



Joseph Dobson Junior  
Of the Burke County North Carolina Militia  
Under Major Joseph McDowell

Wounded by two enemy bullets  
At Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780

Born: June 4, 1756, Lunenburg County, Virginia  
Married Mary Mackey March 18, 1779 Burke County, North Carolina  
Died November 21, 1836, Burke County, North Carolina

Joseph Dobson would have received at least two purple hearts in today's military service. He was wounded at Ramsour's Mill and again at Kings Mountain. Dobson was part of Joseph McDowell's Burke County militia which retreated over the mountains to refuge from Patrick Ferguson's regiment in the Watauga and then returned with the over mountain volunteers to defeat Ferguson at Kings Mountain.

Dobson was treated by a British surgeon at Kings Mountain. Then Captain [James ?] Johnson and John Wilfong took him to the house of George Wilfong in Lincoln County (the map marks a George Wilfong property in Burke County) in a British wagon. After he was able to ride, John

Wilfong accompanied him home to Dr. Joseph Dobson Senior's in Burke County. Doctor Dobson was caring for as many as twenty wounded soldiers.  
John Wilfong's Pension: <http://revwarapps.org/s7951.pdf>

Joseph married Mary Mackey, daughter of John and Ann Alexander Mackey. In October and November 1780 Mary's parents kept at least four wounded soldiers, three Lewis brothers and Minor Smith while her father in law treated them.

After the war, the Dobsons acquired many tracts of land in Old Burke County west to the Pigeon and French Broad watershed. Mapping them would present an interesting picture.

Interesting details of Burke County militia during the Revolution may be seen in Joseph Dobson's pension declaration transcribed at <http://www.revwarapps.org/w19187.pdf>

### **Land Records:**

#90 ELIJAH JENNINGS, 200 acres on Western Waters on small creek in to Pidgeon River 2 miles on this side Pidgeon River including the old Cherokee path where it crosses the creek, beginning 1/4 mile below path, up creek including large meadow and good upland on west for complement. Entered August 1789. Transferred by order to Joseph Dobson, Junr. Warrant Issued January 1791. [present-day Haywood County. kdi]#91 BEAL BAKER, 150 acres joining Fletcher's in forks of North Branch of Swanana River, taking in forks for complement. Entered August 1789. Warrant Issued. [present-day Buncombe County. kdi]

#94 JAMES AINSWORTH, 150 acres on Bald Mountain Fork of Ivey River, beginning Scott's upper line, up for complement including place whereon Abram Rice now liveth. Entered August 1789. Warrant Issued. [present-day Yancey County. kdi]

#98 JOHN THOMAS, 100 acres joining John McDowell Senr's. lines on upper side of the round hill bottom on forks of Big Ivy River taking up the vacancy for complement. Entered September 1789. Transferred to Jacob Hollingsworth by order of 16 February 1790.

#102 GEORGE MORRIS, 100 acres Caney River, beginning south side Sharpe's line and a maple, south, taking up vacancy for complement. Entered September 1789. Warrant Issued. Transferred to Joseph Dobson.

#105 JOSEPH DOBSON, 6- ? ] acres [in border, 100 acres] head of South Fork of Caney River including rich sugar cove. Entered September 1789. Transferred to Pherebe Sheppard. James Glasgow Williams.

#107 WILLIAM WOFFORD, ESQ. 150 acres both sides Reedy Branch running from north end of a mountain called Woods' Knob for complement. Entered September 1789. Warrant issued. Transferred to Joseph Dobson. Test: Nathl. Wofford. [Woods' Knob is in present-day south Mitchell County. kdi]

#108 WILLIAM WOFFORD, ESQ., 50 acres south side the Blue ridge upon North Fork of Gillespie's Creek taking up the vacancy for complement. Entered September 1789. Warrant Issued. Transferred to Joseph Dobson. Test: Nathaniel Wofford. Warrant Issued. [present-day McDowell-Mitchell County Line. kdi]

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#109 WILLIAM WOFFORD, ESQ., 250 acres on the Blue ridge including the walnut bottom on east side of head springs of Grassey Creek taking up the vacancy for complement. Entered September 1789. Transferred to Joseph Dobson. Test: Nathl. Wofford. Warrant Issued. [Grassy Creek rises in present-day Mitchell County and flows north into North Toe River. kdi]

#110 WILLIAM WOFFORD, ESQ., 100 acres both sides main fork of Gillespie's Creek, taking up the vacancy for complement. Entered September 1789. Transferred to Joseph Dobson. Test: Nathaniel Wofford. Warrant Issued. [present-day McDowell-Mitchell County line. kdi.]

