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New York

Mary Brewer
widow of John Brewer

who served in the Revolutionary
war, as a Private

N.Y. State

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
80 Dollars 00

Cents per annum, to commence on
the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the
28th day of Mar. 1850
and sent to

Hon. H. Bennett
House of Reps.

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under
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Letter to Hon. H. Bennett
April 13, 1850

Duplicate Certificate
issued Feb'y 21, 1850 sent
to Hon. H. Bennett
No. of Reps.

State of New York }
County of Chenango }
Sixth Circuit Court District

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally
appeared in open Court before the Hon. Robert
Chancellor, one of the Justices of the
Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Court of Chancery held in and
District said Court now sitting.

John Brewer a resident of Plymouth in the
County of Chenango and State of New York
aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according
to law doth on his oath make the following declara-
tion in order to obtain the benefit of the
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 -

1st on or about the first of December 1777 he
volunteered in a Militia company commanded
by Captain Silar Gray in Colonel Van Vleetens
Regiment at Saratoga in the State of New
York & continued in said Company until
the first of January 1778 when he was
discharged at Saratoga aforesaid during
this period he was employed in scouting
to the northward of & in fortifying at
Saratoga until the approach of General
Burgoyne's army was at Saratoga during
the siege of & at the surrender of Burgoyne
after this event until the time of his discharge
he was employed as before & that he
received a written discharge from Capt Gray.

2^d that on or about the first of March 1781
he enlisted at Saratoga aforesaid in Captain
Wright's Company in Colonel Alexander Wilt's
Regiment of the New York Line for three
years & served in said Regiment until
the time of its discharge which according to
the best of his recollection was the last of
May or first of June 1782 at Schenectady
in the State of New York that while in
this service he went north to Fort Edward
Fort Ann, Wood Creek, Fort George &
Schraon Lake that he was in one skirmish
near Fort George that in the fall he
went west to Forts Plain & Glenkerran
& continued there through the winter
in the spring returned to Schenectady
and was then discharged received a
written discharge from Capt Wright
that in addition to the above mentioned periods
he was during the Revolutionary War frequently
out in alarms in the Militia once six weeks
& others less but cannot detail them particularly
that he has no documentary evidence his house
having been burnt about 13 years since and
his discharges burnt in it
that he knows of no person whose testimony
he can procure who can testify to his services
except Seth Rowley who was his ~~assistant~~
Sergeant while in Colonel Wilt's Regiment &
whose affidavit will accompany this declaration
that he was born at Calabarack Westchester County
State of New York in the year 1762 & is now 70 years
of age that he has no record of his age

that he was living at Saratoga State of New York
when called into service & during the whole Revolution
many wars & until the year 1798 removed to Cambridge
Washington County State of New York & since then
until the year 1808 he then removed to Plymouth

Chenango County where he has since resided and
where he now resides.

he hereby states the names of the following persons
living in his neighborhood to whom he is known
& who can testify as to his character & belief of
his services viz. Elias Glendon Esq. Robert
Cobwell & Col. William Munroe.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever
to a pension or annuity except the present
and declares that his name is not on the pension
roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid
Robt. Allgill
Treas. Chancellor

J. S. West

The following questions were propounded by the
Court to the applicant.

1st. When and in what place were you born?

Ans. He was born in the year 1762, in the
month of August at the town of
Colchester, in the County of Westchester
and State of New York.

2d. Have you any record of your age?

Ans. Has no record of his age nor
never had.

