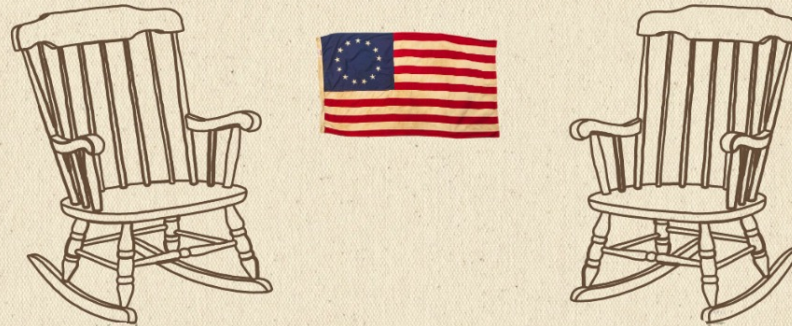


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Days of the
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Today we will learn about the following people who experienced the Revolutionary War:

William Blount

Ann Ross White

John Ackiss, Jr.

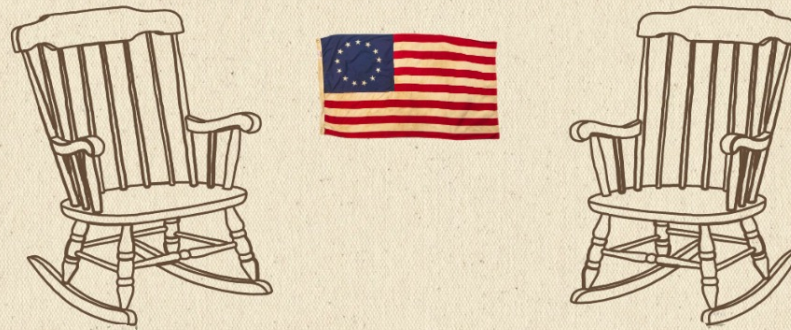
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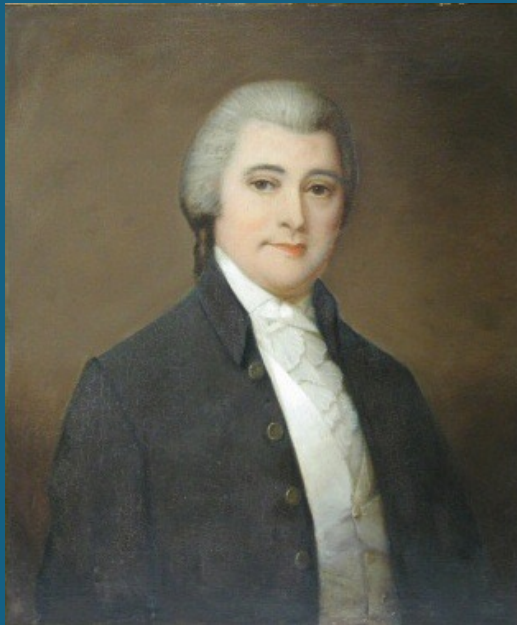
Samuel Lawrence Scott

Alexander Mebane, Jr.

Robert Mebane

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William Blount (1749-1800)

Portrait by Washington Bogart
Cooper 1850



“From MONDAY, July 24—THURSDAY, July
27, 1797”

*The Independent Chronicle
And The Universal Advertiser, Boston, MA*

William Blount (1749-1800)

