

Pension Application for James Brewster

W.4642 (Widow: Anna)
State of Pennsylvania
Bradford County SS.

On this 26th day of September 1833 personally appeared before me, Jonathan Stevens an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Bradford County aforesaid James Brewster resident of the Township of Wysox in the said County of Bradford aged eighty six years who being first sworn in due form of law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

That he was born in the Township of Southampton in the County of Suffolk (Long Island) and State of New York the 31st day of December AD 1747.

That he entered into the army of the United States in the aforesaid Town ship of Southampton the first day of March 1776 and served in the company commanded by Captain John Davis in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry B. Livingston until the first day of April 1777 when he was discharged at Fishkill in the said State of New York having served the span of thirteen months that her said services were performed partly on Long Island and partly along the shore of the sound and at & about the White Plains (so called).

That he has no evidence of his services except his own declaration except that of his wife who is yet living and is ninety three years old might be added if required. That he is under the necessity of depending on her reputation for truth for which purpose he offers the deposition of [blank] which are herewith sent he has no record of his age but gives it from memory and he hereby relinquishes every claim to pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) James Brewster

Sworn and subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid. Jonathan Stevens, Associate Judge.

Letter in folder dated April 29, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to James Brewster of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, W.4642, based upon military service of James Brewster, in the War of the Revolution.

James Brewster was born December 29 or 31, 1747, in the Township of Southampton, Suffolk County, (Long Island), New York. The names of his parents are not given.

James Brewster enlisted in Southampton Township, New York, March 1, 1776, served as a private in Captain John Davis' company, Colonel Henry B. Livingston's New York regiment, until April 1, 1777.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 26, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Wysox Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

He died May 22, 1836, in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, at the home of David Virjason (Vargason), the husband of Abigail Virjason.

The soldier, James Brewster, married May 1, 1776, Anna Foster. She was born August 7, 1742, place not given, nor were the names of her parents stated.

The widow, Anna Brewster was allowed pension on her application executed August 23, 1836, at which time she was living in Wysox Township, Pennsylvania.

The following data in regard to the children of James Brewster, and his wife, Anna, are shown in the claim:

Daniel born February 23, 1778.

Abigail born May 23, 1781.

Daniel Brewster was living in 1836, in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and then referred to a brother and sister, but did not state their names. Abigail Virjason (Vargason) was living in 1836, in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, then stated that her father, James Brewster, died at her house, May 22, 1836.

In 1833, Walter Foster was a resident of Bridgewater, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania; it was not stated that he was related to the widow, Anna (Foster) Brewster.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible family data.