

**Colonial Delaware
Soldiers and Sailors
1638 – 1776**

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was also the administrator for Elizabeth and John French Battell, appointed on that same day. An administration account mentioned the heirs of French Battell as John F., French, James, and Cornelius Battell. [Ref: DK-459, 475].

BATTELL, Mary and William. See "John French," q.v.

BATTELL, William. Captain. Served in New Castle County, and was son-in-law of Col. John French who died in 1728. [Ref: DN-27].

BEANE, William. Private. Born 1733, Maryland. Cordwainer. Enlisted on April 29, 1758, during the French and Indian Wars, by Capt. Benjamin Noxon. [Ref: DA-18].

BEATSON, John. Sergeant. Served in Capt. Joseph Stedham's Company, Delaware Battalion of Continental Troops. Enlisted on January 27, 1776, and was in quarters at Dover on April 12, 1776. [Ref: DA-39].

BEATTY, John. Private. Born 1734, Ireland. Weaver. Enlisted May 1, 1758, in the French and Indian War, by Capt. Benjamin Noxon. [Ref: DA-18].

BEAUCHAMP, Mary and John. See "Richard Downham," q.v.

BECKELEY, Thomas. Second Lieutenant. Served in the War of Jenkins' Ear in 1739-1741 who served in a company which may have included soldiers from Delaware (muster rolls not extant). [Ref: DM-32].

BECKET, John. Private. Served in Capt. Charles Pope's Company, Delaware Regiment of Continental Troops. Enlisted on January 15, 1776, and was on duty (in quarters) at Lewis Town on April 11, 1776. [Ref: DA-51]. (Same source spelled his name "John Bicket").

BEDFORD, Gunning. Lieutenant Colonel. Served as lieutenant in the French and Indian Wars in 1756. He married Mary Read, daughter of Col. John Read, but had no issue. Gunning Bedford was commissioned lieutenant colonel in the Delaware Battalion of Continental Troops on January 19, 1776. He was also "D. M. M. General" in the Delaware Regiment of Continental Troops by January 13, 1776. After the Revolutionary War he became Governor of Delaware. [Ref: DA-35, DA-43, DA-47, DA-50, DH-186b]. (It should be noted that Source DA-35 refers to him as "Gunning Bedford, Jr." and Source DH-186b refers to him as "Gunning Bedford, Sr." This is rather strange use of Jr. and Sr. when one considers that he had apparently left no issue.)

BEDWELL, James. Private. Served in Capt. John Caton's Company, April 25, 1757, and served in the French and Indian Wars. [Ref: DA-13]. One James Bedwell died intestate in Kent County and administration of his estate was granted to Robert Bedwell, next-of-kin, on February 15, 1771. [Ref: DK-256].

BEDWELL, Thomas. Private. Served in Capt. John Caton's Company, April 25, 1757, during the French and Indian Wars. [Ref: DA-14]. One Thomas Bedwell died testate in Kent County and his will was probated on April 17, 1794, naming his wife Jemima, sons Thomas, George, James, Preston, and Caleb, and daughters Sarah Bedwell and Elizabeth Stant (and her daughter Easter Stant). [Ref: DK-477].

BELL, Elizabeth, Henry, and John. See "Jonathan Caldwell," q.v.

BELL, James. Private. Served in Capt. Henry Darby's Company of the Delaware Regiment of Continental Troops. Enlisted on January 27, 1776, and was on duty (in barracks) at Dover on April 12, 1776. [Ref: DA-46].

BELL, John. Soldier. Planter in Delaware who paid his quit-rent to the governor in 1671, having been granted some land on the west of Delaware Bay on June 17, 1671. [Ref: DP-29, DY-151].

BELL, Stephen. Private. Served in Capt. David Hall's Company of the Delaware Regiment of Continental Troops. Enlisted January 17, 1776, and was on duty (in barracks) at Lewis Town on April 11, 1776. [Ref: DA-42].

BELL, William. Private. Born 1740, Maryland. Tanner. Enlisted on May 5, 1758, during the French and Indian Wars, by Capt. Benjamin Noxon. [Ref: DA-18].

BELLVILLE, John. Private. Born 1742, Delaware. Tailor. Enlisted on April 26, 1758, during the French and Indian Wars by Capt. Benjamin Noxon. [Ref: DA-18].

BELLVILLE, Nicholas. Private. Born 1723, New York. Weaver. Enlisted on April 29, 1758, during the French and Indian Wars, by Capt. Benjamin Noxon. [Ref: DA-18].

BELLVILLE, Philip. Private. Born 1739, Delaware. Tailor. Enlisted on April 25, 1758, during the French and Indian Wars, by Capt. Benjamin Noxon. [Ref: DA-18].

BENGTSSON, Erick. Soldier. Arrived in New Sweden on the ship *Orn* in 1654. He returned to Europe with Director Rising in 1655. [Ref: DJ-717, 724]. (Name also spelled "Erich Benckson").

BENGTSSON, Israel. Soldier. Arrived in New Sweden on the ship *Orn* in 1654. [Ref: Ref: DJ-717].

BENGTSSON, Mans. Skipper. Served on the ship *Katt* in the ninth expedition to New Sweden in 1649. [Ref: DJ-761].

BENNET, Jacob. Private. Served in Capt. Joseph Stedham's Company, Delaware Battalion of Continental Troops. Enlisted on February 5, 1776, and was in quarters at Dover on April 12, 1776. [Ref: DA-39].