



David Beattie said that Nathaniel Dryden brought at least six days rations from home for the expedition to find Patrick Ferguson.

The Dryden brothers came to the Blacks Fort area from Augusta County about 1779, settling in the area south of Abingdon in the Wolf Creek and 15-Mile Creek watersheds. There are relatively few records for Nathaniel in the area. [Summers, 1929](#) cites a single record for him for March 21, 1781:

An inventory and appraisement of the estate of Nathaniel Dryden, deceased exhibited in Court and ordered to be recorded.

Nathaniel was among those killed at the [Battle of Kings Mountain](#), 7 October 1780, serving as an ensign under Captain David Beattie, Major William Edmondson and Col William Campbell. (See [Source:Moss, 1990:70](#)). Campbell's unit incurred the greatest loss of any during the Battle, and is recognized as having played the pivotal role in defeating the British¹ The role of Campbell's men in this battle is summarized by another participant, as:

Boys, I believe you all did your duty, and deserve well for it but let me tell you, had it not been for Campbell and his Virginians, I'll be d—d if Ferguson would not have been on that mountain yet Maj. Lewis speaking to his brothers of the Cleveland regiment ([Draper, 1881](#))

In the David Dryden will, Augusta County 1772, land was divided to wife and sons William and Nathaniel. The Augusta Co estate settlement was in 1776. Nathaniel had debits and credits
Nathaniel Dryden was listed among the Rockbridge County tithables of 1778
A Washington Co survey of Aug 1781, shows Joel Dryden, heir of Nathaniel, where he now lives

April 1780 Washington County Virginia appointed Nathaniel Dryden as Ensign of the militia. Various family research posts on the internet show Nathaniel Dryden born in Augusta County about 1745 and married to Mary McGee about 1770.

Nathaniel Dryden was Justice of the Peace in Washington Co VA, In 17Jun1823 he notarized the statement of Capt. James Keys re/ BKM.

S17137 Daniel Taylor, Nathaniel Dryden witness.

Nathaniel Dryden, Sylvester Baker justices in Montgomery County Mo 1830s heard declarations for:

S16628 Robert Baker,

S17215 John Wyatt

S17618 Jacob Patton

1782 Washington County Tax list-Drydens

Mary, wife of Nathaniel, deceased

William

David

Washington County Surveyor Book-

Page 36 - Joel Dryden...200 ac...commissioners certificate...on both sides of Holstein

River...Beginning with James Doran & David Drydens land...corner to Thomas Berry, Sr...June 16, 1782 - Joel Dryden, heir of **Nathaniel Dryden**, decd, assignee of Benjamin Grag, assignee of William McNab, assignee of Thomas Stubbs ...200 ac on Holstein River adjoining Thomas Berry, includes the place whereon Dryden now lives, actual settlement made in 1771...August 24, 1781

Page 173 - David Dryden...330 ac...Commissioners Certificate...on Holstein River on the Fifteen Mile Creek...Beginning in a rocky gap...on Joel Drydens line...corner to Dryden & James Doren...corner on Oliver Alexanders land... on the west side of Fifteen Mile Creek...at the mouth of Fifteen Mile Creek...June 15, 1782 - David Dryden, assignee of John Row...400 ac...on both sides of Holstein River...160 ac surveyed for David Dryden on February 1, 1774, actual settlement made in 1771...August 30, 1781

Page 176 - Joel Dryden...125 ac...Commissioners Certificate...on both sides of Little Mockison Creek, waters of the north fork of Holston River...bounded on the north by Mockeson Ridge and on the south by Clinch Mountain...Beginning at the foot of the mountain, corner to Silas Enyarts land...on the south side of Mockeson Ridge...February 20, 1784 - Joel Dryden, heir of **Nathaniel Dryden**, decd...400 ac...on Little Mockeson Creek, includes improvements, actual settlement made in 1776...August 24, 1781

Page 284 - Thomas Berry, Sr. - 400 ac - Commissioners Certificate - on the north side of Holstein River and on both sides of Woolf Creek - corner to Alexander Montgomery - corner to DAVID Lowrey - crossing Woolf Creek near the bank a little below a small spring - corner to Lowrey & James Dorens - corner to Joel Dryden - August 25, 1785...Thomas Berry, assignee of John Ourus - 400 ac on Holstein River adjoining Alex Montgomery & Thomas McCaley - includes improvement, actual settlement made in 1770 - August 15, 1781

Page 294 - Alexander Doren - 170 ac - Commissioners Certificate - on the waters of the Wolf Creek and of fifteen mile Creek north branches of Holstein River - beginning corner to David Dryden, Oliver, Alexander & James Doren - by two roads - above Wolf Creek - at the foot of the

knobbs - corner to Oliver Alexander - August 26, 1785...Alexander Doren, assignee of Joseph Alexander - 400 ac - actual settlement made in 1777 - on fifteen mile creek adjoining Adam Hope, **James Philips**, James Doren & Oliver Alexander, includes improvements - August 14, 1781

Typ grant

Ref LO Q-154

Dat 20 Jun 1785

Rec

Frm Va

To Joel Dryden

Con

Re both sides of holston river 200A Right of Settlement surveyed
17 Jun 1782

Decl 3

Len p=21

Adj

Wit

pt bunch of poplars cor to David Dryden & James Doren

ln s15e;64

pt mulberry

ln s53e;154

pt two gums, dogwood David Dryden line

ln s12e;44

pt honet locust, wh oak, walnut bk river

ln w;126

pt sycamore, cucumber xing river

ln s55w;300

pt ;;

ln n27w;24

pt maple bk river up river

ln n51e;140

pt pine on the river SE side

ln n21e;158

pt hickory bk river with Thomas Berry Sr

ln n31e;130