Loyalist, Patriot, Traitor

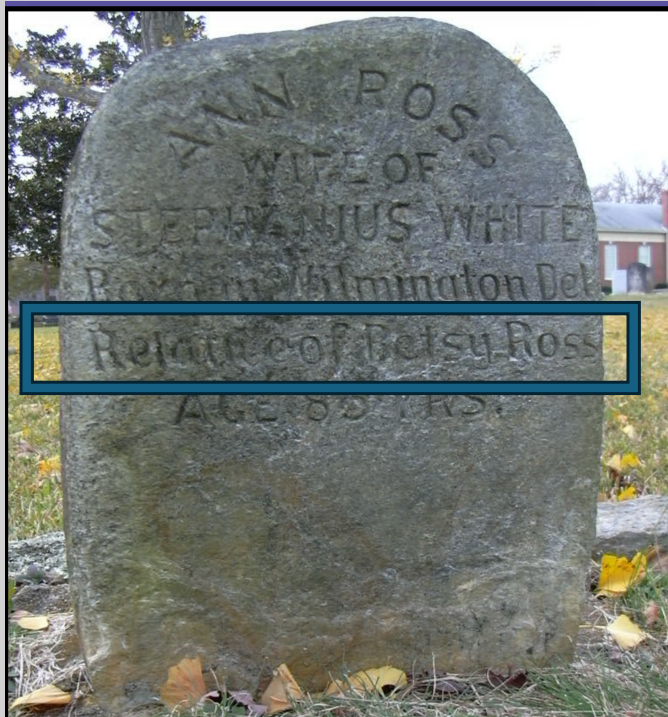
Although he opposed the Regulator movement, Blount later served in the Continental Army. He was a member of the North Carolina delegation at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and led the efforts for North Carolina to ratify the Constitution in 1789 at the Fayetteville Convention.

He then served as the only governor of the Southwest Territory and played a leading role in helping the territory gain admission to the Union as the state of Tennessee.

He was selected as one of Tennessee's initial United State Senators in 1796, serving until he was expelled for conspiracy in 1797.

Was impeached but not tried. Returned to Tennessee where he is remembered as a hero for his contributions to that state.

Ann Ross White (1734-1819)
Buried at Hawfields Presbyterian Church Graveyard
Wife of Stephanus White

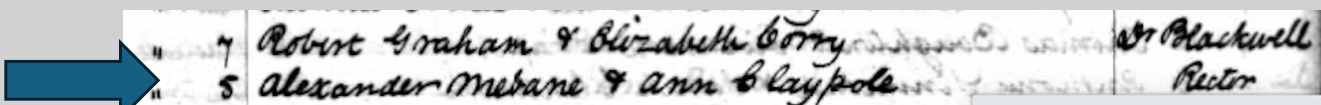


“Relative of Betsy Ross”

(1752-1836)

Betsy’s full name was:
Elizabeth Griscom Ross Ashburn
Claypoole

Ann and Stephanius' daughter, Susan White, married Samuel Mebane, the cousin of Alexander Mebane, Jr. whose second wife was Ann **Claypoole**. Ann's cousin John **Claypoole** was Betsy Ross' (Elizabeth Griscom Ross Ashburn's) third husband.



110. Elisha Claypoole.

59. WILLIAM CLAYPOOLE⁷ (Nathaniel,⁶ James,⁵ etc.), b. 1711, was by trade a tanner or currier. He carried on the business for a time in Burlington, and married there Elizabeth, dau. of John Hall, mariner. She was b. Oct. 12, 1718; d. May 3, 1805, and was buried at Christ Church. He returned to Phila., and d. there Dec. 16, 1779.

Children :

- 111. Susannah Claypoole, b. Dec. 11, 1749.
- 112. Martha Claypoole, b. Dec. 5, 1750, at Mt. Holly, N.J.
- 113. John Claypoole, b. Aug. 15, 1752; m. Elizabeth Ashburn.
- 114. Clarissa Sidney Claypoole, b. Feb. 27, 1757; d. 1810; m. 1st, John Hastings; 2dly, James Trimble.

74. GEORGE CLAYPOOLE⁷ (Joseph,⁶ James,⁵ etc.), b. Dec. 14, 1706; d. 1770,—called in his will “of Phila. joiner;” m. 1st, Hannah —, who d. Feb. 1744; 2dly, Feb. 2, 1746, Mary Morris.

Children of first marriage :

- 115. Rebecca Claypoole, b. July 1, 1730; m. Nov. 2, 1752, William Fisher Conwell.
- 116. George Claypoole, b. Mar. 1733; m. Mary Parkhouse.

