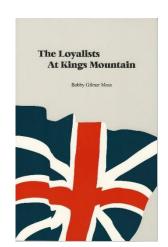
The Known Provincials & Loyalists at the Battle of Kings Mountain October 7, 1780



"Death of Maj. Ferguson at King's Mountain" – a Painting by Alonzo Chappel (c.1859)

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Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss (1998)



- The "definitive work" on identifying the Loyalist participants at Kings Mountain
- Culmination of over 25 years of research on both sides of the Atlantic
 - ✓ Brief overview (10 pages) of events that led up to the battle of Kings Mountain
 - **√885** confirmed men identified in alphabetical order. +25 men possibly at KM.
 - ✓ Regiments identified for the most part, a few exceptions.
- Primary sources include:
 - ✓ Draper Manuscripts
 - √ Cornwallis Papers
 - **✓ British Treasury Payrolls and Muster Rolls**
- ✓ Public Archives of Canada
- √ County Court Records from NC, SC, and GA

Lt. Anthony Alliare's Diary (1780)

- Said Patriots had 2,500 men at KM; Loyalists had 800 men at KM.
- Ferguson had 18 Provincials killed on the spot; 100 Militia killed (including officers)
- 32 Provincial privates wounded; Militia had 90 wounded (including officers)
- 92 Provincials captured (including officers); ~600 Militia captured (including officers)

ALLAIRE'S DIARY.

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Saturday, 14th. Twelve field officers were chosen to try the militia.

Apparently Baren's creek -Bullock's creek was some fifteen or eight

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The Journal of Alexander Chesney, a South Carolina Loyalist in the Revolution and After

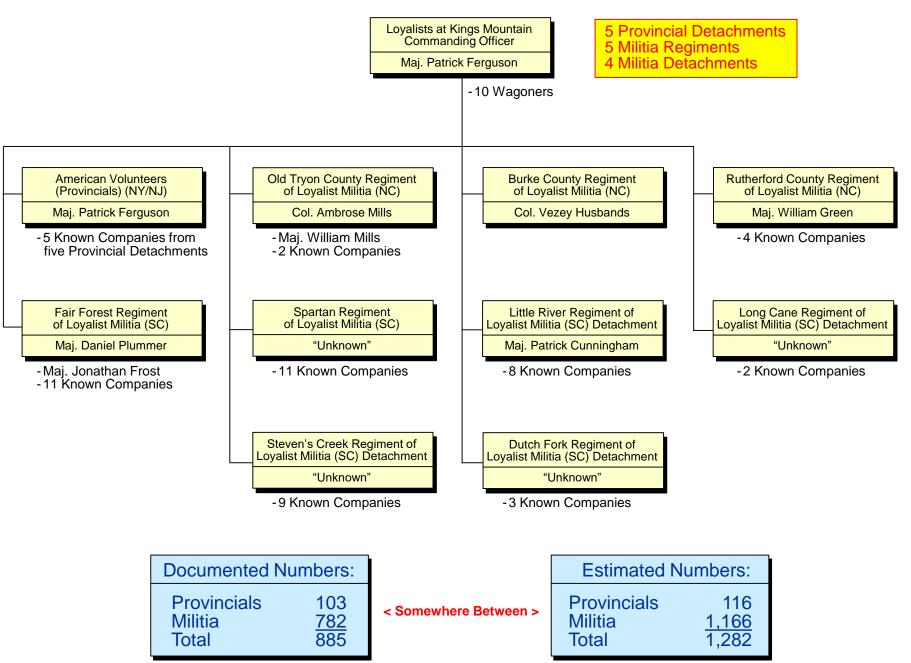
London, England

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Lt. Alexander Chesney's Journal (1775-1820)

- Moss had him as a Lieutenant. He asserted he was a Captain of Light Horse.
- Asserted the Patriots attacked KM with 1,500 men.,
- Asserted that Mai. Ferguson, himself, shot Col. James Williams of SC.





American Volunteers (Provincials) (NY/NJ)

Maj. Patrick Ferguson

aka Loyal American Volunteers. Earlier, a Major in the 71st Regiment of Foot Killed at the battle of Kings Mountain.

1744-1780

- Adjutant (Lt.) Anthony Allaire (captured)
- Virginia Paul (captured)
- Virginia Sal (killed)

Patrick Ferguson

King's American Regiment Detachment

- 1 Captain
- 1 Adjutant
- -1 Ensign
- 1 Sergeant2 Drummers
- -16 Rank & File

New Jersey Volunteers Regiment Detachment

- 4 Captains
- -2 Lieutenants
- -2 Sergeant
- -2 Corporals
- -48 Rank & File

Loyal American Regiment Detachment

- -1 Lieutenant
- -1 Sergeant
- -16 Rank & File

Prince of Wales American Regiment Detachment

- -1 Sergeant
- -16 Rank & File

King's Carolina Rangers Regiment Detachment

-1 Lieutenant

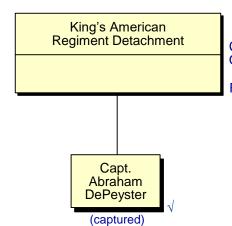
General Henry Clinton authorized Ferguson "to form into a corps all the young or unmarried men of the provinces of Georgia and the two Carolinas as opportunity shall offer, to serve under Lt. General Charles, Lord Cornwallis or other general officers commanding these provinces." Clinton also provided Ferguson with blank commissions for four Majors, twenty Captains, twenty Lieutenants, and twenty Ensigns.

