

William Lusk is named in a variety of sources as a patriot wounded at Kings Mountain. He is not listed on the 1909 monument plaque. Lewis Preston Summers had no sort feature with his spreadsheet software, LOL. In *Annals of Southwest Virginia*, Summers has a chart of soldiers shown in chunks of near alphabetic order. A good historical research project would be to find his various source manuscripts and enter them into computer charts for merger and sort. Meanwhile, his lists are more than suspect. Summers shows **William Lusk** as a soldier at Kings Mountain without a note of being killed or wounded.

On Tuesday, 21Nov1780 Washington County VA court began estate settlements for casualties of the Battle of Kings Mountain. The placement of the Lusk orphans was on the agenda.

William Lusk was born about 1710. He died before his estate settlement in Augusta County VA on 20Aug1771. He married Elizabeth Vance.

John Lusk b ca 1735 was in Carolina in 1771 per his father's will.

William Lusk Jr b ca 1740 was also in Carolina per his father's will.

m. Margaret Vance

d. **07Oct1780 Kings Mountain?**

The Lusk orphans were:

Sarah Lusk b ca 1765 d 1834

m. Joseph Colville (son of Andrew Colville, Capt Kings Mtn) 1785 McMinnville TN

Samuel Lusk b ca 1767

John Lusk b ca 1769

m. Elizabeth Blackburn (daughter of Lt Wm Blackburn, KIA Kings Mtn)

Elizabeth Lusk

Katherine Lusk

Jean Lusk

At the 24Nov1780 estate settlement of Wm Lusk Jr in Washington County Virginia, the Lusk orphans were assigned to foster parents. Teenager Sarah Lusk chose BKM captain Andrew Colville for guardian. Teenager Samuel Lusk chose BKM captain Joseph Black for guardian. Elizabeth, Katherine, John and Jean Lusk were divided among Colville and Black.

William Lusk, Jr. son of William Joseph Lusk and brother to Joseph Lusk, II and Samuel Lusk - Born: Nov 3, 1743, Lancaster, Lancaster Co, PA - Died about August 1775 in Abingdon, Washington CO, VA. Married Margaret Laughlin Vance - Born: April 22, 1744, Frederick CO, VA. They were married on August 2, 1764 in Augusta CO, VA and now Rockbridge Co. She was the daughter of Samuel Vance the 1st and the sister of David Vance, grandfather of Zebulon B. Vance, well know Governor of NC during the Civil War. In 1768, William Lusk went to NC with David Vance, his brother-in-law. After the Revolutionary War began, Margaret Laughlin Vance's father, Samuel Vance, went to North Carolina and took her back to Abingdon, Washington Co, VA.

INFORMATION TAKEN FROM "THE LUSK GENEALOGY' BY C.W.LUSK: We know William Lusk, Jr. went with his brother-in-law, David Vance to what was then Rowan Co, NC in 1768 and later became Buncombe Co. William Lusk went to NC with David Vance in 1768. His

wife and family returned in VA after the Revolutionary War began and settled in the vicinity of Abingdon, Washington Co, VA near her parents. The facts concerning the death of this William Lusk are very confusing as to time and place. Summer's History, pg. 861 states he was with Colonel William Campbell at the Battle of Kings Mountain and was killed or died of his wounds received at the battle. Dr. P.H. Ropp in his unpublished manuscript notes of the Vance, Piper, Parrott, Ropp, and allied Families of Washington Co, VA, in the Washington Co, Historical Society Library, Abingdon, VA states: "Margaret Vance, daughter of Samuel Vance and Sarah Colvil Vance, was born in 1740 or 1741. [Campbell Papers, Duke University Library, Durham, NC] and died on January 4, 1832. She married twice. Her first husband was William Lusk Jr. whom she married on Aug 2, 1764, and her second husband was James Piper, whom she married Nov 17, 1779. She bore seven children to William Lusk and three to James Piper. Dr. Ropp states the source of the marriage date for Margaret Lusk and James Piper in the James Piper Bible which in 1954 was in the possession of Mrs. Ruth Crabtree Gray of Chattanooga, Tennessee. In 1778, Margaret Lusk was named a legatee under the wills of both her father and her brother in law, George Blackburn. The latter left her forty pounds for the schooling of her children. Both died about the same time and their wills were probated at the court of 18 Aug. 1778. Samuel Vance's will is recorded in Will Book I, p. 64; George Blackburn's in Will Book I, p 13, Washington CO, VA. These wills would indicate she was a widow at the time. I believe William Lusk Jr. probably died in NC and wife, Margaret, brought her family to Abington as early as 1775. You will note an entry 17 July 1789 in the settlement of the estate that covers a sum of cash and "interest thereon from August 1775." I must interpret this as meaning that the orphans began drawing interest on the cash when their father died. William Lusk Jr. is not on any other lists of those at Kings Mountain. There was a court held in Washington Co, 24 Nov 1780 in which only the appointment of guardians is recorded. Summers lists all men with orphans mentioned, as being killed in the battle. At the 24 Nov 1780 Court Andrew Colvill and Joseph Black were appointed guardian of the younger children, John, Elizabeth, Catherine, Jean, and William Lusk. The older children, Sarah and Samuel, chose as their guardian, Andrew Colvill and Joseph Black, respectively. The Vance's, Colville's, Blacks and Blackburn's were related. "April 27, 1785 - Settlement of Guardians of William Lusk Orphans/The Orphans of William Lusk, decd. in acct. with Andrew Colvill and Joseph Black their Guardians. Cr. To Cash paid Sarah Lusk as part of her share of her father's estate 4-10- To ditto paid Elizabeth Lusk another of the orphans 1-10- To ditto paid David Vance for Saml. Lusk 2 -8- To ditto paid Reuben Bradley who intermarried with Elizabeth Lusk