



There was no William Bullen in the Battle of Kings Mountain. His myth was created by the typesetter on the way from Lyman Copeland Draper's manuscript to the book *Kings Mountain and its Heroes*. Draper's source, a Samuel Newell letter, was properly read and recorded that Philip Bullen was wounded.

Philip does not appear in Washington County records. The only Bullen found was that Joseph Bullen lived on the Holston adjoining Captain James Thompson. Joseph Bullen was later a captain with John Sevier at the Battle of Boyds Creek two months after Kings Mountain. (per John Denton W352).

Let's speculate that Philip Bullen was a young man conspicuous enough to be remembered by Samuel Newell, perhaps serving with one of Newell's militia engagements, but not so well established as to own property or to serve on jury duty or road construction assignments or to appear later on tax lists. Merely because there was a Bullen in the Chilhowie VA area, let's guess that in BKM, Philip was in Edmondson's company.