"The Provincials"

5 companies with ~100 privates ~116 Total

[This number represents my guestimate]

Documented Nos. Field Officers 2 Captains 5 Lieutenants 4 **Ensigns** 1 Officers 12 **NCOs** 96 103 Privates Total $96 \div 5 = 19.2$ Men per Company



Col. Edmund Fanning not at KM.
Only officer known to be at KM was DePeyster.

From New York

Captain Not Named*

å Asa Blakesly (Sgt)

å Daniel Blue (Adjutant)

√ Samuel Casey

å Jonah Cass

*Moss did not name these men's Captain,

but most likely under Capt. Abraham DePeyster

å John Crookshank (Ensign)

√-John Dalton (captured)

å Francis Good (Drummer) (captured)

å Francis Guth (Drummer) (captured) Probably the same man as above.

å Patrick Headen (captured)

å Henry Von Horston

å Silas Howe (captured)

å David Jones` (captured)

å Duncan McDonald (captured)

å Charles McLeroy (captured)

å Cornberry Merritt (captured)

å William Miller (captured)

å Christopher Nichols (captured)

å Noah Pangborn (captured)

å John Perry (captured)

å Peter Simpson (captured)

å David Travis (captured)

1 company with ~20 privates ~24 Total

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 Documented Nos.

 Field Officers
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 Captains
 1

 Adjutants
 1

 Ensigns
 1

 Officers
 3

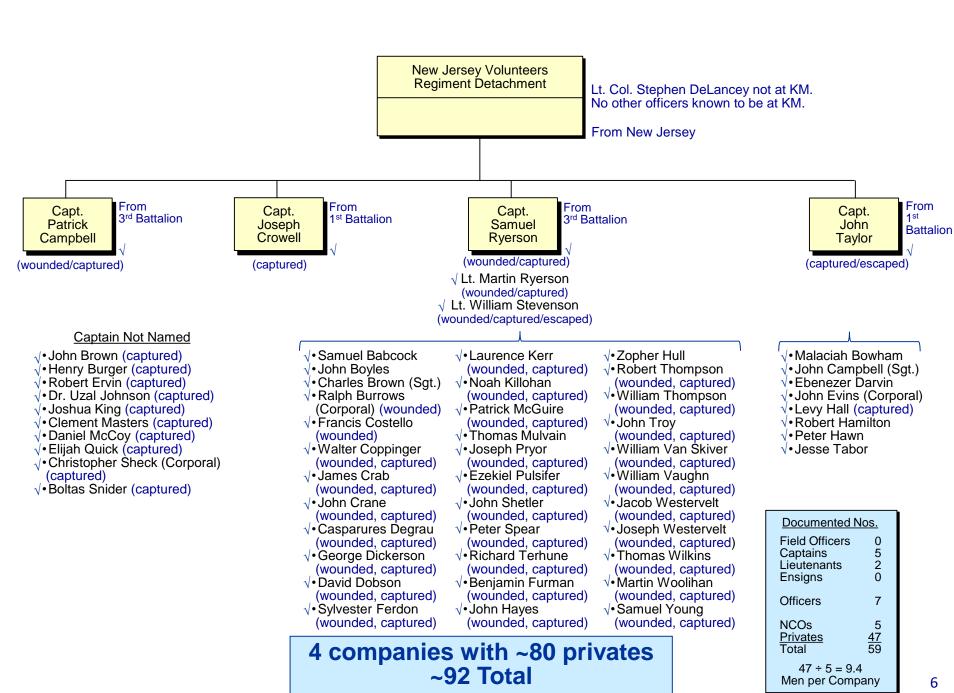
 NCOs
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 Privates
 18

 Total
 22

 18 ÷ 1 = 18.0

 Men per Company



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Loyal American Regiment Detachment

Col. Beverley Robinson not at KM. No other officers known to be at KM.

From New York

Captain Not Named

- å James Campbell (captured)
- å Nathaniel Chambers (captured)
- å Stephen Chapple (captured)
- å Daniel Ellison (Sergeant) (captured)
- å Duncan Fletcher (Lieutenant)
- √-John Fratingburg (captured)
- åWilliam Kemp (captured)
- å John Main (captured)
- å Charles Muckleroy
- å Daniel Mulhardy
- å Jordan Norris (captured)
- åSamuel Roan (captured)
- åSamuel Sharp (captured)
- å Hendy Skedgel (captured)
- å John Strong (wounded/captured)
- å Aherous Terwilliger (captured)
- å Francis Turner (captured)
- åStephen Williams (captured)

These men were most likely folded into the five (5) companies described in the Slides 5 & 6

Documented Nos.	
Field Officers Captains Lieutenants Ensigns	0 0 1 0
Officers	1
NCOs <u>Privates</u> Total	1 <u>16</u> 18
16 ÷ 1 = 16.9 Men per Company	

Prince of Wales American Regiment Detachment

Lt. Col. Thomas Pattinson not at KM. No other officers known to be at KM.

