

Pension Application for John Beeman

W.23563 (Widow: Hannah) Married March 20, 1785. He died March 1, 1827.

I, John Beeman of Hallowell in the County of Kennebec, District of Maine, a native citizen of the United States, and from reduced circumstances being in need of the assistance of my country for support, do on oath testify and declare that in the month of February in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and seventy six, at Greenfield in Hampshire County, Massachusetts, I enlisted for the term of one year into a company commanded by Capt Alexander of Northfield, of Col. Porter's Regiment of the Massachusetts line and that I served for said term of one year as a private, in the army of the United States on the continental establishment, against the common enemy.

In the month of March of the same year we arrived at Ticonderoga. I continued with my regiment until our arrival at Trois Rivieres, where I remained with a part of our company under the command of Lieut Caswell in order to protect the public stores left there. On the retreat of the American Forces under Gen. Thomas after the attack on Quebec I rejoined my regiment and returned to Ticonderoga where I remained until October or November following as nearly as I can recollect. From Ticonderoga we marched through the State of New York to Morristown, in which place and its neighborhood we remained until March 1777.

After leaving Ticonderoga we were not commanded by Col. Porter, nor do I recollect our Colonel's name. I think however that we were under the command of General Arnold. The year for which I enlisted having expired, I remained with the forces for a few weeks under pay and at the expiration of that term I returned home. I never to my recollection received any written discharge. (Signed) John Beeman.

Before me S.S. Wilde. Jus. Sup. Jud. Court for S'd Comth.