1795, Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania Church Records, 1759-1972

116. GEORGE CLAYPOOLE⁸ (George,⁷ Joseph,⁶ James,⁵ etc.), b. Mar., 1733. In his will, made 1793, he calls himself “George Claypoole of Phila., cabinet-maker.” He m. Oct. 13, 1756, Mary Parkhouse, b. Dec., 1736, d. Aug. 19, 1765, daughter of Richard and Mary Parkhouse. Their children were :

- 176. William Claypoole, b. July 31, 1758.
- 177. Ann Claypoole, b. June 8, 1760; m. Alexander Mebane.
- 178. Mary Claypoole, m. Peter Yorke.
- 179. Parkhouse Claypoole, b. 1762; d. July 10, 1763.

John Claypoole's father was the cousin of Ann Claypoole's grandfather. (Pages from Genealogy of the Claypoole Family By Rebecca Irwin Graff, 1893)

John Ackiss, Jr.

John Ackiss, Jr. then age 19, was the first Patriot to die for the cause of freedom in Virginia.

This took place during what is called the Battle of Kemp's Landing or the Skirmish of Kempsville over November 14-15, 1775. This area is now known as Virginia Beach.

This skirmish was a prelude to a larger conflict called The Battle of Great Bridge, also in Virginia, which took place in December of 1775.

Right: a newspaper clipping from the Virginia Gazette.

This newspaper is dated November 17, 1775. It describes what happened at Kemp's Landing.

mr. John Ackifs



WILLIAMSBURG, *November 17.*

COL. Henry received an exprefs yesterday morning with the following intelligence, viz. that lord Dunmore, having received advice that about 200 of the Princess Anne militia were on their march to join the troops destined for the protection of the lower parts of the country, marched from Norfolk last Tuesday, about 10 o'clock P. M. to intercept them; who, not having the least intelligence of his lordship's approach, were obliged to engage under every disadvantage, both as to the enemy's superiority in point of numbers,

and the situation of the ground, being hemmed in by a fence. Our people fought a considerable time, and it is thought did great execution; but were at last overpowered, and forced to retreat, with the loss of **mr. John Ackifs** in the minute service, killed on the spot, and col. Joseph Hutchings, and one mr. Williams, wounded, who were taken prisoners, with seven others.



Highway Marker for the Skirmish at Kemp's Landing



1780s map of eastern coastal Virginia



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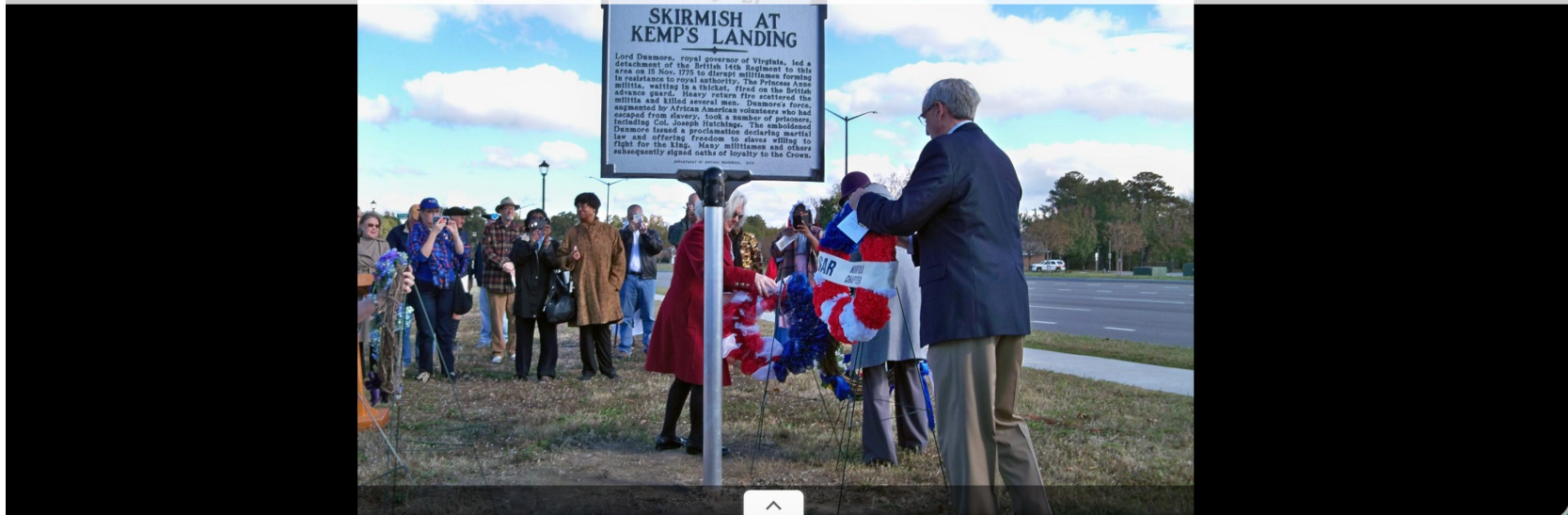
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Nathaniel Greene Kerr (1741-1826)

