



Three Lewis brothers from the Yadkin River area within sight of Pilot Mountain were wounded at the Battle of Kings Mountain. They were taken to the home of Mr. Mackey (probably Thomas Mackey) near Calvin in Burke County, NC where they received care from Dr. Joseph Dobson through November 1780.

Samuel Newell to David Campbell-24Apr1823

I was carried from the mountain on a litter to the Catawba, eight or ten miles above Burke Court House, in the neighborhood of Doctor Dobson's who I believe at that time had eighteen wounded under his care. When I got able to ride, I went to see the other wounded, calling at a Mr. Mackey's where **Major Micajah Lewis** and his **brothers Captain Joel Lewis and Lieutenant James M. Lewis**, and a Captain Smith were billeted, all wounded. A number of persons came in, making the company consist, perhaps, of twelve or fifteen persons. The conversation turned on the battle, each stating what he or the detachment to which he belonged, had performed. I was the only Virginian present, and was silent. Major Lewis was for some time silent, but at length, addressed the company as near as I can recollect in these words: "Boys, I believe you all did your duty, and deserve well for it. But let me tell you, had it not been for Campbell and his Virginians, I'll be damned if Ferguson would not have been on that mountain yet, had he chosen to have stayed there."

Micajah Lewis is mentioned in fifty seven federal pension files. A few links to samples are below. All may be found with the freefind search at RevWarApps.org.

David Allen <http://revwarapps.org/S16601.pdf>

Obadiah Bengel <http://revwarapps.org/r743.pdf>

Thomas Cargill <http://revwarapps.org/w6896.pdf>

William Davis <http://revwarapps.org/w8657.pdf>

George Hofstalar <http://revwarapps.org/s15176.pdf>

Jacob Miles <http://revwarapps.org/S2006.pdf>

North Carolina warrant 569, grant number 120, 5000 acres on Richland Creek in Tennessee was issued to William Terrell Lewis, heir to Micajah Lewis. Entered 27Oct1783, issued 10Jul1788. This tract is in the Sylvan Park area of Nashville and parts of it are in the Greenway Trails. Also warrant 2636 for 1000 acres on South Fork of Forked Dear River and two other warrants. The fact that Micajah's father was his heir indicates that he had no wife or children.

*GENEALOGY Lewis Family IN AMERICA, FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY DOWN TO THE PRESENT TIME.* BY WM. TERRELL LEWIS, of Perryville, Winston County, Miss.

*Kings Mountain and its Heroes*, by Draper, from pages 457 and 458, viz.:

Micajah Lewis, who descended from Welsh ancestors, was born in Albemarle County, Va. in 1755, and early removed to what subsequently became Surry County, NC. He was appointed a lieutenant in 1776, and was a captain in service in 1778. He joined General Lincoln in 1779, and shared in the battle of Stono; and in June, 1780, he went in pursuit of Bryan's Tories, and was a Major and Quartermaster in Cleveland's regiment on the King's Mountain Campaign, receiving a wound in the battle.

He served as a volunteer at Pile's defeat February 25, 1781, and two days afterward, while out reconnoitering, he was mortally wounded, dying the next day, and was buried at Dickey's plantation on the Alamance. He had rendered service in the North Carolina line, and was, as General Joseph Graham states, "a real soldier, of past service and experience.

Micajah can be found in Wheeler's *History of North Carolina*, on page 80 of the first part. After the retreat at Gilford Court House, he was sent back by his commander, General Pickens, to reconnoiter the enemy. He was halted by the enemy at the crossing of a creek near Gilford Court House and asked "who was there?" He replied "a friend," when the enemy fired on him. Captain Herndon Harralson, who was in company with him, said that Major Micajah Lewis, after receiving the shot, rode past him apparently almost insensible, and expired the next day.

In the list of warrants that have been issued for officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary Army that remain on the files of the Bounty Land Office unclaimed, may be found the name of Captain Micajah Lewis, in the American State papers as published by Duff Green in Vol. V., page 32.

*Kings Mountain and its Heroes*, page 247:

"About the time the Virginians advanced to the conflict, Major Micajah Lewis, with his brother, Capt. Joel Lewis, both of the Wilkes and Surry troops, with Captain Andrew Colvill, of the Virginia regiment, had been designated by Colonel Campbell to make a dash on horseback upon the British main guard half way up the spur of the mountain; and having swept them out of the way, to fall back, dismount and join the others in the general advance."

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