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Henry Lee's Legion: Pay Receipts for 1778 and Lists of Troops from Virginia and Maryland in 1783
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. B394

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Although Lee's Legion was nominally a Virginia unit, it also included soldiers from Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organization in the American Revolution, 1774-1787* gives the following account of Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Legion, also known as Lee's Partizan Corps. "As a reward for his services during the campaigns of 1777-1778, Captain Henry Lee, of the 5th Troop, 1st Regiment, Continental Light Dragoons, was promoted by Congress to major-commandant of his own unit. On April 7, 1778, Lee was authorized to raise two troops of horse for special missions. A third troop was authorized on May 28.... By November 1778 the corps had almost attained its authorized strength of ten commissioned officers, nineteen noncommissioned officers, and ninety-two men. The mounted corps was turned into a legion in 1779 by the addition of a company of foot soldiers from Delaware.... Major Lee and his men distinguished themselves at the battle of Paulus (Powles') Hook, on August 19, 1779. Congress voted Lee a handsome medal in September.... On February 14, 1780, the corps was consolidated into three troops, although McLane's dismounted dragoons seem to have remained as an unofficial fourth troop.... As part of the general reorganization of the Continental Line following the Charleston surrender [12 May 1780], Lee's Legion was expanded by a general order of November 1, 1780, into a six-company unit. Three companies were cavalry and three were infantry, although all personnel were paid according to the higher cavalry scale.... The legion's services in the Southern Department from 1781 to 1782 are ably chronicled in Lee's two-volume *Memoirs of the War*. In June 1782 General Nathanael Greene split up the legion by combining the horsemount with the consolidated legionary corps, which included the 3d and 4th Continental Light Dragoons. The dismounted dragoons were put under Lieutenant Colonel John Laurens in [Nathaniel] Gist's light corps. All of Lee's former officers resigned in protest, but most of them were persuaded to remain with their men until the end of the war."]

Dates of appointment.

H. Lee	Major	April 7 th 78	[Henry Lee]
Rob't Forsyth	Cap	July 1 st 78	[Robert Forsyth R14237]
Hen'y Peyton	Capt	July 2 ^d 78	[Henry Peyton VAS238]
John Rudolph	Capt	Oct'r 1 st 78	[VAS2156]
Jos. Eggleston	Lt	Ap 21 st 78	[Joseph Eggleston W8687]
Patrick Carns	Lt	Ap 22 ^d 78	[Patrick Carns BLWt2266-300]
James Armstrong	Lt	Jan'y 1 st 79	[R258]
Ferd Neal	Cornet	Ap 22 ^d 78	[Ferdinand Oneal (O'Neal) R16846]
Henry Archer	Corn't	Jan'y 1 st 79	

Philad'a 6 January 1778

It is his Excellency's [Gen. George Washington] desire that the above Commissions may be issued agreeable to the dates.

By Command

Tench Tilghman [W9522; Aide-de-Camp]

To the Hon'ble
The Board of War

the Subscribers have received October 9th 1778 of Capt Robert Forsyth Pay Master – Our Pay and Subsistence in full for the Month of July last.

- 1 Hen’y Lee/ Ma. Com. [Major Commandant]
- 2 Mat Irvine Surgeon [Mathew Irvine BLWt342-400]
- 3 John Gordon Adj’t [Adjutant] and Riding Master [John Gordon VAS2150]
- 4 Wm Peake Cornett & Q.M [Quarter Master] [William Peak (Peake) VAS148]
- 7 Step’n Lewis Q’r M’r S’r [Quarter Master Sergeant] [Stephen Lewis VAS910]
- 8 Robert power Q M. S’r. [Robert Power VAS259]
- 5 Mich’l. Rudulph Sereg’t. Major [Michael Rudulph BLWt945-300]
- 6 Moses Moore Q Mast [undeciphered]
- 9 Rob’t Forsyth Pay Master

1st Troop Receipts/ 9th Oct’r 78

October We whose Names are underwritten have received from the United States pr Capt R.
9th 1778 Forsyth Pay Master our Pay and Subsistence in full for the Month of July last.