Family lore indicates that he was related on his mother's side to Nathanael Greene, the famous Revolutionary War General.

Nathaniel was born in Pennsylvania, moved to Randolph County, NC as a young man and finally settled in the Alamance Community in Greensboro. He married a widow named Margaret Graham Barrett in 1785.

We know about his Revolutionary War service because in 1845, his widow, then 89 years old, found out about an act of Congress allowing veterans or their widows to apply for a pension benefit.

Margaret filed a detailed affidavit to the effect that her husband served enough time in the war effort in various capacities for her to qualify for a pension based on his service record. Her son Samuel visited Randolph County in search of evidence in the form of testimony or written records. He did not find much at this point so long after the war ended.

As proof of her identity, she provided family records from her personal copy of the Bible. It looks like her request for the pension was denied based on her lack of paperwork which she said was lost in a fire set by a loyalist.

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7 July, 1838,
entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"

State of North Carolina }
County of Orange } S. S.

On this the 17th day of April, 1855, personally appeared
before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Courts of pleas and Quorum Sessions
for said County, Elizabeth Kerr, a resident of Hawfields, in said County of Orange
aged 89 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath, make
the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act
of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to
certain widows:" That she is the Widow of Nathaniel Kerr, Esq. who during
the War of the Revolution, (to the best of this Declarant's knowledge & belief,) did
"Serve the United States" as herein after set forth.

1845: Affidavit of Margaret Kerr's testimony regarding her late husband's Revolutionary War service.

Margaret Graham was born
the first day of November 1755
and intermarried with Nathaniel
Kerr the 1st of September 1785

Margaret Kerr daughter of N. M. Kerr
intermarried with John Galbraith
the 22nd day of December 1807

Samuel Kerr married Polly White
September 17th 1818

"Margaret Graham was born
the first day of November 1755
and intermarried with Nathaniel
Kerr the 1st of September 1785"

Information recorded in Margaret's Bible.



Nathaniel Greene Kerr (1741-1826) served in the Revolutionary War.

His widow, Margaret, applied for a pension benefit in 1845. Her affidavit (L) and her Personal records (R).

They are both buried at the Alamance Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC.

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pension to certain soldiers"

I, Margaret Kerr, widow of Nathaniel Kerr, County of Orange, State of North Carolina, do hereby declare before the undersigned one of the Justices of the County of Orange, and do hereby certify that a record of service in said County of Orange, aged 59 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, and in the said, under the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the service made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay & pension to certain widows:" that she is the widow of Nathaniel Kerr, Sr. who during the war of the Revolution, (in the rank of the Colonel, Comdrant of the 1st Regt of the United States, as shown on the list of 1776.

