

Pension Application for William Beaty

S.12194

State of New York
Orange County SS

On this fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the village of NewBurg in and for the county now sitting William a resident of the Town of New Windsor in the County and state aforesaid aged seventy nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service at New Windsor as aforesaid on the twenty first day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six. Deponent belonged in a company commanded by Captain William Tillford and a Regiment commanded by Colonel James McLaughery (1) in which Jacob NewKirk and Moses Phillips were Majors. The Lieutenants in said company were James Faulkner and Alexander Beaty (2) now deceased—at this time a detachment was ordered to be raised to serve until the first day of December next thereafter deponent volunteered to serve as one of said detachment and was placed in a company of Ninety men commanded by Captain William Faulkner, (3) John Hunter was lieutenant & Robert Godjoin orderly sergeant Samuel Sly belonged to the same service and John McMichael & Joseph Beatty belonged to Captain Tillford's Company & knows that deponent inlisted into said detachment and served therein until the expiration of their term.

The Company of Captain William Faulkner to which deponent now belonged was ordered to New York and were attached to Colonel Humphrey's (4) Regiment Johannes Hardenberg was Lieutenant Colonel George Knox Adjutant. There were four companies under the command of Col. Hardenbergh in New York the remainder were under the command of Colonel Humphries at Fort Montgomery—The companies belonging to said Regiment which were in New York were the companies of Captain John Gillespie and Captain DeWitt, Captain Rosecrants (5), Captain William Faulkner aforesaid and one company from Dutchess County whose Captains name deponent cannot now recollect.

The Detachment to which deponent belonged was employed in fortifying in and near New York on the North River for erected Grenadiers fort a little above the Town at the time of the battle on Long Island we were on guard in the City and continued on guard from Wednesday until Sunday without relief—This battle took place on the 28th (6) day of August—and the army came over on Sunday the 29th about this time I was taken sick and received a written permission to return home—deponent cannot now recollect where it is I remained sick at home until the expiration of the term for which I enlisted as aforesaid General Marinus Scott (7) commanded our Brigade General Green (8) General Heath and General McDougall (9) were on Long Island whilst deponent was there & also General Washington.(10)

December 13th 1776 there was a general alarm the enemy were driving our troops thro New Jersey the Militia were ordered out to reinforce the regular army. We lay at Pyehammus [Peramus NJ] when General George Clinton ordered a detachment of five hundred men to proceed to the English Neighbourhood and attack the British Picket Guard we marched under two immediate command & took the guard consisting of twenty one prisoners we staid one month and then returned when we went down we marched over the mountains in single file pursuing a foot path to Kakiat & staid there two nights and then went to Noppers Town on our return we marched to Ramepoo & kept guard there until our time had expired which was in January or February. We were then discharged Colonel Prescotts Regiment was there in the month of March 1777 we were ordered down to Fort Clinton on a general alarm.

The Whole company of Captain Tillford to which I belonged went down from New Windsor by water John McMichael whose affidavit is annexed was down with us at this time we staid eight days on fatigue and guard General James Clinton commanded Fort Clinton Colonel Dubois was there at that time among his regiment in the month of April 1777. There was a general alarm the whole company was ordered down to Fort Montgomery and remained there eight days General George (11) & James Clinton & Colonel Dubois (12) were there we went down by land from New Windsor and returned by water. The same continental troops were there as before which was a part of the whole of Dubois & Clintons Regiments part of Colonel Woodhull's (13) Regiment was there.

May 1777, I was one of a detachment of Captain Tillford's company which was ordered down to Fort Clinton on fatigue Captain Tillford had the command of the detachment. We were placed under the command of Colonel Levi Paulding (14) in the four months service. We staid one month and were relieved by another detachment in the month of August in the same year. The whole company was ordered to Fort Clinton on a general alarm. We were employed on fatigue and guard ten days in the month of September 1777.

I was detached one month and a half under Captain Veal (15) of McLaughrey's Regiment. Captain Lee (16) of the Continental troops commanded Lieutenant James Faulkner was with us on that occasion & Captain Cuddeback (17) of the Militia William Sly whose affidavit is hereunto annexed was also one of that detachment a little before the battle of Fort Montgomery a detachment to which the said William Sly and deponent both belonged were ordered to Anthony's Nose to reconnoiter. We crossed the river accordingly & from the adjacent Height beyond the reach of danger, had a distinct view of that battle which lasted from about one o'clock in the afternoon of the sixth day of October until dark in the evening.

