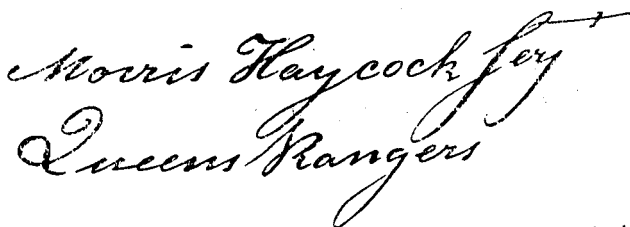


Sergeant Haycock was present, until he was captured, in the early summer of 1780, with his comrades Owings, Stephens and Pennington, by Washington's army.

There is no record of what Lieutenant Matheson wrote in answer to Serg't Haycock's request, but as the letter was found among the muster rolls of the Queen Rangers, there is no doubt the quarter master supplied the prisoners of war as liberally as he could, and filed the letter as a voucher for what he had sent, where it remained for a century unnoticed and forgotten.



Morris Haycock Jr.
Queens Rangers

Signature of Sergeant Haycock taken from the original letter printed in this Magazine.

In December, 1780, Sergeant Haycock and his comrades were exchanged, and he again returned to duty with the Queen's Rangers. In the meantime Captain Dunlap, his former captain, had been transferred to the Carolinas, and Sergeant Haycock was made first sergeant of Captain Cook's troop of cavalry, and with it took part in the campaigns in Virginia during the following year; but with the surrender of Earl Cornwallis' army at Yorktown, on the nineteenth of October, 1781, his military career may be said to have ended, and he became for the second time a prisoner of war. In these campaigns a brother sergeant, Daniel Morehouse, ancestor of the Morehouses of York county, gained his commission.

Colonel Simcoe had great confidence in his command, and previous to the surrender had formed a plan