- 1 Hen’y. Lee pr. ord. Capt Peyton [per order of Capt. Henry Peyton]
- 2 Patr Carns Lt
- 3 Ferdinand Neal Ct
- 4 Downin Hendrew C as C[?]
- 5 Mark Kanton Corp’l. hisXmark [Marquis Kenton VAS1048]
- 6 Thomas Hogan Corp’l. hisXmark [VAS1562]
- *7 Joseph McLean
- *8 John Harrison [possibly R4679]
- *9 John B. Ward hisXmark
- 10 John Wright [S10299]
- 11 John Hopper hisXmark [VAS1604]
- 12 Hugh McDaid [Hugh McDade VAS578]
- 13 John Bennet [John Bennett VAS579]
- 14 Enoch Berry
- 15 Jeremiah McDade hisXmark [VAS580]
- 16 Anninias Freeman hisXmark
- 17 Jesse Crosby – 3^d Troop. [VAS3199]
- 18 Isaac Moony hisXmark [Isaac Mooney VAS723]
- 19 Elijah Wallden hisXmark [Elijah Walden S3477]
- 20 James Wheler [James Wheeler W9887]
- 21 John Bristol
- 22 David Hambrick hisXmark
- 23 Zachariah Wells Se’t [S39119]
- 24 Robt Fergusson [Robert Ferguson VAS1357]
- 25 William Butler Harrison [VAS18]
- 26 Israel Coon [possibly VAS3132]
- 27 John Johnson [S35480]
- 28 Coalman Asbury
- 29 Benjamin McDowell T’r [trumpeter]
- 30 Joseph Benjamin Trumpeter [S34643]
- 31 John Kennard [BLWt464-100]
- 32 Benjamin Golden

* To the left of these three names is written “1 D’l. [dollar] overpaid”

2^d Troop Receipts/ 9th Oct'r 78.

We the Subscribers have received October 9th 1778 of The United States pr Capt R. Forsyth, P. Master
Our Pay and Subsistence in full for the month of July last.

1 W Lindsay Capt. [William Lindsay VAS927]

2 John Rudolph Lt. [VAS2156]

3 George Guthrey Serjt

4 Isaac Dehaven Corp'l. [S8318]

5 Cor John Champe Corp'l. [John Champe W4153]

6 Mi'l McCrums [Michael McCrum VAS576]

7 Peter Faulkner [S35918]

8 Andrew Calhoon Trump'r hisXmark

9 Geo.Hill Farrier hisomark [George Hill]

10 Joel Roe Private

11 Joseph Bond [W23657]

12 Wm. Ketchesin Xmark [William Ketchesin]

13 Peter Bashford hisXmark

14 Matthias Clauser

15 Jacob Collatter [S34217]

16 James Brown

17 John Doherty

18 Joseph Owens hisXmark [S36200]

19 Joseph Hemphill [S38825]

20 Jonathan Shor

21 John Manley [W5339]

22 Geo. Boice hisXmark [George Boyes VAS2591]

23 John Ward

24 Wm. Cox hisXmark [William Cox]

25 Jacob Humphreys [Jacob Humphrys (Humphrey) S41667]

26 James Gillis hisXmark

27 John Pope hisXmark [W26914]

28 Abiah Hukill [Abia Hukill (Hucans) S35439]

29 James Wallace hisXmark

30 John Strawn [possibly John Strahn]

31 Wm. Crookshanks hisXmark [William Crookshanks]

32 John German Thomas [John J. Thomas S37488]

Robert Crouch [S34717]

33 Rec'd of Rob. Forsyth for Thos. Owins [Thomas Owens] in part of money due me from s'd Owins his
months pay – Jno Rudolph Lt. 2^d Troop

34 Rec'd likewise for Wm. Richardson [William Richardson]

35 Rec'd d'o for Jno. Forrester [John Forrester]

36 Rec'd d'o for Wm. Richardson

John Rudolph LtLL

42 George Washington

3rd Troop Receipts 1778

Octob'r 9th

1778 We whose Names are underwritten have received from the United States pr Capt R Forsyth Pay
Master our Pay & Subsistence in full for the Month of July last.