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U.S., Revolutionary War Burial Index, 1775-1875 for Samuel Scott Save

Ruland, Luke-Searl, Aaron

Samuel Scott (1764-1841)

Scott, Samuel	Born: 22 Mar 1764 Died: 30 Aug 1841
BURIAL; State: North Carolina Hawfields Presbyterian Church Cemetery Orange County	
Service and additional facts	
Call No. 369.1 D26a # 52 pp. 135	Revolutionary soldier Wife, Nancy, born 1 June 1773, died 28 Mar 1843

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STATE of NORTH-CAROLINA.

No. 2580

JOHN ARMSTRONG,

Esquire, Entry Officer of Claims for the
Western Lands.

To *Willm J. Lewis* Esq: Surveyor, Greeting.

YOU are hereby required as soon as may be, to
lay off and survey for *Samuel Scott* ←

a Tract or parcel of land, containing

Five Thousand

Acres, situated and bounded as follows: ↓

*lying on
the East Side of the Mississippi
River joining the lands of
Mebane Sen? & Jun? N? 2220 & 2221
& Pursing for Complement as
the Law directs*

Observing the directions of the act of Assembly in such
case made and provided for running out Lands. Two
just and fair plans of such survey. with a proper certifi-
cate annexed to each, you are to transmit, with this war-
rant, to the secretary's office without delay.

GIVEN under my Hand this *12th*
Day of *January* 1785

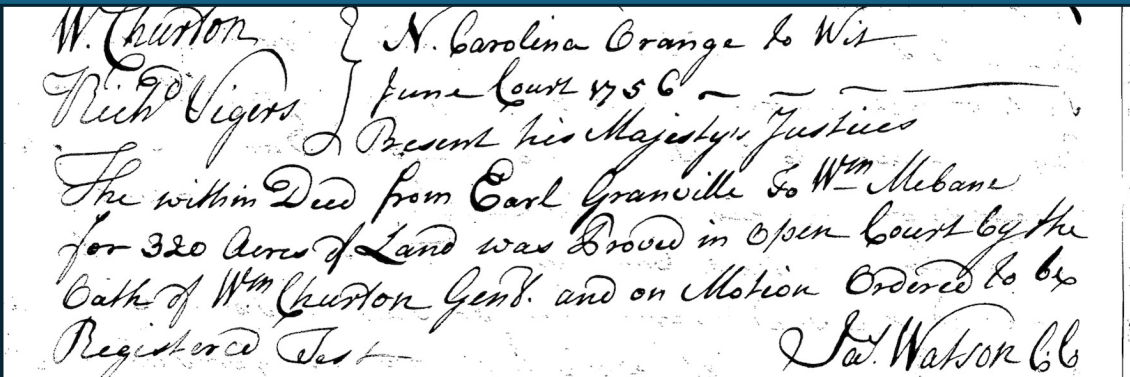
J. Armstrong

Land claimed by Samuel Scott, 1785

This land was in the Southwest Territory, now Tennessee. It adjoined land owned by Samuel Mebane, a relative by marriage. It took almost 17 years to finalize Samuel's claim.

The Mebanes

Alexander Mebane, Sr. was born in Pennsylvania and along with his brother William, relocated to Orange County, North Carolina. Alex Sr. married Mary Tinnin and together they had 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls. All six of their sons served in the Revolutionary War: William, James, Alex Jr., Robert, John, and David. This deed shows that William bought 320 acres of land in 1756.



W. Churton } N. Carolina Orange Co Wis
Richd Vigers } June Court 1756
Present his Majesty's Justices
The within Deed from Carl Granville to W^m Mebane
for 320 Acres of Land was Brovd in Open Court by the
Oath of W^m Churton Genl. and on Motion Ordered to be
Registered Test
Jas. Watson Clk

Brigadier General Alexander Mebane, Jr. (1744-1795)

Alexander Mebane, Jr. was born in Pennsylvania but moved to the Hawfields after his family acquired land there. In 1776, he attended the 5th Provincial Congress (held in Halifax, NC), which led the transition from British provincial to U.S. state government in North Carolina.

