

### **Pension Application for Alexander Beebe**

W.23572 (Widow: Sarah) Married July 31, 1780, he died January 30, 1841.

State of New York

Oswego County SS

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Undersigned Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Oswego, now sitting, Alexander Beebe, a resident of the Town of Mexico, in the county of Oswego & State of New York, aged 73 years who being first 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein Stated. Viz:

In the month of Sept 1775 at Roxbury Mass, I entered the service as a substitute for Andrew Cotton, in Capt Paul Langdons Company, in Col. Dandelions Regiment of the Mass State troops, and remained in said Company which was stationed at Roxbury until the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jany 1776 when I was discharged—

I immediately enlisted for one year in the Company of Capt Levi Wells in Col. Saml Willis Regiment of the Connecticut line of Continental troops—

Soon after my enlistment Capt Wells was promoted to the office of Major and Lieut Henry Champion who was first Lieut, under Wells, took the command of said Company.

We remained at Roxbury until some time in the month of April, (during which time, I think in the month of March the British were forced to evacuate Boston) when we searched through the eastern part of Mass and Rhode Island to New London Conn & from thence by water to New York since we arrived the latter part of April on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

In the month of July or August I was ordered on board the Row Galley Lady Washington to go up the Hudson River to attack the British vessels Phoenix & Rose which then lay opposite Tarrytown to instruct the Communication between the East & South.

We attacked the vessels & after a warm conflict, succeeded in driving them for their station.

While on Board the Galley I was taken sick & sent to the Navy Hospital in New York where I remained until about the 12<sup>th</sup> of Sept When I again joined my regiment and was on the main guard when the British took New York, we then went over Kingsbridge to Fort Independence where we remained until we went to Winter quarters at Peekskill in the month of Nov – here I staid until the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jany 1777 when I was discharged and went home to Ludlow where my Father resided.

In the month of May 1777 at Ludlow I again entered the service as a substitute for David Fuller who was drafted for 2 months to go to Ticonderoga under the command of Capt Aaron graves in Col. Woodbridge Regt of Mass troops.

Immediately joined m y company at Springfield Mass. &b marched from thence through Gt. Barrington, Kinderhook, Albany & Fort Edward to fort George where we

took passage by water to Ticonderoga, where I remained until about the 5<sup>th</sup> of July when my time having expired I returned home, to Ludlow where I remained until about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. When I again entered the service as a Substitute for a McWright (Christian name not recollected) who was drafted for 3 months.

I immediately joined the Company of Captain Ephraim Chapin in Col. Leonards Regiment of Mass. Militia & marched from Springfield Mass. through Bennington Vt. To Manchester, where I volunteered to go under the Command of Gen. Lincoln to take Whitehall, which place known was evacuated before we arrived.

Here I was sent by Gen. Lincoln as a bearer of letters to Col. Brown at or near Ticonderoga, and after my return to Whitehall I was sent by Gen. Lincoln with a party of Prisoners to Brookfield Mass, where I delivered them up to a militia guard and returned & joined my company again under Capt Chapin at Albany the latter part of Oct.

From thence we went down the River under the Command of Gen. Putnam to White Plains, and encamped about 3 miles below, where we remained until about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec. when my term expired and I returned home again to Ludlow, Mass.

On or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1778 I again entered the Service as a substitute for my Brother Ezekiel Beebe, who had enlisted for 3 years in the Company of Capt Comston (Christian name not recollected) in Col. John Graytons Regt of the Massachusetts line of Continental troops I joined the company at Albany where we remained until about the month of May and then went down the river to West Point, where we were ordered to join Gen. Washingtons army at Whiteplains which we did in the month of June & remained at that place until about the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of Oct, when my Brother returned and took his place & I returned home to Ludlow.

I remained at home until about the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1779 when I went to Boston and enlisted into the naval Service for one cruise, under Capt. Samuel Tucker who commanded the U. S. Shop Boston of 30 guns—the other officers of the ship were 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Fips, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Welsh, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieut Bates, Sailing Master Parsons, Boatswain Lewis—(Christian names not recollected ) we sailed form Boston about the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and cruised about the Atlantic Ocean took 13 sail of vessels and returned to Boston again about the last of Sept. and was discharged about the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of Oct after a service of about 8 months.

I know of no person now living by whom I can prove my services, except my Brother Ezekiel, whose affidavit is hereunto annexed, but whose recollection, I think, is not correct in relation to the time of my enlisting in the naval service, which was, I am confident, in the year 1779 instead of 1776 as testified by him. I think also he is mistaken in relation to Oliver who was Maj. Instead of Capt. and I am sure Comston was Capt. at the time I served in said Company.

