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Shays Rebellion: The Hanging of Co-Leader, Captain Henry Gale

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Henry Gale responded to Paul Revere's call to Lexington and was honored as a patriot. Yet a decade later, he was considered a traitor for his leadership role in Shays Rebellion—a movement to stop courts from prosecuting and jailing the many Revolutionary War veterans unable to pay their debts in the post-war credit crisis. After a military conflict between the insurgents and the militia, Henry Gale was arrested, found guilty of treason and sentenced to be hanged by the neck until he be dead. Marched up to the scaffold, the gathered crowd watched as the noose was placed around his neck and prayers were said. Moments before this father of young children was to be dropped from the land of the living, the sheriff pulled out a piece of paper and read a statement from Governor John Hancock. This dramatic account was first published in the Daughters of the American Revolution magazine, American Spirit (March/April 2008).



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