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✓ Not one of the enemy who were on the hill when the fight began escaped; there was a party of two hundred foragers out who left that morning and did not return.

From the many reports of the British loss I think that made by Colonel Shelby in a letter to his father, five days after the battle, is perhaps nearest to the actual facts. He says the loss of Ferguson's corps—the Rangers—was 30 killed, 28 wounded and 57 prisoners. That the loss of the Tories was 127 killed, 125 wounded and 649 prisoners; or both classed together, 157 killed, 153 wounded and 706 prisoners—total 1016. The official report of the Whig commanders, it was admitted, was exaggerated somewhat for effect. Of the Tories, three hundred were North Carolinians under Colonel Ambrose Mills.\* The others were from South Carolina, mostly from the region of Ninety-Six, where Ferguson had his headquarters. The American loss was 28 killed and 62 wounded. The great disparity in the respective losses was attributable to the fine marksmanship of the mountain men, and that the British were huddled together when the close firing occurred.

The command of Chronicle, from Tryon County, suffered very much more than any of the others. Chronicle was killed, Colonel Hambright severely wounded, Captain Mattocks, William Rabb, John Boyd and Arthur Patterson killed, Moses Henry mortally wounded; Captain Espey, Robert Henry,

**\*He was hung at Biggerstaff's.**

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## THE ANNALS OF LINCOLN COUNTY

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Gaston County (then Lincoln) soldiers who fought at Kings Mountain:

- 1—Col. Frederick Hambright, at time of battle lived near Long Creek. (Hunter 325.)
- 2—Major Frederick Hambright, family record.
- 3—John Hambright, son of Col. Fred Hambright (Hunter 325).
- 4—Major William Chronicle, South Fork, (Hunter 290). (Schenck 167-8 and 175.)
- 5—Dr. William McLean, South Fork (Hunter 285-6).
- 6—Alex McLean, Jr., (Hunter 285-6).
- 7—George McLean (Hunter 285-6).
- 8—John McLean (Hunter 286).
- 9—Matthew Leeper (Family Bible and tomb. Buried at Smith graveyard).
- 10—Capt. John Mattocks (Wheeler 158 and Hunter 291, 295).
- 11—Captain Charles Mattocks (Wheeler 158 and Hunter 291, 295).
- 12—Lt. William Rabb (Wheeler 158 and Hunter 291, 295).
- 13—James McKee (half brother of Chronicle) (Wheeler 158).
- 14—Col. William Davenport (Draper 383-4, 340, 473).
- 15—Robert Henry (Draper refers often to him).
- 16—William Caldwell (Hunter 294, Wheeler 158).
- 17—Captain Samuel Caldwell (Hunter 294, Wheeler 158).
- 18—Hugh Erwin (Draper 365).
- 19—Andrew Barry (Draper 365).
- 20—Enoch Gilmer (Schenck 158) (Draper 225).
- 21—William Gilmer (Draper 257).
- 22—John Chittim (Draper 258).
- 23—Capt. Samuel Martin (Hunter 291 to 294).
- 24—Lt. John Boyd (Hunter 289 and 291).
- 25—John Glenn (Family Bible). Buried at Goshen.
- 26—William Gregory (Family Bible). Buried in Bethel section.
- 27—Capt. Samuel Espey (Schenck 167).
- 28—Capt. Isaac White (Draper 476).
- 29—Lt. James White (Draper 476).
- 30—Capt. James Johnston (Hunter 244-7).
- 31—Moses Henry (Draper 319).
- 32—James Henry (Draper 319).
- 33—Isaac Holland, Jr., (Hoffman's *Our Kin*, 521).
- 34—Felix Walker (His *Memoirs* indicate he was not in the battle).
- 35—Jacob Hoffman, fought at Kings Mountain, died 1860.
- 36—John Hoffman, buried at Earl Summey place.
- 37—Major John Dickson (Hunter 29 and Schenck 107-8).
- 38—Matthew Armstrong (Court House records). Fought at Kings Mountain. Buried at Smith's graveyard near Belmont.
- 39—Capt. John Kincaid (family Bible record). Buried at Olney.
- 40—Adam Baird, an officer unable to give his rank. His granddaughter, Mrs. W. E. Weatherly, Gastonia, has the gun he carried at Kings Mountain.
- 41—James Baird, brother of Adam (record in family history). (Capt.).
- 42—Jesse Lane (record in family history).