

**Pension Application for John Featherly, [Junior] also [Fetherly, Federly, Vatterly, Vetherly]**

S.10658

State of New York

County of Seneca SS.

On this third day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Seneca State of New York, now sitting John Featherly resident in the town of Junius, in said County & State who 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

1<sup>st</sup> that he is of the age of seventy two years and upwards.

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

First he entered the service as a volunteer in the company of militia commanded by Capt. Robert Crouse, (1) of the Regiment commanded by Col. Ebenezer Coxe, in the month of January 1777, & continued in such service for one year—that when he volunteered he resided in Canajoharie, Montgomery County, NY that during such service he marched to Ticonderoga (2) thereof to Fort Standish [Stanwix] (3) (now Rome) thence down the Susquehanna river to the Big Bend, thence to Rome, thence to Stillwater (4) under Captain Lipe. (5)

Second, in January 1778 he joined the militia under Capt. Lipe in the Regiment now commanded by Col. Samuel Campbell with whom he continued in service as a volunteer one year—during that time he was ordered to various places in that part of the State of New York, some of which are Springfield, Cherry Valley, Herkimer, & Rome.

Third in March 1779 he enlisted as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Peter Ehle (6) Regiment of New York State Troops commanded by Col. Christopher Yates, that he continued with them in service for the period of ten months, during which time he marched to Fort Edward, Schenectady, Fort Standish, down the Susquehanna to Oneida Lake &c that at the expiration of said ten months he was honourably discharged.

Fourth—That soon after such discharge & as he believes in the month of January 1780 he again enlisted as a private soldier in the New York line State troops—Company commanded by Capt. John Dana, (7) in the Regiment under command of Col. Hay, whose first name he does not recollect—that he continued in the service with them until January 1781 nearly one year, during most of the time he was stationed at FishKill, Dutchess County NY Where he was honourably discharged—Neither of which discharges are in his possession, several names having been included in the same discharge.

That in the fall of the year 1824, as this deponent believes, this deponent by his agent Graham H. Chapin, of Lyons, Wayne County New York, made application to the War department to be placed on the pension list, that he then made proof of most of the services so rendered as such soldier, by the testimony of Andrew Failing & George Ratnower, as this deponent believes, whose testimony this deponent cannot now obtain in consequence of the death of said Failing & not knowing the residence of said Ratnower but this deponent believes that the testimony by them, at that time, given is now on file in the office of the War department, as said Chapin has informed this deponent that he received a letter from that department, expressing an intention to place the papers, relating to that application, on file & informing also that that application was rejected on the ground that this deponent served in the New York line of State troops—at the time of the application in 1824 this deponent resided in Galen Wayne County NY and this deponent further saith that he knows of no witness by whom the services of this deponent can be proved.

This deponent further saith that he was born in the year 1760 at Canajoharie, County of Montgomery, State of New York—that he has no record of his age—that when he first entered the service he resided at said Canajoharie—that after the Revolutionary War he removed to Springfield in said county—that he removed to Phelps in the County of Ontario in said State about the year 1790; from thence to Sodus, Wayne County NY, thence to Galen in said county & lastly to Junius, Seneca County NY where he now resides.—That the manner of his going into service & the names of his officers under whom he served are as stated in this declaration to the best of his recollection.

That he received discharges at the times herein stated, but that he cannot obtain the same, several names having been included in one discharge & none having ever been delivered to him.

That this deponent is well known to James Otto & John Cuger, two of his present neighbours, residing near him, who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory. (Signed with his mark) John Featherly.

Subscribed & sworn in open Court the day & year aforesaid. Seba Murphy, clk.  
Letter of inquiry included in the pension folder, dated September 28, 1923.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10658, it appears that John Featherly was born 1760 in Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York, and while residing there reenlisted January 1777 and served as a private one year in Captain Roberts Crouse's company, Colonel Ebenezer Cox's New Your regiment. He enlisted January 1778 and served one year under Captain Lipe in Colonel Samuel Campbell's regiment.

April 1, 1779, he enlisted and served ten months in Captain Peter Ehle's company, Colonel Christopher Yate's regiment, and on March 1, 1780, he enlisted and served eleven months in Captain John Dana's company, Colonel Hay's regiment.

In 1823, soldier resided in Galen, Wayne County, New York and had a wife and five children, names and ages not stated.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 3, 1832, while living in Junius, Seneca County, New York.

End Notes—S.10658—John Featherly (Junior)

1. Captain Robert Crouse was appointed Captain in 1776 in place of Jacob W. Seeber who had received a commission as Captain in the Fourth New York Continental Regiment under Colonel Cornelius D. Wynkoop. The First Regiment of Tryon County Militia was first commanded by Colonel Nicholas Herkimer from August 26, 1775 to September 5, 1776 when he was appointed Brigadier General of the Tryon County Militia. The regiment was commanded then by Ebenezer Cox who had been the Lieutenant-Colonel. Colonel Cox and Captain Crouse both were killed at the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777. On June 25, 1778, First Major Samuel Campbell was commissioned Colonel of the First Tryon.
2. A detachment was raised from the Tryon County Militia Brigade under Colonel Cox and went to Fort Ticonderoga. Detachments went from January to about April performing various tasks such as building fortifications and the floating bridge from Fort Ticonderoga NY across Lake Champlain to Mount Independence, Vermont.
3. Detachments of the Tryon County Militia were sent to Fort Schuyler to work on the fort garrison duty, work on the road & bridges and to cut trees down to fall into Wood Creek which would impede the progress of a British invasion which would come by bateaus. He does not mention anything about the Battle of Oriskany so his service is probably in one of the work details.
4. After the Battle of Oriskany detachments of the Tryon County Militia went to Stillwater and served as wagoneers and building fortifications under Major General Horatio Gates who was expecting to meet Lieutenant General John Burgoyne at or near Stillwater with his invading British Army and stop is advance towards Albany.
5. Adam Leipe (Lipe, Lype, Leib, etc.) was appointed on August 26, 1775 as Second Lieutenant in Captain Jacob W. Seeber's Company, Fourth Company. When Captain Crouse took command of the company the lieutenant remained the Second Lieutenant. He received his commission in 1778, dated June 25, 1778. In 1778, Francis Utt who had been the First Lieutenant under both captains was appointed captain of the company and Leipe was appointed the first lieutenant. In 1779, Captain Utt moved out of the company beat and Leipe was appointed captain. Leipe was commissioned Captain on March 4, 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, Folders 84 and 89, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
6. There is no known muster roll for Captain Peter H. Ehle's Company of Bateamen in 1779. These men were part of the Quartermaster General's Department.
7. Captain John Dana (also given as Denny) was also in the Quartermaster General's Department. Lieutenant-Colonel Udney Hays was the Assistant Deputy Quartermaster General.