

Matthew Kuykendall appeared in court at Butler County KY at age 74 on 12Nov1832 to apply for a pension ((FPA S 30518).

Matthew testified that he volunteered from York District SC to join an expedition in 1776 ordered by the governor of North Carolina. He rendezvoused on South Fork of Catawba with **Captain Joseph Harden** (*Harden was Matthew's Uncle John Kuykendall's partner adjacent his home on King Creek*) and went with General Griffith Rutherford's expedition to the French Broad and Pigeon River valley against the Indian Villages. Later Kuykendall moved to Burke County NC where in 1780 Colonel Charles McDowell ordered him to raise a militia company against Tory depredations. After a few months of service he joined Captain Joseph McDowell, with whose militia as a private, he defeated the Tories at Ramsour's Mill, then lost the battle to Tories and British at Can Creek. They took refuge in the mountains, then across the mountains at Watauga. Joining many mountain men, his company returned to defeat Patrick Ferguson at Kings Mountain on 07Oct1780. Matthew was with Col Charles McDowell and missed the battle.

In late 1780, Kuykendall's militia joined General Daniel Morgan's army and were in the battle at the **Cowpens**. Matthew was **wounded in the right arm** leaving a permanent disability.

Matthew testified in a second deposition in May1833, then he received a pension of \$50/year.

On24Sep1754 John Kuykendall acquired 300 acres on Kings Creek which his son Simon sold in 1782 to Frederick Hambricht. The tract was upstream adjacent to Peter Kuykendall's property. That is the place which Peter's son Matthew was born and later described as Mecklenburg County. Mecklenburg was not formed until 1762. In 1772 the tract was inside the "New Acquisition District" given to South Carolina and removed from North Carolina.

John Kuykendall's wife was Rebecca Harden and his partner **was Joseph Harden**. Joseph Harden signed the Tryon Declaration.

Matthew Kuykendall was born in Mecklenburg County NC to Peter and Mary Hampton Kuykendall. on 24Oct1758. It was actually old Tryon County on Kings Creek downstream from Kings Mountain.

Matthew Kuykendall married Jane Harden, daughter of John Harden Sr. and Elizabeth Kuykendall Harden. Elizabeth was daughter of the pioneers, Matthew (1690-1754) and Jane Kuykendall.

Patent 4586 pg 37 dated 24 September 1754 – John Kuykendall, 300 acres in Anson Co. NC on the North side of Broad River on the main fork of Kings Creek above Peter Kuykendall.
03Jul1782 Simon Kuykendall sold to FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT, 300 acres on north side of Broad River on the main fork of Kings Creek above Peter Kuykendall. Recorded 24Nov1785

Matthew married Jane Harden about 1781 in Burke County, NC. They moved to Kentucky about 1794. At least two sons, Moses and Matthew Kuykendall moved with them to Logan (Butler)

County. Matthew Kuykendall served as sheriff of Logan County KY in 1796. He died 25Sep1845 in Butler County KY.