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*Brewer, William*

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*S. 30.885*

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New York 25/9/74

William Brown  
of the State of ...  
was ... in the ... commanded  
by Captain ... of the ... commanded  
by ... in the ...

note ...

...

Assessed on the Poll of ...  
at the rate of ... Dollars ... Cents per annum.  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the ... day of July  
1834 ... and sent to  
...

Appears to the title of ... 80.00  
Semi-ann. allowance ending 1st Apr ... 10.33  
3.33

{ Revolutionary Claim }  
{ Feet June 7, 1832 }

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State of Kentucky  
Henry County 88 On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834  
personally appeared before me William O'Rourke Justice  
of the Peace in and for said County of Henry William  
Brown aged Ninety years on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March  
last who being duly sworn according to Law doth on  
his oath make the following declaration in order  
to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed  
the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832

He states that he was residing in  
Prince William County State of Virginia when he entered  
the service of the United States and Iowa as he is  
stated that in the Month of April in the year of  
1777 a draft was raised in said County of Prince  
William when he the said William Brown was  
drafted into the service for a term of sixty days and  
was ordered to rendezvous at a town called Dumfries  
in said County, accordingly he states that on the  
day appointed he did rendezvous at said town of Dumfries  
equipped for sixty days campaign he states that he was  
marched from said place of rendezvous under the  
command of Capt. Valentine Peyton and Major  
Pamsey to Alexandria on the Potomack River on  
arriving at Alexandria he states that he was there  
and there about five weeks at the expiration of  
said five weeks he states that he was marched  
down the River in pursuit of British who had  
shaped their course down said River he states  
that they pursued the British as low as General  
Washington's Fishing Bay when he states they were  
marched about fifteen days they were then  
marched to the high parts by the Potomack  
River when they staid a few days then to  
a creek called the Occoquan where they  
remained till the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and sixty days expired  
when he was discharged by Major Pamsey

in writing having fully and faithfully done out his  
duty as a soldier he further says that in the month of  
June 1778 that the British again ascended the Potomac  
River and it was reported that they <sup>would</sup> land at  
Bullitts Bay which another draft was made  
for a term of twenty days for the purpose of prevent-  
ing the British from landing he says that under  
this call that he was again called into the service  
for the above twenty days and marched from  
Prince William County under the Command  
of Lieutenant Harry Lee Capt. Calvert Pylton  
Major James Ewell, and John Lipe Ewell, to  
Bullitts Bay on arriving at said Bay he  
states that the British was lying in sight of  
said Bay after remaining there a short time  
he states that the enemy did appear and  
they were marched to the Mouth of Ches-  
apeake Creek where a Boat work was  
ordered to be thrown up by Lipe Ewell, the  
color of the regiment he states that to ac-  
= omplish this order that they went to work and  
= was laboriously employed till the twenty days  
were out when he was discharged by the  
Capt. Pylton in writing - This document  
further states that in the year 1779 that the Brit-  
ish again made their appearance in the Potomac  
River when another draft took place in same County  
of Prince William for thirty days and that in the  
month of May of 1779 that he was again marched  
from Prince William County under the command  
of Lieutenant Thomas Helm, Capt. Pylton, Major  
James Ewell, and John Lipe Ewell to the Mouth of  
Chesapeake Creek; at which place he states  
he was stationed for the purpose of preventing

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the British from landing and afford some security  
to the inhabitants situated near the River. He states  
that he did remain at said encampment discharging  
his duty faithfully unto his said thirty days were  
made when he was discharged by his said Capt  
Peyton in writing. He also states that in fall of  
year 1779 in the month of September he thinks that  
another Call of thirty days was made for the  
District of his aforesaid County when he was again  
called into the service for that period. He states  
that under the Command of his former officers  
that he was marched to Chipawamsuck encamp-  
ment where he says he discharged his duty as  
a soldier for the space of thirty days and was  
discharged by his said Capt Peyton and went  
home where he staid until Spring of 1780 when  
the British appearing again in the Potomack  
River he was called out for another term of thirty  
days and was commanded by his former officers  
he states they marched in the month of May  
to the Potomack River to prevent the enemy  
from landing. He states that after traversing the  
river that they again went to Chipawamsuck  
where he states that his said thirty days were  
made and that he was again discharged  
by Capt Peyton. He further states that in the  
month of October 1780 that he was called out for a  
term of thirty days he states he marched from Prince  
Georges County commanded by his former officers  
to the Potomack River to defend the shores of said  
river from the Enemy as it was their constant  
practice to land and plunder when they could  
do it with safety. He states that he did on this  
tour ~~stay~~ out his said thirty days faithfully  
and got a written discharge of Capt Peyton

