



John Chittim of Lincoln County's "South Fork Boys" was in the small company of patriot militiamen who joined the larger groups on the trail of Major Ferguson. Lt. Col Frederick Hambright commanded after Col William Graham left. Major William Chronicle led the unit into battle on the east end of Kings Mountain. John Chittim's captain could have been any of the hand full gathered from the ravaged Tryon County region for the battle. Col Hambright and Doctor William Maclean testified about John's gunshot wound through the chest. He struggled with the disability from the wound until it contributed to his death in 1817.

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Colonel Frederick Hambright deposed and saith that he commanded a Regiment of Militia in the American Army at the Battle of Kings Mountain the seventh day of October 1780, where Colonel Ferguson was defeated, that the aforesaid John Chittim was a Soldier in said Regiment and that he then and there received a Gunshot wound from the Common Enemy That the Ball entered the right breast and came out near the point of the shoulder blade; and further said Deponent saith that said Regiment was not Enrolled for any particular time, but had been raised for the purpose of opposing the said Colonel Ferguson and his Majesties forces – and further said Deponent saith not.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of January A.D. 1815

Doctor William Maclean doth hereby certify that he saw the said John Chittim on the Battle Ground at Kings Mountain the next morning after the Battle in his wound which he then and there received in the battle where Colonel Ferguson was Defeated and that the said Chittim's wound was a Gunshot wound and that the Ball penetrated the breast between the superior and second rib on the right side of the thorax at the most convex part fracturing each of the bones a little, and passing out behind Shoulder through the scapula near the interior angle – and that he attended the said Chittim as a Surgeon chiefly during his recovery, and has known and attended to him ever since that he then did live, and ever since has continued to reside in the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina that his Occupation is that of a Farmer, and that he has been by his wounds disabled him from hard labor and of late years from almost all labor being confined to bed for three or four months in each year in consequence of a Defluction of humors upon his Lungs from the wound there received; and further the said Deponent doth certify that the said John Chittim was disabled by the said described wound from performing military duty from that time during the revolutionary war.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 27th day of January A.D. 1815

S/ Wm J. Wilson, Commr.

S/ Wm Maclean, MD

Certificate of pension for $\frac{3}{4}$ disability from 01Jan1815.