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Hessian & British Prisoners of War during the American Revolution

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The establishment of a Revolutionary War prison camp at Winchester began in 1776 at a site just west of Winchester. The first group to arrive were Britons captured from a ship. Subsequently, the Americans transferred both British and German prisoners of war to Winchester, with the largest number arriving after the Battle of Yorktown. The site was abandoned in 1783. No structures remain today.

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