



John Boyd, killed at Kings Mountain, was the son of Robert Boyd of Virginia. John's wife was Mary (Buchanan) Boyd who died in Lincoln County NC in 1787

The Lincoln County folks list John Boyd, killed at BKM under Graham's Corps (led by Lt Col Hambright). the enemy charged bayonet—said to have been led by DePeyster—first firing off their guns, by which, Robert Henry supposed that Captain Mattocks and John Boyd were killed, and William Gilmer, a brother of the noted scout, and John Chittim wounded—

In 1815, Doctor William McLean purchased and erected the battlefield's first commemorative marker. It honors Lincoln County men killed and is located where that military unit approached the steep hill. Today, it is on the hiking trail beside a modern copy. The marker reads, "Sacred to the memory of Major William Chronicle, Captain John Mattocks, William Robb, and John Boyd who were killed at this place on the 7th of October, 1780, fighting in defense of America." Of historical interest, McLean did not include Arthur Patterson Sr. among the killed as appears on the obelisk plaque. Martha Rudisill, an Arthur Patterson Sr. descendant, indicates that he was not killed (Rudisill 2006–2010).

Doctor McLean had been a surgeon's mate, an apprentice doctor of sorts, during the war with earlier practical experience at Charleston. He attended to the wounded at Kings Mountain.