From New York

Captain Not Named

- √ John Banack
- √ Gilbert Boodle
- √ Alexander Cain
- √ James Cocks
- √ Frederick Cronckite
- √ John Gibbs
- √ Noah Gildersleeve
- √ John Gleron
- √ John Hevaland
- √ George Innis
- √ Frederick Nichols
- √ Moses Olmstead
- √ John Sharpe
- √ John Sherman
- √ Henry Townsend (Sgt.)
- √ George Weekly√ Paul Wooster

These men were most likely folded into the five (5) companies described in Slides 5 & 6

Documented I	Nos.
Field Officers	0
Captains	0
Lieutenants	0
Ensigns	0
Officers	0
NCOs	1
Privates	16
Total	<u>16</u> 17
16 ÷ 1 = 16.0 Men per Company	

King's Carolina Rangers Regiment Detachment

Col. Thomas Brown not at KM. No other officers known to be at KM.

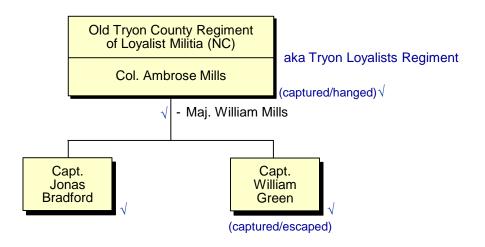
From South Carolina and Georgia

Captain Not Named

åLt. Richard McGinnis (killed)

This officer was Most Likely assigned to one of the five (5) Captains shown on Slides 5 & 6

Documented Nos.		
Field Officers	0	
Captains	0	
Lieutenants	1	
Ensigns	0	
Officers	1	
NCOs	0	
Privates	0	
Total	1	
0 ÷ 1 = 0.0 Men per Company		



- åJohn Logan (captured) åThomas Logan (wounded)

Several sources assert Col. Mills brought ~100 men.

2 companies with ~40 privates ~44 Total

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Documented Nos.		
Field Officers Captains Lieutenants Ensigns	2 2 0 0	
Officers	4	
NCOs <u>Privates</u> Total	0 <u>2</u> 6	
2 ÷ 2 = 1.0 Men per Compa	any	

Burke County Regiment of Loyalist Militia (NC)

Col. Vezey Husbands

(killed)√

Captain Not Named

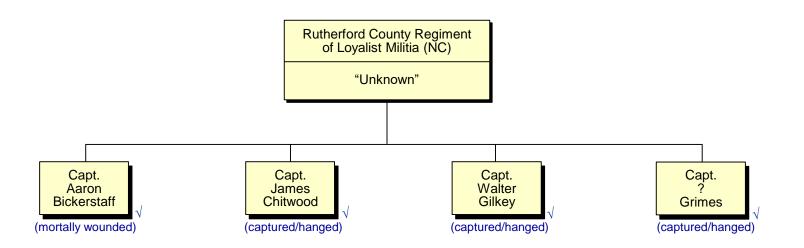
- å? Baldwin
- √ Isaac Baldwin
- åArthur McFall (wounded/captured)
 åGeorge McFall (captured/hanged)
 åJohn McFall (captured/hanged)
- å Jesse Moore
- å Elias Powell (captured/paroled) å Race Sharp (captured/hanged)

Several sources assert Col. Husbands brought ~50 men.

1 company with ~20 privates ~21 Total

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Documented Nos.		
Field Officers Captains Lieutenants Ensigns	1 0 0 0	
Officers	1	
NCOs <u>Privates</u> Total	0 <u>8</u> 9	
8 ÷ 1 = 8.0 Men per Compa	any	



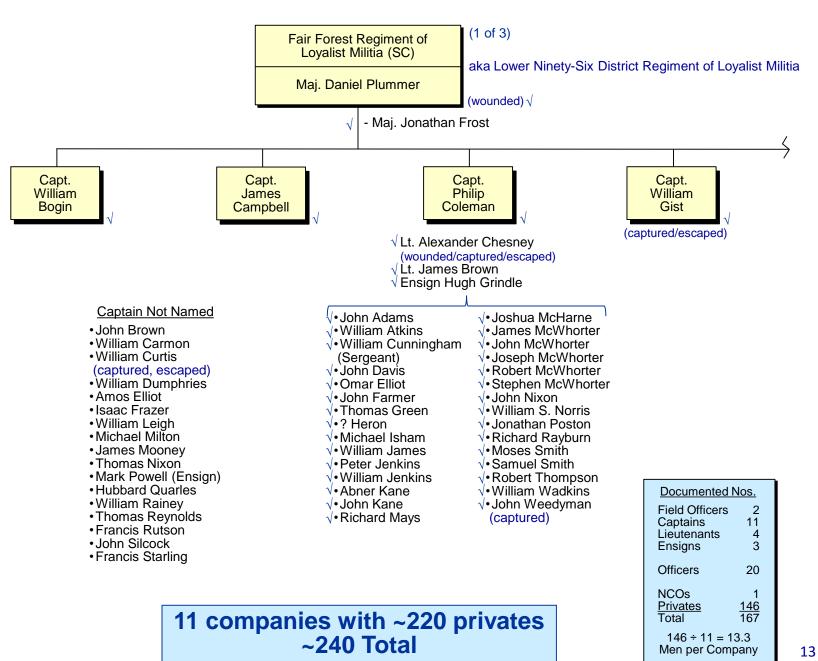
åLt. John Bibby (captured, hanged) åLt. ? Lafferty (captured, hanged)

