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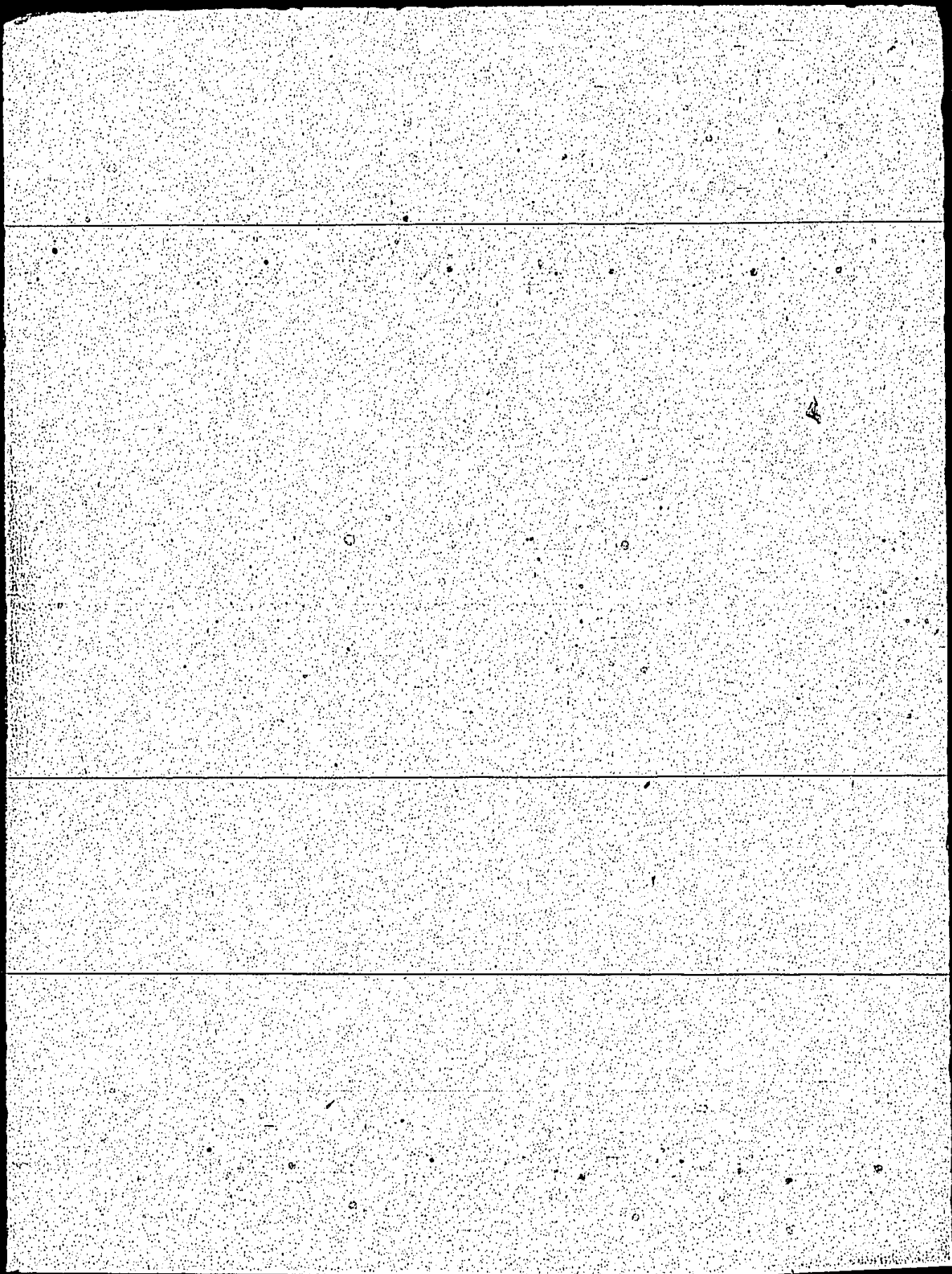
New Jersey

Brewer, Thomas

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Thomas Brewer

of ~~Northam~~ in the State of ~~New Jersey~~
who was a Private in the ~~Comp~~ commanded
by Captain Chambe. of the ~~Regt~~ commanded
by Col. ~~Steele~~ in the ~~New Jersey~~
line for 10 months,

Died 21 Jan'y '33
Widow Elizabeth Brewer

Inscribed on the Roll of ~~New Jersey~~
at the rate of 33 Dollars 33 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 17 day of Aug^r
1833 and Act J. H. Randolph
Procurer

Amount to the ~~State~~ of ~~New Jersey~~ 33 to
~~Sum~~ ~~allowance~~ ending 21 Jan'y 33 \$ 62.68

\$ 62.68

{ Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832 }

Recorded by ~~John Brown~~ Clerk
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State of New Jersey
Middletown township

On the nineteenth day of September in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred & thirty two personally appeared before
the Judges of the Superior court of com-
mon Pleas in & for the county of Middlet-
own in the State of New Jersey in open court
the same being a court of record ~~Thomas~~
and now sitting Thomas Benson a res-
ident of the city of New Brunswick in the
county & State aforesaid who being duly
sworn according to Law and being exam-
ined and interrogated by the S^d court accord-
ing to the instructions from the war de-
partment doth on his oath make the
following declaration in order to obtain
the benefit of the act of Congress passed
June 7. 1832. viz -

