

Pension Application for Henry Beekman Livingston

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Part of the file contains a diary, but from the years 1824, 1825. It has the deaths of some of the children in these pages, also under Nov 6, 1831, the death of Henry, in the 81st year of his life. Henry died near the Hudson River in the Town of Rhinebeck. He was buried in a mahogany coffin with a silver plate encased in a wooden box and then placed in the vault of his brother in law Thomas Tillotson Esqr in the rear of the Dutch Reformed Church at Rhinebeck Village in the Town of Rhinebeck.

Margaret Beekman-Only Surviving Daughter

Page 1. The Institution of the Society of Cincinnati formerly the officers of the American Army of the Revolution for laudable persons therein mentioned, at the Cantonment on the Banks of the Hudson River, May 1782 together with some of the proceedings of the General Society and of the New York State Society; also a list of the officers and members of the New York State Society from its organization to the year 1801. Printed by order and for the members of the New York Society. J.M. Elliott printer 133 Water Street N. York 1851.

Page 77. Among the names of members in that of "Henry Beekman Livingston Col 4th NY Regt, date of death Nov 7, 1831".

Page 96. Col. Henry B. Livingston. New York November 10, 1831. The Vice President yesterday announces to the Members of the Society, the death of Gen., Philip VanCortlandt, a member. It is now his melancholy duty to inform them of the decease of another distinguished Patriot of the Revolution, Col. Henry Beekman Livingston also a member of the Society. He died at his seat near Rhinebeck, in Dutchess County, on Sunday Morning lost in the eighty first year of his age. Col. Livingston was actively engaged in that momentous struggle which emancipated the United States from a foreign dominion. He was with Genl Montgomery in the brave but unfortunate attack upon Quebec was wounded in the Battle of Brandywine while leading his troops to the [?] and distinguished himself in the campaign of Rhode Island. He commanded the 4th New York [?] and throughout the war evinced himself a brave and able commander.

Brief in the case of Henry B. Livingston dec'd, Philadelphia County and State of Pennsylvania act 15th May 1828.

Henry B. Livingston served as a Lieut. Colonel in the Continental line of New York to the end of the war; and received his commutation of five years full pay, in lieu of half pay for life, and also his bounty land is proved by report of their Auditor.

His identity is established by the declaration of his Daughter Margaret B. Livingston, Freeborn Garriston and John B. Livingston.

Henry B. Livingston and Ann Hume Shippen were married on 15th March 1781, and were divorced by the Superior Court of Connecticut on the fourth Tuesday of August 1791, proved by a certified copy of the Record of said Court.

During the [coverture?] of Henry B. and Ann Hume Shippen, but one child was born viz. Margaret B. Livingston proved by Freeborn Garristson G. H. Armstrong, &c.

After the divorce of Henry B. and Ann Hume Shippen, the former had three illegitimate children by one Maria VanCleaf, to whom he was never married. These children are all dead except John B. Livingston—proved by John B. Livingston, Freeborn Garritson &c.

Considering that illegitimate children have no claim to the father's pension the certificate is issued and made payable to Margaret B. Livingston, the legitimate child now surviving. Charles H. Rhett, Examining Clerk.