30. When was you being when called into Service, when have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live -

Ans. Was living at Toratoga all the times he was called into Service, and has since the Revolution lived in the town of Cambridge Washington and State of New York, and then moved into the town of Plymouth in the County of Chenango. Where he now lives and has lived for twenty four years -

4th - How were you called into Service were you drafted did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom -

Ans. Volunteered in Captain Gray's Company and Enlisted for one year, and then Enlisted for three years, -

Fifth, State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you were called into Service such as Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service -

Ans. That he knew General Ganshert, and
General Schuyler, and Col. Willet and
Col. Van ^{Col. Van Gilders, Col. Van Schieck} Vleetan, who were with the
Troops when he sailed, does not
recollect of any Continental Troops
except those under the command of Gen.
Sullivan, ^{at that time} recollects that there was a regi-
ment commanded by Col. Van ^{at that}
a Militia Regiment. The General does
not recollect of any services he recollected
only as stated in my declaration

Sixth Did you ever receive a discharge
and if so what has become of it?

Ans. That he did receive a discharge
from Captain Elias Gray for the
years services, and that when I
was discharged at the close of the
war in any three years term. I
received a discharge from Captain
Jobe Wright, and has lost the both by
his horse having been burnt and that
they were burnt at that time,

Seventh State the names of some of the persons
in your neighborhood who can testify
as to your character for veracity, and their
belief of your services as a soldier of the
revolution

Ans. Col. William Merrin, Elias Holmes
Esq. Robert Collaull, of Plymouth
Terry Randall of Nantuxet General
Thompson Mead, & Col. John Randall
of the same place

We Col. William Munroe and Samuel
 Prentice of the town of Plymouth in the
 County of Cheshire and State of New York
 and residing in ^{and in the town of Hadlock of the County of Franklin} the same place hereby certify
 that we are well acquainted with Joseph
 Brewer who has signed and subscribed
 and sworn to the above declaration and
 that we believe him to be seventy years of age
 and that he is reputed and believed in the
 neighborhood where he resides to have been
 a Soldier of the revolutionary war and that
 we concur in that opinion Wm Munroe

Signed & Subscribed } Samuel Prentice
 This day and year aforesaid } Thomas Hadlock
 Robt. Chappell
 Vice Chancellor

And the said Court do hereby ^{declare} in virtue of the
 investigation of the matter, and after putting the
 interrogatories prescribed by the War Department
 that the above named applicant was a revolutionary
 Soldier and Sworn as he states - And the Court
 further certifies that it appears to him that William
 Munroe, Samuel Prentice, and Thomas Hadlock
 who have signed the preceding certificate are residents
 as stated and an credible persons, and that their
 statement is entitled to credit -

Robt. Moore
 I Jonathan Wood Vice Chancellor
 Jonathan L. Wood, Clerk of the Court of
 Chancery of the Fifth district of the State of New
 York do hereby certify that the foregoing contains
 the original proceedings of the said Court in the

State of New York } ss.
County of Chenango }

On this fifth day
of March 1850, personally appeared before
Smith M. Purdy, Judge of Chenango County,
County of Chenango, a resident of the
Town of Pleasant in said County of Chenango,
aged ~~eighty~~ ^{thirty} years, who being duly sworn
according to Law doth on her oath make
the following declaration in order to obtain the
benefit of the provisions made by the Act
of Congress passed July 29th 1848. John Brewer
who was a Private in the Revolutionary war
and who died a Pensioner at the rate of
Eighty dollars per year.

She further declared that she was married
to the said John Brewer on the ~~day~~
in the year 1794 and that her husband the
aforesaid John Brewer died on the 29th
day of ~~May~~ ^{November} 1846. That she was not
married to him prior to his leaving the
service but the marriage took place previous
to the battle of Lundy sixteen hundred
sixty at the time above stated.

She further swears that she is now a
widow, and that she has never before
made an Application for a Pension,
sworn to and subscribed on
this day and year above written
before.

Mary ^{her} Brewster
mark

note. words in above paper
on the day of Grand Grand
also may Grand & Nonimble
Institute, upon execution

Smith M. Purdy
County Judge of Chenango County.

