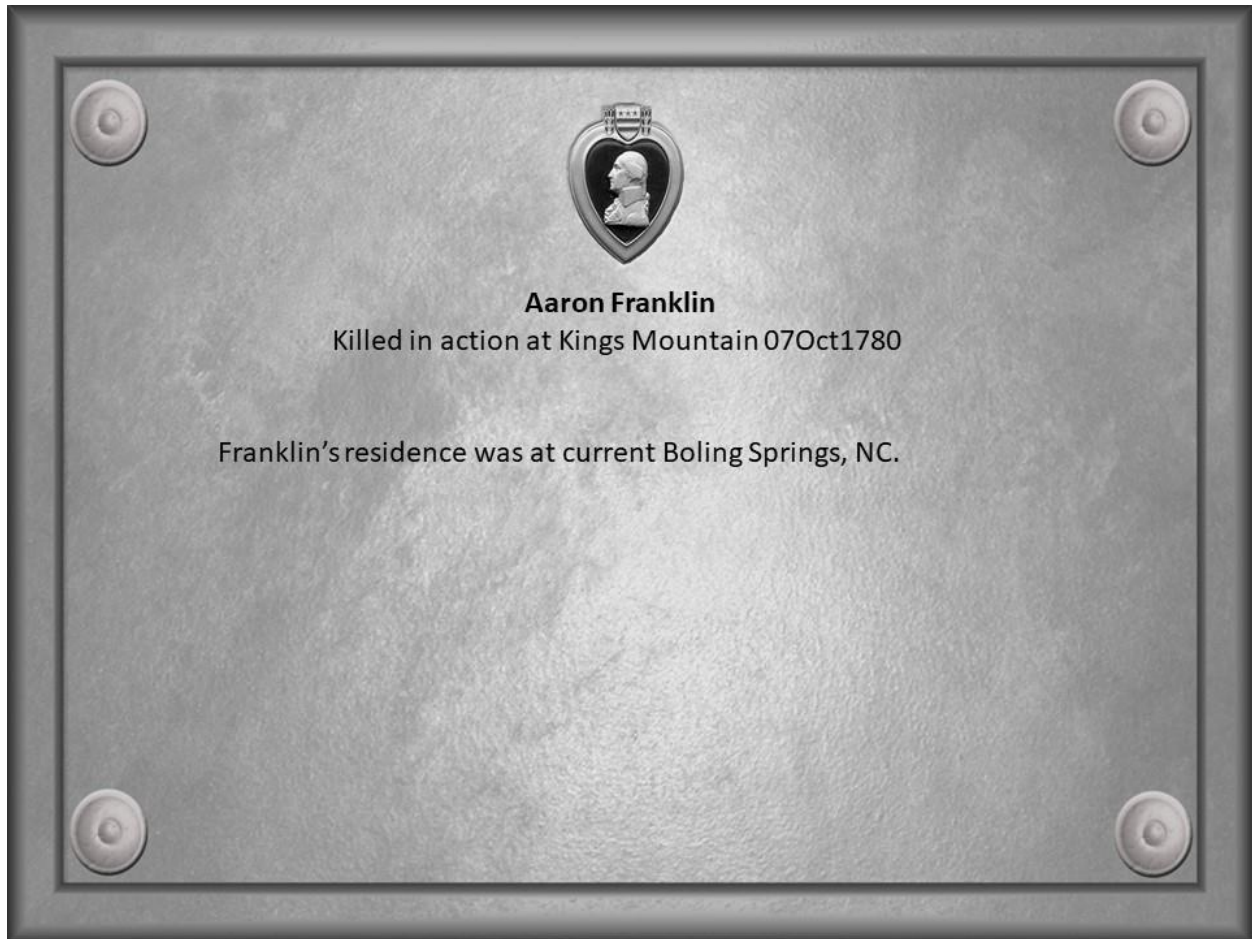


Aaron Franklin



Aaron Franklin was not listed on the battlefield monuments.

According to Franklin family tradition, Aaron Franklin was the son of Jamie and Agnes Burton Franklin. He was born in Virginia about 1755. He migrated to old Tryon County NC where he married a native American. His son John Franklin migrated to Tennessee after 1800. His grandson William Randles Franklin recorded in the family bible that Aaron Franklin was killed in the Battle of Kings Mountain.

During the decades after 08Oct1780, Rutherford County NC recorded numerous deeds and road construction and maintenance orders involving "the widow Franklin" and John Franklin. They and their adjoining neighbors lived on a branch of Sandy Run. The roads mentioned in the county journal appear to be a junction at Boiling Springs, NC, the current home of Gardner Webb University.

Colonel William Graham commanded a Whig Militia from his Fort on Buffalo Creek a few miles east of the Franklin residence. Captain Samuel Martin of Col. Graham's militia recorded

that he had two mortally wounded and four killed in action from his company. Martin did not name them. Perhaps Aaron Franklin was one of his men who were killed in action.