

Hayners at War: Revolutionary War

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The American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) was also known as the American War of Independence. Thirteen American colonies that joined together as the United States of America in July 1776 led a successful military rebellion against Great Britain.

These listings include Haners of various spellings who served in the American Army (Colonists) determined to seek their independence from England; Loyalists who served in the British Army fighting against the Colonists; and Hessian soldiers from Germany, who were mercenaries hired by England to fight the Colonists.

The following list of Haners is not complete, and some persons may be listed more than once because they either signed up for additional service periods or the spelling of their name varied in the recordkeeping of these lists. Persons named Haner of various spellings are included because most persons during this time period could neither read nor write, making it very difficult to determine any continuity of surname spelling. This compiled list was obtained from a variety of ancestral websites. [A list of Continental Army units \(1777–84\) can be found here.](#)

Last Name	First Name	State	Military Regiment	Rank
Hainer	Coenrad	New York		
Hainer	Daniel	New Jersey	New Jersey 2 nd Regiment 1780	Private
Hainer	Hendrick	New York	Roster of Mohawk Valley Revolutionary Militia Tryon County Militia – Second (Palatine District) Regiment	Private
Hainer	Matthew	Virginia	Virginia 6 th Regiment 1779	Private
Hainer	Samuel	New York	Graham's Regiment, Militia 1777	Sergeant
Hainer	Seth		Continental Troops	Colonel
Hainer	Thomas	New York	Van Rensselaer's 3 rd Regiment	
Hainer	Wilhelmus ^(a)	New York	6 Units 1776-1781	Pvt-Sgt
Hainer	William	New Jersey		Private
Haner	Benjamin	Massachusetts	Massachusetts Regiment	Captain
Haner	Charls	New York	Albany County Militia (Land Bounty Rights) 14th Regiment	Private
Haner	Christopher	New York	Van Rensselaer's 8 th Regiment	
Haner	David	Connecticut	Connecticut 2 nd Regiment 1783	
Haner	David	Pennsylvania		Private
Haner	Elihu	Connecticut	First Regiment	Private
Haner	Etirer	Connecticut	1st Regiment	
Haner	Frederick ^(b)	New York		
Haner	George	New York	New York 1 st Regiment 1776	Drummer
Haner	Jacob	New York	Van Rensselaer's 8 th Regiment	
Haner	John	Massachusetts	1779	Private
Haner	John	New York	Humphrey's or Mumphrey's (Fourth) Regiment, Militia	Private
Haner	John	New York	Dutchess County Militia, Fifth Regiment	
Haner	John	New York	Stephen Schuyler's Regiment, Militia	
Haner	John	New York	Schuyler's 6 th Regiment 1777	Private
Haner	John	Pennsylvania	Continental Line, 1777-1781 Fifth Pennsylvania. January 1, 1777-January 1, 1783.	Drummer
Haner	John	Virginia	Virginia 4 th Regiment 1775-1783	Corporal
Haner, Jr.	John	New York	Albany County Militia, Sixth Regiment	
Haner	Joshua	Connecticut		
Haner	Lorenz	Iowa	Found in the U.S. Revolutionary War Pension Payment Ledgers as a private in Dubuque, Iowa, receiving \$8 per month pension commencing on 22 March 1862. Walter may have died 20 January 1865.	Private
Haner	Peter	New York	Van Rensselaer's 8 th Regiment	

