

Pension Application for Roderick Beebe

W.16190 (Widow: Anne)

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson now sitting Roderick Beebe a resident of Chatham in said County of Columbia aged seventy eight years, who first being 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated on or about the 1st of June 1775 he volunteered or enlisted under Captain Baldwin, Colonel Elmore & General Elmore & General Schuyler was marched by Albany, Stillwater, Fort Miller, Fort Edward & Fort George thence by water to Ticonderoga & then by water by Crownpoint which the British at that time evacuated and burned the smoke of which was ascending as he passed touching at Isle O'Nox and landed at St. Johns then crossed over the St. Lawrence to Montreal and served the term of his enlistment 9voz) six months and then at that place reenlisted and his brother Captain Roswell Beebe for as he thinks six months longer Captain Beebe was soon then after promoted to the office of Major and caught the smallpox and died the February following said enlistment and he remained there til the spring [?] and his term expired & was dismissed and returned home serving in all at the two enlistments one year. During his service at Montreal the man army commanded by General Richard Montgomery went to Quebec and Gen. Montgomery was there killed & the command devolved on General Arnold.

Immediately on returned as aforesaid say June 1, 1776 he enlisted as a Sergeant under Lieutenant Manford and he Beebe, marched a company to Kingsbridge near New York and was first under command of Captain Marvin under the immediate command of General Washington was at the Battle at White Plains after which crossed the North River at Peekskill and went into New Jersey and served out term of enlistment (viz) six months and was dismissed & returned home about the first of March 1777. He as a sergeant obtained a warrant for recruiting soldiers and enlisted a company of soldiers and took command of them as Captain marched thence to Albany was put under command of Genl Schuyler and served on the line north of Albany & between that and Fort George during the summer till after the capture of Burgoyne & his army and was dismissed early in December following serving nine month in this company performed the duty of Captain and received pay as such and was to have been commissioned as Captain but not going again into the service did not call for it. Was not in any battle during this campaign though was near at the taking of Burgoyne but was not called into action. Gen. Gates & Arnold commanded.

Was born in Kent in Connecticut December 1, 1764 has no record of his age except his family bible copied from his father's family bible resided at the same place when he enlisted at the time of all the said enlistments.

He also declares that his discharge and warrants under which he served and was dismissed were destroyed a number of years ago.

He has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except that of Jacob Wright hereunto annexed. Persons who can testify to their believe of his services, David Bushorn, Horace Root, Philip Cornwall.

He hereby relinquishes all 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) Rocerick Beebe

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid, Archibald Bull, Clerk of Troy Major's Court.

Letter in folder dated June 4, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.16090 it appears that Roderick Beebe the son of John Beebe, was born December 1, 1753 or 1754 in Kent Connecticut.

While a resident of Chatham, Columbia County, New York he enlisted June 1, 1775 and served six months as a private in Captain Hezekiah Baldwin's Company, Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York Regiment; he immediately reenlisted and served as a private under his brother Captain Roswell Beebe (who was promoted to Major and died in February 1776), and Captain Lothrop Allen, New York Troops, service five months.

He enlisted June 1, 1776, served six months as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Marvin's New York Company and was at the battle of White Plains.

He enlisted March 1, 1777 and served nine months as Wagon-master or Captain of teams in the Quartermaster Department.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 29, 1832 while a resident of Chatham, New York, where he died January 2, 1836.

Soldier married March 2, 1777 in Spencertown, Columbia County, New York, Anne Vaughan, his cousin born September 18, 1757. She was the daughter of John Vaughan and Anne Beebe of Lebanon, Connecticut, who were married June 3, 1753.

She was allowed pension on her application executed December 28, 1838 while a resident of Chatham, New York. She died August 31, 1849 in West Stockbridge, Berkshire County, Massachusetts at the home of her daughter Triphenia Palmer. The children of Roderick Beebe and his wife Anne were:

Roswell born April 16 1778

Henry born August 16 1779, died August 22, 1828

Amilla or Pamela born October 9, 1780 married . . . Edwards

Frederick born March 7, 1782

Edmond born October 19, 1783

John born November 14, 1785, died April 12, 1825

Chloe born October 9, 1787, married. . . Lovejoy

Triall born May 10, 1790

Rodrick born December 18, 1792, died July 30, 1830

Tryphena born November 21, 1793, died November 21, 1793

Sylvesta born October 22, 1794, died July 24, 1823

Anson born April 12, 1796, died July 23, 1798

Alexander born September 18, 1799

Triphena born March 10, 1801