During the Revolutionary War he served in the following capacities:

Colonel in the Southern Orange County Regiment of militia (1776–1777)

Colonel over the Orange County Regiment of militia (1777–1780)

Commissary General for the State of North Carolina, with the rank of Brig. Gen.; Colonel of the horse for the Hillsborough District (1788)

General of the Hillsborough District (1789)

After the war, Alexander Mebane:

1. Attended the conventions in Hillsborough (1788) and in Fayetteville (1789) which considered ratification of the United States Constitution.
2. Served in the North Carolina House of Commons from 1787 to 1792.
3. Was elected to the 3rd United States Congress in 1792.
4. Was one of the original trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Alexander Mebane, Jr. (1744-1795) and his wife Mary Armstrong Mebane (1747-1792) were both buried in the First Hawfields Presbyterian Church burying ground.

Robert Mebane (c.1745-1781)

Robert Mebane (brother of Alexander Mebane, Jr.) was about 30 years old when the Revolutionary War began.

He was already active in the militia before the war. He attended the 5th North Carolina Provincial Congress in Halifax, NC, with his brother Alexander, Jr. During the Congress, Robert was appointed Lt. Colonel of the 7th Regiment of the Continental Army.

His service took him up north to Pennsylvania and New Jersey for a few years before returning to North Carolina.

Robert was mentioned by name in several letters written by General George Washington.

At the time of his death, a few days before Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Robert was unmarried and childless. We think he was buried in Williams Township, Chatham County, NC. His bravery was recorded in several depositions by veterans seeking military pensions. He was awarded two land bounties after his death. They were claimed by his brothers.

Sir

Paramus [N.J.] 7th Decemr 1778

The Enemy having gone down the River, you will immediately proceed to put the foregoing into execution. Be pleased to let the 200 Men under Colo. Mabane,⁴ if they are not already withdrawn, remain near Kings ferry until they are relieved by a party, which will be sent over by Genl McDougal. I must beg you to be particularly careful to prevent the Soldiers from burning the fences of the farmers & committing other disorderly acts. I am Sr Yr Mo. Obet

