

Pension Application for Ezra Beebe

W.14295

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire County SS.

On this eighth day of May in the year of our lord 1818, before the Subscriber Samuel Putnam one of the Justices of the Sup. Jud. Court of Mass'ts.

Personally appeared Ezra Beebe, aged fifty seven years, resident in the Town of Williamstown in the County of Berkshire aforesaid in the said District, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said Ezra Beebe enlisted in the town of New Concord in the State of New York in the Company of Rangers commanded by Capt. Baldwin (1) in the month of April 1776, & served in said company one year—that in the month of April 1777 he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. John Cuff (2) of the Regt. Commanded by Col. VanSchaack for the term of three years.

That he continued to serve in the said corps in the service of the United States until the month of April 1780—when he was discharged from service in Albany in the State of New York—that he was in the battles of taking the Indians at Onondaga (3) of Monmouth, (4) taking the Hessian Guard at Terrytown & at the mile square so called & that he is in reduced circumstances & stand in need of the assistance of his country for support, & relinquishes his claim to any [?] pension & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed) Ezra Beebe.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid. S. Putnam Just. S.J. Court of Mass't.

July 3, 1820 Ezra reapplied but this time he had to list his assets which were \$120.62 He stated his wife Naomi was 49 in poor health, Susannah Beebe aged 22 was sick and under the care of a physician. Sebrina Beebe aged 24 has a feeble constitution and his other daughter, Electa Beebe was aged seventeen. Ezra, Beebe their son was aged 16 years.

Ezra died March 15, 1832 in Williamstown. They were married May 1, 1785.

End Notes—W.14295—Ezra Beebe

1. On July 23, 1776 the Provincial Congress authorized several companies of rangers to be raised. Two ranger companies were raised for Albany County, they were commanded by Captains Alexander Baldwin and John A. Bradt. All of the rangers companies were discharged on March 27, 1777 by the Provincial Congress. A subsistence roll has been found for Captain Baldwin's Company and the following is for Ezra's March 1 to March 20, 1777, served 2 weeks and 6 days, the rate was at 10 (shillings) for a total of £1. . 08 . . 6 ³/₄. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Ezra enlisted as a fifer on March 19, 1777 in Captain John Copp's Eighth Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment for 3 years. On July 13, 1777, Ezra is serving as a private in Captain Copps' Company. On March 28, 1779, Ezra was transferred to Captain John Graham's Light Infantry Company in the First New York. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 7, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

3. Colonel Goose VanSchaick commanded an expedition from Fort Schuyler of several light infantry and rifle companies in mid-April of 1779 against the Onondaga Village at Oneida Lake. Capt. Graham's Company was one of the light companies in the expedition. Lieutenant-Colonel Marinus Willett of the Third New York Continental Regiment was second in command the of expedition. There were several skirmishes with the main action or battle on April 21st. See Don't Shoot, Volume 4, pp 9-14, Journal of Lieut. Erkuries Beatty.
4. The Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey was fought on June 28, 1778. The other two incidents might of happened in September of 1778 while the First New York was at or near White Plains, New York. They were involved in several expeditions and actions during that time.