

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Brewster (Bruster) S31578

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Georgia Gwinnett County: Inferior Court December Term 1832

Personally appeared in open Court (it Court being a Court of record) now sitting Hugh Brewster a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to avail himself of the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated to wit. That he enlisted in the service of the United States in the year 1780 as he believes in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina where he then resided & served in a horse company under the command of Captain Martin attached to the Battalion of Major Davey [sic, William Richardson Davie] & the Division of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. He marched to the Waxhaws in South Carolina to suppress the Tories -- that he continued in said service three months. In the year 1781 he again enlisted as above under Lieutenant Baxter of Foster's Company that they marched to Congaree in South Carolina where Colonel Hampton commanded a division of General Sumpter's Army -- that they are his Captain (Foster) was discharged and he was attached with his company to Captain Barnett's company of horse or light Infantry -- that he was in frequent skirmishes with the Tories in different parts of South Carolina. That during the siege of Ninety Six he was attached to Colonel Washington's troop of horse which kept in front of the British forces Commanded by Lord Rawdon who were marching to the relief of the besieged. He was in the battle of Eutaw Springs -- that he was once during said term of service in the State of Georgia near Savannah & made prisoner of an Indian near that place, that he returned to South Carolina and was some time after discharge together with his Company & returned home to his residence in Mecklenburg County North Carolina. That said last term of service continued about 10 months -- That he took a written discharge which is long since lost. That he has no documentary evidence at hand by which he can prove his age or services but that he was born in 1759. That he has a brother living who was engaged with him in the said term of service of ten months and whose evidence is herewith annexed. That he resided in Mecklenburg County aforesaid until 1784 when he removed to Washington County & State of Georgia -- Where he resided thirteen or fourteen years. From thence he removed to Pendleton District in South Carolina where he remained for five years. He then returned to Georgia & settled in Jackson County in said State -- lived there a short time whence he removed

to Morgan County in said State -- Where he lived ten or twelve years & removed to Walton County in the State of Georgia where he remained about three years and from thence removed to DeKalb County in said State where he lived six years & thence removed to his present residence in Gwinnett County and said state -- Where he now resides -- He further states that age and infirmities among which is great deafness has prevented him from attending Church regularly that he cannot in consequence obtain the testimony of a clergyman without much expense and inconvenience.

He hereby relinquishes all claims and to any pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid.

Attest S/ Wm Malbie, Clk

S/ hugh Bruster

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Georgia or Walton County: Personally appeared before me Egbert B. Beall one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in & for said County Sheriff Brewster who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he knows that Hugh Brewster the applicant in the above declaration named was a soldier in the revolution for this deponent enlisted and served with said Hugh ten months that they were in the same company together during the time.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20th of November 1832

S/ Egbert B. Beall, JIC

S/ Sheriff Brewster,¹ B his mark

Georgia or Walton County: Personally appeared before me Egbert B. Beall one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in & for said County William Akins who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he knows that Hugh Brewster was a soldier in the revolutionary war that he served in the Regiment of Colonel Wade Hampton of South Carolina that said Hugh enlisted for the term of ten months & this deponent believes said Hugh served his said term of enlistment faithfully & this deponent knows that James Rutherford was Major under said Hampton & that said James was killed at the battle of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20th November 1832

S/ Egbert B. Beall, JIC

S/ William Akins²

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Georgia Gwinnett County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for said County and State Hugh Brewster to being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory -- he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service: but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for three months I served as a private militia soldier in the year 1780 and for ten months I served as a private militia soldier mostly in the year 1781 -- and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn & subscribed before
me this 4th day of July 1833

S/ Hugh Bruster

S/ John Mills, JP

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² [William Akins W5600](#)

[A veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]