

JOHN BLASSINGAME

On October 7, 1780, brother met brother, neighbor met neighbor, Patriot met Loyalist on a battlefield in rural South Carolina. The battle lasted an hour: the brevity belied the import. Thomas Jefferson proclaimed the Battle of King's Mountain turned "the tide of success which terminated the Revolutionary War, with the seal of our independence."

Fewer than one thousand American Heroes, through skill, luck, and the leadership of cunning strategists, defeated Patrick Ferguson, a brilliant star of the British military might. Per Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss: "John Blassingame (Blessingham) of Sugar Creek, South Carolina, was in the Kings Mountain Campaign. He, Thomas Blassingame, Jethro O;Shield, and four others joined Morgan at Grindal Shoals and remained with him until after the battle at Cowpens."

The Daughters of the American Revolution honored his service. The organization designated Patriot Blassingame "DAR Ancestor Number A011180."

Blassingame married Rachel McElroy (1740–1817.) The couple were the parents of several children (there may have been additional children:)

James Blassingame
1760–1821

William Blassingame
1763–1846

Phoebe Blassingame
1765–1855

General John Blassingame
1769–1823

Benjamin Blassingame
1770–1816

The actual burial site of John Blassingame has been lost to history. The contribution that he made to American history deserved to be recognized and recorded for posterity, so we placed a Memorial Stone in his honor in the Cantrell Gilliland Memorial Garden. May this memorial serve as an expression of the gratitude and respect we owe him for risking his life and braving the unknown to help build a new country: our America.