åJohn Goforth (killed) (He had two other Loyalist brothers that were killed at KM, not named)

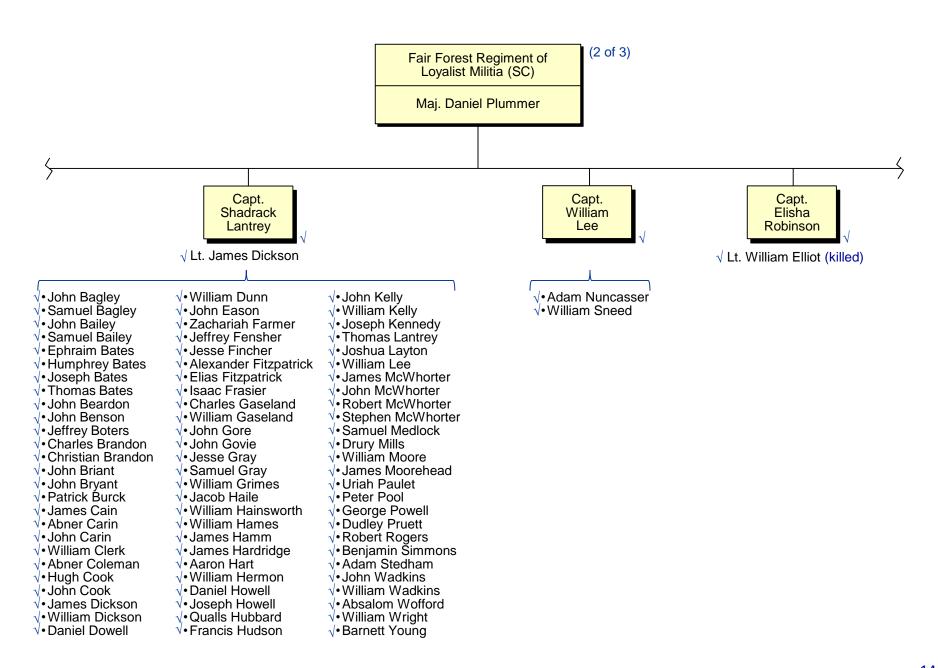
4 companies with ~80 privates ~86 Total

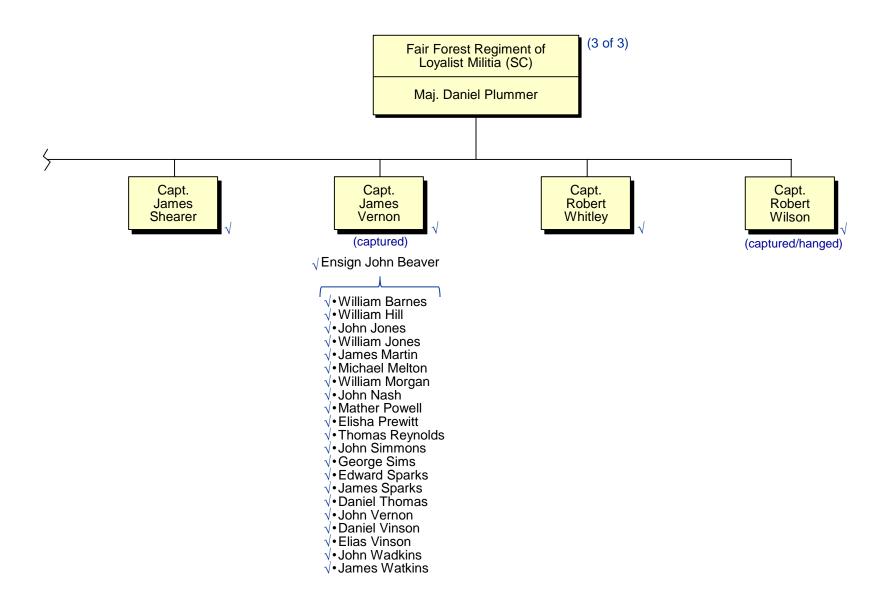
