

The officers and men of Captain Bartholomew von Heer's Light Horse

Roster 421

Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

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- Captain – Bartholomew von Heer [[Bartholomew Von Heer BLWt2275-300](#)]
- 1st Lieutenant – Jacob Mytinger [[Jacob Mytsinger \[Mytsenger\] BLWt1569-200](#)]
- 2nd Lieutenant – Philip Strubeng [sic, he signed his name Philippe Strubing] [no federal pension record under that name]
- Sergeant – Franz Harker – Nov 1, 1778 [no federal pension record under that name]
- Sergeant – George Balsler Hess – Philadelphia – Sept 1, 1778 [no federal pension record under that name]
- Sergeant – John Mutter (Nutter) – July 1, 1778 – promoted to lieutenant [no federal pension record under that name]
- Trumpeter – Lewis Wolf – from Pottsgrove, July 1, 1778; died in Philadelphia, August 20, 1830, aged eighty-three. [[S39913 discharged in Aug. 1781 in PA](#)]
- Trumpeter – John George Hiller, still in company in 1782. [[John George Hiller \(Heiler\) S2305](#)]
- Corporal – David Ekstine – Philadelphia, July 12, 1778 [no pension records found under that name]
- Corporal – John Ignatius Effingar – Pottsgrove, Aug 1, 1778, discharged, July 1783; resided in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, VA in 1834 [[W7087 discharged in August 1781](#)]
- Corporal – Anthony Wachter – Philadelphia, July 10, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Corporal – Jacob Shafer – Philadelphia, July 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Corporal – Philip Smith – Philadelphia, July 10, 1778; resided in Berks County in 1835, aged 81 [[W6097 discharged in August 1781 before Yorktown](#)]
- Privates.
- Private – John Adams – Philadelphia, July 12, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – George Anthony – died in Jackson County, Ohio on Aug 15, 1833, aged 79 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Jacob Baclet (or Barlet) [pensioned under the name Jacob Barlett or Barlet W4882 for service in Von Heer's troop commencing in April 1782. Therefore, he wasn't in service at the time of Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown. This file contains a discharge signed by George Washington. Page 36]
- Private – Henry Barth (or Bard or Brath) – out July 1, 1782 [pensioned under the name Henry Beard, or Beaird or Baird R668 for three years service under Von Heer, but discharged before Yorktown; widow Elizabeth denied a pension.]
- Private – Stephen Barth (or Bard or Brath) – Lancaster, May 15, 1779 – out May 15, 1782; resided in Berks County in 1835, aged 81 [[Stephen Barth \(Baird\) S39959](#)]
- Private – John Bauman [John Baumann] – Philadelphia, Sept 1, 1779 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Lewis Boyer – resided in Miami County, Ohio in 1842; died in 1842 [[Lewis Boyer \(Boyers\) S46370](#)]
- Private – Peter Brown [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Joseph Buob – still in company 1782 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – John Burkhardt [John Fredrick Bickhart] – enlisted November 1, 1778 from Reading,

- PA; born 1753 in Switzerland and died 1847 in Sandusky, Ohio; [pensioned under the name John Frederick Beekarth, S39978; discharged August 1st 1781]ⁱ
- Private – Alexander Campbell [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Peter Cryobck – died June 21, 1822 in Berks County, PA, aged 81 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Sebastian Curutz [Cunitz]– Reading, Apr 1, 1780 – still in company in 1782 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Christian Dareler-Hessen Philadelphia – Sept 1, 1778; died July 20, 1821, Lebanon County, aged 71[sic, Christian Dentzler W3134—he says he was discharged in August 1781 before Yorktown]–
- Private – John Durie – Philadelphia – Sept 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – John Eicholtz [Eickhols] – Somerset – Feb 15, 1778 [John Eickhols (Eichholtz) S42699]¹
- Private – Andrew Eisnack [no pension records under that name]
- Private – John Engelhaupt – Mt. Pleasant – July 1, 1779; promoted to corporal; out Jul 1, 1782 [John Engelhaupt \(Engelhault\) W2776](#)
- Private – Adam Fox – resided in Berks County, PA in 1835. [[Adam Fox W7293](#)]
- Private – David Fox (or Fuchs) – from Reading, PA, 1778, Trumpeter; resided in Berks County, PA in 1835; age 69 [W3340 enlisted for 16 months in 1782]
- Private – Jacob Fox (or Fuchs) – from Reading, PA, 1779; resided in Shenandoah County, VA in 1829 [[Jacob Fox \[Fuchs\] S49271](#)]
- Private – Henry Frank – Hessen – Nov 15, 1778 [[Henry Frank S10700](#)]
- Private – Henry Franforter [[Henry Frankfort](#)]– Lancaster – Aug 31, 1778; resided in Dauphin County in 1838, aged 81 [[Henry Frankfort \(Frankford\) S41548](#)]
- Private – George Fricker – resided in Reading, PA in 1787 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Peter Fricker – died Dec 26, 1827 in Berks County, PA; age 62 [S41546 enlisted in 1782 & served 16 months]
- Private – John Gerlach – Pottsgrove – July 1, 1778 [George Gerlach or Gerlack S10179; no pension application; records indicate that he was pension by the federal government on account of disability, from January 1, 1791, under the Act of June 7, 1785. There are no records in this file.²]
- Private – Henry Ginser [S31064 but he does not claim to have served under Von Heer or to have