#111 JOHN LOTTER, 200 acres Grassey Creek, joining William Wofford's entries and taking up vacancy for Complement. [Grassy Creek rises in present-day Mitchell County and flows north into North Toe River. kdi]

#112 WILLIAM WELSH, 200 acres Bull Creek, branch of Ivy River of French Broad River beginning lower end of a cane brake near mouth of creek taking in said cane brake and vacancy for complement. Entered September 1789. Warrant issued.

#113 WILLIAM WELSH, 200 acres beginning Gilbert's Creek a fork of Ivy River 5 miles above mouth of creek taking in the cane brake both sides of creek and taking up vacancy for complement. Entered September 1789.

#114 WILLIAM WELSH, 300 acres Gilbert's Creek 1.4 mile above his last entry, #113, and taking up vacancy for complement above forks both sides one mille west from Gabriel [Cath ?] Entered September 1789. Warrant Issued. kdi]

#115 JOSEPH DOBSON, 600 acres Richland Creek below Carson's entry, up for complement. Entered September 1789. Warrant Issued. [present-day Haywood County. kdi]

#116 WILLIAM WELSH, 200 acres first big branch on west side Gilbert's Creek, a fork of Ivey of French Broad River on left hand fork taking up vacancy for complement, up fork from mouth, including both sides. Entered September 1789.

#117 WILLIAM WELSH, 200 acres on Gilbert's Creek, branch of Ivey River, beginning branch whereon he has entry #116 a place where Henry Smith cut logs and taking up vacancy for complement and also beginning at crab orchards. Entered September 1789. Warrant Issued May 1794.

#118 WILLIAM WELSH, 150 acres on waters of Big Laurel, beginning near the low gap up or down creek taking up vacancy for complement, being branch of Ivey of French Broad. Entered September 1789. Warrant Issued May 1794.

#119 JOHN BAKER, 160 acres on Caney Creek "Boling's Creek" beginning white oak near bank of creek, up creek including place where Boling cut some logs for complement. Entered September 1789.

#119 ROBERT SHEARMAN, 200 acres left hand fork of Gabriel's Creek joining Joseph Dobson's line of his big survey up creek and on west side for complement. Entered September 1789. Warrant Issued.

#120 JOSEPH DOBSON, JUNR., 200 acres west side Pidgeon River on South Fork of Richland Creek a mile above Carson's entry "at the rode". Entered October 1789. Warrant Issued. [present-day Haywood County. kdi]

#121 JOSEPH DOBSON, 200 acres Richland Creek beginning a mile above mouth at a cleft of rocks below a small meadow, up creek, a branch of Pigeon River on west side of river. Entered October 1789. Warrant issued. [present-day Haywood County. kdi]

#122 WILLIAM DONALDSON, 50 acres Reams Creek including the mouth of, up both sides including falls and a mill seat. Entered October 1789. Transferred into the name of Cornelius Sewee July 1790. [Could this be Cornelius Sale/ Sales? kdi.] [present-day Buncombe County. kdi]

#123 WILLIAM DONALDSON, 100 acres beginning junction of main forks of Gabriel's Creek down both sides for complement. Entered October 1789. [In the border is the notation is "of Ivey River. lapsd entered by Thos. Smith."] Transferred to Joseph Dobson, Junr.

#124 WILLIAM DONALDSON, 600 acres beginning junction of main forks of Gabriel's Creek of Ivy River, including both forks for complement, being Ivy River. Entered October 1789. Lapsd by Thos. Smith. Transferred to Joseph Dobson, Junr. [present-day Buncombe County.

#131 & 125 ROBERT CRAIG DONALDSON, 150 acres branch of Reams Creek that falls in on north side below Beefoles Bill, "Big Branch." Entered October 1789. [In margin is: No. 125 Robert Craig lost. kdi] [present-day Buncombe County. kdi]

#133 PHILIP WILLIAMS, 300 acres on the Paint Fork of Ivy River, beginning branch on or near Keith's improvement, up for complement. Transferred to Joseph Dobson by purchase. Entered September 1789. [present-day Buncombe County. kdi]

#138 JOSEPH DOBSON, 100 acres on Reams Creek on Ivy Fork including the Crossing ford where the Ivy Path Crosses the fork for complement, up. Entered October 1789. Warrant Issued July 1791. [present-day Buncombe County. kdi]

#139 WILLIAM HILL, 50 acres beginning below Robert Baker's old improvement on North Tow River, up, taking in vacancy for complement. Entered October 1789.

#140 FREDRICK DONATHAN, 150 acres on Caney River and on branch that runs in at Ray's house toward the Green Mountain. Entered October 1789. [Green Mountain is in present-day Yancey County, extending northeast from near the head of Shoal Creek to Toe River. kdi]

#142 GEORGE RAMSEY, 100 acres, being 50 acres land which together with 50 acres entered by Casper Weston [or West] No. 61 upon these books make the complement of 100 acres, beginning below the 3 forks of Ivy River at the old ford including Weem's Cabin, down for complement. Entered October 1789.