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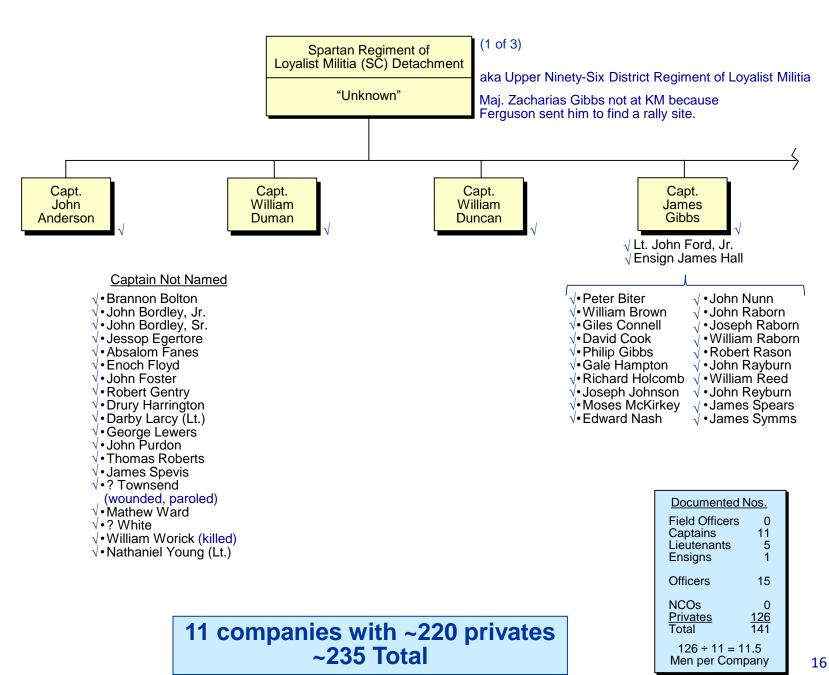
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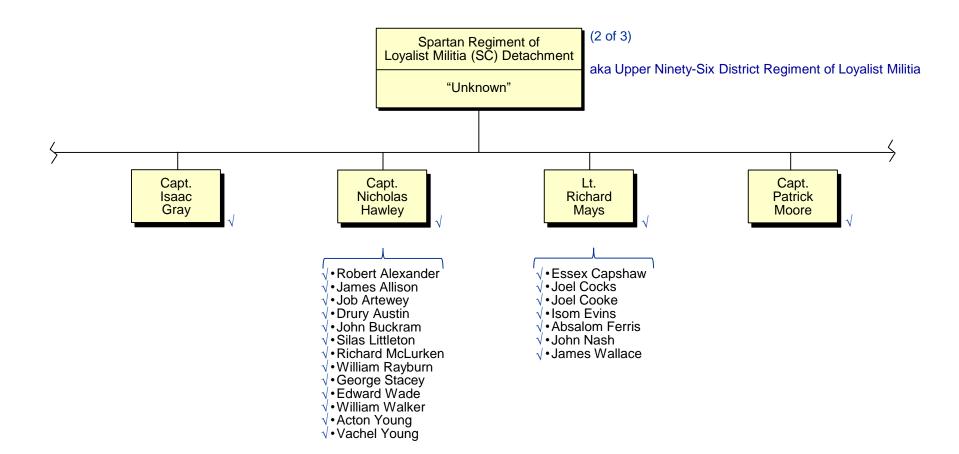
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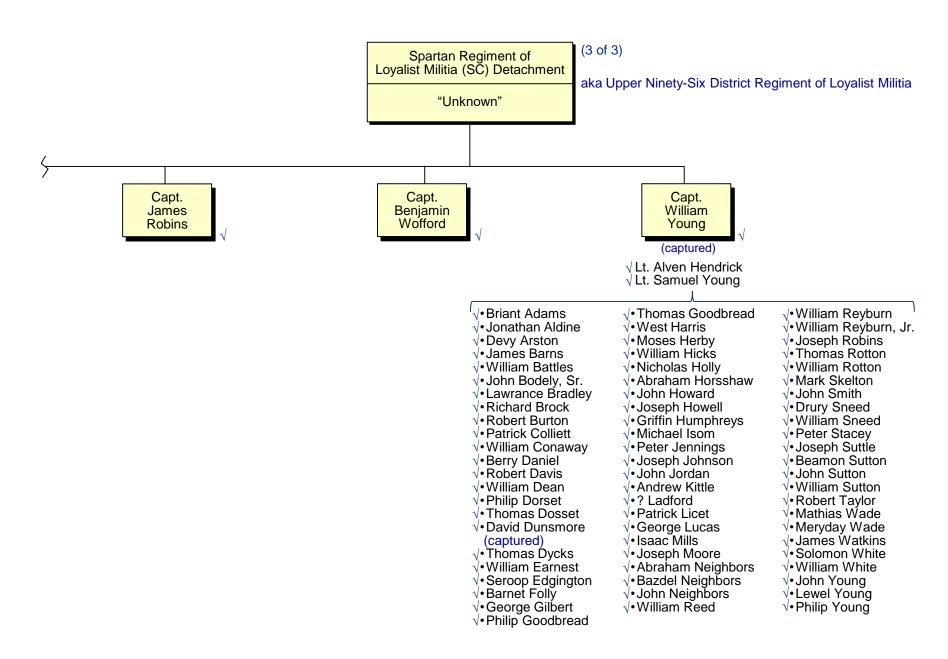


