



Charles Kilgore was wounded while serving in Captain James Dysart's company of Virginia militia at the Battle of Kings Mountain on 07Oct1780. Author Lewis Preston Summers of *Annals of SW Virginia* tended to magnify the Washington County patriotism but failed to record the Kilgore's service. In *Patriots of Kings Mountain*, Bobby Moss listed Charles as wounded. Moss also names Robert, William, Hiram, and James Kilgore, brothers of Charles, as being in the Kings Mountain expedition for which no other evidence is found. Bobby shows birth on 18Jan1744 in Scotland, marriage to Winnie Clayton in 1763, and death 16May1823 in Pound Gap, Virginia.

Federal Pension file S699 is for another Charles Kilgore, probably the son of the Kings Mountain veteran. Some ancestry researchers claim that he was not a son, but a nephew. The 1833 deposition describes service in the Cumberland Gap and Kentucky Wilderness Trail areas, but not Kings Mountain.

In the same file is a note apparently for the senior Kilgore.

Charles Kilgore is inscribed on the roll of Tennessee 27<sup>th</sup> October 1810. Under the law of 10Apr1806 by the eleventh US Congress at \$2.50 per month commencing 28<sup>th</sup> April 1809. Increased to \$4.00 per month by law of 24<sup>th</sup> April 1816.

Charles Kilgore, either the wounded soldier or his son Charles, shows in Washington County court records in June 1780 as surety for care of orphan Martin Duncan and in May 1781 for jury duty.

In 1782, Charles Kilgore paid Washington County taxes in Captain Alexander Barnett's precinct. Kilgore showed seven horses, 20 cows, and slaves named Dilly and Nan.

15Apr1783 Washington County reviewed support for the casualties of war. William Moore, Frederick Fisher, the heirs of William Fowler, Bennoni Benning, and John Skeggs of BKM, Thomas Hobbs of the Cherokee expedition and John Cusick of Guilford Courthouse were sustained in their pension list. Charles Kilgore had no disability sufficient for WC court to support. Draper papers 3DD232 and 3DD58a are Samuel Newell's 04Aug1823 letter to Governor David Campbell naming Charles Kilgore as one of those wounded at Kings Mountain. Newell was a magistrate of the 15Apr1783 court session not including Kilgore for county support.

In May 1797, Colonel Dysart sold 1780 acres on both sides of Copper and Valley Creeks to Charles Kilgore of Russell County. McConnell VA N 36.73668 W 82.46922

13Sep1819 letter from Greeneville TN to John C Calhoun, Secretary of War

Sir,

A Charles Kilgore of this county (Lee Co) being on the pension list of the United States as a pensioner [etc]

William Dickson

On 17May1820, Joseph Brown JP of Greene County signed in behalf of Charles Kilgore (X his mark) to get a pension certificate. In the form, he specified that Kilgore served under Captain James Dysart and Colonel William Campbell. Certificate issued 3 June 1820 to the pension agent at Greeneville Tennessee.

Federal pension file W7994 for Charles Kilgore born 1764 or 65 in Orange County NC show a teen age patriot serving in the area of Cumberland Gap. Bobby Moss indicates him to be the first son of the Charles Kilgore wounded at Kings Mountain.