

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Brewer S41458

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State of North Carolina Halifax County

This day William Brewer came before me J J Daniel one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of law & Equity for the State aforesaid & made oath that he was a soldier in the North Carolina Continental line of Infantry during the revolutionary War. He entered he thinks in the spring of the year 1781 for eighteen months & served upwards of twelve months when peace took place & he was discharged. – He has lost his discharge. – He enlisted under Captain Peter Pecoats [sic, Peter Bacot, of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle]. He does not recollect the No. He says he had served twelve months before in the Continental service under Captain Hall & was at the Battle of Guilford. He is now 64 years of age & is very poor and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. He prays the benefit of the act of Congress for the relief of old Soldiers & [indecipherable word or words and or symbols]  
Sworn to before me this 21st December 1819

S/ William Brewer, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 21st of June 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State that William Brewer a private in Captain Bacots Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in 1782 for 18 months but nothing said of his discharge. Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

Schedule

District of North Carolina Halifax County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1820

On this 24th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record for the said district) William Brewer age sixty-five years resident of Halifax in said district who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he was attached as a private to the North Carolina line commanded by General Greene of Captain Peter Pecote's that he has received no pension but that by a Certificate of the War Department dated 28th of June 1820 he is enlisted as a pension of \$8 per month commencing 21st day of December 1819. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, one horse worth \$30 & one bed six Pigs worth 9<sup>2</sup> [?] each that he is by occupation a farmer but his ill health renders him almost unable to attend to it that he is in such indigent Circumstances as to be unable to support himself that he has no family.

S/ William Brewer, X his mark

Sworn to & declared on the 24th day of August 1820 before

S/ Richard Epps, Clerk

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 14, 1837 leaving a widow who was living in Indiana in 1853, her name is not given and there is no other family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 21, 1819, for 18 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]