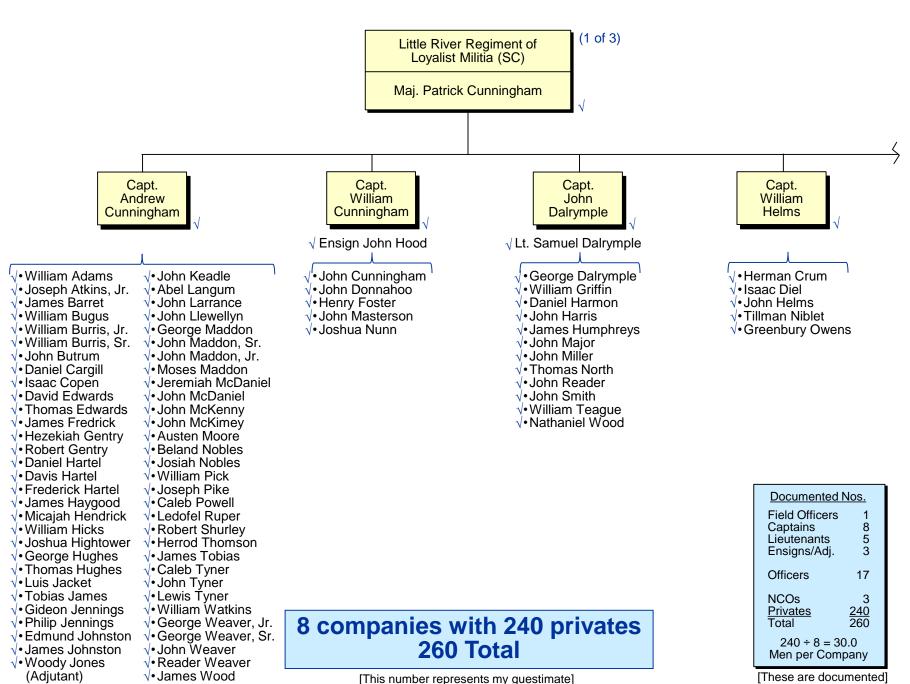


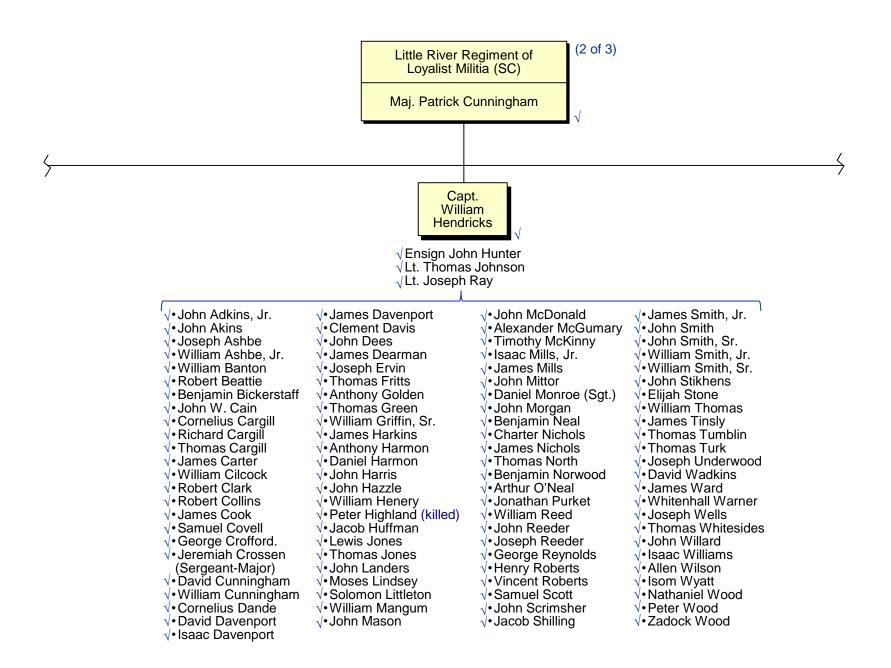


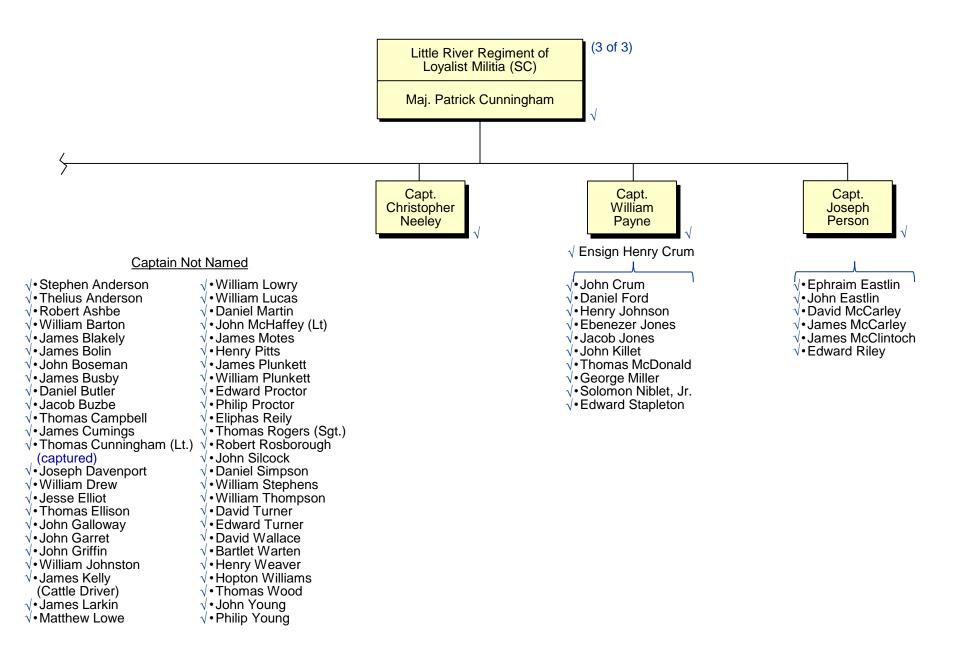
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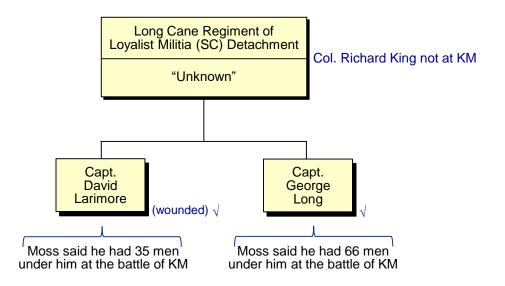