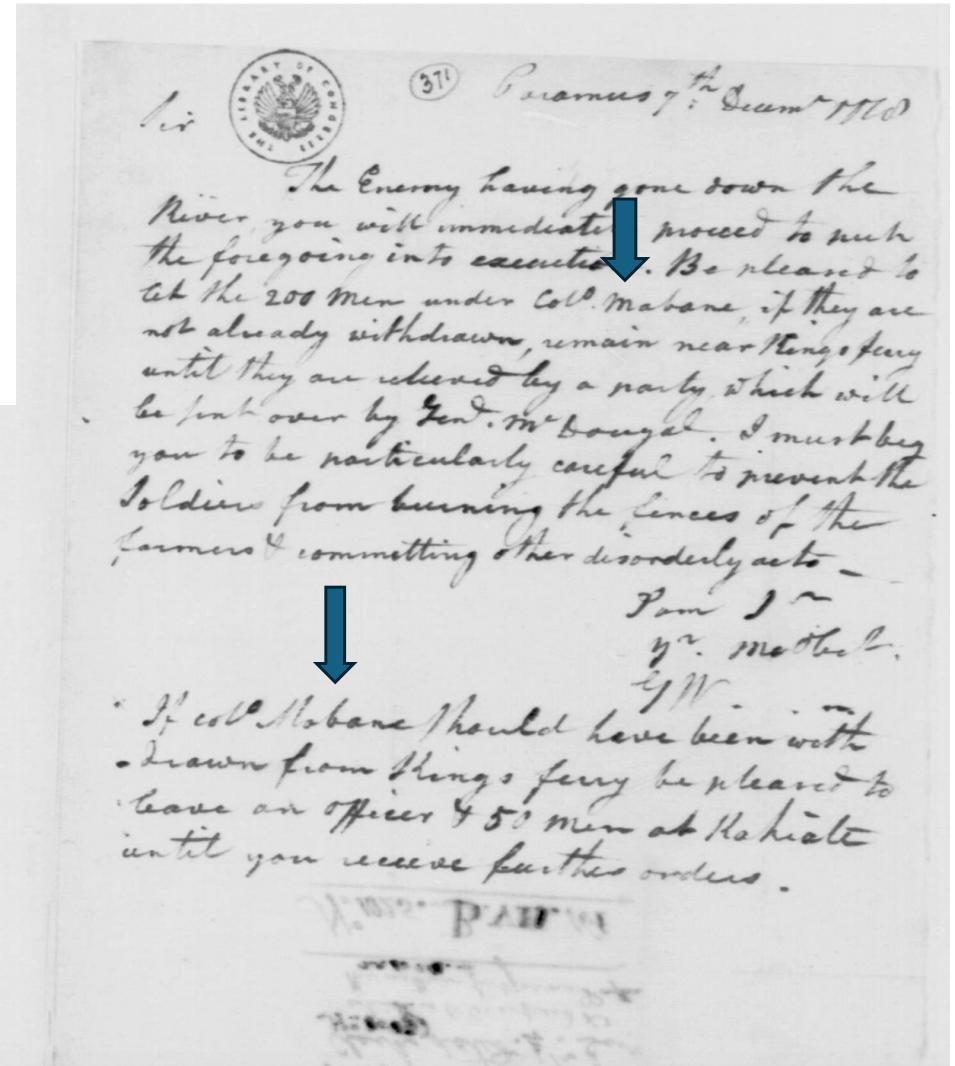
G.W—n

If colo. Mabane should have been withdrawn from Kings ferry be pleased to leave an officer & 50 Men at Kakiate until you receive further orders.

Letter from General George Washington to Colonel Thomas Clark, December 7, 1778, from Paramus, NJ.

This letter mentions Colonel (Robert) Mebane twice. See arrows.

[Library of Congress, Digital Collection, papers of George Washington]



A Genl Return of the Third North Carolina Regiment Now in
 S^r Lt. Col. Robert Mebane August 16th 1779

Field	Commissioned	Staff	Non Commissioned
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A Genl Return of the Third North Carolina Regiment
 Lt. Col. Robert Mebane August 16th 1779

Absent Officers Names	Place Where	Reasons	Time of Abs.
Col. Mebane	Hillsborough	On Duty	
Cap. Blount	"	"	

Col. Mebane
 Cap. Blount

Absent Officers, Names, Col. Mebane, Cap. Blount

A Work in Progress

We know a lot about Samuel Scott (1764-1841), and his family but we are not sure who his parents were.

Some family trees indicate that his parents were James Scott and Nancy Mebane Scott.

Others maintain that his parents were John Scott and Elizabeth Mebane Scott.

Several men named James Scott and John Scott appear in records dating to the Revolutionary War period, but so far, we have not been able to connect either man to Samuel. So, the work continues!

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SLIDE 4: Source: The North Carolina History Project (<https://northcarolinahistory.org/encyclopedia/william-blount-1749-1800/>)

SLIDE 5: Ann Ross White (1734-1819), grave marker, Hawfields Presbyterian Church, Mebane, NC (from findagrave.com)

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SLIDE 9: Journal of the American Revolution, December 17, 2018, <https://allthingsliberty.com/2018/12/recognizing-the-skirmish-at-kemps-landing/>

SLIDE 10: From Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters, <https://revwarapps.org/r5887.pdf>

SLIDE 11: L: Affidavit from Margaret Graham Kerr (1755-1848), signed 1845; R: page from Margaret's Bible with genealogical information (to establish her identity), both items from <https://revwarapps.org/r5887.pdf>. Revolutionary War Burial Index, 1775-1875, (accessed through ancestry.com)

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SLIDE 14: Samuel Scott, land grant (1800),

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SLIDE 15: Deed from Orange County, Register of Deeds, book 1, page 185.

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SLIDE 18: L: Memorial for graves at the First Burying Ground of Hawfields Presbyterian Church

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SLIDE 19: Text about Robert Mebane: source: <http://elehistory.com/amrev/RobertMebane.pdf>;

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SLIDE 21: Roster dated August 16, 1779, from DigitalNC.

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