I was born at New London Connecticut, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Oct 1759, but have no official record of my age.

After the Revolutionary War I lived in Rutland and Brandor in Vermont until the year 1802 when I removed to Oneida Col. N.Y. where I lived until the year 1808 when I

removed to my present resident in Mexico where I have since lived—where I am known by most of the people

I made application and obtained a Pension under the Act of March 18, 1818 but subsequently was dropped from said pension roll on account of property—and I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not now on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. (Signed) Alexander Beebe  
D. McPherson, Dept Clk.

Letter in folder dated December 8, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

The Revolutionary War record of Alexander Beebe is furnished herein as found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.23572, based upon his service in that war.

Alexander Beebe was born October 29, 1759, in New London, Connecticut; the names of his parents are not shown. During the period of the Revolutionary War, he resided in Ludlow, Massachusetts.

He enlisted December 8, 1775, served as a private in Captain Levi Wells and Henry Champion's company, Colonel Samuel Vyllys' Connecticut regiment and was discharged about January 1, 1777; during this service, he was in a skirmish up the Hudson River. He enlisted May 8, 1777 and served as a private in Captain Aaron Graves' company, Colonel David Leonard's Massachusetts regiment; he enlisted August 12, 1777, and served four months as corporal in Captain Ephraim Chapin's company, Colonel Ruggles Woodbridge's regiment. From March 1778, he served in Captain Campston's company, Colonel John Greaton's regiment, length of said service about eight months. He served from sometime in March 1779, as a marine on board the "Boston", under Captain Samuel Tucker, was on service along the Atlantic coast and took a number of vessels, length of said service about seven months.

After the Revolutionary War, the soldier resided in Rutland and in Brandon, Vermont, until 1802, then moved to Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York, and remained about two years, moved thence to Verona, in that same country, and resided until 1808, at which time he moved to Mexico, Oswego County, New York.

Alexander Beebe was allowed pension on his application executed April 8, 1818, at which time he resided in Mexico, New York.

Alexander Beebe died January 30, 1841, in Mexico, New York.

The soldier married July 31, 1780, in Rutland, Vermont, Sarah Bowker; she was born August 29, 1754, in Simsbury, names of her parents not shown.

Sarah Beebe, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed April 29, 1844, at which time she resided in Mexico, New York, also her home in 1850.

The following family data are on record, pertaining to Alexander and Sarah Beebe:  
BIRTHS

Sally Beebe born in Rutland July 23, 1781.

Luna Beebe born in Rutland August 15, 1783.

Joseph Bowker Beebe born in Rutland July 4, 1785.

Aurora Beebe born in Brandon July 8, 1787.  
Cynthia Beebe born in Brandon July 18, 1789.  
Asa Beebe born in Brandon November 7, 1792.  
Curtis Beebe born in Brandon April 14, 1795.  
Clark Beebe born in Westmoreland November 25, 1797.  
Catharin Beebe born in Verona June 2, 1800.  
Allen Beebe born in Verona April 27, 1803.  
Adah Beebe born in Verona February 2, 1805.  
Ann Sophia Beebe born in Mexico September 5, 1809.

Mary A. Carpenter Born April 19, 1830.  
Morris Carpenter born August 27, 1832.  
Watson Carpenter born July 31, 1834.

Melvina Fenn born February 11, 1829.  
Rushana Fenn born November 25, 1831.  
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#### MARRIAGES

Cornelius Holsted and Sally Beebe March 20, 1800.  
Asa Morton and Luna Beebe October 1805.  
Benjamin Knight and Cynthia Beebe May 1805.  
Aurora Beebe and Sarah Cotton 180-  
Joseph B. Beebe and Asenath Savage November 4, 181-  
Asa Beebe and Mary Whipple May 1, 1814.  
Clark Beebe and Sarah Savage October 1823.  
Allen Beebe and Abbey Mathews April 1823.  
Chester Holcomb and Catharin Beebe November 1834.  
Sophia Beebe and Ara Fenn February 1828.  
James Carpenter and Adah Beebe March 1829.  
Clark Beebe and Dolla Savage November 1833.

In 1844, Asa Beebe, the soldier's Son was a resident of Mexico, New York. There are no further data regarding the children of Alexander Beebe, the soldier.

In 1832, Ezekiel Beebe, the soldier's brother, was a resident of Rutland, Vermont.