

# Genealogical Proof Report

for the Birth Date and Place of Moses W. Tucker

## *Summary of Findings*

Based on all the evidence, it is reasonable to conclude that Moses W. Tucker was born in Shirley, MA on 13 Apr 1814, the son of Joseph Tucker.

## *Itemized Research Findings*

9 assertions from 6 sources were considered in evaluating this claim.

The *Weston Historical Society - Cite<sup>[1]</sup>* asserts that Children of Joseph Tucker, Sr and Abigail (Nabby) Whitcomb were born in Shirley, MA. They had 4 children: Abigail born c1810, Joseph Jr. born 16 Apr 1812, Sarah birth date unknown, and Moses W. born in 1818 as found in a later census.

Although no source is cited, the *Weston Historical Society - Cite<sup>[1]</sup>* reports that all the children on Joseph and Nabby Tucker were born in Shirley, MA.

The *Weston Historical Society - Cite<sup>[1]</sup>* asserts that Joseph Tucker and Abigail (Nabby) Tucker were married 3 Apr 1808 in Boxborough, MA.

The source reviewed was a **Derived Record**, introducing the risk of copy errors. The information is believed to be **Secondary** (meaning the person providing the information received that information second hand, from another person or work). The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect** (meaning the evidence is implied or circumstantial).

This claim of an 1818 birth date for Moses W. Tucker has been verified by the census record, but is disputed by other evidence indicating that Moses W. Tucker was born in 1814.

Moses W. Tucker's parents were married in Boxborough, very near Shirley, MA where he has been said to have been born.

The *1850 - U.S. Federal Census - Cite<sup>[2]</sup>* asserts that Moses W. Tucker age 32 was enumerated with his wife Judith Tucker 34, daughter Eliza J. Tucker age 5, and son George W. Tucker age 3. The family was living next door to Joseph Tucker and Nabby Tucker, Moses' parents.

The *1850 - U.S. Federal Census - Cite<sup>[2]</sup>* asserts that Moses W. Tucker was born in VT, Judith was born in NH, and both children were born in VT.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. It is **indeterminable** whether the information being considered is Primary or Secondary information. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

In 1850 when this census record was taken, it is clear that Moses W. Tucker and his family were living in Weston, VT. However, the ages given are in question. Other evidence suggests that Judith was born in 1811 which would make her 39 in 1850, and other evidence suggests that Moses W. was born in 1814 which would make him 36 in 1850.

Judith and Moses are misreporting their place of birth and ages in the 1850 census. However, Moses would have been very young when his parents moved the family to Vermont. It is likely he didn't remember Massachusetts at all. It is not surprising that he reported his birth home to be Vermont.

The *1860 - U.S. Federal Census - Cite<sup>[3]</sup>* asserts that Moses W. Tucker age 45 was enumerated in Andover, VT with his wife Judith L. age 45 and their children Eliza J. age 15 and son George W. age 14.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. It is **indeterminable** whether the information being considered is Primary or Secondary information. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

Similar to the 1850 census, there appears to be a pattern of underreporting of age. Based on birth records, Judith was 49 in 1860 and Moses was 46.

The *Massachusetts, Town Birth Records, 1620-1850 - Cite<sup>[4]</sup>* asserts that a son was born to Joseph Tucker on 13 Apr 1814 as was found in the local doctor's records.

The source reviewed was a **Derived Record**, introducing the risk of copy errors. The information is believed to be **indeterminable** (meaning the person providing the information was a knowledgeable eyewitness or participant in the event). The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Direct** (meaning it adequate to answer the question directly).

Based on other records that indicate that the children of Joseph and Nabby Tucker were born in Shirley, Massachusetts, combined with the knowledge that Moses' only brother Joseph Jr was born in 1812, also combined with the knowledge that Shirley, MA is very near the marriage place of Joseph and Nabby Tucker, it is reasonable to conclude that this birth record of a son born to Joseph Tucker in 1814 in Moses.

The *Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908 - Cite<sup>[5]</sup>* asserts that Joseph Tucker the son of Joseph Tucker and Abigail Whitcomb and brother of Moses W. Tucker was born in Shirley, MA 16 Apr 1812 and died in Andover VT on 12 Oct 1870.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Primary**. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

This record indicates that Moses' brother Joseph was born in 1812 in Shirley, MA. Thus, it is reasonable to conclude that the "son born to Joseph Tucker" 13 Apr 1814, in Shirley, Massachusetts was Moses.

The *Massachusetts, Salem and Beverly Crew Lists and Shipping Articles, 1797-1934 - Cite<sup>[6]</sup>* asserts that In 1837 Moses Tucker age 20 born in Andover, VT was listed as a crew member on a ship bound to India. His residence was Salem, MA and he was 5'5" tall with a light complexion and brown hair.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Secondary**. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Indirect**.

In 1837 Moses Tucker, who was born in 1814 was age 23. This is believed to be the Moses Tucker in question. Although he was not born in Andover, VT, he

## *End Notes*

1. [Author (First Last)], *Weston Historical Society, Genealogies of the Early Settlers of Weston, Vermont, 2nd Edition*, PDF ([Place of Publication]: Weston Historical Society, 2006), 390-391.

2. 1850 U.S. Census, Windsor Co., Vermont, Weston, U.S. Federal Census, Roll: M432\_931; Page: 228B; Image: 62, dwelling 76, family 80, Household of Moses W. Tucker; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2016); citing .

3. 1860 U.S. Census, Windsor Co., Vermont, Andover, U.S. Federal Census, Roll: M653\_1328; Page: 8; Image: 21, dwelling 1216, family 1240, Household of Moses W. Tucker; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2016)

4. Vital Records of Shirley, MA, "1620-1850," Tucker surname births; *Ancestry.com*, Provo, UT.

5. Andover, VT, Vital Records "Joseph Tucker's death," 12 Oct 1870; Image of original, *Ancestry.com*: accessed 2016.

6. "Massachusetts, Salem and Beverly Crew Lists and Shipping Articles, 1797-1934," List of Persons Composing the Crew of the ship Sami Wright bound for the Atlantic India of Pacific Oceans, *database with images, FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QKFK-YF9J> : accessed 22 Feb), Moses Tucker immigration record, [Digital Id No.]; citing Immigration, Massachusetts, United States, Ship Saml Wright, NARA microfilm publication NAID 1600758, 1600870, and 1600759 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration), Roll 35.; FHL microfilm 100,760,035..

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