

**George Weedon Orderly Book**  
**Valley Forge Orderly Book**  
**1777-1778**  
**Mss.973.3.W41**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	American Philosophical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Weedon, George,1734-1793.
<b>Title</b>	George Weedon Orderly Book
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1777-1778
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<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Volume(s) 184 P.
<b>Extent</b>	1 vol. (184p.)
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<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Container</b>	1
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>A Brigadier General in the Continental Army, George Weedon served under the immediate command of his fellow Virginian George Washington from, 1776 until 1778. This orderly book was kept under Weedon's command during the fall and winter, 1777-1778, documenting the hardships suffered by the American soldiers during their bitter encampment at Valley Forge.</p>
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## **Background note**

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A veteran of the French and Indian War and associate of George Washington, the Virginian George Weedon became an ardent proponent to the revolutionary cause. Elected colonel of the 3rd Virginia Regiment on August 13, 1776, Weedon served under Washington's command in New York and in the vicinity of Philadelphia, earning election to Brigadier General on February 21, 1777. He retired from the army, however, early in 1778 when his rival, William Woodford, was given seniority over him at Valley Forge. Weedon later returned to duty with the Virginia Militia, acquitting himself well during the Virginia Campaign of 1781.

## Scope & content

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The Valley Forge Orderly Book contains records of General, Divisional, and Brigade orders received under the command of George Weedon between August 25, 1777 and May 7, 1778. Evocative of the hardships faced by the Continental Army during the bitter winter of 1777-1778, the orderly contains the standard round of orders relating to duties and disciplinary matters. The orderly book also includes a plan of battle for the Battle of Germantown, 1777, and plans for the troops at Mount Holly (November 1777) and what appears to be Whitemarsh (November 1777).

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

American Philosophical Society 2001

## **Provenance**

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### **Acquisition Information**

### **Processing Information**

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Material**

The American Philosophical Society houses the papers of George Weedon, which were acquired separately in 1835 (B W41). Collections of additional papers of George Weedon appear at Brown University and the Chicago Historical Society (Weedon-Page Collection). He appears as a correspondent in a number of other collections.

## **Indexing Terms**

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### **Genre(s)**

- Military Records
- Official Government Documents and Records
- Orderly books

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Mease, James, 1771-1846
- Mercer, Hugh Tennant Weedon, 1776-1853
- Stephen, Adam
- Washington, George, 1732-1799

### Subject(s)

- American Revolution
- Courts-martial and courts of inquiry
- Germantown, Battle of, 1777
- Military History
- United States--History--Revolution, 1776-1783
- Whitmarsh, Battle of, 1777

### Other Descriptive Information

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This volume contains a daily account of the Continental Army under General George Weedon during their stay at Valley Forge. The volume covers the period known as the “Valley Forge Winter.” Frequent references to the “Commander in Chief” are made. Weedon also provides insight into the daily life of the encampment, reporting daily orders and events, including courts martial.

### Bibliography

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