That he was born sometime in the year
1750 and is now 82 years of age or there-
abouts. He has no record of his age in his
own possession but has been informed by
the Rev. James L. Cannon former
pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at
six miles run in Somerset county N. Jersey
that the records of that church shew that
he was baptised in that year. He has never
seen the record himself & it would be of
no avail if he had as he can neither
read nor write. He has always estimat-
ed his age from that information &
has no doubt its correctness. Was born
in the Township of Franklin in Somer-
set county aforesaid. At the commence-
ment of the Revolutionary war I when

he first entered the service of the United States he lived in the Township of North Brunswick in Middlesex County N.J. & had lived there for a number of years but dont know how long - Since then he has resided in the County of Monmouth Middlesex & Somerset in N. Jersey but for the greater part of the time in Middlesex where he now lives - He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer & private at Cranbury in the County of Middlesex in a company commanded by Captain David Chambers & in the Regiment commanded by Col John Neilson. This was in the Spring of 1777 and when the British lay at New Brunswick & then served there six weeks & then at and about Cranbury & the Chesapeake along the shore of the Maritan or Annapolis Bay - During this period was in several skirmishes with the British - Immediately after the expiration of said three months he went out again as a volunteer under Captain John Van Numburg & in the Regiment commanded by Col John Neilson to Pointe a la Poudre New York & served there two months & then came back as far as Elizabeth Town & the Blazing Star on the shore of Staten Island & there served two months, during which had an engagement with the British at Elizabeth Town, was in the hottest of the battle - The last two months above mentioned he served as a substitute being hired by one John Hatfield but whether he served in the place of Hatfield or no other he cannot say knows that he was

killed by him. At those places too he served in
an different opinion to wit Captain Geo-
rge's Colonel John Day Smith - Col-
Wilson's Regiment having gone home -
Immediately after his service at Elizabeth
town as aforesaid he went to the Chesapeake
again & served three months Captain John
Day & Col. Chambers one month as a sub-
stitute for one John Gulick - He then joined
a company commanded by Captain
John Pyatt & served as a substitute for
one Abraham Gulick for two months
at Throgsbury in the County of Mon-
mouth & was with Capt Pyatt & under
Colonel Henry when the British stores
were taken in Throgsbury town - From
that time he continued to serve to the end
of the war, always as a substitute for
some one or other but cannot now tell
whom - As soon as one tour was out he
was applied to to serve in the place of an
other & did serve - He served three years
in the whole & in some several other opinion
than those above named whose names
he cannot recollect except Capt. Joshua
Gulick under whom he served for a
considerable time - Was at the battle
of Brandywine under Capt. Guzman &
Col. Day Smith - Lay at Dropsick creek
in Burlington County at the time the bat-
tle of Princeton took place - At the battle of
White Plains he lay under the moun-
tains & acted as a guard for the baggage -
When the battle of Monmouth took
place he was on Staten Island under
Capt Van Rensselaer - The country through

which he marched was the committee of
 Bennington, Sturmont, Moosmonts, Wind-
 along, Essex & Bergen & Staten Island -
 He has no written ~~discharge~~ discharge from
 the service nor any written or document
 any evidence of his service, but is known
 to Lewis Johnson, Abraham Burnett
 Thomas Abbott & several others who are
 still living ^{from whom I have seen} & if their attendance at court
 can be procured) can testify to his service
 & is ~~also~~ ^{not} ~~known~~ ^{known} to ~~the~~ ^{him} ~~have~~ ^{any} ~~discharge~~ ^{discharge}
~~a discharge and that he has been~~
~~discharged of all his services as a soldier~~
~~and~~ ^{who} can testify to his character for verac-
 ity & ~~has~~ ^{has} belief of his service as a
 soldier of the revolutionary war -
 and he hereby relinquishes every claim
 whatever to a pension or annuity except
 the present & declares that his name is not on
 the pension roll of the army of any
 State

I do hereby subscribed
 in open court the
 foregoing affidavit
 Thomas Mounsey

Thomas ^{his} ~~his~~ Brewer
 mark

We John Hoven & Daniel Hoven of the county
 of Middlesex & State of New Jersey do hereby
 certify that we are well acquainted with
 Thomas Brewer the above named appli-
 cant & know him during the war of the
 revolution, that he served as a soldier and

State of New Jersey
Middlesex County
Before me the undersigned one of the
Justices of the Peace in and for said County, personally
appeared Elizabeth Brewer of said County, who being duly
sworn, did in her oath say, that she is the widow and is a
representative of Thomas Brewer, dec. the applicant for a
Pension named in paper marked 8708, that said Thomas
Brewer died on the 21st or 22nd day of January 1833, was
by her in a destitute situation - that she is the 7th year
of her age, and known of said Brewer's being personally
out in service in the Revolution, and believes he would
as he has stated - and she hereby makes application
for the Pension which would have been allowed to her
husband the said Thomas Brewer, had he lived.
Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of July 1833.

Attest my hand and seal this 29th day of July 1833.
J. Ford
Justice of the Peace

Elizabeth Brewer
mark

State of New Jersey
Middlesex County
Before me the undersigned one of the
Justices of the Peace in and for the County of said County,
personally appeared William Letson, who being duly sworn, did
in his oath say, that he is acquainted with Elizabeth
Brewer, the above named person - that she is the widow
of Thomas Brewer as he has set forth - that said Thomas
Brewer, in his personal service died on the 21st
or 22nd day of January last, 1833.
Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of July 1833.
J. Ford
Justice of the Peace

William Letson

Pension Office.

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The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them, and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

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Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.