

William Meade was born 22Aug1763 in Frederick County Virginia.

On 26Dec1833, William Meade made a deposition in Logan County VA to apply for a pension. He stated that he was recruited in Wilkes County NC by George Baker in Sep1778. Under Baker, he spent two years maneuvering in Virginia and NC against the Tories. Then, Meade joined the Wilkes County militia of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland. They marched into South Carolina and after a few skirmishes and movements, they joined General Daniel Morgan in Union County near **Cowpens**.

“On the 17th day of January they were engaged in the battle of the Cowpens, when the Americans succeeded in obtaining victory over the enemy; that he received several wounds in said battle, that is to say, He had a **rib broken** by the point of a Bayonet, had his **skull badly fractured** by a Sword, and had a **leg badly wounded** by the stroke of a Cutlass of a British Light horseman, of which wounds he is disabled to the present day; after the battle he was removed to Gilbert Town in North Carolina 20 miles from the battleground, and put into the hospital there and remained under the care of the Surgeons of the Hospital eight months, until the month of September following, when he received his discharge signed by George Baker.”

Veteran soldier Silas Wooten gave confirming testimony that he was with Meade at Cowpens when Meade was wounded.

Meade married Mildred Esther Davis about 1794 in Wilkes County NC. In the 1840 census, William Bingham Meade, age 78, was living with Theophilus Goodwin in Cabell County (WV) VA. William Meade died 11Feb1841 in Logan County (WV) VA.