

John Files

Captain **John Files** was born in old Augusta County, Virginia in 1738. His parents were Robert Files and Elizabeth Tygart. He married Mary Catherine Manley in 1759 in Augusta County. They had nine children. Their son Jeremiah Files was born in 1765 on the Roanoke River (which flows from Montgomery County, Virginia to Albemarle Sound). Their son Abner Files was born in Abbeville District, South Carolina in 1774. Thus between 1765 and 1774, John and Mary Catherine moved their family to Old Tryon County.

In 1777, John Files was a lieutenant of the Abbeville District militia with Captain William Baskin. His company served with Andrew Pickens in upstate South Carolina. They confronted the Tories amongst their own and the Cherokees on the frontier.

John Files' son, Adam J Files, (FPA 13026) testified in his pension declaration that he was in his father, Captain John Files' militia company. Both Captain John Files and his son Jeremiah Files were **wounded in the Battle at the Cowpens**, 17Jan1781. Adam attended to some of the wounded from the battle at Cowpens who were taken to the home of Colonel Charles McDowell at Quaker Meadows on the Catawba River in Burke County, NC for treatment by a doctor. When the wounded were healed, John Files' men marched to Virginia where there were no confrontations. They returned to South Carolina.

In May 1781, John Files was taken prisoner in an engagement against Tories and Cherokees. John was murdered by the Tories.