- 1 Robert Forsyth Captain
 - 2 Joseph Eggleston Lt.
 - 3 Frank Thornton Cornet [Francis Thornton]
 - 4 William Winston Serjt [BLWt2443-200]
 - 5 Coleman Leonard hisXmark [possibly VAS893]
 - 6 George Printis Corp'l.
 - 7 Thomas Broom [VAS2684]
 - 8 Rec'd. for Joseph Bullock by his order Joseph Eggleston
 - 9 William French Trump'tr
 - 10 Julius Hite [S18024]
 - 11 Rec'd for part of what James Robertson [S38332] was indebted to me Joseph Eggleston Lt.
 - 12 James White Private hisXmark [BLWt12659-100]
 - 13 Ransom Bridges hisXmark [Ransone Bridges (Morgan) S39245]
 - 14 James McCracken hiisXmark [James McCracken W9191]
 - 15 Charles Morehead [Charles Moorehead VAS745]
 - 16 Richard Johnson [W11956]
 - 17 William Bigbie [S46368]
 - 18 George Rush
 - 19 John Briggs hisXmark
 - 20 Geo. Foster hisXmark [George Foster VAS3617]
 - 21 John Miers
 - 22 Rob't Rosamond hisXmark [Robert Rosamond]
 - 23 George White
 - 24 John Green [BLWt1435-100]
 - 25 Joseph Chapman
 - 26 Moses Peck
 - 27 Benjamin Ford [S34355]
 - 28 James Lawrence hisXmark
 - 29 John Humphry
- For Jesse Crosby see the 1st Troop 30.

26th Jan'ry 1779

Sir, Be pleased to pay our Wages for the Months of October & November 1778 to Lt. Eggleston who
has advanced it to us, & oblige your most hmble Servants. George White
To Capt. Forsyth Jas. White hisXmark

[undeciphered] Dec'r 1779

Sir, Be pleased to pay the Wages which may be due us in your Hands to Lt. Eggleston, & oblige,
To your humble Serv'ts
Capt. Forsyth James Laurance hisXmark
Andrew Brann [BLWt207-100]

United States to Lieutenant Geo. Handy [George Handy BLWt1061-300]
1780

March To Bounty paid Ludwick Bohle

D'o To Bounty paid Joseph Wilson

Ap'l To Ditto Paid Peter Bainbridge

D'o To D'o Paid John White [W6480]

To my expences while recruiting and on command/ Dollars [page torn here and at * below]

I certify that D[*] one & several [*] infantry of the [*]ceived from M[*]

Left camp Oct. 26th 80

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Vouchers of Robert Forsyth Paym'r to Major Lee's Corps. Exhibited on the Settlem't. of his Accounts

1778	Account of Moneys paid Maj'r Rob't. Forsyth paymaster to Maj'r Lees Corps paid by	
Octob'r 6	wm Palfrey [William Palfrey]	
1329	Maj'r Rob't Forsyth Paym't: Maj'r Lees Dragoons	
	for April, May & June	3,566 ⁵⁰ / ₉₀
1330	ditto for July	1709 ⁶⁰ / ₉₀
1331	d'o pay for Cap't Lees Troop	
	Colo Blands [Theodorick Bland VAS1859] Reg't for March	558 ³⁶ / ₉₀
Nov'r 7		
1820	ditto Pay for Aug't & Sept'r	3696
Feb'y 8	ditto pay for Octob'r & Nov'r	3581 ⁵⁰ / ₉₀
	William Oliver	Doll'r. 13,112 ¹⁰ / ₉₀

