of her parents, who never expected anything from Helen but loyalty, integrity, chastity and kindness. When we think how she patiently suffered for six long weary months, never

allowing even the smallest kindness to pass by unappreciated, we feel that it is better so and all is well with Helen.

The funeral services were held at the M.E. church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. J. L. King assisted by Rev. J. W. Waite. The altar was banked by beautiful flowers, and over the white casket hung a floral arch upon which was inscribed Peace. Surely the dead never looked more peaceful than did Helen in her last long sleep, arrayed in pure white, with the flowers around her sweet face and in her hair, artistically arranged by loving friends. The choir composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Silvers and Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Billingsley sang touching hymns. Miss Lou Davis presiding at the organ, and Mrs. Billingsley sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul". This hymn was Helen's favorite hymn, she having had her sister sing it several times before her death.

Her pastor, Rev. King preached a pathetic sermon and Rev. Waite offered prayer, and all was done to soothe and comfort the bleeding hearts left behind.

Unknown paper
Minneapolis, Kansas
About 1901

Have Moved to Hobart

Judge H. H. Tucker and family, who have lived for over thirty years in this vicinity have pitched their tent in the new country that was opened up last summer. The Judge was one of the lucky ones to draw a claim. The family is now at Perry, excepting Dudley, who has gone over to Hobart to build a house on his father's land.

The Tuckers conducted the Review in this city for about twelve years. Mrs. Tucker had editorial charge and made the Review the one aim of her life aside from her family duties. Last spring she sold her plant to her son, Harry, who discontinued its publication and moved it to Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker then moved to Lecompton, where they resided until a short time ago, when they moved to Hobart. Their friends all wish them well in their new home.

*{State of Kansas }S.S.
{County of Ottawa}*

On this 11th day of June A.D. 1872 personally appeared before L. M. Steele, a clerk of the District Court within and for the County and State aforesaid H. H. Tucker, a resident of the County of Ottawa and State of Kansas who being by me duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical H. H. Tucker who volunteered in the service of the U. S. at Fort Harker in the state of Kansas on or about the 27th day of August in the year 1868, as a Scout in a company of Scouts commanded by Col. Geo. A. Forsyth of the U.S. Army, and known as Company of "Forsyth Scouts" in the Indian Campaign of 1868, and that while in the service aforesaid and in the line of his duty he received a gunshot wound in his left arm as follows, to wit; on or about the 17th day of September 1868 whilst he and his Company of said Scouts under command of said Forsyth were engaged in fighting Indians of the Dog Tribe near a fork of the Republican River known as the Arickaree, he received a gunshot wound fired by said Dogget-Tribe of Indians, the bullet passing through between the middle and lower thirds of his left arm.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11th day of June A. D. 1872, and I hereby certify that the above named affiant, H. H. Tucker is personally known to me as a credible person, and that I have no interest in any claims to which the affidavit may relate.

*Original signed - L. M. Steele
Clerk of District Court*

*Head Quarters Dept. of the Mo.
Fort Harker, Kansas August 25, 1868
Brvt. Brig. General Alfred Sully
Comdg. Dist of the Upper Arks*

Fort Harker, Kansas

General,

The Major General Commanding directs that you notify the Chief Quartermaster of the Dist. that he has given authority to Brvt. Col. G. A. Forsyth AAC General Dept. of the Mo., he raise a company of Scouts for service against the hostile Indians. Those men so enrolled will be taken up on his Quartermaster Rolls and paid at the following rates Seventy five (75) dollars per month when horse and equipments are furnished and

Fifty (50) dollars when horse and equipments are furnished by the Government.

These men will also be furnished with rations and forage for horses when practicable.

All vouchers and requisitions must be approved by Brvt. Col. Forsyth before payment, or issue is made therein. Col. Forsyth's requisition for

arms, ammunition, horses, horse equipments, forage and rations and all supplies will be duly honored by all Offices throughout out our command.

*I am, General
Very respectfully
Your able Servant
"Signed" J. Schuyler Crosby
AAC*

*Head Quarters Dist. of Upper Arks
Fort Harker, Kansas, Aug. 25, 1868*

*Official copy respectfully furnished, Bvt. Maj. H. Inman, Chief
Quartermaster, Dist. Of the Upper Arks for his information and guidance.*

*By Command of
Bvt. Brig. General Sully
Signed E. A. Belgin
Bvt. Maj. USA
AAA__*

*Official Copy
Derrin Orman
Bvt. Major and AQMUSA*

Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri.

Chicago, Illinois April 23rd 18781.

I certify on honor that Henry H. Tucker was a member of my command of Independent Scouts, who were mustered into the service of the United States in the month of August, 1868, pursuant to orders from Major General P. H. Sheridan (then commanding the Department of the Missouri), and that during the Indian Campaign, in the fall of 1868, that on the 17th day of September, 1868, in action with hostile Indians, on the Arickaree Fork of the Republican river, in the state of Kansas, or possibly within the limits of Colorado Territory, said Henry Tucker was severely wounded in the arm by a rifle ball.

All of my official records, relating to the above action, were destroyed by fire on the ninth of October, 1871 (transcriber's note, Great Chicago Fire).

There is, however, a list of said scouts, with copies of the orders relating thereto, on file in the office of the Adjutant General of the Army, at Washington D. C.

Geo. A. Forsyth

Lieut. Col. And Military Secretary.

[Note; Above is a scan of Col. Forsyth's actual signature.]

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A special “Thank You” to Carolyn, a great granddaughter of Scout Henry Tucker for graciously sharing many of her clippings from her family’s Tucker history collection.

Reader and Tucker descendant, Kelly Tucker McCallay, is working on getting Scout Henry Tucker his government issue cemetery marker that he is entitled to, but was never ordered.

I’d better close for now.

Until next time, Happy Trails.

Mike