



Private Humberson Lyon is bronzed as 2nd Lt. Humberson Lyon, killed in action, on the 1909 Kings Mountain battlefield obelisk plaque. His father is mentioned in a single federal pension application <http://revwarapps.org/r2420.pdf> that of Jacob Crabtree, 22Jan1833 of Lee County, Virginia. In 1776, the senior Lyon was a lieutenant of Colonel Arthur Campbell's frontier militia. He ranged from his farm five miles west of Saltville.

Samuel Newell did not recall Humberson Lyon in his 1823 letter to David Campbell. Newell said that some he missed must have lived more remotely from Black's Fort. Such was true of the Lyons in the Saltville, Virginia area.

To resolve the scattered mentions of Humberson Lyon among records shown below, we see Humberson Lyon, Junior in 1766 surviving his deceased father in Augusta County. Next we surmise that Humberson Lyon, the BKM casualty, was a young unmarried man because no estate settlement or will for Humberson Lyon was brought forward on 24Nov1780 with other Washington County Kings Mountain casualties. But Humberson Lyon continued to do business around Saltville. He had his farm surveyed in 1781. He sold venison to the county. He paid 1782 taxes in Aaron Lewis' precinct. In 1784, his will and estate settlement were recorded. The 1783 warrant to expand his plantation was perhaps issued for the militia service of his departed son. Thus it was young Humberson Lyon, III who was killed at Kings Mountain.

Washington County, Virginia Survey Book I shows:

Page 48 - Humberson Lyon...370 ac...on both sides of the north fork of Holstein river...Commissioners Certificate...on the east bank of the river...on the north bank of the river and crossing the river below the mouth of Cedar Creek...running with Pikes lines...on John Simmons corner...April 24, 1783 - Humberson Lyon, assignee of Abraham Crabtree...400 ac...on both sides of the north fork of Holstein River, includes improvements...348 ac, surveyed for Lyon May 26, 1774...actual settlement made in 1772...August 27, 1781

Page 48 - Humberson Lyon...150 ac...on both sides of the north fork of Holstein River on the north side of his settlement survey...Treasury Warrant...Beginning corner to the settlement tract...under the Piney Mountain...on the south side of Laurel Knob...April 24, 1783...

A treasury warrant indicates that Virginia issued a certificate in lieu of payment for military service which Lyon used in 1783 to enlarge the plantation in Saltville VA. The mouth of Cedar Branch is at coordinates N 36.89054 W 81.74965.

Lyon was on jury duty in Fincastle County in 1773 and was a witness for the widow of William Crabtree in 1776. Fincastle County recorded a survey of his settlement in 1774. On [19Apr1780, Washington County](#) recommended him to the governor of Virginia for commission as lieutenant of the militia, but he was not listed with the officers.

On 18Sep1782, Washington County recorded a claim to Humberson Lyon for the sale of 50 pounds of venison. On 16Mar1784, the will of Humberson Lyon was read in court and executor Abraham Crabtree was ordered to appraise his estate. On 18May1784, the estate inventory of Humberson Lyon, was recorded.

There was no mention of Lyon when the court dealt with casualties from the Battle of Kings Mountain on 24Nov1780. We must conclude that Humberson Lyon was wounded and not killed at Kings Mountain or that there was a third Humberson Lyon.

Augusta County VA. Chalkley, Page 70.--Settlement of above estate, by Wm. Herbert--1766, paid Jesse Townsend for corn; paid Rees Bowen, John Jankins, Fredk. Horns, Geo. Yeates. To my commission (?) to **Humberston Lyon, Jr.** Paid David Duttose.

Humberson Lyon married Nancy Pemberton, He was on the 1782 Washington Co tax list in Captain Aaron Lewis' precinct.

The Washington county militia maps are under the OVTA places tab, muster ground option. Click on Maiden Springs Fort link for Tazewell area or Campbell Corps muster map for Abingdon area.

The Humberson Lyon farm thumb tack marker is in the upper center of the map.

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