

Pension Application for Jesse Brewster

S.12291

Amended declaration of Jesse Brewster in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Cayuga SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Cayuga aforesaid Jesse Brewster who being duly sworn deposeth and saith by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he can not 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 one month I served as a private commencing in the month of October 1776 and ending in the month of November 1776.

For not less than three months I served as a corporal in Captain Seth Marvin's Company commencing in the fore part of January 1777 and terminating in the fore part of April 1777—

For not less than one month and twelve days I served as a corporal in Captain Thomas Horton's Company commencing in the latter part of August 1777 and terminating in the fore part of October 1777.

For not less than three months I served as a private in Colonel Weisener's Regiment commencing in the spring of 1778 and terminating in July or August 1778 and I think I served as many as four months—

For not less than five months I served as a private commencing quite the forepart of the year 1779 and terminating in quite the last of the year 1779 as set forth in my original declaration.

For not less than eight months and fifteen days I served as an artificer under Captain Peter Allen commencing according to his best recollection in the month of January 1780 and ending in the month of October or November 1780—

And for not less than four months I served as a sergeant in Captain Henry Brewster's Company, Commencing in the month of July 1781 and terminating in November 1781. That he served in the whole as a private not less than nine months as above stated and that he served as a corporal not less than four months and twelve days as above stated and that he served as a sergeant not less than four months as above stated. And that he served as an artificer not less than eight months & fifteen days and for such service I claim a pension. And I claim that my services as an artificer be first [?] in calculating [calculating] the amount of my pension.

That for the particulars of the above service reference may be had to the original declaration hereto annexed by a tape which has this day been read to me and the same is the identical declaration which I swore to before Judge Ferris—

That he never received a written discharge from any of the above service.

That he was born on the 19th day of December 1754—at [Cashithton?] now in the county of Sullivan in the State of New York—

That he has a record of his age in his family Bible—

That he is acquainted in his present neighbourhood with Revd. William Clark, Nathan H. Sayre, James Brinkerhof, John Decker Esq, Henry Maske & Gilbert Brewster who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That after the Revolution he resided at Blooming Grove as many as twenty years according to his best recollection, and that from Bloominggrove [sic] he moved to Romulus in the County of Cayuga then, now Seneca and resided in Romulus aforesaid till six years ago last May according to the best of his recollection and then moved to the Town of Sterling in the County of Cayuga where he has lived since & where he now lives.

That on having the above read over he says before he moved to Sterling aforesaid six years ago last May he had resided few year [sic] in Tioga County in the State of New York. (Signed with his mark)
Jesse Brewster

Darius Monroe Justice.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7, 1832.

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On this first day of September A.D. 1832 before Augustus F. Ferris one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Cayuga personally appeared Jesse Brewster a resident of the town of Sterling in the County of Cayuga and State of New York aged seventy seven 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, 1832—

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

That he first entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 in the month of October as he thinks as a drafted soldier and went to Haverstead and was out on this service a month or more and was discharged but he can not now state the officers names that there are names are totally gone from his mind.

That he lived at the time he entered this service in the village of Bloomingrove in the town of Cornwall in the County of Orange in the State of New York at which place he was drafted into this service.

That he entered the service of the United States, again about the first of January 1777 under Captain Seth Marvin and Lieutenant Steven Hulsey and ensign Smith & Colonel McLaughry's Regiment of Militia on Volunteers of New York.

That he entered this service as a volunteer under an enlistment or engagement for three months and was discharged in the fore part of April of the same year 1777. That he was in this service three months—That soon after he joined his company he was marched to Tappan—to Fort Lee on the Hudson and lay near Hackensack the most part of the said term of three months. – That at the time of the entering this service entered his name upon – paper called an enlistment but he now supposes he was stiled a volunteer that he entered this service at said Blooming Grove where he then lived—

And this Deponent further saith that he entered the service of the United States again in the latter part of August in the year 1777 under Captain Thomas Horton Lieutenant Henry Brewster (who was his then said Jesse Brewster's brother) as a drafted soldier and was discharged the forepart of October in the year 1777 and went o Fort Montgomery and lay about six weeks and was discharged upon a relief coming to take his place. That he entered the service at said Blooming Grove at which place he then lived—

That in the spring of the year 1778 he entered the service of the United States again in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Weisener as a drafted soldier that he went to West Point when the fortifications were beginning at that place that he was set to work in making the fortifications and remained there to work on the fortifications & standing on guard till July or August when he was discharged—That he cannot recollect any of the rest of the officers at West Point Service & can not state the precise length of time that he was out on this service but thinks three or four months out he entered the service at said Blooming Grove when he entered this service.

That he again in the year 1779 entered the service of the United States and during that year went out several different times on month tours but the precise times he went out and was discharged he can not state but that he was out in said service five months for he recollects distinctly that he had hired out to a Mr. Minard Cooper to work at Blacksmith work for six months and that in performing this

six months Blacksmith work he was eleven months before he had completed his six months engagement with said Cooper on account of being called into service and that all the time of the said eleven months which was not employed for said Cooper in doing the six months work—was in the service of the United States—That a part of the above five months service was under Captain Jonathan Tuttle in Colonel Elisha Marvin's Regiment of Militia and part of the term was under captain Persons as he believes and a part of the time was under the Continental officers and can not recollect any more of the officers in this service.—One trip that went in this last service he went to Clarkstown in Orange County that once as he believes he went to Goshen to guard the jail from Indians and where he went to other than as stated in this service he has now no recollections. That he lived at said Blooming grove and entered the service there in those services.—

That he again entered the service of the United States in the month of January in the year 1780 under Captain Peter Allen, Lieutenant [?] and was set to work in the armory shop at Fishkill where he entered the service as a volunteer and then remained for nearly nine months and was discharged from this service in October or November of the year 1780. That he resided at said Blooming grove at the time he entered this service.

That he again entered the service of the United States in the month of July in the year 1781 under Captain Henry Brewster (a brother of said Jesse Brewster) and Lieutenant Stuart in Colonel [?] Regiment of Volunteers or militia he does not know which but he entered under an engagement of four months and was discharged in the month of November in the year 1781—That immediately after his service in the engagement marched to White Plains then went to Albany from there to Saratoga through Half Moon & Stillwater and remained at Saratoga the said term of four month[s] and was discharged and returned home to Bloominggrove [sic] aforesaid—where he lived when he entered this service.

That he has been in frequent other service of the New York Militia on short trips but he can not now recollect where nor the length of times nor who is officers were nor positively where he went—that the most part of the aforesaid service he was a sergeant and was in all the above service in the New York State troops or Militia that he has no documentary evidence to prove any of the above service. That he knows of no persons to prove his service except that he can procure the testimony of Mary Griegg & Haynes Bartlet of the town of Romulous in the County of Seneca New York and Mary Grieggs of Victory in said County of Cayuga.

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 states. (Signed with his mark) Jesse Brewster.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Augustus F. Ferris one of the Judges of Cayuga County Courts.