



Thomas Toms could possibly be the unnamed soldier of Col. Shelby's men who Lyman Draper said was wounded at Kings Mountain. He is not among the wounded named on the 1909 monument. Captain Maxwell served in Isaac Shelby's North Carolina militia. Some of their men lived in "Squabble State" as named by several patriots near the undetermined border of Virginia and North Carolina. By 1794, Toms had moved to show residence in Albemarle County.

Toms' horrific wounds inflicted by hatchet (tomahawk was used interchangeably with hatchet for steel blade as well as stone implements) are testimony to the chaos of hand to hand struggles at Kings Mountain.

. <http://www.revwarapps.org/va3.pdf>

Toms, Thomas

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid persons returned by the District Court for the District of Virginia, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, class 9, page 105.

Rank: Private

Captain George Maxwell's company of militia.

Disability: Severely wounded on the head, being scalped on the left temple with a

stroke from a hatchet, which does much injury to that eye, is also disabled in two fingers on the left hand, and wounded in the right hip and his neck; all which he received in the service of the United States, against Major Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] on King's mountain.

When and where disabled: 1780, King's mountain

Residence: Albemarle County [Virginia]

Remarks: There are no militia rolls in this office.

Evidence transmitted by the District Court perfect