

Samuel Caldwell (FPA W528)

Samuel Caldwell was born in Orange County NC 10Feb1759. In 1772, he moved to the portion of Old Tryon County which became Lincoln County. Caldwell lived there in the same neighborhood for 60 years. On 06Oct1801, Samuel Caldwell married Elizabeth Gullick in Lincoln County. He died 25Dec1839 (his widow said in 1853, that he died in 1840 in Gaston County). Samuel Caldwell was buried at Goshen Presbyterian Cemetery, North Belmont, (N 35.27081 W 81.04934) in Gaston County NC. His son, the Honorable G W Caldwell of Charlotte NC, was superintendent of the Charlotte Mint in 1854.

After earlier militia service around 1776, Samuel joined the US Army under Captain William Chronicle and General Benjamin Lincoln in 1779. On Saturday afternoon, 07Oct1780 under Captain Isaac White, Caldwell fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain. On 17Jan1781 under Captain Montgomery, and General Daniel Morgan, he fought in the defeat of Colonel Banistre Tarleton at the Battle of Cowpens. Then under Major Joseph Dickson and Colonel Andrew Pickens, he was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and a battle in Orange County NC. Later in 1781 under Captain Richard Simmons in Griffith Rutherford's brigade, he fought the Tories at Raft Swamp on 15Oct1781.

Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss in *The Patriots at the Cowpens* stated that **Samuel Caldwell** was wounded at the Cowpens. None of the eyewitnesses mentioned his wound.