

Joseph McDowell

Major Joseph McDowell led the Burke County NC militia to join General Daniel Morgan's army in South Carolina. On 17Jan1781, he was wounded in the battle at the Cowpens.

John Burchfield was one of many patriots who told tidbits about Joseph McDowell's service. Burchfield deposed "Served under Captain Joseph McDowell Lieutenant Joseph McKinney, and Ensign Harry Highland. That he served most of the time in South Carolina -- marched from Burke County to Ninety Six South Carolina from thence to White Ponds, and there joined General Daniel Morgan before the battle of Cowpens. When we joined the General Morgan, **Captain McDowell** was made Major, and **was wounded** at the battle of Cowpens. This deponent was in the battle of Cowpens and was wounded in the forehead by a sword. This deponent recollects Colonel William Washington who came around to view the wounded after the battle. He also recollects General Morgan. After the battle of Cowpens this deponent marched under Harry Highland, who had been made Captain, to North Carolina and left the service at the Quaker Meadows."

Several patriots recount McDowell and his family at Sycamore Shoals, Kings Mountain, and around the frontier and the Southern Campaign.

Bobby Moss included brief Joseph McDowell biographical material in *The Patriots at the Cowpens*. Ample other material, some of it true, is available on library shelves and public computer files. We chose to not repeat it here at this time.