

## Pension Application for David Brewster

W.16862 (Widow: Hannah)

B.L.Wt.26132-160-55

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of Greene SS.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Perkins King a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said county, David Brewster a resident of the town of Cairo in said county aged 79 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the year 1775 either in the month of July or August he entered the service as a private soldier by voluntary enlistment for the term either of five or six month in the company of Captain Wait Hopkins of Vermont troops. John Basset was a Lieutenant of the company and [blank] Nobel Ensign.

He was attached to the regiment of Colonel Seth Warner of Vermont troops called the Green Mountain Boys. [blank] Shafford was Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment and [blank] Walteridge adjutant. Immediately after he enlisted or joined his company and regiment at Bennington Vermont, then marched to Ticonderoga. At this latter place Col. [blank] Hinman and his regiment of Connecticut troops was stationed where he (declarant) arrived there. General Schuyler had the command of the troops at Ticonderoga but was not there when declarant arrived.

He marched from Ticonderoga to Crown Point under said Col. Warner. No other troops that he remembered marched with the regiment. From Crown Point went with his regiment by water in batteau to the Isle of Nox—Lay at that place about 24 hours. General Montgomery and his army lay at the Isle of Nox when declarant arrived there.

From the Isle of Nox went by water to within about one and an half mile of St. John's then marched around to the North side of the Fort at that place he lay there about one week. Genl Montgomery went with the troops from the Isle of Nox to St. Johns.

From St. Johns he marched to La Prarie. Whilst at St. Johns there was firing between General Montgomery's and the British troops. The latter at that time having possession of the fort.

Declarant lay at LaPrarie three or four weeks—then marched down the St. Lawrence near to Long Gale about 9 miles. There the British and Indians came across the river St. Lawrence some of them landed some did not. They attacked the regiment to which declarant belonged had a skirmish with them in which a few of the enemy were killed and then were driven back. He lay at Long Gale with his regiment till Fort St. Johns surrendered to general Montgomery. Immediately after the surrender of St. John he crossed over the river aforesaid to Montreal. General Montgomery with his army crossed as was reported at the same time at another place farther up the river. Joined him at Montreal. Declarant staid at the latter place until his term expires for which he enlisted and he was there dismissed the last of November or beginning of December 1775.

He can not swear positively as to the precise length of his service but he well remembers that he served not less than five months and that besides the actual service between the time of his enlistment agree the term of his dismissal he was one month in getting home from Montreal after his dismissal and that he suffered many privations not being furnished with clothing according to contract.

In the year 1777 in the month of September or October he entered the service as a private by being drafted (he does not remember for what length of time he was drafted).

He entered service under Captain Shepperd of New York militia. (he does not recollect the names of the subaltern officers).

He entered at Armenia Dutchess [Dutchess] County in the State of Ne York marched from there to Peekskill thence immediately to Fishkill between these two plans he joined the regiment of Colonel Sutherland. On the way also between these two places fell in with & joined some continental troops commanded by Major or Colonel Fish. From Fishkill crossed the Hudson River to New Windsor.

The continental troops halted at Peekskill. From New Windsor marched to the Town of Little Britian where joined three continental regiments under Colonels Cortland, Dubois, & Webb all being under the command of General George Clinton. From Little Britain marched with said regular troops up the river to Esopus. The latter town had been burned [?] time before we arrived there. From Esopus marched to Hurley a distance of about four miles. Lay there until heard of the surrender of Burgoine then marched down the river to a place opposite Poughkeepsie where he was dismissed having served not less than one month.

In the year 1778 in the month of September to the best of his recollection, he entered the service under Captain Waters of New York Militia at Armenia Dutchess [Dutchess] County in the State of New York. He entered as a private but whether he volunteered or was drafted he does not recollect. He marched immediately to Esopus from there to Peenpack which place was about eight miles from the Delaware River. There he joined a regiment commanded by Colonel Newkirk and served there in that regiment until the time expired for which he entered when he was dismissed. But he does not recollect the time for which he entered nor the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than one and an half month.

In the year 1779 in the month of October according to the best of his recollection he volunteered and served as a sergeant in Captain Elisha Barlow's Company of New York Militia. Of this Company [blank] St. John and Ebenezer Carter were Lieutenants. He joined Colonel [blank] Grahams regiment of Ne York Militia at Peekskill of which Rozzel Hopkins was Lieutenant Colonel and Reuben Hopkins adjutant. There were continental troops at that place commanded by General George Clinton. He was dismissed at that place having served not less than one and an half months. He is unable to recollect the term of which he entered or the time when dismissed.

