

William Cavinder (FPA W6903)

William Cavinder was married to Margaret Cox 12May1783 by Henry Ware, JP of Wilkes County, GA.

In her application for a pension, William Cavinder's widow, Margaret gave a detailed deposition. "He joined the North Carolina Militia, and repaired to the Standard of Gen. Gates, After that general's defeat at Camden my father and said Cavinder returned home, where they remained some time I do not recollect precisely how long they then joined a Col Cleveland and were at the battle of King's Mountain; I have frequently heard said Cavinder relate the incidents of that battle, but by reason of extreme old age and consequent failure of memory, most of them have escaped my recollections; In speaking of said battle, he invariably mentioned the names of the American Officers, among whom the name of Campbell is familiar to me, he also spoke of the Tories and Tory officers, he particularly mentioned a British Officer by the name of Ferguson whom he said was killed; Said Cavinder was with the troops who marched with Gen Morgan into South Carolina and was in the Battle of the **Cowpens** where he was **wounded three times** one Bayonet wound, in the thigh, one bayonet wound in the leg just above the ankle, and a shot wound in the calf of the leg; I heard said Cavidner frequently speak of Col Washington of the Light horse, I do not know for certain, that Cavinder served in the Light horse, but do know, from the following circumstances related to her by Cavinder, that he was in possession of a horse immediately after the battle of the Cowpens; Which circumstances is as follows: That after said battle, the Americans were pursued by a superior force of British and Tories under the British General Cornwallis, the Americans proceeded by forced marches to the Catawba River; That said Cavinder being on horseback, and observing a friend of his on foot, bare footed his feet, torn sore and bleeding, was feeling a temporary relief from the wounds in his leg, he felt a desire to permit his friend to ride, consequently dismounting, he assisted his friend on the horse; After proceeding two or three hundred yards, his wounds became so painful, he could go no farther on foot and was reluctantly compelled to resume his horse; I have frequently heard Cavinder mention this circumstance, and relate the particulars of the retreat of the American Army; it's hardships, fatigue and want of provisions; and that on the evening the Americans crossed the Catawba, the British Army arrived on the opposite bank of the river Where they encamped for the night; on the next morning the River had risen so high that the British could not cross. The Americans pushed for the Yadkin River; Whilst crossing when the British came in sight, they again encamped for the night and on the next morning, the Yadkin, like the Catawba, was so high that the British could not cross; the Americans pursued their route to Dan river."

William Cavinder died in 1791 during a trip to Edgefield District, South Carolina to retrieve Cox family possessions not yet brought to Wilkes County, Georgia since their move