

# Horatio Gates

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**Horatio Lloyd Gates** (July 26, 1727 – April 10, 1806) was a retired British soldier who served as an American general during the Revolutionary War. He took credit for the American victory in the Battles of Saratoga (1777) — a matter of contemporary and historical controversy — and was blamed for the defeat at the Battle of Camden (1780). Gates has been described as "one of the Revolution's most controversial military figures" because of his role in the Conway Cabal (which attempted to discredit and replace George Washington); the battle at Saratoga; and his actions during and after his defeat at Camden.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

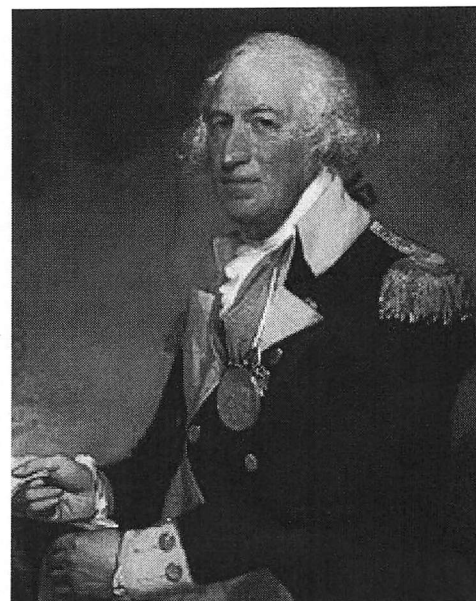
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## Early life and education

Horatio Gates was christened on April 30, 1728, in the Parish of St Nicholas, Deptford, Greenwich borough, Kent county. His parents of record were Robert and Dorothea Gates. Evidence suggests that Dorothea was the granddaughter of John Hubbock, Sr. (d. 1692) postmaster at Fulham, and the daughter of John Hubbock, Jr., listed in 1687 sources as a vintner. She had a prior marriage, to Thomas Reeve, whose family was well-situated in the royal Customs service. Dorothea Reeve was housekeeper for the second Duke of Leeds, Peregrine Osborne (d. June 25, 1729), which in the social context of England at the time

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Portrait by Gilbert Stuart

<b>Born</b>	July 26, 1727 Maldon, Essex, Great Britain
<b>Died</b>	April 10, 1806 (aged 78) New York City, New York, U.S.
<b>Buried at</b>	Trinity Church's graveyard (exact location unknown)
<b>Allegiance</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Kingdom of Great Britain <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States of America
<b>Service/branch</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> British Army (1745–1769) <span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Continental Army (1775–1783)
<b>Rank</b>	Major general (U.S.) Major (U.K.)
<b>Commands held</b>	Continental Army: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adjutant General</li><li>Canadian Department</li><li>Northern Department</li><li>Eastern Department</li><li>Southern Department</li></ul>
<b>Battles/wars</b>	

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Charles, Marquis Cornwallis (1738-1805) Cornwallis commanded the British Army in winnsboro from October 1780 until January 1781. Following British defeats in King's Mountain and Cowpens, Corwallis prepared to move his troops to march to meet reinforcements in January. According to Fitz Hugh McMaster's account in History of Fairfield County, several Whigs, including Colonel John Winn and his son, Lieutenant Minor Winn, attempted to capture the British leader but were discovered and condemned to hang. Instead, Cornwallis pardoned the men. In October of 1781, Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington at Yorktown.

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