



Leonard Heiss was born 11Jan1756 to Hans Jerg (Johann Georg) Heiss and Mary Jacobs Heiss in Rowan County NC. His brothers were recorded as Hice in most Washington County records (Jacob and George). He is listed on the battlefield obelisk and in Annals of SW Virginia as Leonard Hyce. His pension records were filed as Leonard Hise. His descendants spelled their names Hise.

Leonard Hyce (Hice, Hise, Heiss) was wounded at Kings Mountain in Captain James Dysart's Company of Colonel William Campbell's militia. He was one of the two man (loader and shooter) marksman teams. Also in the battle from Virginia were Conrad Hise, George Hise, Jacob Hise, Joseph and Nicholas Starnes (his wife's brothers), and some German speaking neighbors notably Henry Henigar and Frederick Fisher.

Leonard Hise married Mary Starnes, probably before her father, Joseph Starnes went to Kentucky in 1779. Their first child, Rosina, was born in 1780. Rosina married John Pless and they lived in Haywood County NC.

Hise did not receive Washington County support as did some of the badly wounded. He was away convalescing in Rowan County for two years in the care of Doctor Frederick Fisher. Out of sight, out of mind to the Abingdon magistrates. In an 1823 letter, Samuel Newell recalled the

Hice wound. Private Leonard Hyce appears in the list of wounded on the 1909 monument plaque and is shown as Hyce in LP Summers' *Annals of Southwest Virginia*.

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Leonard Hise's parents were in the Salisbury area of Rowan County. Officers from Rowan and Caswell counties were returning home from Kings Mountain in that direction after 07Oct1780 with escorts for their wounded. Captain Frederick Fisher had served under Col Francis Locke in the 1776 Cherokee expedition. In 1780 he was an influential plantation owner near Salisbury. (Some publications confused him as a wounded patriot at Kings mountain, but the wounded Frederick Fisher was a private from Washington County VA.) Though not a doctor, Captain Fisher could have provided comfortable lodging and provisions for medical treatment at his plantation.

Hise's pension declaration was recorded in Burke County NC. His pension was paid through 4th quarter 1845. His date of death 20Feb1845 is recorded on the final payment journal.

From pension file s8713: "Fifthly: I was in a 3 months tour of service under Volunteer Captain James Dysart (who although a Colonel) acted as Captain in Colonel Campbell's Regiment at the battle of King's Mountain in October 1780. When we went into the battle, I was commanded by Captain James Dysart where I was dreadfully wounded. I **received two balls in by left arm** and it was broken. We were fighting in the woods & with the assistance of my comrades who would push my bullets down, I shot three rounds before I was shot down & I then received a **bullet through my left leg**. The fourth bullet I received in **my right knee** [?]² which shattered the bone on of my right thigh & brought me to the ground. When on the ground, I received a **bullet in my breast & was bourn off** the ground to a Doctor & on the next day I was discharged by my Captain James Dysart which said discharge was the one lost by Colonel David Newland as shown by his affidavit hereunto appended (A). At the battle of King's Mountain I shot 16 rounds as I think. The reason of thinking so is that on the morning before the battle I run [?]³ 100 bullets & after the battle I missed Sixteen. The way that I fought after my left arm was broken was to rest my rifle against a tree & take sight & generally the man I aimed at fell; whether my bullet brought the enemy down or not I cannot say for many were as good marksmen as I, we being mounted Rifleman & I was carried to Dr. Frederick Fisher's near Salisbury, N.C., where I stayed two years before I was able to get home."

State of North Carolina Burke County

This day came **Joseph Staren** [sic Starn] Senior before me and saith on oath that he saw the said Leonard Hice in the Army at Kings Mountain in Colonel Campbell's Regiment and knows that his **arm was broken in the battle. That he had dressed the same** – and furthermore saith that he new [knew] the said Hice did serve several towers against the Indians

Joseph Starns S7600

4th Fourth was served under Captain Neal in Colonel Wm Campbell's Regiment Term of Service four months or over. Went to King's Mountain & was in that battle [October 7, 1780] Furgerson [sic Patrick Ferguson] of the British Army was killed after the battle was over **Campbell left him to take care of the wounded for 2 months** Captain Neal did not go into the Battle with them for he had lost his horse & Neil's company was commanded a young man of the name of Shelby not Colonel Shelby – in or about 1780 he was a volunteer in this expedition.