

Sycamore Shoals

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sycamore_Shoals

25Sep1780 In response to Maj Patrick Ferguson's threat, a muster was called to Sycamore Shoals (Fort Watauga, Elizabethton, Carter County TN). North Carolina refugees, 80 from Rutherford (Hampton) and 120 from Burke (McDowell) counties were joined by 240 (Sevier) from Washington Co, 240 (Shelby) from Sullivan Co, and 400 (Col Wm Campbell) Virginians.

In preparation for the muster, the Virginians gathered at Ebbing Spring and Sinking Spring Presbyterian meeting places.

Robert Preston had been married only three days and was sent back home. Too many Virginians had come so Campbell sent all but 400 back to protect the women and children.

Isaac Shelby hired John Gossage to strip wagons and make horse shoes for the mustering men.

Mary Patton provided 500 pounds of high quality gunpowder.

<https://tennesseencyclopedia.net/entries/mary-mckeehan-patton/>

Rev Samuel Doak (graduate of Liberty Hall, now W&L Univ) preached an invigorating send off. And prayer. <https://www.knoxtntoday.com/the-sword-of-the-lord-and-gideon/>

Robert Sinclair <https://revwarapps.org/s17678.pdf> said that he started from Sycamore Shoals as a lieutenant under Capt Edmondson, but stayed at Yellow Mountain with the sick instead of proceeding to BKM.