¹ He states in his pension application under the 1818 Act that he served under “Captain Vanhier” in a company of Dragoons but does not state the time of his service or whether or not he was at Yorktown with Von Heer. In his 1820 application he states he was a state pensioner in Pennsylvania at the rate of \$40 per year. Veteran died in 1822 survived by “Jacob Eichholtz, Henry Eichholtz, John Eichholtz, Elizabeth Thompson, who intermarried with William Thompson), Charles Eichholtz, George Eichholtz, Catherine Leman who intermarried with Jacob Leman, being the children of Leonard Eichholtz deceased a brother of the aforesaid John Eichholtz deceased, Catherine Matter intermarried with George Matter and George Eichholtz, being the children of Jacob Eichholtz deceased a brother of the aforesaid John Eichholtz deceased, Elizabeth Lutz, the daughter of George Eichholtz deceased a brother of John Eichholtz deceased, William Cooper and Mary Pullman children of Catherine Eichholtz a sister of John Eichholtz deceased who was intermarried with William Cooper deceased & only heirs at law of John Eichholtz deceased....” Taken from the pension file of John Eichholtz S42699. His application has not been included in this database because he does not state that he was with Von Heer at Yorktown.

² The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the offices of the War Department along with the papers filed there were destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed. Further, pension and bounty land papers generated between the fire of 1800 and 1814 were lost when the British burned Washington DC on August 14, 1814.

been at Yorktown.]

- Private – Frederick Graff – resided in Berks County, PA in 1786 [W3082 widow’s application claiming he served under Von Heer for 16 months and was discharged in 1783. Thus he would not have been with Von Heer at Yorktown.]
- Private – Casper Green – Philadelphia – Aug 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Valentine Gruber – Pottsgrove – Mar 16, 1779 and out Mar 16, 1782; Resided in Bedford County in 1835,aged 83 [Valentine Gruber S39627]
- Private – Philip Grulich – Pottsgrove – Aug 12, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Casper Hauser – Philadelphia – Aug 27, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – William Howe – Nov 1, 1778; expired and not reenlist [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Lewis Kaiser – Pottsgrove – Mar 16, 1779 [Lewis Keizer (Keiser) W4709 Widow pensioned under the name Ann Elizabeth or Anna Elizabeth Keizer or Keiser]
- Private – Adam Koch – died May 27, 1827 in Berks County, PA Adam Koch S4484
- Private – John Kratzer – Philadelphia – Sept 1, 1778; still in company in 1782 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Henry Laffelot – had not received bounty in 1782 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – John Morris – had not received bounty in 1782 [W3106 but he didn’t enlist in Von Heer’s Troop until December 1781, to wit: after that Von Heer had left Yorktown]
- Private – Frederick Mueller – Reading – Aug 1, 1780; still in company in 1782
- Private – Jacob Mueller – Pottsgrove – Aug 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Philip Newman – Pottsgrove – Aug 16, 1776 [pensioned under the name Philip Newmann S5114 for service for 3 years in Von Heer’s Troop but discharged August 16, 1781]
- Private – Andrew O’Bryan [pensioned under the name Andrew O’Brien S40216 for 15 months service in Von Heer’s Troop and discharged at the end of the war. Not at Yorktown.]
- Private – Peter Ox – 1782; resided in Hunting County, PA in 1818. [S40233—says he joined Von Heer’s company in 1782 and served in the ‘suit of his Excellency General Washington’]
- Private – Robert Pape – had not received bounty in 1782 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Andres Pfaffenbach – Hessen – Nov 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Philip Picard – Philadelphia, Sept 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Henry Reiss – Hessen – Pottsgrove – Aug 1, 1778; had not received bounty in 1782 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Daniel Richtmeyer – Reading, 1778 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – George Robert – had not received bounty in 1782 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Frederick Roster – had not received bounty in 1782 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Jacob Ruppert – Aug 1, 1778; resided in Berks County, PA in 1831 [no federal pension file under that name]
- Private – Joseph Saugarat – clerk; out May 15, 1782 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Michael Sechier – 1781; discharged at Philadelphia, Dec 31, 1783 Residing in Lycoming County, PA in 1825 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Charles Shumann – Reading, Apr 1, 1780 [no pension records under that name]
- Private – Leonard Swartz – Pottsgrove – Jul 24, 1778 [no pension records under that name]

