

Michael Cane

Jeremiah Files (FPA S13025) gave testimony under oath regarding Michael Cane.

That on Christmas Eve in the year 1780 he enrolled himself as a volunteer under Colonel Andrew Pickens and at the time of his enrollment resided in Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina and marched from thence as a volunteer with Col. Pickens to Grandel Shoals on Pacolet River and there joined General Morgan about the first of January in the year 1781 and then placed under the command of Captain James McCall in the Battalion of Major Alexander Noble in the Regiment of Colonel Andrew Pickens of the South Carolina Militia. My Father John Files, Lieutenant & Hugh Baskins the Ensign in said Company – and from Grendel Shoals we marched under General Morgan to the **Cowpens** and was at the Battle fought there against Tarleton's Legion on the Wednesday Morning on the 17th day of January 1781 -- & recollects a Continental officer called Colonel Howard & Col. William Washington of the light Horse. This Deponent was wounded by Tarleton's Dragoons on the head – on the left arm and on the right hand each wound was made with a sword & the wounds are now visible the wounds Greatly Disabled this Deponent -- & Stunned him for some time & one Captain Alexander of Rowan County North Carolina was the first man to come to his relief & informed him of our victory -- & from thence he was carried in a Horse Bier three days with General Morgan's Army and arrived at the Town of Gilbert in North Carolina and there Left the Army and was taken to General Charles McDowell's at the Quaker Meadows on the Catawba River and there with one **Michael Cane** an *American and 16 wounded British* soldiers were placed under a Surgeon by the name of Rodulf (a Dutchman) & there remained 16 Days and from thence Left the British soldiers and removed 6 miles to Martin Detweiler's on Johns River & remained there 18 Days -- & afterwards returned home & remained unable to do duty until the first of June.

Files did not specify whether the wounded American was Whig or Tory. Perhaps Michael Cane was one and the same as Michael Cain of Captain Andrew Miller's Company. Travel and recovery time would have made a small window for Michael Cain to participate at Ninety Six.