

Ambrose Brewer of Moore County, North Carolina, and later of Hawkins County and Hancock County, Tennessee, applied for a pension due for his service during the Revolutionary War. His application was made in 1855, when he believed he was about 101 years old.

10-1779

SERVICE NUMBER

Nb Brewer, Ambrose R. 1182

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State of Tennessee
County of Hancock

On this 15th day of January 1885 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace for the County and State of Tennessee, Ambrose Brewster a resident of Hancock County, in the State of Tennessee, aged about 141 years and being first duly sworn according to law, and on his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 4th day of June 1892 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as here is stated, he was at one time under the command of Captain Webb also Captain Mahurin also Captain Shurmon, also Colonel Pittrell and Major Lewis the latter named ~~officer~~ was killed in a skirmish with the enemy. He does not recollect how long he served, under each of the above named officers, but he was with the scouting parties from the commencement of the war until peace was declared, he was never attached to the main body of the army, but was in several skirmishes with the enemy as a ranger, in which capacity he acted during the war, and his position was most of the time in Moore County North Carolina. He volunteered for a ranger or scout, and so engaged, hence he never was in any regular engagement, he is not aware that he ever received any pay for his service, though he received money several times, but he does not recollect for what it was paid him, he has no documentary evidence of his service never having received a discharge as he is aware, but can prove his service by one or more witnesses, & he here by relinquishes every claim 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 and subscribed before me the year and date above said
James D. Greene

Ambrose Brewster (seal)
Justice

State of Tennessee Jan^{ry} 18th 1855
County Hancock

we James Murrell and Joshua Odum Citizens
of Hancock County do Certify that we are well acquainted
with Ambrose Brewer who has subscribed, and sworn to
the within declaration that we believe him to be
101 years of age and, that he is and ever has been
reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he
resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, and
of good integrity, and we do not hesitate in concurring
with the same opinion
Sworn to and Subscribed James Murrell Seal
in the day and year above said Joshua Odum Seal
James D Greene

State of Tennessee
County of Hancock

I, James D. Greene Justice of the
peace within and for the County and State of
do Certify that from the great age and bodily
infirmitie of Ambrose Brewer he cannot possibly
do any ordinary expense and trouble get to the
Court House of said County; I hesitate not in
concurring with the above Certificate of
James Murrell and Joshua Odum
Given under my hand and seal this 18th of Jan^{ry}
1855

James D. Greene Seal

State of Tennessee

County of Hancock } I, James D. Greene an acting Justice
of the peace, in and for the County and State of
do certify that James Murrell and Joshua
Odum who has assigned the above Certificate is
men of Credibility and their State merit is
entitled to Credit
Given under my hand and seal this 18th day
of January 1855 James D. Greene Seal

Gen L. P. Walcutt
Com of Pensions

Washington Nov. 10. 1864

Sir

Enclosed you will find the application of Ambrose Bacon who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. he states that he has never received anything for his services in said war. and is entitled to pension under the act of 1832. please examine the enclosed papers and report to me

Yours truly

Respectfully

R. L. Smallwood

State of Tennessee Hancock County,
January the 18th 1855

personally a part before me the
undersigned a further of the peace in
and for the County afore said Ambrose
Brewer who being duly sworn deposeth
and sayth that by reason of old age and
the consequent loss of memory if he cannot
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 periods for eight months for days
I served as a private for ten months
— days I served as a private and for six
months and — days served as a private and
for such service I claim a pension
he further certifies that he was born
in the State of Virginia and that
he has no record of his age and was living
in the State of North Carolina when called
into service after he returned from service he
resided in North Carolina he does not
recollect how long he moved from
there to the State of Tennessee where
he has resided ever since
sworn to and subscribed
before me the day and date
above written