The night after the fort had surrendered we remained in the Mountain and next morning marched for Fishkill & from there we crossed over to New Windsor on Thursday after the battle which took place on Monday. We joined our regiment and marched again to New Windsor William Sly and Joseph Beaty John McMichaels and

James Boyd were with the company at this time as well as at the battle of Fort Montgomery. We remained at New Windsor Village six weeks and until sometime after the enemys fleet had passed down the river. We had enlisted for that time and served it out. In the month of June 1778 I was sent as one of a detachment from said company to a place called Hunk & stood guard there one month against the Indians.

In the month of April 1779 Deponent was sent with a detachment under the command of Alexander Beaty to Mamakating on the Indian Frontier here we remained one half month and were then relieved. In the month of June in the year last aforesaid our whole Company was ordered down to the forest of Dean about two miles west of Fort Montgomery we marched to West Point by land staid there a few days & then ordered to proceed to the Forrest of Dean as the British threatened an attack upon the posts in the Highlands. We marched by night and had orders not to speak in order that if we should meet the enemy we might take them by surprise. We staid there ten days. There was at this time a guard of continental troops at Fort Montgomery on our return. We marched thro Smiths Clove & fell in with General Hand's (18) division of Continental troops remaining in the Clove. Deponent recollects that Col. Malcolm's (19) Regiment was at this time at West Point and Colonel Clark's (20) Regiment from North Carolina of which Division was Lieutenant Colonel.

In the month of August in the year 1779 a detachment of the whole company was ordered to Peenpack on the frontier on an alarm. We were placed under the Command of Colonel Phillips (21) of McClaghrey Regiment aforesaid Lieutenant Monell (22) had the immediate command in the fort. We staid there one week.

In the month of October 1779 there was a general alarm on the Indian frontier. The whole of our Regiment was ordered to Peenpack and staid there one week and then returned. In the month of June 1780 there was a general alarm on our southern frontier. Our Company was ordered en mass to West Point & were on the twenty fourth day of June which I well recollect from the circumstance of seeing the free masons walk there in procession. Colonel Phillip's commanded our Regiment on that occasion & deponent thinks General Arnold (23) commanded the fort. We staid there eight days and were employed on fatigue.

In the month of July next thereafter deponent was ordered as one of a detachment from NewBurgh to Sussex in the State of New Jersey to guard stragglers from Burgoyne's army which had before been sent as prisoners of war to prison according to deponents recollection & belief we were gone one week—In the month of October in the year last aforesaid Deponent together with the company to which he belonged was ordered to Peenpack again on a general alarm under the command of Colonel Moses Phillips and deponent also saith that in consequence of a detachment of our company being always in guard on the frontier and the repeated alarms which called out the whole of the Militia except those stationed in blockhouses and forts on the Indian frontier. The whole company was in actual service the greatest part of the war. That when at home they were compelled to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning duly armed and equipped & with provisions in advance that they when at home resembled troops in a fortification with there difference that there arms provision and clothes were furnished at there own expense & though like regular troops they were not allways engaged in battle yet they were allways ready & able to be called into action with propriety be said to be allways on guard.

And in answer to the questions particularly put to this deponent by said court he on his oath saith that he was born in the Town of New Windsor County of Orange & State aforesaid in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty six. That he has a record of his age in his family Bible at home. That he has always lived in said Town of New Windsor. That he entered the service as a volunteer That he has allready stated the names of such of the regular officers as were with the troops where he served & such Continental and Militia Regiments as he can recollect and the general circumstances of his service according to the best of his recollection. That he never received a written discharge except when sick as before related. That he is intimately acquainted with Major William Sly, John McMichael, James Boyd who all served in the same company with this deponent as did also his brother Joseph Beaty before named all of whom can testify as to deponents character for veracity and belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

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.

(Signed) Wm. Beaty.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Asa Dunning Clerk.

I certify that the above named William Beaty is a credible witness. June 12th 1833. Gilbert Odgen Fowler Judge of Orange County.

State of New York
Orange County SS
Supplementary Affidavit of William Beaty

Personally appeared before me—Gilbert Ogden Fowler first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for Orange County, William Beaty who swore to and subscribed the preceding affidavit who on his oath saith That he served as a private in a company Commanded by Captain William Faulkner in which Robert Monell and John Hunter were Lieutenants in the five months service, from the month of June in the year 1776 untill the month of December of the same year; including the time deponent was sick which was from the last of August in the year aforesaid until the first of December the expiration of said term of five months of which term said deponent had engaged, to serve, as aforesaid, Cornelius Humphrey was Colonel of the Regiment, Johannes Hardenbergh (24) Lieutenant Colonel, Nicholas Fish (25) was Brigade Major and George Knox Adjutant of our Regiment. Deponents sickness was a fever occasioned by exposure and fatigue—Deponent had been ill some time before the Battle on Long Island and after that engagement found himself so weak that he was apprehensive, he should fall into the hands of the enemy, should they take New York—The Orderly Sergeant whose name was Robert Goodjoin was very partial to