Return of the Officers, non commissioned Officers, and privates of Lieut. Col. Lee's Legion, and Considered as part of the quota of the State of Virginia

Lt. Col. Lee

Major Eggleston

Capt. Peyton

Capt. Carnes

Capt. O'neal

Lt. Winston

Lt. Carrington [George Carrington VAS2147]

Lt. Johnston [Peter Johnston W27629]

Lt. Lewis [Stephen Lewis VAS910]

Lt. Guthrey

Ensign Carrington [Clement Carrington S46427]

Ensign Harrison

Cornet Power

Lt. Skinner [Alexander Skinner BLWt1131-400]

The above are officers of Lee's Legion belonging to the State of Virginia and are described as their commissions are at present without regard to the returns which may have been made heretofore to the Board of War. Jos. Eggleston, Major L.L.

The above Officers of Colo. Lee's Legion are part of the quota of Continental Troops required from, and credited to the State of Virginia. Thos. Meriwether [Thomas Meriwether BLWt1920-400]

Council Chamber }

25 Aug't 1783 }

Benjamin Harrison [Governor of Virginia]

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[The original of the following list has two columns of names per page.]

Non Commissioned Officers and Privates.

Mark Kinton,	Serjeant
Thomas Hogans	do. [Thomas Hogan VAS1562]
William Strother	do.
John Alexander	do.
Charles Morehead	do.
Julius Hite	Corporal
Richard Marshall	do.
John Hopper	do. [VAS1604]
James White	do.
Richard Johnson	do.
Joseph Brann	do. [BLWt208-100]
Richard Hall	do. died 1782
Andrew Coon	Trumpeter [VAS3131]
William Hays	private
Ephraim Andrews	do. [BLWt415-100]
William Burk	do. [VAS2790]
James Bland	do. [VAS2534]
John Barber	do. [VAS2371]
Robert Ferguson	do.
John Fennel	do.
John Purcel	do. [John Purcell (Pursell, Pursly, Pusley) S19046]
James Swart	do. [W6112]
Joseph Tankerley	do. [Joseph Tankersley R20201]

Benjamin Tyler	do. [VAS3853]
John Walden	do. [John Walden (Waldin, Waldren) W9878]
John Branan	do. [probably John Brannam VAS2616]
William Graves	do. [S37957]
Charles Owens	do. deserted 1783
Samuel Thompson	do.
Thomas Allman	do. [Thomas Allmand S46540]
John Green	do.
William Rogers	do. died, 1782
Andrew Brann	do.
George Foster	do.
William Binns	Private
William Huff	do. died 1782
William Haley	do.
Thomas Thornhill	do. [S46518]
William Lewis	do. [VAS913]
Randolph McDaniel	do.
William Loden	do.
William Bransford	do.
William Bigby	do.
William Dennis	do. deserted 1782 [William Dennis Hamilton (William Dennis) S37990]
Daniel Gray	do. [S39621]
John Heace	do.
Brothers Thompson	do.
John Brett	do.
John Wigginton	do. [W6547]
Silas Johnston	do. [VAS1260 possibly same as Silas Johnson S41705]
Samuel Avery	do. [possibly Samuel Awbrey VAS2323]
William Garner	do. [VAS3684]
Berry Shields	do. [Littleberry (Berry) Shields W6024]
Davis Pertilla	do.
Robert Maydon	do.
Robert Fiskin	do.
Green Robinson	do.
Andrew Tosh	do.
Robert Welch	do. [possibly S1884]
Daniel Campbell	do.
Thomas Chapman	do. [possibly W8605]
Richard Cooper	do. [S39357]
Thomas Fisher	do.
Redman Cruze	do. [Redman Crews S40054]
Thomas Whitlock	do. [S16020]
James Silcock	do. [VAS3854]
James Hutchinson	do. [VAS1688]
Jacob Linn	do.
Weldon Smith	do. [Weeden Smith BLWt523-100]
David Hambrick	do. died 1782
John Morris	do. [S9420]
Richard Riley	private deserted 1782