Ambrose ^{the} Brewer
mark

James D. Green

State of Tennessee
County of Hancock

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On this 15th day of January 1855 personally appeared John R. Smith aged about 90 years before me James D. Green an acting Justice of the peace in said County, and makes oath in due form of Law that he is personally acquainted with Ambrose Brewer who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, and that he was acquainted with him when engaged in the service of said War in a Company commanded by Captain [Smith] who battled in command of his Company at the Residence of his Mother in Moore County North Carolina when in pursuit of the enemy; and the John R. Smith further stated that he believes this was in the Summer of 1777 and that he saw him at another time engaged in the sieges of the above mentioned War under Capt. Cherokee in Moore County North Carolina which was in the Spring of 1779 but he has no recollection of seeing said Brewer from this time on untill after peace was made, since which time he further states that he is personally acquainted with said Ambrose Brewer who is reputed by him and all who know him as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and a truthful upright though poor Citizen

John R. Smith (seal)
mark

Sworn to and Subscribed, in
before me on the 15th day of
above written

James D. Green

(seal)

State of Tennessee
County of Hancock

I, James D. Green an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that I am personally acquainted with the said John R. Smith who having subscribed to the above declaration is a man of Credibility his statement is entitled to credit given under my hand and seal
this the 15th day of January 1855

James D. Green (seal)

State of Tennessee }
County of Hancock }

Be it known that before me George Odum a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Ambrose Brewer, age 108 years, ~~and~~ made oath in due form of law that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. he served under Capt. Tabb. Capt. Mabenn. Capt. Thompson and Commanded by Col. Litchell and by Major Lewis. he does not remember the exact length of time he served. under the different named Captains. he entered in the war at the Commencement and served at different times altogether two years or more. he was in service until peace was made. The greater portion of the time he served was in North Carolina and Moore County. ~~He is~~ ^{now} a very old man and needs some assistance his property, his little all, was taken by the enemy and destroyed. he never did receive anything for his services or for the destruction of his property. all that he claims from the Government now, in his feeble days, is for his two years services under the act of Congress of 1832.

Ambrose ^{his} ~~Brewer~~ ^{son} Seal

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
27th day of October 1854. George Odum (J.P.)
for Hancock Co

State of Tennessee
Hamock County } I Richard Mitchell Clerk of the County Court of said
County do certify that George Adams before whom the within declaration
was filed is and was at the time of signing the same an attorney at law
of the firm for said County duly sworn and qualified and
that his signature is genuine and full credit should be given
to the same in all legal proceedings.

Witness my hand and seal of said County at office in Nashville this
22nd day of November 1864.
Richard Mitchell Clerk
George Adams
Attorney at Law
Nashville, Tenn.

State of Tennessee }
County of Hancock }

On the 30th day of October 1854. Personally appeared
John R. Smith, age 41. years old, and made oath
in due form of law, that he is personally acquainted with
Ambrose Brewer, who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary
war, he was acquainted with him at the time that he
was engaged in said war, he is fully satisfied that
he served two years or more. He further states ^{that} Ambrose
Brewer is now 105 years of age, and is very feeble,
on the account of age. there is no Soldier of the
Revolution that needs the assistance from the Gov-
ernment more than said Ambrose Brewer, and there
is no person that served his country with more zeal
than he did.

John R. Smith
mark

Sworn to and Subscribed before
me the day and year above written

Ambrose Brewer Justice of Peace

State of Tennessee }
County of Hancock } I Richard Mitchell Clerk of the
County Court of said County do certify that
James F. Green before whose the within business
was executed is and was at the time of executing
the same an acting Justice of the Peace duly
Commissioned and qualified and that his official
acts as such is intitled to credit
and that his signature appears in his own
proper hand writing and is therefore genuine.

In testimony thereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed the seal of my County
at office this 19th day of January 1855
Richard Mitchell Clerk
By A. Campbell, C. T. C.

