

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

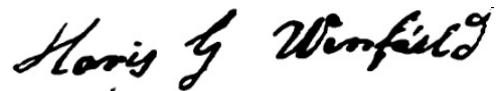
Virginia documents pertaining to Henry Gee VAS3696  
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The deposition of Harris G Winfield [Harris Winfield S7910] of the county of Sussex and state of Virginia aged seventy four in Oct 19<sup>th</sup> next; deposeth and saith, that he lived within two and a half miles of Colonel Henry Gee, at the time he was taken prisoner by the British army at his own house. He at that time was Colonel Commadant of the County of Sussex and he has always understood he was carried to Portsmouth where he was very cruelly treated and died their prisoners he never returned home to my knowledge as I have continued to live in the County and neighbourhood ever since I served a tour of duty with him at Smithfield and further this deponent saith not

Haris G Winfield

[15 May 1834]



The deposition of Henry Bailey [S8053] of the County of Sussex and State of Virginia and now Eighty years of age who deposeth and says, that he was born and rais'd in the County of Sussex and always liv'd within four miles of Colo. Henry Gee – he always was well acquainted with him and was twice in service with him during the revolutionary war, which commission he held until his death, that he was taken by the Brittish at his own House at the place Call'd the High Hills, and taken by them to Norfolk and I was after he was taken, call'd in service at Norfolk during the time they had Colo. Gee in Portsmouth and was in Service down at Norfolk at the time it was said he died over in Portsmouth as he was inform'd of the Small Pox, where he was badly treated and suffer'd much, and further this deponant saith not.

[15 May 1834]



The deposition of Joshua Owen of the County of Sus[sex] and State of Virginia seventy four years of age the 15th day of Sept'r last who says he was born and have always liv'd within ab't two miles and a half of the High Hills the residence of Colo. Henry Gee, was well acquainted with him until the time of his being taken by the Brittish at his own House sometime in the Month of May in the year 1781 and he was then the acting Colo. of the County, he was taken from the nieghbourhood by the British Army and never return'd, and this deponant has always understood that this fact is not within his own knowledge, that the Brittish took said Gee to Norfolk, and that he died in Portsmouth of the Small Pox ab't the time the Brittish left that place for Little York where they ware taken [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and further this deponant saith not.

[signed] Joshua Owen

[16 May 1834]

The deposition of Wm Shaned Sen'r [William Shands S7492] of the County of Sussex and state of Virginia aged seventy six in September last deposeth and saith, that he lived within one mile of Colonel Henry Gee at the time he was taken by the British army at his own house. that he Wm Shaned, was taken a prisoner the same day and came to Colonel Gees house where he remained all night under guard. The British having possession of Gees house but Colonel Gee had been carried to the head quarters of the British army then stationed at Bollings bridge [?], before he arrived at [undeciphered word] as he was informed. I have always understood that he was carried by the British to Portsmouth where he died having been most barbarously treated as I afterwards was informed by a soldier who told me he saw Colonel Gee after he was dead. That he was with him in sirvice at Smithfield in the county of Sussex [undeciphered

word] and further this deponent saith not  
[16 May 1834]

*William Standish*

The deposition of John Goodrum [S8589] taken the 25th day of June 1834 at the house of said Goodrum In the county of Greensville state of Virginia in the Seventy ninth year of his age having been duly sworn deposeth and saith – That he was well acquainted with Col Henry Gee in the revolutionary war and always understood that Col Henry Gee was taken By the Brittish in the county of Sussex at a place caled [undeciphered], was taken from thence to portsmouth whare he was taken with the small pox cruelly treated and died a prisoner in portsmouth. further this deponent saith not

*John Goodrum*

Dr	Colo. Henry Gee Sussex County	Contra[?]	Cr
1779			
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Petition for Bounty land

H'rs of Colo. Henry Gee

The facts in this case are – Colo. Gee's name has not been found on the Army Register; nor on any of the Rolls of officers, who commanded the State or Continental Troops, in the war of the revolution. There is no proof whatever of his having been an officer in the regular army.

The evidence, which has been fil'd with the Petition, is – an extract from "Ledger of the Army," certified by the auditor, which shews that in Aug't 1779 Colo. Henry Gee, of Sussex County, receiv'd a warrant on the Treasury for £2500.

Also the affidavits of five witnesses, who say, that Colo. Gee was taken prisoner in his own house in Sussex County, carried to Portsmouth, and there died with the Small pox.

This evidence does not prove, that Colo. Gee was in the regular army. It proves, that he was, when he was made prisoner, the County Lieutenant of Sussex. He was occasionally in service, in that capacity; and neither does the warrant for £2500, to pay the militia in service under him, and to meet other necessary expences.

It does not appear that the Heirs of Colo. Gee are entitled to Bounty land for his services

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Exc'y Gov'r Tazewell

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1834