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Haner Jr.	Peter	New York	New York	
Haner	Peter	Vermont	Twelfth (Douty's) Regiment 1781	
Haner	Philip ^(c)	New York	Henry K. Van Rensselaer's Regiment (Albany County), Militia	
Haner	Philip ^(c)	New York	Stephen Schuyler's 6 th Regiment, Militia 1777	Private
Haner, Jr.	Philip	New York	Van Rensselaer's 8 th Regiment	
Haner	Richd	Virginia	Virginia 4 th Regiment 1779	Sergeant
Haner	Robert	New York	Levi Pawling's Regiment	
Haner	Robert	New York	Ulster County, Third Regiment	
Haner	Robert	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania 2 nd Battalion 1778	
Haner	Walter	New York	Found in the U.S. Revolutionary War Pension Payment Ledgers as a private in Albany, NY, receiving \$8 per month pension commencing on 27 November 1847. Walter died 6 September 1851.	Private
Haner	Wilhelmus	New York	Stephen Schuyler's Regiment, Militia 1780	Corporal
Haner	William	Massachusetts	Massachusetts 1 st Regiment 1779	Private
Haner	William	New York	Snyder's Regiment Militia 1780-81	
Haner, Jr.	William	New York	Van Rensselaer Sharpshooters	Private
Haner	Willm	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania 2 nd Regiment	Sergeant
Haner	Zachariah	New York	Cpt Hare's Co. Troy Rangers	
Haners	Hilry	North Carolina	First Regiment, Militia	
Hanor	John	New York	Humphrey's (Fourth) Regiment, Militia 1776	Private
Hanor	Philip ^(c)	New York		
Hayner	Griffith	Virginia	Virginia 6 th Regiment	Private
Hayner	Hampdon	Maryland	Extra Battalion	
Hayner	Helmus	New York	Van Rensselaer under Shaw	Sergeant
Hayner	James	New York	Capt. William Gray's Company in the New York Volunteers from 24 February to 24 April 1781 commanded by Lieutenant Colonel George Turnbull	Private
Hayner	John	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania 3 rd Regiment 1777	
Hayner	Jona	Connecticut	Connecticut 1 st Regiment 1777	
Hayner	Jonathan	Connecticut	Prentice's Regiment 1778, 1 st Battalion 1779, 1 st Regiment 1779, 5 th Regiment 1782	Private
Hayner	Jonatn	Connecticut	Starr's Regiment of Light Horse 1779	Private
Hayner	Joseph	New Jersey	New Jersey 4 th Regiment 1778	Private
Hayner	Nathan	New Hampshire		Private
Hayner	Philip ^(c)	New York	Van Rensselaer under Shaw	Private
Hayner	Peter	New York	Philip's Regiment Malitia 1780-89	
Hayner	Peter	New York	Van Rensselaer's 8 th Regiment	
Hayner	Roger	Pennsylvania		Captain
Hayner	Thomas	New York		
Hayner	Thos	Continental Troops	Grayson's Regiment 1778	2 nd Lieutenant
Hayner	Thos	New Hampshire	New Hampshire 1 st Battalion 1779 & 1780	Private
Hayner	Withe	New Hampshire	New Hampshire 1 st Battalion 1779	Private
Haynard	James	Connecticut	Connecticut 1 st Battalion 1778	Corporal
Haynir (Haynie)	Holland		Continental Troops	1 st Lieutenant
Haynor	Roger		A Roger Haynor was listed in a letter to George Washington from Arthur St. Clair on 26 March 1780 where it describes Roger Haynor and other colonial soldiers in a "List of American Officers Prisoners of War allowed to be Unexceptionable." The letter is also signed by Ed. Carrington Lt Colo., Artillery; and Alex. Hamilton, Lt Col.	Captain
Haynor (Hayner)	Willhalmus (Wilhelmus) (Helmus) ^(a)	New York	Albany County Militia, Van Rensselaer 6 th Regiment under Shaw (The author has found Willhalmus listed surname both as Haynor and Hayner in various Revolutionary War sites.)	Sergeant
Heaner	John	Vermont	Twelfth (Douty's) Regiment 1781	
Heiner	Casper	Continental Troops	First Regiment – Col. William Thompson's Battalion of Riflemen. June 25, 1775-July 1, 1776	
Heiner	Casper	Pennsylvania	First Regiment – 1 st Regiment Continental Troops, Captain Morgan Connor's Company	Corporal

