



Benjamin Neighbors is not listed on the bronze plaque of casualties on the 1909 monument at Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Benjamin Neighbors (Nabors) testified that he was in the company of Captain William Smith and Lieutenant Absalom Thompson of South Carolina militia from Hamilton's Ford on Tyger. While six of Sumter's regiments were decimated and reorganized into three, Neighbors joined Colonel James Williams for the Battle of Kings Mountain. Neighbors was wounded there twice. Several South Carolina patriots had been driven from their homes and were roaming in small groups looking for a safe place to rest through the night and something to eat. The overmountain vols at Gilbert Town and Cowpens welcomed them to join the expedition against Patrick Ferguson's regiment.

Captain Smith corroborated Neighbors' deposition (S19000) and provided detailed notes of his own movements in his own pension deposition (W22272). About the weeks before BKM, Captain Smith said *"this deponent was ordered on an expedition under the command of Colonel Clark of Georgia into Spt. Dist. [Spartanburg District?] where they joined Colonel McDowell of NC & Shelby or Sevier of Ky they found that Ferguson with a large party of British & Tories were meeting them they retreated back to Fairfield Creek a few miles from where Spt Vellay [?] now stands & stopped for the night before day the spies came in & informed them that Ferguson was within half a mile of them they then retreated near to the old iron works on L's fork and the*

*spies came running in & informed him that Ferguson's horse were almost in sight: they formed to give them battle & drove them back to Ferguson's Army when they again retreated on across Broad River at the Cherokee Ford & went back to Sumter. The NC & Ky troop, left them at Broad River: .... Sumter had been defeated at fishing Creek & was collecting his scattered forces when this deponent rejoined him in York district “*

In Nov1828, Benjamin Neighbors was granted a South Carolina pension. This indicates that he had some disability from Revolutionary War service. On 25May1835 he was stricken from the roll of South Carolina so that he could qualify for a federal pension. His pensions were paid in Pickens and Greenville Districts of South Carolina. The latest record in his file, though not a notice of death or of final payment, was during 1847.