

Bio: Theophilus Ellsworth Beekman

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Theophilus Ellsworth Beekman was born about 1790, son of Theophilus Beekman and Elizabeth Mathews. As a child he lived primarily in New York City, where Theophilus Beekman Sr served as an Alderman and Police Court Justice. It appears that the family may also have maintained a home near the town of Blooming Grove in Orange county New York. Theophilus Ellsworth Beekman married Marietta Hathaway, daughter of John Hathaway.

Theophilus E Beekman, Lieut US Army married Marietta Hathaway in Hudson.

[source] Index of Marriages in Massachusetts Centinel and Columbian Centinel 1784 to 1840; dated 1 February 1815.

The young Beekman's set up housekeeping in Marietta's hometown of Hudson, in Columbia county New York. They were the parents of one identified daughter – Marietta Beekman (married Frederick Mundy). They may also have had a son TH Beekman jr, but that needs to be confirmed.

This delightful account, found in "History of the city of Hudson, New York", by Anna Rossman Bradbury, 1908, gives a further glimpse into their story:

On July 4, 1829, it [Masonic Hall] was partially destroyed by fire and a new St. John's Hall was erected on the ruins. In the War of 1812, the lower part of the Hall was used as barracks, for soldiers enlisted under Capt. Smith of the U. S. Light Dragoons and Lieut. Theophilus E. Beekman, recruiting officers. It was this service that first brought Mr. Beekman to this city [Hudson New York], of which he became one of the most prominent citizens. During a row among the soldiers in the barracks which he was endeavoring to quell, he received an injury for which he afterward drew a pension [41st US Infantry]. If the truth may be told, we fear the dashing Lieutenant did not regret that disabling wound so deeply as he ought, having surrendered to the captivating charms of the pretty daughter of Captain John Hathaway. For some unexplained reason Captain Hathaway refused his consent to their marriage, and the ardent lovers eloped. After their return they sought parental forgiveness, but in vain, the irate father was obdurate, so they took rooms at No. 253 Warren Street, from whence the weeping bride could look with tear-dimmed eyes across to her beloved home, which seemed closed to her forever. Captain Hathaway's residence at No. 310 Warren street was well-known for many years as the Beekman house, and was highly prized as one of our choicest survivals of the Colonial period, but it was recently metamorphosed into something new and strange. In a short time the Captain relented and the young couple were taken home, where "they lived happily ever after."

A few records related to this Beekman family:

1850 Census of Columbia county New York, Hudson

Theophilus Beekman; 60 (1790) New York

Marritta Beekman; 52 (1798) New York

Marritta Beekman; 19 (1831) New York

Fanny Weaver; 24 (1826) New York

Alexander Hill; 24 (1826) New York

1860 Census of Columbia county New York, Hudson

Maritta H Beckman; 62 (1798) New York

Maritta Beckman; 28 (1832) New York

Maud Beckman; 4 (1856) New York

Robert Bowhide; 15 (1845) New York; servant

Gertrude Purdey; 16 (1844) New York; servant

Hudson NY Friday July 9, Theophilus E Beekman, 69y.

New York Evening Post (New York City); 27 July 1858.

Guide to the Beekman Family Papers; 1720-1920's; MS 51; New-York Historical Society;

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From the description -

Theophilus Ellsworth Beekman (1790-1858) was the son of Theophilus Beekman and Elizabeth Matthews. Beekman served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army during the War of 1812. He married Marietta (Maritta) Hathaway, whose father's papers are contained within this collection.

Box 42, Theophilus E. Beekman, 1789-1906; [contains, among other things] Turnpike Stock; Newspaper Clippings; Correspondence and Legal Papers; Material Concerning the Descendants of Theophilus E. Beekman; Estate of T.H. Beekman, Jr, and Marietta Beekman Mundy and Maud Woodhouse; Hathaway Family Papers.

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