

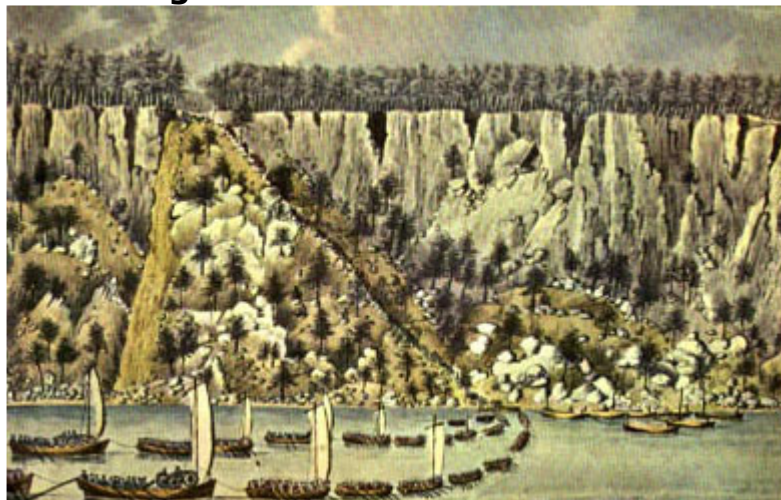
## Thomas Davies (1737 - 1812 )

Thomas Davies was born in England in 1737. According to AskArt.com, British army officers of the 18th century performed with pen as well as sword. Cadets were instructed in sketching, not to encourage fine art, but so they could draw readable picture of details of military operations. Davies was a British officer whose American and Canadian watercolors have established him as the father of Canadian landscape painting. As an officer, Davies had a distinguished career, but as an artist, Davies was almost unknown until 1953.

In his later watercolors, done after the American Revolution, Davies was obviously painting for pure delight. Often naive, he included at time vegetation and animals more at home in the Amazon (Davies also served in the tropics) than along the St. Lawrence River. At his best, he caught the primitive pioneer settlements, magnificent waterfalls, foaming rivers, the awesome virgin forests touched with the full richness of Canadian autumn, and recorded them with 'a freshness and charm that extends deft draftsmanship into the realm of art.'

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### The Landing of the British Forces in the Jerseys



The Landing of the British Forces in the Jerseys on Nov.10, 1776, under the Command of Rt. Hon. Lt. Gen. Earl Cornwallis, watercolor, 1776. Photograph from the National Archives (148-GW-365).

In the early morning hours of November 20, 1776, Lieutenant

General Charles Earl Cornwallis led a British and Hessian army of about 2,500 soldiers across the Hudson River to New Dock (Lower Closter Landing) for an attack against Fort Lee, then garrisoned by about 936 soldiers.

The hasty withdrawal of the American garrison across the Hackensack River at New Bridge preserved them from entrapment on the narrow peninsula between the Hudson and Hackensack Rivers. (1)

(1)PreservationDirectory.com (see link below).

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