

James Lambert was born 25Mar1758 on Pope Creek near Hagerstown MD. On 13May1844, Lambert applied for a pension (FPA R6099) in Ripley County IN in open court. He was a resident of Dearborn County IN.

Lambert deposed under oath that he first entered military service in 1774 from Wilson's Station in Tygart Valley under Colonel Lewis and Captain Skidmore. Lambert described a battle with the Indians (Point Pleasant) on the Ohio River. His family then moved to Rockingham County VA. In July1775, Lambert enlisted under Colonel Hillyard on a tour in Richmond. Then he again enlisted for a deployment which included a battle at Kings Bridge. In Spring of 1779, Lambert enlisted for a two year term under Captain Andre Johnson and Captain Christman. His company was assigned to the new Southern Army under General Horatio Gates. Lambert claimed participation in battles at Cowpens and Guilford Court House.

“He was marched to the **Cowpens in January 1781** and was there in the Battle. He here saw Colonel Hillyard he thinks riding along the line with one arm hanging down shattered by a musket Ball. He will also mention one circumstances somewhat significant, a woman was engaged in doing something to a man that had fallen by the shot of the enemy. She was in the attitude of stooping and a Ball from a Swivall [swivel gun] struck her on a straight line and literally split her open. One of my messmates, Thomas Warmsley had the straps of his knapsack shot off and I **had a ball strike my leg**, but not to cause me to be laid up, it was a flesh wound only but I carry the scar to this day. “

Two officers from Rockingham County VA mentioned by Lambert were Colonel Hillyard and Major Guy Hamilton. Neither of them are found in records of other soldiers. It is possible that James at age 86 scrambled names and events. It is possible that the court clerk did not precisely record the testimony. We cannot be certain whether James Lambert gave blood for the cause during the Battle at the Cowpens.

Charles Hillyard was an officer of provincial troops in Delaware and perhaps served during the Revolution. He is the only Colonel Hillyard in any records. No participant of Cowpens other than Lambert mentioned a Colonel Hillyard.