At another time (the month & year he is unable to recollect) he entered the server under Lieutenant Braziller Ruder of New York militia at Armenia New York and marched under him to Hartford in the State of Connecticut and was there employed under Captain Robertson two weeks in guarding the tory prisoner. He served as a private.

At another time in the case of an alarm he was called out & served three weeks on the Hudson River a little below Fishkill. In this case he does not recollect the year he served in nor the officers under whom he served, but he remembers that General George Clinton commanded the troops where he served. He served as a private.

By reason of old age the consequent loss of memory and the great length of time which has elapsed since the war of the revolution, he is unable to state the several periods of his entering and leaving the service the length of his service the officers under whom he served the names of regular officers who were with the troops where he served or continental or militia regiments more fully or precisely than he has stated above. But he has intended to be extremely cautious not to over rate the length of his services, and he is sure that he served at least as long as he has stated.

He was born in the town of Windham in the County of Windham in the state of Connecticut in the year 1753.

He has a record of his age in his family Bible which is now used in his family there is a record of his age also as she supposes on the towns record where he was born.

When called into the service at each time he was living in the town of Armenia Dutchess [Dutchess] County in the State of New York.

After the revolutionary War he lived at Armenia aforesaid two or three years, he then moved to the town of Cairo County of Greene in the state of New York where he has lived ever since & now lives.

He has no documentary evidence.

He knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He never received a discharge from the service.

He is known in the present neighbourhood to Joseph Shepherd, Abel Blackman, Alva Newman, Zadock Newman & Amos cooks who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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. (Signed) David Brewster  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Perkins King, Judge as aforesaid.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836.

State of New York

County of Greene SS.

On this fourth day of August 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned Perkins King one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Greene Hannah Brewster widow of David Brewster deceased a resident of the town of Cairo in the county and state aforesaid aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of David Brewster deceased who was a revolutionary pensioner under the act of June 1832 as will appear by a reference to the books and his declaration on file in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions in the War Department of the United States.

That the said David Brewster and the said Hannah during the revolutionary war resided in Armenia Dutchess County, N.Y. except when he was absent on service; that previous to the marriage of the said David & Hannah – he went to Canada as a private in Col. Warner's regiment under General Montgomery and continued there until the return of that expedition as deponent always has understood & believes.

That the said David & Hannah were lawfully married Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1777 and that after their marriage the said David repeatedly served in the militia in every or about every year after that during the war, for periods of one, two, or three months on or near the British lines the particulars of his service the number of times or length of service she cannot recollect owing to old age & consequent loss of memory -- served as a private except in one instance & believes he took a Lieutenant's place for a short time without having a commission – went over to Fishkill and twice to Esopus & served a short time – states these services from the fact that he was absent from home and serving as above stated as she has always understood and believed—she refers to his declaration made to obtain a pension under the act of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 & the proof there exhibited & on file and upon which he obtained a pension as the basis to graduate the amount which she ought to be allowed and claims.

She further declares that she was married to the said David Brewster on the thirteenth day of November in the year seventeen hundred on the thirteenth day of November in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven that her husband the aforesaid David Brewster died on the nineteenth day of August 1836 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunder following, and that by reason of bodily infirmity she is unable to appear in court. That she has no documentary evidence of her marriage. (Signed) Hannah Brewster.

Sworn & subscribed on the day & year above written before me the said Judge and I certify that I am personally acquainted with the said applicant Hannah Brewster that she is a credible person and her statements are entitled to fully credit and that she is incapable by reason of bodily infirmity to appear in court. Perkins King, Judge as aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated October 16, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.16862, it appears that David Brewster was born in 1753 at Windham, Connecticut.

While residing at Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted and served at Windham, Connecticut.

While residing at Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted and served as follows:

From July or August 1775, five or six months as a private in Captain Wait Hopkins' Company, Colonel Seth Warner's Green Mountain Boys, and was in the expedition to Canada; from September or October 1777, one month, as a private in captain Shepherd's Company, Colonel Sutherland's New York Regiment; from in September 1778, one and one half months as private in Captain Water's company, Colonel Newkirk's New York Regiment; from in October 1779, one and one half months as sergeant in Captain Elisha Barlow's Company, Colonel Graham's New York Regiment; also two weeks as a private under Captain Robertson, and three weeks as a private, no officers stated.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 25, 1833, at which time he was living in Cairo, Greene County, New York. He died there August 19, 1836.