Thomas Jones	do.
William Hunt	do. [VAS1678]
Godfrey Smith	do. [S37426]
James Wood	do. [W4717]
Tandy Holman	do. [VAS1582]
Francis Ramsay	do. [W8542]
John Richmond	do.
Isaac Fanshaw	do. [Isaac Fancher S42719]
Charles Bryant	do. [S39216]
— Williams	do.
— Carpenter	do.
— Hailey	do.
Downen Hendren	Q. M. Sergt. [Quarter Master Sergeant]
John Champ	Serjeant
Robert Power	do.
John Mitchell	do. [VAS706]
William B. Harrison	do.
John Briggs	Private
John Wheeler	do.
James Wheeler	do.
Benjamin Strother	do. [S7635]
William Buckley	do.
George Newman	do. [VAS382]
John Sorrel	do.
Joshua Davidson	do. [S1192]
Peter Crawford	do.
Henry Ayres	Farrier [W445]
John Myers	private
John Zackray	do.
Thomas Hollaway	do.
Ransom Bridges	do.
Elijah Waldrend	do. [Elijah Walden S3477]
Isaac Mincy	do.
John Johnston	do. [S35480]
Minon Smith	do. [Miner Smith VAS3855]
Conrad Peterson	do. [Conrod (Conrad, Coonrod) Peterson W10226]
Joseph Ashberry	do.
Certifies at the War Office 28 th July 1784	
Jos. Carleton.	

[The original of the following repeats part of the heading and has two additional columns that repeat the first and sixth transcribed columns.]
 Receiv'd this 8th day of October, 1783, from Dan'l of St. Thos Junifer Esq'r [Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer] Intendant of Finance to the State of Maryland, through the hands of Capt Mich'l Rudulph of Lt. Col. Henry Lee's Legion, pay as dragoons of that Corps, belonging to the quota of Maryland, for the months of August September Oct'r. Nov'r & Dec'r 1780[?] in Acknowledgment of which we do severally Sign our names opposite to the sums we do acknowledge to have receiv'd in full for the s'd Months.

No	£	S	d	Months		Dollars
X	93	15	0	5	Mich'l Rudulph Capt.	250
1	28	2	6	5	David Henderson Serjeant [W4228]	75
2				5		
3	18	15		5	William French Beugler [Bugler]	50
4	18	15		5	Jesse Crosby Beugler	50
5	15	12	6	5	Mich'l Rudulph Capt. for Sam'l Thompson	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
6	15	12	6	5	Christopher Rutledge	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
7	15	12	6	5	Joseph Owens hisXmark	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
8	15	12	6	5	Jos Hemphill	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
9	15	12	6	5	Richard Bossall his~mark [Richard Bassett?]	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
10	15	12	6	5	James McCracken hisXmark	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
11	15	12	6	5	Mich'l Rudulph Capt. for Mat'w Harvey [Matthew Harvey W19681]	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
12	15	12	6	5	Ben Chesnutt hisXmark [Benjamin Chesnut VAS239]	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
13	15	12	6	5	John Jerman Thomas	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
14	15	12	6	5	George Hill	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
15	15	12	6	5	Robert Crouch	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
16	15	12	6	5	Rec'd pr authority David Henderson for Abiah Hukill	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
17	15	12	6	5	John Bernet	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
18	15	12	6	5	Mich'l Rudulph Capt. for Sam'l Jenkins [Samuel Jenkins]	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
19	15	12	6	5	Mich'l Rudulph for Jno Kinard [John Kennard]	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
20	15	12	6	5	James Arrants [James Arrance BLWt11861]	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
21	15	12	6	5	James Veazey	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
22	15	12	6	5	Wm. Dowdle hisXmark [William Dowdle (Doudle) S34764]	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
23	15	12	6	5	John Toland [John Toland S18628]	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
24	15	12	6	5	George Boice hisXmark	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
25	15	12	6	5	John Howard	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
26	6	5	0	2	Archibald Gordon [S34904]	16 $\frac{2}{3}$
27	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>	5	Mich'l Rudulph Capt for [undeciphered] by Order from Ab'm. Sutton [Abraham Sutton VAS53]	41 $\frac{2}{3}$
£	510	12	6			