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Heiner	Casper	Pennsylvania	Muster Rolls and Papers Relating to the Associators and Militia of the County of Berks – Guard for Prisoners of War, Captain Nagel's Company.	Corporal
Heiner	Frederick	Pennsylvania	Served under Capt. George Gisselman, 8 th Company, 7 th Bat., York County Militia	First Lieutenant
Heiner	Henry	Pennsylvania	Served under Capt. William Haeffer	Private, 6 th Class
Heiner	John	Pennsylvania	Muster Rolls and Papers Relating to the Associators and Militia of the County of Berks	Private
Heiner (Hüner)	Kraft	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Militia	
Heiner	Richd		Continental Troops	Captain
Heiner	William ^(a)	Living in Hastings, Oswego Co., NY	Found in the 1840 U.S. Census, listed as a Revolutionary War Veteran, age 84, b. 1756.	
Henard	Henry	Rhode Island	Rhode Island 3 rd Battalion 1782	
Henard	Primans	New Hampshire	New Hampshire, 2 nd Regiment 1782	
Henart	Fran	Massachusetts	Massachusetts Regiment of Foot 1779	Corporal
Hener	Galvin		Continental Troops	Private
Hener	George	New York	Captain Richard Esselstyn's Company	Private
Hener	Henry	New York	Captain Richard Esselstyn's Company	Private
Hener	John		Continental Troops	Private
Hener	Peter	New York	Captain Richard Esselstyn's Company	Private
Hener	Philip	Pennsylvania	Sixth Regiment	Private
Henner	Conrad	New York	Albany County Militia, Sixth Regiment	
Henner	Johannes	New York	Albany County Militia, Sixth Regiment	
Henner	Philip ^(c)	New York	Albany County Militia, Sixth Regiment	
Henr	Ephraim	Virginia		Private
Henr	William	Virginia	Virginia 10 th Regiment 1777	Private
Heoner	Nicholas	Living in Lincoln Co, North Carolina	Found in the 1840 U.S. Census, listed as a Revolutionary War Veteran, age 90, b. 1750.	
Heyner	George	New York	Henry K. Van Rensselaer's Regiment (Albany County), Militia 1786	
Heyner	Helmes ^(a)	New York	Henry K. Van Rensselaer's Regiment (Albany County), Militia 1785	
Heyner	Peter	New Jersey	New Jersey 4 th Regiment	Drummer
Heyner	Philip ^(c)	New York	Reiley Rangers	
Heyner	Philip ^(c)	New York	Stephen Schuyler's Regiment, Militia	
Heyner, Jr.	Philip	New York	Major John Wheelock's Independent Company, Reilay's Rangers, Schuyler's Regiment 1779	Corporal
Heyner	Wilhelmus ^(a)	New York	Schuyler under Sharp 1779	Private
Heyner, Jr.	Philip	New York	Van Rensselaer's Regiment 1785	
Heynor	Joseph	New Jersey		Private
Hiner	Absatom	Connecticut		Corporal
Hiner	Andrew	Maryland	Maryland 6 th Regiment 1777	Captain
Hiner	Clement	Connecticut	Connecticut 2 nd Battalion 1778, 2 nd Regiment 1780	Private
Hiner	George	Virginia	A wife of George Hiner, named Mary E. Graham, was found in the U.S. Revolutionary War Pension Payment Ledgers living in Kentucky, receiving \$3.50 per month pension commencing on 2 February 1853. Apparently, Mary died in 1858.	Private
Hiner	James	Continental Troops		
Hiner	John	Continental Troops	German Regiment or Battalion 1775-1783	Private
Hiner	John	New Jersey	New Jersey 1 st Regiment 1782	Private
Hiner	John	Virginia	Continental Troops	Lieutenant
Hiner	Joseph	Maryland	Maryland 4 th Regiment 1778	
Hiner	Nicholas	Maryland		
Hiner	Partrick	Connecticut	Connecticut 2 nd Regiment 1780	Private
Hiner	Peter	Connecticut	Connecticut Regiment 1778	Private
Hiner	William	Rhode Island	Rhode Island 2 nd Battalion 1777	Private
Hoener	Mardeines	New York	Albany County Militia, Sixth Regiment	

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Hyner	John	Continental Troops	Regiment of Foot 1775-1783	Private
Hyner	Patrick	Connecticut	Connecticut 1st Regiment 1777	Private
Hyner	Joseph	New York	New York 4 th Battalion 1778	Private
Hyner	Thomas	New York	New York 1 st Battalion 1778	Private
Iners	Abraham	New York		Private

- (a) *This could be Willm Helmer Haner, in the 1790 U.S. Census, b. in or before 1775. 2 males 16 or over (Willm Helmer), 3 males under 16. 4 females in hh. This Willm is likely the Willhamus Haner, Hayner, Haynor found serving in the Revolutionary War. He was found listed as Wilhamus Haynor in the publication, New York in the Revolution as Colony and State, Vol. I. The Hayner Family History Book claims this person as their own as Wilhelmus (Helmus) Haner (Heiner) #63, b. 23 December 1760, d. 1849 as the son of Samuel Heiner #8 in the History Book, who in turn was the son of Johannes Häner the Immigrant. The United States Revolutionary War Pension Payment for Ledgers, 1818-1872, list him as William Haner, Sergt., from Albany, NY received a monthly pension of \$47.61, died 18 June 1846.*
- (b) *Frederick Haner's estate was confiscated, as found on <http://threerivershms.com/nyrevconfiscated.htm>. This website contains information on individual estates confiscated from persons who had aided the British. These confiscation laws were part of overall anti-Tory laws passed during the time of the Revolutionary War. A good resource on this subject can be found at: <http://www.toriesfightingforthe king.com/Punishing.htm>, where each original state had its own laws.*
- (c) *This could be Philip Haner, in the 1790 U.S. Census, born in or before 1775. 2 males 16 or over (Philip), 3 males under 16. 2 females in household. Also in the United States Revolutionary War Pension Payment for Ledgers, 1818-1872, list him as Philip Hanor, Private, from Albany, NY received a monthly pension of \$30.00, up through March of 1837. It appears as though his wife, Ann Maria Hanor, continued to receive this pension, up through her death on 10 October 1839.*

