

Charles Cummings, the fighting parson

Charles Cummings had two congregations: Ebbing Spring and Sinking Spring. He had no church because only the Anglican ministers could have churches. He was not a minister, but a Presbyterian cleric. He would sometimes prop his rifle against the pulpit during the sermon.

Cummings signed the Fincastle resolutions:

- William Campbell
- Arthur Campbell
- William Christian
- Walter Crockett
- Charles Cummings
- William Edmondson
- William Ingles
- Thomas Madison
- James McGavock
- John Montgomery
- William Preston
- Evan Shelby
- Stephen Trigg

Recorded by David Campbell (first justice of Tennessee supreme court), a student at Liberty Hall and one of the Virginians at the battle of Kings Mountain. Colonel Thomas Madison, Colonel William Campbell, and Colonel William Christian each married sisters of Patrick Henry.

“These are our real, though unpolished sentiments, of liberty and loyalty, and in them we are **resolved to live and die.**”

The Virginians had seven companies under Colonel William Campbell at the battle of Kings Mountain, well maybe six and a half. Lt. Ress Bowen mustered his company at Maiden Spring and took command for his ailing brother. Captains Beattie, Dysart, and Edmondson were from Ebbing Spring. Captains Colville, Craig, and Neal (Captain William Neal remained at Cowpens in command of the foot soldiers on 07Oct1780. Lt. William Russell led Neal’s company to the battle.) were from Sinking Spring and mustered on the adjacent farm of Captain Andrew and Mary Craig Colville.

[The Ebbing Spring link](#)

The roughly two hundred patriots of Sinking Spring met on the SW corner of the Colville Farm which was known as “Black’s Little Fort.” Joseph Black built it for his mother (she was also Samuel Newell’s mother) before the larger fort on his own farm which became the county seat of Washington County, now Abingdon. Details of his activities are in [the Joseph Blank link.](#)

Callers to Charles Cummings to be pastor for the Ebbing and Sinking Spring congregations:

Christopher	Acklin	Wolf Hill
George	Adams	Glade Spring
Thomas	Baker	Rich Valley
William	Bates	

Thomas	Bayley	Walkers Mtn	
David	Beaty	Glade Spring	
John	Beaty	Glade Spring	
Samuel	Bell	Walkers Mtn	
James	Berry	middle fork	SE side knobs mi below mid/south meet
John	Berry	holston	
Thomas	Berry	middle fork	
William	Berry	middle fork	
Joseph	Black	Wolf Hill	
Arthur	Blackburn		
George	Blackburn	Wolf Hill	
William	Blackburn	Spring Creek	
Wm.	Blanton	Walkers Mtn	
John	Boyd		
Nicholas	Brabston	Glade Spring	south
Alexander	Breckinridge	Wolf Hill	
Samuel	Briggs	Wolf Hill	
George	Buchanan	Glade Spring	
Moses	Buchanan		
Robert	Buchanan	Walkers Mtn	
Samuel	Buchanan		
Robert Jr	Buchanan,		
John	Campbell		
Henry	Cardwell		
David	Carson	middle	
John	Casey	Wolf Hill	
Stephen	Cawood	Walkers Mtn	
Wm.	Christian		
George	Clark	Wolf Hill	
Andrew	Colville	Wolf Hill	
David	Craig		
James	Craig	Wolf Hill	
Joseph	Craig		
Robert	Craig	Wolf Hill	
Henry	Creswell	Wolf Hill	
John	Cusick		
Wm.	Davidson	Wolf Hill	
John	Davis	Beaver Creek	
Nathaniel	Davis		
Robert	Denniston	Rich Valley	
James	Dorchester	Wolf Creek	
Jonathan	Douglas	Rich Valley	
David	Dryden	middle fork	
James	Dysart	Glade Spring	
John	Edmiston	South Fork	
Margaret	Edmiston		
Robert	Edmiston	South Fork	
Samuel	Edmiston	middle	
Thomas	Edmiston	South Fork	
Wm.	Edmiston	Glade Spring	s

John	Edmondson		
James	English		
Samuel	Evans		
Thomas	Evans	South Fork	
James	Fulkerson	Walkers Mtn	
Christopher	Funkhouser	Beaver Creek	
John Jr	Funkhouser		
John Sr	Funkhouser		
Joseph	Gamble		
Josiah	Gamble	Wolf Hill	
Robert	Gamble		
James	Garvell		
David	Gatewood		
James	Gilmore	cedar creek	Clinch Mountain
James	Gower		
John	Groce		
Michael	Halfacre	Rich Valley	
James	Harroll	north fork	
Richard	Higgins	middle fork	
Samuel	Henley	Walkers Mtn	
Samuel	Houston	middle fork	
John	Hunt		
Edward	Jamison	dry branch	
Hugh	Johnston	Glade Spring	
Stephen	Jordan		
John	Kelley	South Fork	
Wm.	Kennedy	Wolf Hill	
John	Kennedy		
Andrew	Kincannon	Glade Spring	
Frances	Kincannon	Glade Spring	
James	Kincannon	Glade Spring	
Robert	Kirkman		
Robert	Lamb	South Fork	
Andrew	Leeper	South Fork	
John	Lester	middle fork Holston	
Joseph	Lester	middle fork Holston	
William	Lester	middle fork Holston	
Benjamin	Logan	Beaver Creek	
John	Long	Glade Spring	
John	Lowry	middle fork Holston	
Wm.	Magauhey	Turkey Cove	KY road
William	Marlor		
Andrew	Martin	Rich Valley	
Halbert	McClure	Rich Valley	
		middle fork	
Daniel	McCormick	Holstonsnodgrass	Snodgrass
John	McCucheon	South Fork	
Andrew	McFerrin	middle fork Holston	
Alexander	McLaughlin		
William	McMillin	Beaver Creek	
John	McNabb		

Wm.	McNabb	middle fork	
Alexander	McNutt	South Fork	
Wm.	Miller		
Andrew	Miller	Glade Spring	cedar creek
James	Montgomery	great knobs	
Thomas	Montgomery	middle fork	
Richard	Moore	Rich Valley	abrams creek
James	Moulden		
Samuel	Newell	Beaver Creek	
John	Patterson		
Edward	Pharis	middle	also farris
James	Piper	Wolf Hill	
Wm.	Poage	South Fork	
Martin	Pruitt		
William	Pruitt	South Fork	
Thomas	Rafferty	South Fork	Mill Creek
Thomas	Ramsey		
John	Robinson	Glade Spring	
John	Sharp	Beaver Creek	
Thomas	Sharp		
David	Snodgrass	Walkers Mtn	
Joseph	Snodgrass	Glade Spring	
George	Teeter	Rich Valley	
James	Thompson	Glade Spring	Turkey Cove
Robert	Topp		
Robert	Trimble	Wolf Hill	
James	Trimble		
John	Vance	Wolf Hill	
Joseph	Vance	Wolf Hill	
Augustus	Webb	Rich Valley	
Wesley	White		
Samuel	White	Walkers Mtn	
William	White	Walkers Mtn	
David	Wilson	South Fork	
Samuel	Wilson		
James	Young	Rich Valley	
Wm.	Young		