

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to James Brewer SC811  
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[p 4: very faint copy of the printed form of Indent No. 37 Book M dated October 1, 1784  
"delivered to Mr. James Brewer late a Private in a Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hammond's  
Regiment of State Troops this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety Four pounds being  
for Balance of Pay and Bounty due [balance of text too faint to discern.]"<sup>2</sup>

[p 5: reverse of the above indent]  
Savannah June 10<sup>th</sup> 1787

I assign all my right & title of the within Indent both Interest & principal to John Hall

S/ James Brewer



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To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of James Brewer at present of Edgefield County Humbly Sheweth, that your petitioner early embarked in the revolution War, and continued in the service until the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 1781, That on that day in an Action fought at the Eutaw Springs<sup>3</sup> he received Several dangerous Wounds, by reason of which he is rendered unequal to the performance of that manual Labor necessary to the support of himself & Growing family, that in consequence of the said Wounds he has suffered much as will [well] from the Bodily Pain occasioned by their frequent breaking out, as by the necessary expenses of medical aid in which it is frequently involved him.

<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

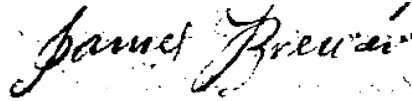
<sup>2</sup> Men who enlisted for ten months beginning in April 1781 in the SC 10-month State Troops of Light Dragoons under Hammond were promised a bounty and wages payable in slaves taken from the Tories. Such 'pay' was known as "Sumter's Wages." When that horrific form of payment could not be made because too few slaves were confiscated from the Tories, by act dated March 21, 1784, the SC Legislature authorized the payment in pounds Sterling deemed to equal the value of the slaves not delivered (to wit, £94 Sterling for one 'grown Negro' and £47 Sterling for one 'small Negro.') That act also exonerated Sumter and the troops under his commend form liability due to plundering of the estates from which the slaves were taken.

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

Your Petitioner begs leave to observe that he has been informed that provision has been made by Several laws of this State for the Support of men in his Situation, but by reason of the Obscurity of his Situation and the difficulty of procuring money for defraying his expenses, to the Seat of Government, his applications have been all fruitless; Some trifling want of form in his Vouchers have defeated his hopes for relief, after several painful & expensive Journeys in pursuit of Justice.

Unacquainted as men in his Situation must be with the precise forms required by Laws so intricate he can scarcely flatter himself with a hope that he shall ever be Sufficiently informed to procure such Vouchers as will Satisfied the Office entrusted with the payment. But feeling as he does the Justice of his claim & pressed by the most painful necessity, he flatters himself that while he holds to the View of his representatives the Mutilated fraim [frame] of a Soldier, who Spent his Best days & Spelt his best blood in the Service of his Country, while he presents an arm once employed with effect to [indecipherable word] that [indecipherable word] which authorizes Your deliberations as Legislators, that the Voice of Truth & Justice will be attentively listened to & that they will do unto him that Justice which in their wisdom shall seem meet, he therefore humbly, but in the [indecipherable word] tone of a Soldier, prays that such relief as may be granted him, the placed in that plain & simple train for recovery as will Effectively answer the end proposed & your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ James Brewer



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Mr DeSaussure

Mr. Bates Mr. Nott

Mr Jno Ward Mr. Waddy Thompson

to be allowed from Jany. 1796

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Georgia

I do hereby Certify that James Brewer was a Soldier in a Regiment of South Carolina State Dragoons which I had the Honor to Command in the Late Revolution War, that in the Action of the 8<sup>th</sup> September 1781 at the Eutaw Springs, he received Several bad wounds one of which was in the right arm, which has rendered that limb useless and altogether have rendered him unequal to the Support of himself & family by his Personal Labor, on which alone he has to depend. He is therefore entitled to the pension allowed to invalids & the more so as he is a sober honest man.

Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> September 1794

S/ S. Hammond



[p 14 State of South Carolina Edgefield County}

Before me Joseph Hightower one of the Justices assigned to keep the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Personally appeared James Brewer who being duly sworn as the Law directs deposeth and saith that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord 1781 that he this deponent was a soldier in a Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hammond's Regiment of State Light Dragoons and did receive a wound in his right arm in the battle at the Eutaw Springs which wound renders him this deponent incapable of getting his living by labor as he formally did and that he is not possessed of any Land nor Negroes nor never has received any pay from this state or Elsewhere as an invalid.

Sworn to 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1795 before me

S/ Joseph Hightower, JP

S/ James Brewer

We the Subscribers do hereby Certify that we are acquainted with the above named James Brewer & do believe that the above affidavit is Just & true.

Leroy Hammond, Capt.

Joshua Hammond, Captain

John Covington

William farris [?]

Charles Banks

John Bartee

Jesse [illegible]

[illegible] Cox

Joseph Hightower, JP

Daniel Pond

John Carter, Colonel

Charnal H Thorn

John Tarlame [?]

[illegible] Howard

Dudley Carter

Jesse Rountree

A collection of handwritten signatures in cursive script, arranged in two columns. The left column contains signatures for Leroy Hammond, Joshua Hammond, John Carter, John Covington, William Farris, Charles Banks, John Bartee, Jesse, and an illegible name ending in 'Cox'. The right column contains signatures for Joseph Hightower, Daniel Pond, John Carter, Charnal H Thorn, John Tarlame, an illegible name, Dudley Carter, and Jesse Rountree. The signatures are written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Evin Morgan

William Watson Senior

John Hancock

Thomas Hancock

George Delaughter

Joseph Day

John Anderson  
John Pusley [?]  
William Pusley  
Christopher Shaw  
George Randle  
John Hancock Junior  
William Day

John Morgan  
Thomas Hancock  
George De laughter  
John Hancock  
Thomas Hancock  
George De laughter  
John Hancock  
John Anderson  
John Pusley  
William Pusley  
Christopher Shaw  
George Randle  
John Hancock Jr  
William Day