The deponent states that in the month of June he thinks that a draft was raised in said County of Prince William for a term of <sup>forty</sup> days he states that under this draft that he was drafted into the service of the United States and ready to go at <sup>war</sup> Dumfries he states that the object of this draft to oppose the progress of Cornwallis' army which at that time was marching through <sup>war</sup> he states that from Dumfries he was marched under the command of Lieut Harry Lee Capt Peyton Major Cwell and Col Cwell to Falmouth on the Rappahannock River here he says they united with Gen Meade's Brigade and he states from this place they marched through Front Royal, thence down the river to Warrenton they here had to retreat before the enemy he states that on their retreat near to Beckwinn they fell in with Gen Meade's army they then marched to Beckwinn and the <sup>forty</sup> day for which the Prince William Militia had been drafted being ended they were discharged and went home.

He has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no living testimony by whom he can prove said service 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 he states that from his being ninety years of age and a living twenty two miles from the Court house that he cannot appear in open Court to make his declaration.

Sworn and subscribed this date and **William Brown**  
 year of our said independent State of Virginia 1781  
 Wm. Brown

Witness to the Oath taken by the Magistrate  
 I was born in St. Mary's County State of Maryland in the year of 1744 and my age is recorded in my Father's Bible

Know all men by these presents  
that I Elizabeth Wallace widow  
whose maiden name was Elizabeth  
Brewer one of the children of  
William Brewer deceased a Revolutionary  
-ary Pensioner of the United States  
who died in this county some twelve  
years since leaving no widow do hereby  
constitute and appoint Geo H Mansuet  
Covinsville Kentucky with full power  
of substitution my true and lawful  
attorney for me and in my name  
to investigate the claims of my father's  
children to any amount or increase  
or allowance of Pension to which  
the may be entitled.

Said Attorney is authorized  
to receive from any Department of  
the Government any witness  
relating to this claim; and to do all  
necessary acts and deeds to carry  
out these purposes hereby ratifying  
all his lawful deeds in this behalf.

Henry County Kentucky March 16th  
1853

Witness  
Geo H Mansuet

Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> Wallace  
mark

July 19, 1934

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Mr. Ira O. Wallace  
Pewee Valley  
Kentucky

BA-3/EEL 30885  
William Brewer-S.30885

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to William Brewer, of Henry County, Kentucky, a Revolutionary War pensioner.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.30885, based upon the military service in that war of William Brewer.

William Brewer was born March 22, 1744, in Saint Marys County, Maryland. The names of his parents are not shown in the papers in the pension claim.

While residing in Prince William County, Virginia, William Brewer enlisted in April, 1777, and served until the summer of 1781, at various times on short tours of from twenty to forty days each, about eight months in all, as a private in Captain Valentine Payton's Company, under Major Ramsey and Colonel Jesse Ewell in the Virginia Troops; his service consisted in guarding the shores of the Potomac River and its tributaries from the British vessels which frequently came up the river and in preventing landings from these vessels; on his last tour, he went out against Cornwallis and marched to Williamsburg and Richmond. It is not shown that he ever served in the Pennsylvania Troops.

In 1793, he moved to the state of Kentucky.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 28, 1834, while a resident of Henry County, Kentucky.

In 1853, Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace, a widow, made affidavit in Henry County, Kentucky, ~~and stated~~ that she was a daughter of William Brewer, who died "in this county some twelve years since leaving no widow." There are no further family data.

*Identified  
a Capt  
Valentine  
Payton  
but not  
Col. Jesse  
Ewell  
Could not  
identify  
a Major  
Ramsey  
of Va*

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Assistant to Administrator.