

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Brewer S3085

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State of Tennessee Blount County: 2nd Judicial Circuit: SS

On this 10th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Edward Scott one of the Circuit Judges of the State of Tennessee, and Judge of the second Circuit aforesaid now presiding in the Circuit Court of said County of Blount William Brewer a resident of the County of Blount aforesaid in the State aforesaid, aged about eighty years, but being old cannot recollect precisely, 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, to wit, under Captain William Gholson in the County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina, in the month of March 1780 as well as Declarant can recollect it, but from age cannot be certain of the year, and served a tour of three months as a drafted soldier during which time Declarant remained in the Company commanded by the said Captain William Gholston, and the subaltern officers of said company were John Brewer Lieutenant & Lazarus Hinson Ensign in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ambrose Ramsey, Declarant recollects that Major Davidson and Major Joshua Hancock commanded the Battalion of said Regiment, and during which said Term, the Army reconnoitered through the Counties of Chatham, Orange & Randolph in pursuit of the Tories & British. Declarant was in the Battle fought with the Tories & British at the Alamats, or Alamance after the expiration of said term of three months, said Declarant, in about 3 weeks thereafter again entered the service as a drafted soldier under the same Captain Gholson, Lieutenant Brewer & Ensign Hinson, in the same Regiment commanded by the said Colonel Ramsey and reconnoitered as in the preceding Campaign in the Counties of Orange, Randolph & Chatham in North Carolina, that Declarant during this latter campaign was in the Battle at or on the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] in the County of Guilford, that Declarant served a second tour of three months and after a lapse of three or four weeks from the expiration of said last mentioned tour Declarant again entered the service as a drafted Soldier for the term of three months, under the same Captain Gholston with same subaltern officers Lieutenant Brewer and Ensign Hinson in the Regiment commanded by the said Colonel Ramsey during which said last mentioned term of service the Army still continued in the limits of Orange, Randolph & Chatham and adjoining Counties, and was in the Battle at Hall River [sic, Haw River?]<sup>1</sup> in the County of Orange, that Declarant quit the service at the expiration of said term at Randolph Court House in Randolph County in North Carolina, that declarant was

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<sup>1</sup> February 25, 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_haw\\_river.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_haw_river.html)

discharged from service, but obtained no certificate of discharge, & has lost it. Declarant was born in the State of Virginia in the County of Brunswick by then named.<sup>2</sup> Declarant was removed when a small boy to the County of Orange in North Carolina where he resided, or in Chatham which was formed in part of Orange until after the war of the Revolution, about the [year] 1796 Declarant removed to the State of South Carolina and resided there six or seven years, when he removed to the County of Blount in the State of Tennessee where he has resided ever since = That Declarant knows of no documentary testimony by which he can prove his service, nor does he know of any person by whose testimony he can prove his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares [his name] is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the year aforesaid.

S/William Brewer, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court 10th August 1832

[Samuel Jones, Henry McKoy, Milton Bradbury, Samuel Adams & William Bradbury gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 9 months service in 1780 as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> Here the veteran begins to answer the 7 interrogatories promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a pension. Those 7 interrogatories were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.