The Old United Empire Loyalist List

The following is a list of Haners (Hainer) who served as Loyalists to the Crown and fought on the side of England in the Revolutionary War. The list is likely incomplete. It can be found on a website named "[The Old United Empire Loyalist List](#)" and at "[Roster of Butler's Rangers](#)".

Hainer, Albert.... Home District, Soldier Butler's Rangers, O.I.C. March 11, 1797, Niagara stamped book.

Hainer, Henry.... Soldier Butler's Rangers, Clench's Affidavit.

Hainer, John.... Home District, Soldier Butler's Rangers, wife 4 children, P.L.N., 1786, Niagara stamped book.

Hainer, Richard.... Home District, Soldier Butler's Rangers, wife 2 children, P.L. N. 1786, Niagara stamped book.

Hainer, Zachariah.... Soldier Butler's Rangers; & + Barnett

Loyalists in the American Revolution in the Southern Campaign, Volume III

The Southern theater of the American Revolutionary War was the central area of operations in North America in the second half of the American Revolutionary War. During the first three years of the conflict, the largest military encounters were in the north, focused on campaigns around the cities of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. After the failure of the Saratoga campaign, the British largely abandoned operations there and pursued peace through conquest in the Southern Colonies.

The British strategy commenced in late 1778 with the capture of Savannah, Georgia, which was followed in 1780 by operations in South Carolina that included the defeat of two Continental Armies at Charleston and Camden. General Nathanael Greene, who took over as Continental Army commander after Camden, engaged in a strategy of avoidance and attrition against the

British. In almost all cases, although tactical victories for the British, the victories strategically weakened the British army by the high cost in casualties, while leaving the Continental Army intact to continue fighting. The culminating engagement, the Siege of Yorktown at Yorktown, Virginia, ended with the British army's surrender in 1781. It essentially marked the end of British power in the Colonies.

Derick Haynor, was found listed as a private, #36 in the Inspection Roll, Captain Thomas Cornwell's Company of Light Infantry, King's American Regiment, Lloyd's Neck, November 15, 1779. In the remarks section of this document, it listed Derick Haynor as a deserter. The author doesn't know whether Derick Haynor was a deserter from Cornwell's Company of Light Infantry, King's American Regiment in the southern campaign, or whether he deserted the Continental Army up north in order to enlist in King's American Regiment in Rhode Island to fight down south, since the majority of action in the south started in late 1778 and the King's American Regiment was organized in late 1779. King's American Regiment was also known as the 4th American Regiment.

King's American Regiment originated on Long Island, New York of about 500 men and served in New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Georgia. Members came from the Hudson River Valley, New York City, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Complicating the British King's American Regiment organizing in Rhode Island, on https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Yorktown, this website describes approximately 5,500 French soldiers landing in Rhode Island in 1780 to assist their American allies in operations against the British-controlled New York City. This author can find no additional information on **Derick Haynor**. Lloyd's Neck, Rhode Island, today is a part of Lloyd's Harbor, which includes Lloyd Neck and the northern portion of this Rhode Island peninsula.

An **Adam Heynor** was found in the Loyalists in the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War. He was listed as a private in Colonel John Fisher's Regiment, Orangeburg Militia, Captain Samuel Rowe's Company, Charlestown, SC. He died as a result of this Campaign in either 1780 or 1781, information received by his sister Peggy Heynor.

More information on Loyalists in the Southern Campaign can be found at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_theater_of_the_American_Revolutionary_War.

