

Minor Smith of the Surry County, NC militia was often named by patriots as their Captain, sometimes as their Major. His company was variously called troopers, rangers, and dragoons. Smith is among those casualties honored on the 1909 Kings Mountain Battlefield monument plaque. Barnabas Fair deposed “Col. Campbell commanded, the Lieutenant Colonel Cleveland were colonels of the Regiment, Captain Minor Smith, Lieutenant Samuel Houston, Ensign Oliver Charles, subordinate officers – that he entered the service as a drafted militia man for three months, that he was then about 19 years of age and the time he entered the service was in the fall of the year, pretty early in the season, though the particular day is not now recollected. That he served in said Regiment under the officers aforesaid in the Battle of King's Mountain, that in this service he [incurred no wounds nor was he in any engagement but this during the time. That Captain Smith who commanded him at nearly the first fire was shot through both his cheeks, but survived.”

<http://www.revwarapps.org/s12895.pdf>

Samuel Newell wrote that Captain Smith was taken to Mr. Mackey's house above Burke courthouse (Greenlee's Ford) with the three Lewis brothers, where he was attended by Dr. Joseph Dobson.

Andrew Hannah testified that the wounded soldier to whom he was assigned died. Then he went to attend to Captain Minor Smith. William Lowe was assigned to care for William Hannah who died. Since Lowe's Captain, Minor Smith was not recovered, Lowe went home with Joel Lewis.

William Conner testified that he went to Wilmington under Captain Minor Smith about the time that Cornwallis surrendered.

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[p.37] 14 Feb 1782 (no justices present)

Ord. Preston Hampton deliver to Thomas Fitzpatrick following: one Bay Mare, three head sheep, one cow three yards linen now in his possession, which articles Capt. Minor Smith extorted from said Fitzpatrick.. Ord sd Smith be cited to answer for this conduct..

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Ord. Capt Minor Smith be released from citation.

*Minor Smith was in charge of collecting tax in his district, it appears.*