John Brewer
Jan 10 1764
Mary Brewer
Jan 1766
John Brewer
Apr 21 1769
Joseph Brewer
Apr 24 1769
Henry Brewer
Apr 24 1769
Mary Brewer
Apr 24 1769
John Brewer
Apr 24 1769
Nancy Brewer
Apr 24 1769
James Brewer
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John Brewer
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No 6203

BRIEF in the case of John B. Devereux of Plymouth
County of New York in the State of New York
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Before a Court*

2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?

3. How old is he? *Twenty four years*

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

| Period. | Duration of Service. | | | Rank. | Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served. |
|--|----------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------|---|
| | Years. | Months. | Days. | | |
| <i>Entered the service on or about 1st Feb 1778 & discharged 1st June 1778</i> | | <i>11</i> | | <i>As a Private</i> | <i>Gen. Col. John B. Devereux</i> |
| <i>Re-entered on or about 1st March 1781, and discharged 1st June 1781</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>3</i> | | <i>Private</i> | <i>Gen. Col. John B. Devereux</i> |
| <i>Re-entered on or about 1st June 1781, and discharged 1st June 1781</i> | | | | <i>Private</i> | <i>Gen. Col. John B. Devereux</i> |

5. In what battles was he engaged?
In the Battle of Red Bank, Pa.

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service?
at Saratoga, New York

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls?
By living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls.

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?
No objection

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

John B. Devereux
Examining Clerk.

Rev. and 1812
Wars Section

MOS:MLB

July 7, 1930

Mrs. Leland Brewer Bonnett
32 Crescent Terrace
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Madam:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W. 1706, it appears that John Brewer was born August 23, 1764, at Colabarack, Westchester County, New York.

While a resident of Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York, he served as private with the New York troops, as follows:

From about the first of February, 1777 until the first of January, 1778, in Captain Silas Gray's Company, in Colonel Van Vechten's Regiment; was in the battle of Bemus Heights, in the siege of Saratoga and at the surrender of Burgoyne.

From January, 1778 until 1781 he served various short tours during alarms, length of service not given; was under Captains Ephraim Woodworth, Cornelius Baldwin, Peter Van Vort, Ezekiah Dunham, Washburn and Sherwood. He was in a skirmish near Fort George.

From about March, 1781, nine months in Captains Holt Dunham's and Silas Gray's Companies, in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment.

Immediately after the expiration of the last noted service, he enlisted and served until May or June, 1782 in Captains Job Wright's and Peter B. Tearce's Companies, in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment.

His brothers, Henry and Jacob, and father, Henry Brewer, also served during the Revolution. They died prior to 1832.

It is also stated that John Brewer was called out about September 1, 1812 and served three months as a private under Lieutenant Colonel Thompson Mead, in the 17th Regiment of New York Militia; was in the battle of Queenstown.

John Brewer moved to Cambridge, Washington County, New York in 1790, and to Plymouth, Chenango County, New York, in 1808.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 13, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Plymouth, New York.

He died November 29, 1846, or April 29, 1847.

The soldier married in 1784, Mary, whose maiden name is not stated and who was born June 27, 1766.

She was allowed pension on her application executed March 15, 1850, at which time she was living at Plymouth, New York.

It was stated that John and Mary Brewer had sixteen children, twelve sons and four daughters. The following names are shown:

| | | |
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| Jacob T. | born | September 2, 1784 |
| Joseph D. | " | April 24, 1786 |
| Henry | " | December 2, 1787 |
| David | " | October 20, 1790 |
| Joel F. | " | September 7, 1791 |
| Nancy | " | June 16, 1793 |
| James W. | " | February 19, 1795 |
| John Jr. | " | February 23, 1797 |
| Zana | " | February 19, 1799 |
| Jesse L. | " | January 19, 1800 |
| Peter P. | " | June 13, 1803 |
| Merit | " | April 6, 1805 |
| Esther | " | June 18, 1807 |
| Polly | " | October 7, 1808 |
| Olive | " | November 18, 1811 |

Very truly yours

E. W. MORGAN
Acting Commissioner