In the publication, *American Migrations, 1765-1799: The Lives, Times, and Families of Colonial Americans who Remained Loyal to the British Crown Before, During, and After the Revolutionary War, as Related in Their Own Words and Through Their Correspondence*, by Peter Wilson Coldham, lists **Barnet Hanar** of Cataraqui, New Brunswick, Canada and **Hendrick Heaner** of Ulster Co., NY.

Hessian Troops in America During the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783

The following list is of persons named "Heiner," as it was commonly spelled in Germany, who fought as Hessian soldiers on the side of England in the Revolutionary War. The list has been compiled from a variety of genealogical websites, particularly the [Hessian Regional History Information System \(LAGIS\)](#). No other "Hessian" Haner of any other spelling was found listed at LAGIS.

The Hessians were 18th-century German auxiliaries contracted for military service by the British government, which found it easier to borrow money to pay for their services than to recruit its own soldiers. The British used the Hessians in several conflicts, including in Ireland, but they are most widely associated with combat operations in the American Revolutionary War.

About 30,000 German soldiers fought for the British during the Revolutionary War. Nearly half were from the Hesse region of Germany; the others came from similar small German states. Several more German units were placed on garrison duty in the British Isles to free up British regulars for service in North America. American patriots made propaganda use of the fact that the soldiers were non-British and portrayed them as mercenaries. They also offered Hessian soldiers land bounties to desert and join the Americans.

For a more comprehensive discussion of Hessian soldiers see the website: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hessian_\(soldier\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hessian_(soldier))

Name	State/Birth/Death	Military Regiment	Rank
Conrad Hainert	b. 1740, d. 1776 6.1776 of disease, by accident or other non-battle causes	Appointed 1775 · von Minnigerode 2 Died 6.1776 · von Minnigerode 2	<i>Grenadier</i>
Henrich Heiner	Oberbeisheim, appointment date: 1775, b. 1751/1752, Calculated Age: 23, d. unknown	DON 5 (von Donop Regiment, after 1784 von Knyphausen). <i>Of this list</i> , Henrich Heiner is the only known Hessian soldier, with a Haner surname, who stayed in America. He gave a loyalty oath and resided in Maryland. He went by the name of Henry Hinea, b. 22 Feb. 1752, d. 22 Sept. 1824, as shown in Haughs Cemetery, Laingsburg, Maryland.	Private
Heiner (Unknown first name)	Loehlbach, appointment date: 1775, b. 1755/1756, Calculated Age: 19, d. Unknown	DIT 5 (von Ditzfurth Regiment) Fusilier Regiment von Ditzfurth	Fusilier
Jakob Heiner	Wolferode, appointment dates: 5/1776 and 2/1783, b. 1751/1752, Calculated Age at 1 st appointment: 24, d. Unknown	1 st Appointment, 5/1776: GRF 2 (Köhler Grenadier Battalion, after 1778 Graf, after 1782 Platte) 2 nd Appointment, 2/1783: GRF 2 (Köhler Grenadier Battalion, after 1778 Graf, after 1782 Platte)	Carpenter Grenadier
Konrad Heiner	Niederbeisheim, appointment date: 1775, b. 1740/1741, Calculated Age: 34, d. 6/1776 of disease, accident, or other non-battle causes	MNG 2 (von Minnigerode Grenadier Battalion) Note: It's possible that Conrad Hainert from above is the same Konrad Heiner, listed here.	Grenadier
Jacques Heiner	Arrived in New York in 1782.	Not much is known about Jacques Heiner, other than he was found listed in a publication authored by Clifford Neal Smith, named <i>Muster Rolls and Prisoner-of-War Lists in American Archival Collections Pertaining to the German Mercenary Troops Who Served with the British Forces during the American Revolution</i> . (German- American Genealogical Research Monograph, 3, in three pts.) DeKalb, IL: Westland Publications, 1974-1976. 177p. (Pt. 1, pp. 1-64; pt. 2, pp. 65-119; pt. 3, pp. 120-177.)	
Heinrich Heiners	b. 1756 who arrived in 1778 in Quebec, Canada, who fought on behalf of Britain during the Revolutionary War	<i>Mercenary Troops from Anhalt-Zerbst, Germany, Who Served with the British Forces during the American Revolution</i> . (German-American Genealogical Research Monograph, 19.) McNeal, Ariz.: Westland Publications, 1984. 2 vols., authored by Virginia Easley Demarce.	Unknown, but did not participate in any battles
Two other persons named Heiner, without first names, are listed as Hessian Troops remained in Europe because of illness.			