I Certify the within to be a true List of the Officers & Soldiers of Col. Lees Legion belonging to the State of Maryland.

Wm. Winston Adj't to Legion

Richmond/ July 1st 1784

Return of the men from the State of Maryland Belonging to Lieut. Colo. Lee's Legion

Names	Rank	Remarks
John Rudolph	Major	Deceased Dec'r 8 th 1782
Michal Rudolph	Captain	Muster in service Absent with leave May 83
George Handy	Capt.	Ditto Command 21 st d'o 83
<u>John Jordan [VAS1331]</u>	<u>Cornet</u>	D'o furlough 22 ^d 83
Thomas Broom [VAS2684]	Serjeant	D'o D'o 21 st 83
<u>John Strahn</u>	<u>D'o</u>	D'o Command 22 ^d 1783
John Ward	Corporal	D'o Present d'o
George Hill	D'o	D'o D'o D'o
John Manly	D'o	D'o D'o D'o
<u>James Brown</u>	<u>D'o</u>	D'o furlough 21 st
Jesse Crosby	Trumpeter	D'o Present 21 st
Robert Crouch	D'o	D'o D'o 22 ^d
Wm. French	D'o	D'o D'o 21 st
John Wisham [John Wysham (Wisham, Wesham) BLWt2196-100]	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
<u>Abraham Sutton</u>	<u>D'o</u>	D'o furlough D'o
John Bernet	Private	D'o Present D'o
John Kincade [John Kincaid BLWt2144-100]	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
John Kennard	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Benjamin Molster	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Abiah Hukins	D'o	D'o D'o D'o 22 ^d
George Boice	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Wm Cox	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Wm Dowdle	D'o	D'o D'o D'o Waggoner
James Veazey	D'o	D'o D'o D'o 22 ^d
Mathew Harvy	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Christopher Rutlege	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Benjamin Chesnut	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Richard Bassett	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
John G. Thomas	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
James Arrance	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Joseph Hemphil	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Samuel Bush	D'o	D'o Dec[ease]d 6 th Oct'r 1782
James McCracking	D'o	D'o Present 21 May 83
John Johnson	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Samuel Jenkins	D'o	D'o D'o furlough D'o
John Gordon	D'o	D'o D'o D'o D'o
Joseph Owen	D'o	D'o Present 22 ^d 80
Jacob Plane [Jacob Plain W3863]	D'o	

[Only the names of soldiers are transcribed in the following.]

A Register of Certificates issued by Andrew Dunscomb Esquire for pay due to sundry men (belonging to the State of Maryland) for services in Lees Legion.

Joseph Hemphill
Benjamin Chesnut
Robert Crouch
John Manly
John Wisham
George Hill
John Kinnard
Thomas Broom
John Strahn
John Ward
Jesse Crosby
William French
Abraham Sutton
John Bennet
John Kincade
Abiah Hukins
George Boice
William Dowdle
James Veasy
Mathew Harvey
Christopher Rutledge
Richard Bassett
John G. Thomas
James Arrance
Samuel Bush
James McCracking
Samuel Jenkins
John Gorden

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"Benj'e. Moulster and Wm. Cox, settled for by Cap. Heard [John Hord?] as of Delaware"
"John Johnson and Jos. Owens returned as of Virginia"