deponent and of his own accord represented deponents sickness to the Captain who reported it to the Commanding Officers who sent a surgeon to examine deponent who gave a certificate that deponent was unfit for duty. The Surgeons name was Adams Thereupon a permit was given to deponent to return home. In the following words "By virtue of a certificate from Doctor Adams and permission of General Scott, I do hereby discharge William Beaty of my Regiment on account of lung sickness and unfit for duty." The said certificate was signed by Colonel Hardenberg, There were five other discharged at the same time, who belonged to the same company—a passage was engaged for all five of us on board of a New Windsor Sloop by the officers—We left New York on the thirteenth day of September—The British Fleet were then laying in York bay. We arrived at New Windsor on the Fourteenth and got home on the fifteenth. Deponent did not recover his health until sometime about the first of December—In the month of December 1776. There was a General alarm on account of the enemy driving our troops through New Jersey and the Militia were ordered to reinforce the regular troops—I went under the command of Captain Tillford to the English neighbourhood in New Jersey. Colonel McLaughrey was Colonel of our Regiment and General George Clinton Commander in chief. I served there one month and was honorably discharged—In the month of March 1777, the whole company of Captain Tillford to which I belonged went down from New Windsor by water to Fort Montgomery—we served there eight days on fatigue and guard. In the month of April 1777, there was a general alarm, the whole of our company was ordered down to Fort Montgomery again, and remained there eight days and then returned. In the month of May 1777 I was ordered as one of a detachment, of Captain Tillfords Company to Fort Clinton. Tillford had the command we were employed on fatigue under the immediate command of Colonel Levi Paulding—one month. In the month of August in the same year the whole company was ordered to Fort Clinton on a general alarm, all were employed on fatigue and guard ten day—In the month of September I was detached from said company and served one month and half under Captain Vail of McLaughrey's Regiment at Fort Montgomery Captain Lee of Duboises Regiment Commanded a detachment from the fort of which I was one after the battle we retreated to Fish Kill and from thence crossed to New Windsor in Orange County and remained there as a guard six weeks and untill after the British had evacuated fort Montgomery and removed the Military Store and the great chain. In the month of June 1778 I served as one of a detachment at a place called Hunk and stood guard there one month against the Indians. In the month of [May crossed out] April 1779 deponent was sent with a detachment under the command of Lieutenant Alexander Beaty deceased to Mamakating and served there against the Indians one half month. In the month of June in the same year our whole company was ordered down to the Forest of Dean. We served there ten days and were then discharged—In the month of August in the year 1779 I was ordered with a detachment of our Company to Peenpack on the Indian frontier on an alarm. We were placed under the command of Colonel Phillips and remained there one week—In the month of October 1779 there was a general alarm on the Indian frontier and our whole Regiment was ordered to Peenpack and we staid there under arms one week—In the Month of June 1780, there was a great alarm on our southern frontier and our whole company was ordered out to West Point, we staid there eight days and returned home—In the month of July thereafter I was ordered as one of a detachment to guard prisoners from New burgh to Sussex In New Jersey.—I served at this time one week. In the month of October in the year last aforesaid our company was ordered to Peenpack—on the Indian frontier under the command of Colonel Phillips. I served at that time eight days—And deponent also saith that James Boyd John McMichael and Joseph Beaty all belonged to the said company of Captain William Tillford and know of his services. These affidavits are annexed as also Major William Sly's affidavit who all served with deponent in the Company of Captain William Tillford aforesaid. (Signed Wm. Beatty)

Sworn to and subscribed this twelfth day of June 1833 before me. Gilbert Odgen Fowler First Judge of Orange County.

Letter in Pension Folder
October 5, 1938

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to your ancestor, William Beaty, who was born in New York State, and cite a Revolutionary War soldier who served from New Windsor, Ulster County, New York.

The claim for pension has been found based upon service in the Revolutionary War of a William Beaty on New Windsor, Orange County New York; his record is furnished herein as found in the papers on file in that claim, S. 12194.

William Beaty was born in the year 1756, as a private in Captain William Tillford's Company Colonel James McLaughrey's New York regiment, served also in Captain William Faulkner's company under Colonel Cornelius Humphrey, and was stationed on North River at the time of the battle of Long Island, length of this service five months; he enlisted in December 1776, and served one month in Captain William Tillford's company, during which he was engaged against the British in the English Neighborhood, and assisted in taking a large number of Prisoners; he enlisted in March 1777, served four short tours in Captain Tillford's company and one tour in Captain Vail's company, under Colonels Levi Pawling and McClaghrey, which services extended into October 1777; he enlisted in June 1778, and served one month on the frontier against the Indians; he enlisted in April 1779, and served one half month under Lieutenant Alexander Beaty at Mamakating, against the Indians, no relationship to this officer stated; he served other short tours in June, August and October 1779 under Colonel Moses Phillips, which services were rendered against the Indians on the frontier; he served in June, July and October 1780, on short tours under Colonel Phillips, engaged in the vicinity of West Point. His entire service amounted to one year and two weeks.

