

Caswell County **unknown militiaman** of Captain John Douglas' company.

Captain John Douglas(s) assigned two attendants at Kings Mountain to convey his two wounded men home to Caswell County. Joseph Neeley was one of the two wounded. He lived in that portion of the county around Roxboro which was split off to form Person County. Captain John McMullen also commanded a Caswell County militia company in the battle of Kings Mountain.

S31879 Joseph Neeley

This Declarant, Substituted his services in (as he believes) in the Spring of 1780 for three months Tour in the name and stead of Samuel Neeley and the same Captain Douglass as 1st mentioned, commanded by Colonel Williams of S. Carolina, then marched through by Guilford Court house from thence to Salisbury form thence across Catawba River from thence near the head of Broad River, there fell in with the Kentucky and Tennessee volunteers commanded by Colonel Campbell and Col. Shelby and Col. Severe (sic, Sevier) from Tennessee and heard of Ferguson and Troop aiming to cross Broad River at the fish dam ford N. C. where we made a forced march to meet him there next morning to do which we marched all night but when we reached that place he had passed, we still pursued and on Kings Mountain we overtook him. Ferguson when a Bloody Battle ensued It was stated that 997 were killed, wounded and taken prisoner by us. Ferguson was killed. Colonel Williams Rec'd a mortal wound and died [the] next morning. This declarant Rec'd a wound and was conveyed home with **another wounded from the same County**, with two attendants, and after the three months had expired Capt. Douglass gave this declarant a discharge. In Orange County in N. Carolina in as he believes in the fall of 1780 this declarant substituted for John Fairontine under Capt. Kells commanded by General Butler and under the more Immediate command of Colonel Mabin [sic, Mebane] who commanded a Company of light Horse for three months Tour (as he believes) when he was marched by Chatham Court house, in pursuit of one Fannon [sic, Fanning]² scald headed Fannon as was called who as a Tory commander as might be called, plundering the Country, and while marching in this direction we heard he (Fannon) had got to Hillsborough, took Col. Litle (Lytle) and some of the Citizens as prisoners on the hearing of which we turned our course for we

Jacob Van Hook
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That he volunteered and went under Capt. John Douglas, Lieutenant Thomas Neiley (sic, Neely or Neeley) & Ensign John Barnett and marched from Caswell Courthouse N. C. to Salisbury crossing the Yadkin and Catawba Rivers at the Island ford, from thence crossing the three forks of Broad River to Cowpens in South Carolina and from thence re-crossing at Old Nation Ford to King's Mountain and was in the battle at that place when Col. Ferguson the British Commander was killed—and was sent on to Salem with the prisoners and was discharged at that place.

US Magazine and Democratic Review Volume 29 of 1850 speculated that a brother of Jacob Van Hook was the Caswell County soldier mentioned by Joseph Neeley as a casualty at Kings Mountain.