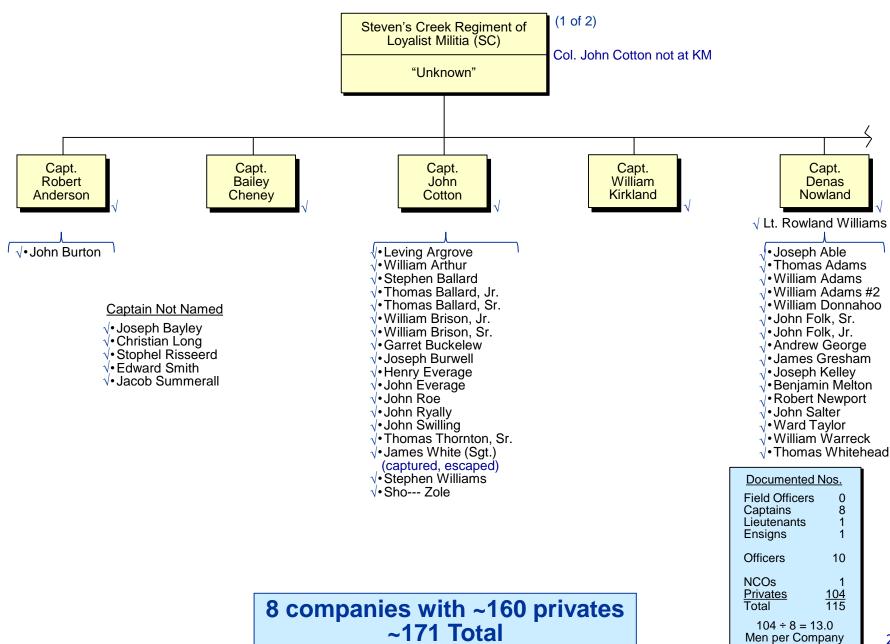


- åSamuel Glasgow åGeorge McComb
- å Archibald McFarlane (captured, escaped)

2 companies with ~40 privates ~42 Total

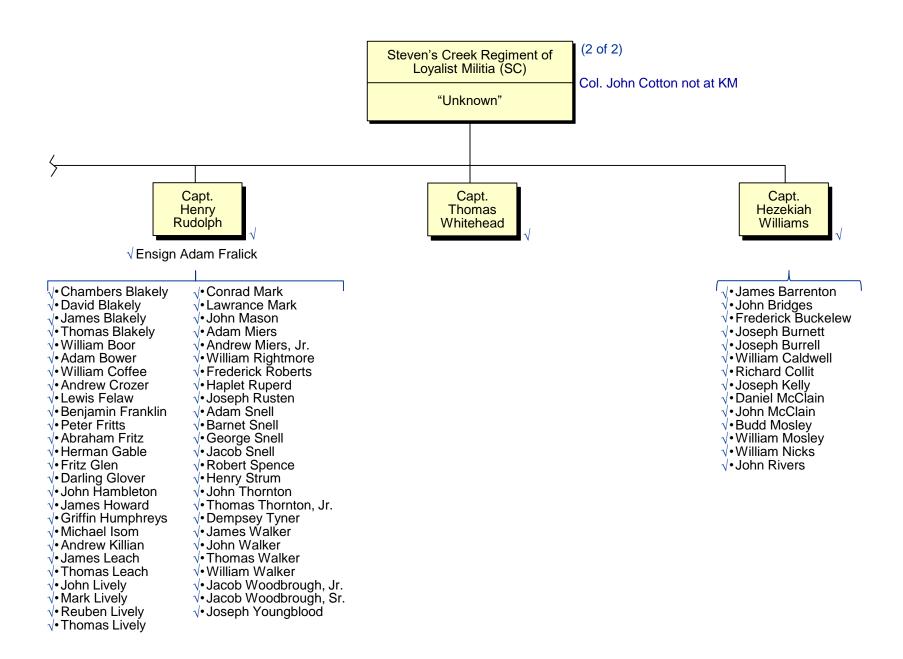
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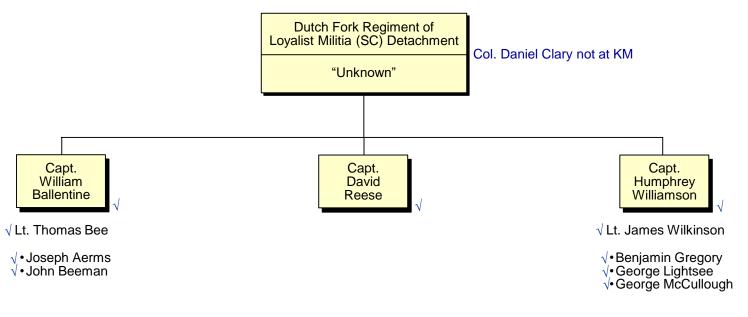
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åGeorge Mounts