Private – John Slevoigt – Somerset – Feb 1, 1779; out Feb 1, 1782 [no pension records under that name]

Private – John Stadeiman – Philadelphia – Sept 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]

Private – Andres Stapper – Lancaster – Aug 20, 1778 [no pension records under that name]

Private – Diedrich Strauss – Pottsgrove – Jul 24, 1778 [no pension records under that name]

Private – Mathew Taylor – died in Baltimore County, MD in 1818; aged 67 [pensioned S35095 but left Von Heer's Troop 'in the latter part of 1780.']³

Private – Peter Thurn – Aug 1, 1778; had not received bounty in 1782; resided in Ross County, Ohio in 1834 [no pension records under that name]

Private – Frederick Titius (or Tecius) – Reading – Mar 15, 1780; still in company in 1782 [no pension records under that name]

Private – Thomas Trisher – Aug 1, 1780 [no pension records under that name]

Private – John Turk – Jersey, Jul 1, 1780 [no pension records under that name]

Private – John Ullick – Philadelphia – Sept 1, 1778

Private – John Wagner [John Waggoner]– born Alsace are, France; enlisted Oct 1778, age 21, from Near Reading, PA; resided in Sanduski County, Ohio in 1834; died Dec 15, 1842 [[John Waggoner W27855](#)]

Private – John Weikell – had not received bounty in 1782

Private – Baitser (or Balsler) Wilhelm – Hessen, Oct 15, 1778; had not received bounty in 1782 [no pension records under that name]

Private – Henry Willhauser – Reading – Apr 1, 1780 [no pension records under that name]

Private – Ludwig Wolf [no pension records under that name]

Private – Isaac Woolsey – Philadelphia – Aug 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]

Private – John Yachter – had not received bounty in 1782 [no pension records under that name]

Private – David Zabern – Philadelphia, Jul 20, 1778 [no pension records under that name]

Private – John Zapz – Oct 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]

Private – Henry Ziegler – Reading – May 1, 1780; still in company in 1782 [no pension records under that name]

Private – Abraham Zink – Pottsgrove – Aug 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]

Private – Peter Zopple [no pension records under that name]

Private – Henry Zullick – Hessen – Philadelphia – Aug 1, 1778 [no pension records under that name]

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Additions

[Henry Frank S10700](#)

[Jacob Gideon S13144](#)

³ His pension application dated 1818 reads in part as follows: "That he enlisted into the service at the Borough of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1778 in a company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Thomas Van Hairs [sic, Bartholomew Von Heer] – That about Six months after enlistment deponent received by the hands of his Captain aforesaid a Cornet's Commission signed, as deponent believes, by Gover Reed [Governor Joseph Reed], the then Governor of the State of Pennsylvania – That he continued in said Company in the service of the United States, first as a "Provost Guard" and afterwards as the body Guard of General Washington, until the latter part of the year 1780, when deponent resigned in consequence of the Captain having drawn the pay for his Company and applied it to his own use without paying off his men –..."

[Isaac Levan \(Lafon\) R6301](#)
[John Phillip Long S38147](#)

image 36 of this file is an image of the veteran's enlistment as follows:

I *Friederich Beuth* do voluntarily enlist myself into Captain *Bartholomae von Heer* Company, of MARECHOSE LIGHT DRAGOONS, to continue ~~in~~ *three* ~~the~~ *War*, agreeable to a Resolve of the Council of Safety of the twenty-eighth day of *February* last, and to be subject to the Rules as are or may be established for the Government and Regulation thereof. Witness my Hand this ~~1st~~ *3rd* Day of *August* A. D. 1778 *Friederich Beuth*

RECEIVED the *3rd* Day of *August* 1778 of the Sum of *Twenty Dollars* being the Bounty ordered by Congress to be paid to the non-commissioned Officers and Privates who enlist to serve during the *War*. *three* ~~year~~ Present at signing, *St. Mancke Capt. Lieut.* *Friederich Beuth*

I *Friederich Beuth* do swear (or affirm) to be true to the Thirteen United States of America, to serve them honestly and faithfully against all their Enemies or Opposers whatsoever, and to observe and obey the Orders of Congress, and the Orders of the Generals and Officers set over me by them. *sworn and given by me up Hand* before me the *3rd* Day of *August* 1778 *Bartholomae von Heer Cap. & P. of the Marechosc Light Dragoons*

See also, <https://www.toledoblade.com/a-e/culture/2021/11/07/aa-tale-of-two-swords-local-families-history-points-back-to-george-washington/stories/20211107029> [viewed 6/25/23]