



Samuel is one of three Espey's shown by Bobby Moss to be from Old Tryon Co. James and twin brother Joseph are also listed. Samuel served under Captain Isaac White in William Graham's corps. He was wounded in the battle at Kings Mountain. FPAs S6824 and S31668.

After William Patterson died in 1796, Samuel Espey adopted two of Patterson's sons.

Colonel William Graham's deposition:

That during the year 1780, he acted as Colonel of the militia in the County of Lincoln in the said State, & that Samuel Espey as Captain, both duly commissioned as he believes; that at the battle of **Kings Mountain** the said Samuel Espey was **wounded** in the engagement then commanding as Captain, under me as Colonel against the British & Tories -- Deponent further swears that he has been acquainted with said Espey, ever since the close of the revolutionary war, that he has always resided in Lincoln County since, and that he is the same Samuel Espey who has been heretofore placed on the pension list. S/ William Graham

Sworn to & subscribed before me 18th of October 1825

S/ Robert H. Burton, Commissioner  
North Carolina

18. Form with inserted text shown in italics.]

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, That *Samuel Espey* a *Captain* in the Company of — in the *Lincoln* Regiment of the United States *Militia* is rendered incapable of performing the duties of a Soldier, by

reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, viz.:

By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination, it appears that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of *October* in the year 1780 being engaged *a battle* at or near a place called *Kings Mountain* in the district, or territory, of *South Carolina* he received *a wound by a ball* in his *right arm passing through the elbow joint thereof* and he is thereby not only incapacitated for Military Duty, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, is *one half* disabled him up training his subsistence of manual labor.

S/ S. P. Simpson, Surgeon

S/ Will Johnston, Surgeon

*Sworn to & subscribed before me at Lincolnton N. C. October 24th, 1825*

*Oath taken so far as respects disability & degree*

S/ Robt. H. Benton

**Abram Forney** of said County this day personally appeared before me Robert H. Burton and after being duly sworn, according to law; says, he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1780; as one of the militia of this county that Samuel Espy Commanded in the said Battle as a Captain, and was wounded, during the action in the Arm; this deponent further states, that in the year 1781, Captain Espy Commanded a company that this deponent then acted as a Sergeant in said Company, during this tour of service, Capt Espy's arm became very sore, not having been healed of the **wound** he received at **Kings Mountain**, in 1780, and during this tour of service, the soreness Increased, and smelt very offensive, at which time, Captain Espy was unable to perform the duties, that devolved on him as Captain, and got leave to return home, his arm was so offensive that the soldiers under his command complained of the offensiveness of the smell, before he consented to leave his company.

This the deponent further says, that he has known Capt Espy, ever since the Battle of Kings mountain, & before he has always supported the Character of an honest man, & has for many years acted as justice of the peace for the County.

Sworn to & subscribed before me April 27<sup>th</sup> 1827 S/ Abraham Forney

S/ Robt. H. Burton

About the year 1779 he volunteered as a private soldier under the command of Captain Barber in a Regiment commanded by Col. Charles McLean in the militia of North Carolina in the service of the United States against bands of Tories. He was in this service about one month. He again entered the service in the Militia of North Carolina as a Captain early in the Spring of 1780 under the command of Col. W<sup>m</sup> Graham & General Charles McDowell & during that service sometime in the summer of the same year, he was engaged in a battle with the British & Tories at the Cedar Springs in the District of Spartanburg South Carolina and continued in the ranging service until the Battle of King's Mountain fought near the South & North Carolina line with the British & Tories under the command of Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] on the 7<sup>th</sup> October in that year, in which Battle **he had his right arm broken by a Ball**; after he recovered from said Wound, he again volunteered as a Captain of militia of North Carolina under the command of General Thomas Polk & marched to Rugeley's Mill in Kershaw District in the State of South Carolina; there he was first placed under the command of Col. Reed of North Carolina & afterwards under Col. Marshall from which service he was discharged sometime in the summer of 1781.

Samuel Espy was buried at Long Creek Presbyterian Cemetery near Bessemer City NC. Their marker indicates date of death on 29Dec1838.