3 companies with ~60 privates ~65 Total

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Documented Nos. Field Officers 0 Captains 3 Lieutenants 2 **Ensigns** 0 Officers 5 **NCOs** 0 6 11 Privates Total $6 \div 3 = 2.0$ Men per Company

Loyalist Militiamen at Kings Mountain Whose Captain is not Known (40)

From South Carolina (25):

- $\sqrt{\text{Abney}}$, Samuel (wounded). No officers at KM named by Moss.
- √ Anderson, William. From Ninety Six District. No officers at KM named by Moss.
- Aughtey, Absolum (Lt). A Lieutenant commissioned by Maj. Patrick Ferguson, regiment and officers at KM not named by Moss.
- Brown, Joseph. Assumed to be from SC. No officers at KM named by Moss.
- √ Cairns, Peter. Assumed to be from SC. No officers at KM named by Moss.
- $\sqrt{\text{Dement}}$, ?. Assumed to be from SC. No officers at KM named by Moss.
- √ Dougherty, John. Assumed to be from SC. No officers at KM named by Moss.
- Gage, ? Assumed from SC. Six brothers, all captured at KM, later escaped. No officers at KM named by Moss.
- √ Hobbs, Augustin. Most likely from SC. No officers at KM named by Moss. Captured at KM. Hanged.
- √ Johnstone, ? Assumed to be from SC. No officers at KM named by Moss.
- √ Langum, William. Assumed from SC. No officers named at KM by Moss. Captured, escaped.
- √ Mathis, Drury. From Saluda Old Town. Officers at KM not named by Moss. Wounded at KM, played dead, went home the next day.
- √McCrary, Matthew. From SC. Officers at KM not named by Moss.
- $\sqrt{\text{McDuff, Dennis. From SC. Officers at KM not named by Moss. Captured at KM, paroled.}$
- $\sqrt{\text{McKown}}$, George. Assumed from SC. No officers named at KM by Moss.
- √ Osborne, Arthur. Assumed from SC. Officers at KM not named by Moss.
- Ponder, John. Assumed from SC. A Messenger for Maj. Patrick Ferguson. Captured.
- √ Powell, Robert. Assumed from SC. Officers at KM not named by Moss. Captured.
- $\sqrt{\text{Price}}$, Gillian. Assumed from SC. Officers at KM not named by Moss.
- √ Russell, ? Assumed from SC. Officers at KM not named by Moss.
- √ Wandsor, Daniel. Assumed from SC. Officers at KM not named by Moss.
- Wandsor, James. Assumed from SC. Officers at KM not named by Moss.
- √ Ward, Matthew. In Spartan Regiment. Officers at KM not named by Moss.
- √ Weir, Thomas. Assumed from SC. Officers at KM not named by Moss.
- $\sqrt{}$ Whitson, ? Assumed from SC. Officers at KM not named by Moss. Captured at KM. Escaped

From North Carolina (14):

- √ Bedford, Jonas. Originally from NJ, abandoned his wife in NC and went to Charlestown and joined Ferguson, officers at KM not named by Moss.
- √ Brandon, Josiah. From NC. Officers at KM not named by Moss.
- √ Brandon, Preston (killed). From NC. Officers at KM not named by Moss. Father of Josiah Brandon. Killed at KM.
- $\sqrt{}$ Branson, ? (wounded). From NC. Officers at KM not named by Moss. Wounded at KM.
- √ Chambers, Samuel. From Washington County, NC. Deserted and warned Ferguson of Patriots' approach. No officers named at KM.
- √ Connell, Jesse. From NC. Captured at KM, escaped. No officers named by Moss.
- √ Crawford, James. From Washington County, NC. Deserted and warned Ferguson of Patriots' approach. No officers named at KM. Sevier saved him.
- Dougherty, Daniel. From NC. Was a Captain under Col. Turnbull. Captured at Camden. Joined Ferguson at Fair Forest, officers not named by Moss.
- $\sqrt{\text{Douglass}}$, William. Assumed from NC. No officers at KM named by Moss. Captured and hanged.
- √ Hager, Frederick. Assumed to be from NC. No officers at KM named by Moss. Captured at KM, freed. Brother of George and Simon.
- Hager, George. Assumed to be from NC. No officers at KM named by Moss. Captured at KM, freed. Brother of Frederick and Simon.
- √ Hager, Simon. Assumed to be from NC. No officers at KM named by Moss. Captured at KM, freed. Brother of Frederick and George.
- √ Morgan, ? From NC. No officers at KM named by Moss.
- √Phillips, Samuel. Assumed from NC. Officers at KM not named by Moss. Maj. Patrick Ferguson sent him with a message for the "Back-Water Men."

From Virginia (1):

√ Ferguson, Samuel. From Tazewell County, VA. Possibly a cousin of Maj. Patrick Ferguson. No officers at KM named by Moss. Captured.