

## **Pension Application for William Beatman or Beateman**

S.44645

State of New York

Chenango County SS

William Beatman of the town of Bainbridge County of Chenango and State of New York being duly sworn deposeth and saith—

That this Deponent being a citizen of the United States and living in the town of Sandisfield, County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, on the next Sunday following the memorable Battle of Lexington in Massachusetts he this deponent went as a Volunteer from his home in Sandisfield aforesaid to join the American Continental Troops at Roxbury in Massachusetts and arrived there the next Sunday following and immediately as a Volunteer joined the Continental Regular Troops and was invested with the rank of Orderly Sergeant by regular Warrant in Captain Charles Seals Company in a Regiment raised in Massachusetts and commanded by Col. John Fellows, where he continued as such orderly sergeant in regular service and duty for nine months.

At the close of nine months this deponent received a Lieutenants Commission in Captain Charles Dowds Company in a detachment commanded by Major Jeremiah Cady, and served six months as a Lieutenant in the Campaign [Campaign] at Quebec, and also enlisting others in the same time.

That at the close of 6 months he this Deponent received a first Lieutenants Commission while at Quebec in Capt. William Bacon's Company in the Continental service commanded by Col. Elisha Porter and served regularly as first Lieutenant for one year.

That at the close of this Campaign [Campaign] he this Deponent was honored with an adjutants Commission in the Continental Army in a Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Brewer whereof Samuel Carlton was Lieutenant Col. and Lobias Furned was Major. That he this Deponent continued to hold his Commission of Assistant and constantly performed the Duties of his Office in in [sic] the regular Continental Service until the close of the Revolutionary War and the Disbanding of the army in 1783 in the month of June when this Deponent was Discharged among the disbanded officers then being in regular Service at WestPoint in the State of New York having been in the regular Continental Service and regular Duty eight years from June 1755 to the last of June 1783.

That during the above this deponent had the honor of serving his Country in four Distinguished Battels [Battles] One at Hubbardtown in Vermont, two at Still Water in N. York and in the very memorable Battle at Monmouth Plains New Jersey.

That this Deponent has never received any Pension or compensation for his services. That at the time he when he entered the service as Volunteer aforesaid he had a family Depending on him for support which family one now living with him in Bainbridge aforesaid.

That he this Deponent is now in the seventy eighth year of his age and that he and his family by reason of reduced circumstances in life are poor and in need of assistance from his country for support and that on account of the services before stated

he this Deponent is induced to ask for relief and assistance as provided by the late act of Congress for indigent soldiers for the benefit of himself and family. (Signed) William Beatman

Sworn and Subscribed to the above this Tenth day of April in the year of Our Son Eighteen hundred and Eighteen before me, Peter Betts, one of the Judges of Chenango Com Justice.

Letter in folder dated July 10, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.44645, based upon the Revolutionary War service of William Beatman or Beateman (he signed under both spellings of surname).

He was born May 14, 1741; place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not shown in the claim.

While residing in Sandisfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, he volunteered within a week after the battle of Lexington, marched to Roxbury, Massachusetts, where he immediately received a warrant as orderly sergeant in Captain Soule's company, Colonel John Fellows' Massachusetts regiment, length of this tour nine months. At the expiration of this tour he was commissioned lieutenant in Captain Charles Dowd's company, served six months in a campaign at Quebec in a detachment commanded by Major Jeremiah Cady. While at Quebec, he was commissioned 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant and served in that rank in Captain William Bacon's company, Colonel Elisha Porter's Massachusetts regiment, length of this tour one year. At the close of this service he was commissioned adjutant in Colonel Samuel Brewer's Massachusetts regiment, which commission he held to the close of the war; during his service he was in the battle of Hubbardton, the two battles at Stillwater, in the battle of Monmouth, and was discharged the latter part of June, 1783.

William Beatman or Beateman was allowed pension on his application executed April 10, 1818, while a resident of Bainbridge, Chenango County, New York.

In 1820, the soldier was still a resident of said Bainbridge, New York, and referred to his wife, Rachel, then sixty-nine years of age; no details of their marriage were given, and no reference was made to children.