



Samuel Newell identified [Private](#) James Laird as one of two Virginians mortally wounded at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Newell's 04Aug1823 letter from Clio Kentucky to David Campbell in Abingdon Virginia was Lyman Copeland Draper's source for his entry in *Kings Mountain and its Heroes*. It is available in microfilm of Draper's papers and in BKMNP.com, BKM people tab, patriot casualties link to personal plaques, the Virginia Officer bubble. Although Virginia records show no commission for James Laird, Draper altered Laird's [private](#) rank to [ensign](#). The 1909 monument plaque translated Draper's [ensign](#) to [2nd Lieutenant](#).

Washington County journals show that 20Nov1777 James Laird was appointed constable in Captain John Dunkin's company, 18Nov1778 Laird evaluated the estate of John Barksdale, and he served on juries on 19May1779 and 20Aug1779. On 22Nov1780 at first session after the Battle of Kings Mountain, the court ordered an appraisal of Laird's estate. Will Book 1, page 47, identifies James Laird's heirs as wife Lettes, children John, Samuel, and Jean.

On September 18th 1782 Washington County reported that they paid 4£ f10 to Lattice Laird, heir of James for a rifle lost at Kings Mountain.

Washington County Deed Book I, Page 368 - Robert Craig - 200 ac - treasury warrant #8195 dated February 2, 1782 - on the south side of Walkers Mountain and on the north side of the Rev. Charles Cummings land, on the waters of Woolf hill Creek, a branch of Holstein River -

beginning on the top of Walkers Mountain - near Mr. Cummings line - near **Laird's field** -
October 8, 1788

[Laird Homestead](#) Click, zoom, and drag.

The approximate location of the above tract is marked on the Campbell's muster map. Another tract in Russell County, north side of Copper Ridge opposite Glade Hollow is named by Laird in his will as his residence before the Kings Mountain expedition. Proximity to Craig more than the other five Captains under Colonel Campbell indicates that Laird served in Craig's company.

[http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Family:James_Laird_and_Letitia_Kerr_\(1\)](http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Family:James_Laird_and_Letitia_Kerr_(1)) and other web pages give references with inconsistent details about Laird and Kerr vital statistics.

Rutherford County NC historian Nancy Ferguson names two Marsh boys buried at Brittain cemetery with Lt Thomas McCulloch. There are two unmarked graves on one side of McCulloch and another unmarked on the other side. James Laird died on the same day as did McCulloch among the same company who buried him.