The soldier married, November 13, 1777, at Amenia, New York, Hannah Payne, who was born November 23, 1759.

She was allowed pension her application executed August 4, 1837, at which time she was living in Cairo, New York

Their children were:

James born August 5, 1778.

Nancy born July 6, 1780.

David born June 3, 1782. Died July 14, 1783.

Hannah born February 21, 1787. Died May 21, 1812.

Bela born October 9, 1790

Lydia born January 10, 1795. Married [blank] Drake

David Jr. Born June 15, 1801.

David, Jr. stated that he dropped the Junior from his name, and inserted the letter P. He signed in 1840, "David P. Brewster, M.C. 26<sup>th</sup> Congress, and first Judge of the County of Oswego and State of New York.

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A TABLE of KINDRED and AFFINITY, wherein whoſoever are related  
are forbidden in Scripture, and our Laws, to marry together.

*A Man may not marry his.*

- 1 Grandmother.
- 2 Grandfathers Wife.
- 3 Wifes Grandmother.
- 4 Fathers Siſter.
- 5 Mothers Siſter.
- 6 Fathers Brothers Wife.
- 7 Mothers Brothers Wife.
- 8 Wifes Fathers Siſter.
- 9 Wifes Mothers Siſter.
- 10 Mother.
- 11 Step-mother.
- 12 Wifes Mother.
- 13 Daughter.
- 14 Wifes Daughter.
- 15 Sons Wife.
- 16 Siſter.
- 17 Wifes Siſter.
- 18 Brothers Wife.
- 19 Sons Daughter.
- 20 Daughters Daughter.
- 21 Sons Sons Wife.
- 22 Daughters Sons Wife.
- 23 Wifes Sons Daughter.
- 24 Wifes Brothers Daughter.
- 25 Brothers Daughter.
- 26 Siſters Daughter.
- 27 Brothers Sons Wife.
- 28 Siſters Sons Wife.
- 29 Wifes Brothers Daughter.
- 30 Wifes Siſters Daughter.

*A Woman may not marry her*

- 1 Grandfather.
- 2 Grandmothers Husband.
- 3 Husbands Grandfather.
- 4 Fathers Brother.
- 5 Mothers Brother.
- 6 Fathers Siſters Husband.
- 7 Mothers Siſters Husband.
- 8 Husbands Fathers Brother.
- 9 Husbands Mothers Brother.
- 10 Father.
- 11 Step-father.
- 12 Husbands Father.
- 13 Son.
- 14 Husbands Son.
- 15 Daughters Husband.
- 16 Brother.
- 17 Husbands Brother.
- 18 Siſters Husband.
- 19 Sons Son.
- 20 Daughters Son.
- 21 Sons Daughters Husband.
- 22 Daughters Daughters Husband.
- 23 Husbands Sons Son.
- 24 Husbands Daughters Son.
- 25 Brothers Son.
- 26 Siſters Son.
- 27 Brothers Daughters Husband.
- 28 Siſters Daughters Husband.
- 29 Husbands Brothers Son.
- 30 Husbands Siſters Son.

A TABLE of TIME.

1 Abib, or Nifan, 1.	March,	7 Ethanim, or Tizri, 7.	September,
2 Zif, or Jair, 2.	April.	8 Bul, or Marchaduan, 8.	October.
3 Sivan, 3.	May,	9 Chifleu, 9.	November.
4 Thamuz, 4.	June,	10 Thebeth, 10.	December.
5 Ab, 5.	July.	11 Shebeth, 11.	January.
6 Elul, 6.	August.	12 Adar, or Veadar, 12.	February.
	September.		March.

*Days of the Week.*

1 Day of the Week,	Sunday.
2 Day,	Monday.
3 Day,	Tuesday.
4 Day,	Wednesday.
5 Day,	Thursday.
6 Day,	Friday.
7 Day, or Sabbath,	Saturday.

*Hours of the Day.*

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.  
Morning,  
From 6 to 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

*Afternoon.*

From 12 to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

*Watches.*

The First Watch, from Evening to Nine at Night.  
The Second, or Middle Watch, from Nine to Mid-night.  
The Third Watch, or Cock-crowing, from Mid-night till Three in the Morning.  
The Fourth, or Morning Watch, from Three till Morning.