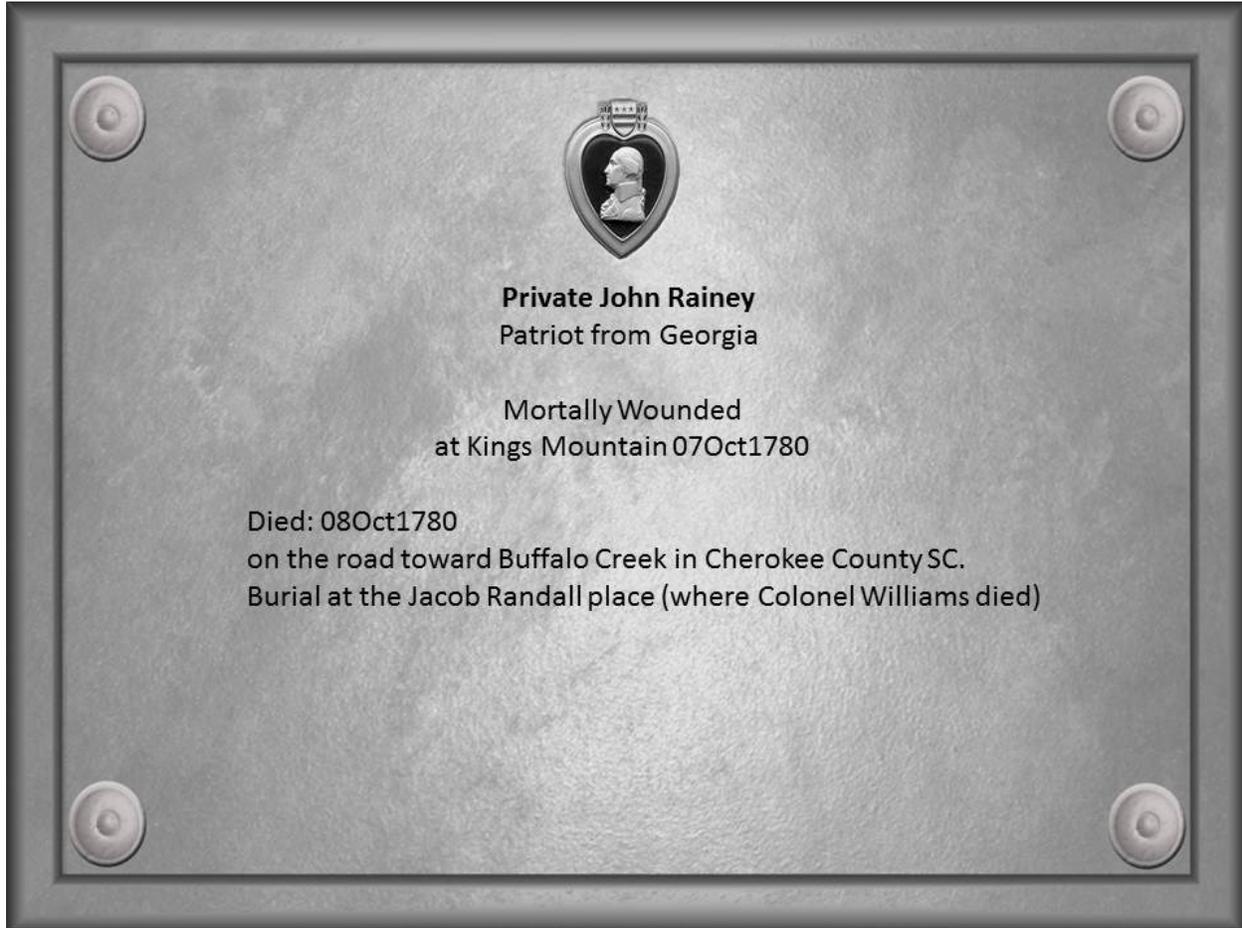


Private John Rainey is not listed on the 1909 Kings Mountain monument.



*Commanders at Kings Mountain* by Rev JD Bailey, 1924

Colonel James Williams died 08Nov1780 at Jacob Randall's place near Blacksburg SC on the road toward Deer's Ferry (Gaston Shoals Dravo power plant on Broad River). The patriots had stopped there briefly Friday night on the way toward Kings Mountain. The place had been Ira Hardin's (Blacksburg) father's but was owned in 1920s by F. H. Dover. F. H. Dover marked the place on a stone inscribed "Where Colonel Williams Died." Private John Rainey of Georgia died at Jacob Randall's place and was carried a short distance SW of the residence and buried on the slope overlooking the stream below. [Bailey fails to say his source for the identity of Rainey and the place of the burial. Maybe Ira Hardin or FH Dover.]

Doctor Bobby G Moss confirms that the Rev. Bailey was correct about Williams and Rainey. He did not recall exactly where the stone "Where Colonel Williams Died" was, but stated that it was removed during road construction (somewhere in the vicinity of the SC Hwy 5 exit from Interstate 85).

Sunday afternoon 08Nov1780, they carried the body of Col. Williams on toward Deer's Ferry to "the J. B. Mintz" place. It is above the mouth of Buffalo creek. First known as the Tory Matthew

Fondren place, the old Carruth place, the burial was on the SE slope of a hill 90 yards below the old road to Deer Ferry in sight of Buffalo creek ½ mile in front and Broad River ¼ mile SW. The burial was Sunday evening with full military honors.

Pvt Benjamin Sharp S17086 of Capt. Robert Craig's Virginia company, told of getting sweet potatoes from Fondren's field the evening Col Williams was buried, 08Oct1780.

James Hignite, S16153, a private foot soldier with Captain Herndon of Col Cleveland's militia, "who was wounded in the battle and died the 2 or 3 day thereof with his wounds. A Capt. Bell from Georgia was also wounded and died on the same night of the Col. at Pendleton's old fields on broad river, and they were both buried in one grave."

Hignite was presumptive. He obviously remembered the conspicuous burial ceremony and assumed that the colonel died at the place where he was buried. He misspoke Fondren to be Pendleton.

*Yorkville Enquirer*, Thu 19Nov1857 printed James Williams info.

A captain John Rainey had 20 cavalry in the neighborhood but did not say he was at Kings Mountain. S4035.