



Joshua Nichols Junior was a Rowan County NC soldier with some militia experience in the Revolutionary War under his father Captain Joshua Nichols and others. He led a company of Rowan County volunteers who joined Colonel Campbell and marched to Kings Mountain. Nichols was wounded in the right shoulder leaving a scar he showed to the Orange County IN court in 1833.

From FPA S32414 transcribed by Will Graves:

“that applicant again entered the service of the United States as a leader of a company of volunteers and having received his company of volunteers some short time previous to the Battle of King's Mountain. That he raised and rendezvoused said company of volunteers in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina [several illegible words written over] mission for that purpose the company having consented to make him their leader owing to his knowledge, skill and experience in military tactics and movements. That applicant took up the line of march as leader of said volunteers in the said County of Rowan and **marched in direction to King's Mountain near which he met General Campbell** [William Campbell] at the Head of a division and attached himself to his command. That being kindly received and well treated by General Campbell who was one of the most zealous patriots and enterprising officers of those times, applicant marched with the said General Campbell to King's Mountain where a severe and

Bloody Battle ensued between General Campbell,, Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Col. Williams [James Williams] & Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] on the part of the Americans and Colonel Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] on the part of the British troops in which engagement the enemy was defeated and Ferguson slain. Applicant states that in this last mentioned battle he received by means of a **musket shot from the enemy a slight wound in the right shoulder** which said wound is now here shown to the Court and that after the Battle of King's Mountain and the company of volunteers to which he belonged received from General Campbell a verbal discharge from further service and without any written discharge whatsoever (no application being made for any) having been in the service of the United States during this Tour of duty the term of one month.”

On Jan. 12, 1753, William Alexander, merchant, sold land to Joshua Nichols, Planter. These 640 acres were adjacent to John Patterson's land. On Dec. 21, 1761, John Patterson bought 628 acres in Rowan County on the Waters of Sills Creek joining James Erwin, Joshua Nichols, and Samuel Blythe. N 35.65397 W 80.67445 Sills Creek is between Salisbury and Mooresville