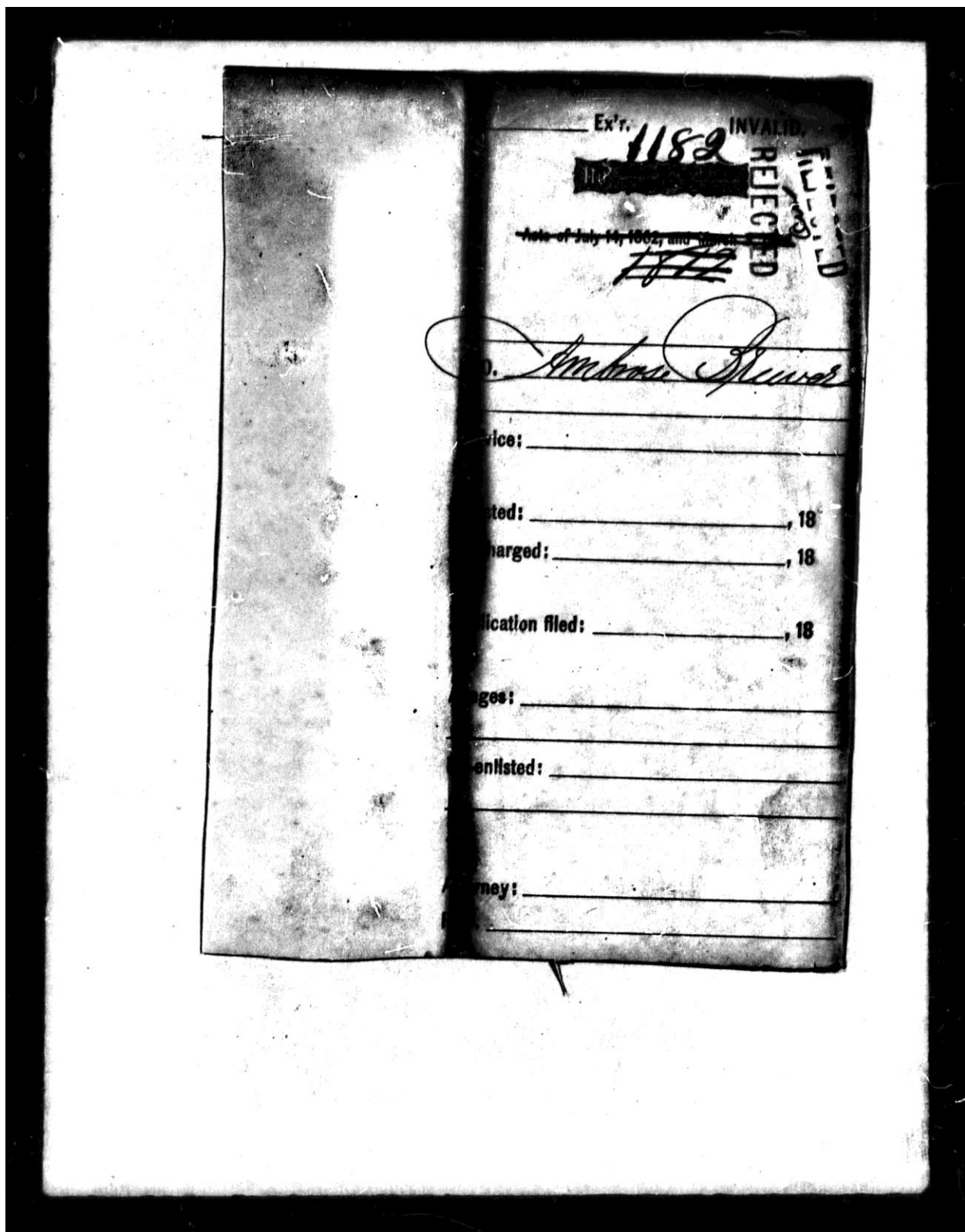


Washington. Jan. 25. 1865-

Hon L. P. Waldo.
Comd of Pensions

In addition to the declaration that
was filed not long since, in case of Ambrose Brown
I herewith inclose other papers proving his service
and disability. I wrote accordingly to ^{you} instructions to
the Comptroller of North Carolina inquiring if any
sources of fair Ambrose Brown could be found
but as ^{yet} no answer ~~has~~ has been received.
Please examine his papers and report to me at your
convenience

Yours sincerely
Robert M. La Follette



June 9, 2015

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