

Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, James Brewer aged thirty-five years a resident of Hamilton County in the State of Florida, who, being duly sworn, according to law, declares that he is the identical James Brewer who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain William B. North in Col. Charles Floyd's Regiment of Volunteers commanded by General Z. Taylor in the war with the Seminole Indians and that he entered the service of the United States at Fort Gilmore on or about the 12th day of July A.D. 1838 for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of six months and was honorably discharged at Fort Gilmore on or about the 12th day of January A.D. 1839 on account of the term of six months expired as will appear by the muster rolls of said company and that no discharge was received.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the "act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," passed September 28th, 1850.

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Mr. Brewer sent in another bounty land application on this same date (26th Nov. 1850) based on a different term of service. He stated that he was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain Robert Brown in Col. William J. Mills' Regiment of Volunteers commanded by Gen. Thomas Jessup in the war with the Seminole Indians and that he entered the service of the United States at Fort Lancaster on the 16th of June A.D. 1837 for the term of six months and was honorably discharged at Newmansville on the 18th of December 1837 on account of this term having expired. A copy of the honorable discharge certificate James Brewer received in 1837 was attached to his application as supporting evidence. Although the papers in the file at the National Archives (Brewer, James BLWT 9483-160-50 - Ind. War) from which the above information was taken does not actually state if Mr. Brewer received his land or not, it is assumed that he did receive his 160 acres.

James Brewer, born about 1815, married Miss Elizabeth Whidden. They were residing in Madison County, Fla. in 1840, Hamilton Co., Fla. in 1850 and in Columbia County, Fla. in 1860. His widow was living in Polk County in the 1870 Census. She died in 1875 and was buried in the Ziba King family cemetery at Fort Ogden, Florida. The editor would like to exchange information with anyone who is interested in this Brewer family. Quite a few of their children were pioneer settlers of south Florida.

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QUERIES

Mrs. Stella Romano of 14701 N. W. Garden Drive, Miami, Florida 33168 would like to exchange information with anyone researching the following families: Crews, Platt, Whidden, Whiddon, Lockler, Locklear, Lanier, Williams, Prescott, Collier, Wiggins, Green, Greene, Dubois, Dubose.

Mr. Ron Metz of Box 653, Bushnell, Fla. 33513 would like to exchange information on the following pioneer families: Durrence, Durrance, Lanier, Youmans, Yeomans, Tippins, Williams, Sweat, Banks, Emanuel.