William Beaty was allowed pension on his application executed September 4, 1832, at which time he resided in New Windsor, Orange County, New York. He had always resided there. He died May 1, 1834.

In 1832, Joseph Beaty, the soldier's brother, was a resident of New Windsor, Orange County, New York. In order to obtain the name of the person to whom the last payment of pension was made, you should address the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following:

William Beaty, Certificate #20833, Issued October 9, 1833, Rate of \$41.54 per annum, Commenced March 4, 1831, Act. of June 7, 1832. New York Agency.

Very truly yours,

A.D. Hiller, executive Assistant to the Administrator

William Beaty is buried in Montgomery Good Will Cemetery, Orange County. Died 5/1/1834, at 77 years of age.-
Kenneth Lifshitz

End Notes—William Beaty—S.12194

1. Captain William Telford's (Tilford, etc.) Company (Ninth Company) was in Colonel James McClaughrey's Second Regiment of Ulster County Militia. Jacob Newkerk was the Lieutenant-Colonel and Moses Phillips was the Major. Colonel James Clinton was originally appointed the Colonel in 1775 but was appointed Colonel of the Third New York Continental Regiment on June 30, 1775. He was again re-appointed Colonel on March 8, 1776 of the Second New York Continental Regiment. On August 9, 1776, he was promoted to Brigadier General. James McClaughrey was originally appointed the Lieutenant-Colonel and Newkerk and Phillips were the Majors in 1775 but on Colonel Clinton leaving the Militia service, McClaughrey and Newkerk were promoted.
2. James Faulkner was the First Lieutenant and Alexander Beaty was the Second Lieutenant in Captain Telford's Company on October 25, 1775, they were re-appointed on March 3, 1778.
3. John Hunter was the Second Lieutenant in Captain Cadwalader C. Colden's Company (Seventh Company) on October 25, 1775 in the Third Ulster. First Lieutenant James Milligan (Mulligan, Millikan, Millican, etc.) was later promoted to Captain and Hunter was promoted to First Lieutenant. Captain Milligan was killed on October 6, 1777 and Hunter was commissioned Captain on March 23, 1778.
4. Colonel Cornelius Humphrey was from the First Regiment of Dutchess County, Minutemen.
5. Captain John Gillispie (Gillaspy, etc.) of the Fourth Regiment of Ulster County militia, and there is more than one. Captain DeWitt and Captain Rosecrants so I cannot pinpoint which one he is referring to. Captain William Faulkner was from the Second Regiment of Ulster County Militia.
6. Battle of Long Island NY was fought on August 26, 1776.
7. John Morin Scott, Brigadier General on June 8, 1776.
8. Major General Nathaniel Greene on August 9, 1776.
9. On August 9, 1776, Colonel Alexander McDougall of the First New York Continental Regiment was promoted to Brigadier General.
10. General George Washington of the American Forces.
11. George Clinton, brother of James, was appointed Brigadier General in the Continental Army on March 25, 1777. He was elected Governor of New York on April 20, 1777.
12. Colonel Lewis DuBois of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment on November 21, 1776 and he resigned on December 22, 1779. In 1780 he was Colonel of a regiment of New York State Levies in the Mohawk Valley, NY.
13. Colonel Jesse Woodhull of the First Regiment of Orange County, Militia.
14. Colonel Levi Pawling of the Third Regiment of Ulster County Militia.
15. Captain Isaiah Veal of the Second Ulster Militia.
16. Captain Thomas Lee of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment.
17. Captain Abraham Cuddeback of the Second Ulster Militia.
18. Brigadier General Edward Hand.
19. Colonel William Malcolm of a Regiment of Additional Continentals; there was no number for this regiment.
20. Colonel Thomas Clark and Lieutenant Colonel William L. Davidson of the First North Carolina Continental Regiment.
21. Major Moses Phillips. So far I haven't found any evidence that he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel or Colonel.
22. Second Lieutenant David Monell of Captain Henry Van Keuran's Company in the Second Ulster.
23. Major General Benedict Arnold.
24. Lieutenant-Colonel Johannes Hardenbergh Jr. of the Fourth Regiment of Ulster County Militia.
25. Brigade Major Nicholas Fish. He served in that capacity to General Scott's Brigade from August 9, 1776 to about November of 1776.