#137 JAMES AINSWORTH, 200 acres beginning Soct's line, up the Bold Branch of Bald Mountain Fork of Ivy River taking up the vacancy for complement. Entered October 1789. Warrant Issued. Transferred from No. 87.

#138 JAMES AINSWORTH, 150 acres beginning branch of Little Crabtree Creek of Tow River, branch into the creek at a little cane brake, including the rich poplar land for complement. Entered October 1789. Warrant issued.

#150 GEORGE RAMSEY, 100 acres beginning large bottom on Little Ivy River below the three forks above James Sams' improvement, including the long bottom at foot of the mountain for complement. Entered October 1789.

#152 WILLIAM WYNN, 600 acres beginning below Keith's cabin on the first big branch into Ivy on south, taking up vacancy on both sides for complement. Entered October 1789. Warrant Issued. Transferred by order to Jno. Justice.

#153 JOHN DILLARD, 100 acres on South Fork Flat Creek of French Broad River beginning 1/2 mile above the mouth of creek and fork at mouth of a small dreaon on a white oak, on south side fork and running up fork including said Dillard's improvement for complement. Entered October 1789.

#154 CASPER WESTON, 600 acre right hand fork of the Ball Mountain Creek at head, including the Sugar Cove. Entered October 1789. Warrant Issued July 1791. Transferred to Joseph Dobson by purchase 3 September 1792.

#155 JOHN GUNTER, 100 acres including 60 acres entered by Wm Wynn and transferred to him by order of said Wm. Wynn, as appears upon the Book No. 140, beginning below Keith's cabin on the first big branch of Ivey River on south side taking up vacancy on both sides for complement. Entered October 1789. Warrant Issued. [In the margin] is No. 144. Located by old Wright of ... [not legible] to sd Gunter.

#156 JOSEPH DOBSON, JUN., 400 acres main North Towe River and south side on a large branch, including Blevins' hog pen for complement. Entered October 1789.

#156 WILLIAM WYNNE, 300 acres beginning on one of the main forks of Ivey river "Sams Big branch" above improvements of Joseph Sams, up and down creek and on both sides and taking up vacancy for complement. Entered October 1789. warrant issued September 1790. Transferred to Joseph Dobson, Jr.

#158 JOSEPH DOBSON, JUNR., 400 acres small creek of South Fork of Caney River that come in about 100 yards below the mill on the south side including forks of creek and good upland, white oak branded JD. Entered October 1789. Warrant Issued May 1794.

#159 JOHN GILHLAM, 200 acres beginning forks of Glens Creek of French Broad River running in on north side in forks and up and down fork both sides for complement. Entered October 1789. Transferred by order to Hughey.

#160 JOSEPH DOBSON, JUNR., 600 acres on Richland Creek joining lower end of a four hundred acre tract, down both sides of Richland Creek for complement above his entry at the mouth. Entered October 1789. Warrant Issued. [present-day Haywood County. kdi]

#161 RANDALL RAMSEY, 200 acres beginning above Greenlees upon the Big Branch leading in between the Paint Springs Branch and Bald Mountain For of Ivey River including Millers Chopping and leading up for complement. Entered October 1789. Transferred in April 1794 to Joseph Dobson.

#162 JOHNATHAN McPHETERS, 200 acres beginning South Fork of Prices Creek of Caney River at or near a large white oak marked JF, up creek for complement. Entered October 1789.

#163 JAMES AINSWORTH and EDMUND SAMS, 150 acres beginning Big Branch of Bald Mountain Creek of Caney River, including a Barke Camp, up and down taking up vacancy for complement. Entered October 1789.

#164 JOSEPH DOBSON, 600 acres Pidgeon River joining his own line below one hundred acres on both sides down above mouth of Richland Creek. Entered October 1789. Warrant issued.

#170 JOSEPH DOBSON, 600 acres beginning John McDowells old line at upper end now sold to Hoolenpyle on South Fork Caney River, up creek for complement. Entered November 1789. Warrant Issued in July 1790.

#174 WILLIAM ROGERS, 150 acres head of Harrisses Creek, branch of Crooked Creek, down for complement. Entered November 1789. [could be in either present Buncombe or Madison County. kdi]

#178 JOHN DOTY, 100 acres beginning on the Long Branch of Crooked Creek near line of tract, formerly surveyed for Wm McCafferty, including both forks of branch for complement. Entered December 1789.

#176 JOSEPH DOBSON, JUN. 100 acres Reams Creek of Ivey Fork including crossing ford where the Ivey path crosses the same. Incomplete fork of Creek for complement. Entered December 1789.

#177 JOSEPH DOBSON, 200 acres on the Ball Mountain Creek including the road from the Ball Mountain to Ivey and old Barke Camp for complement. Entered December 1789. Warrant issued.

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