

Excerpts from *The Journal of Alexander Chesney, Adjutant to Maj. Patrick Ferguson*,  
Dr. Bobby G. Moss, ed.,  
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*[Starting on page 22 of book]*

Our next rout [sic][August 12] was down towards the Fishdam ford<sup>141\*</sup> on Broad-River, where there was a fight near the mouth of Brown's Creek<sup>142</sup> with Neale's [sic] militia<sup>143</sup> when we made many prisoners amongst the rest Esaw [*Esau*] [*Smith*], who had taken me so recently; after this we crossed that River and formed a junction with troops under command of Col<sup>l</sup> Turnbull<sup>144</sup> and the Militia under Col<sup>l</sup> Phillips<sup>145</sup> and having received authentic accounts that Sumpter<sup>146</sup> had cut off our retreat to Lord Cornwallis' Army at Camden, we had it in contemplation to cross Broad-River and retreat to Charles-town at this time the half-way men, (as those not hearty in the cause were called)<sup>147</sup> left us; we then marched to the rebel Col Winn's<sup>148</sup> and encamped there waiting for more authentic accounts. On the 16th [August] we heard a heavy firing towards Camden, which kept us in the utmost anxiety until [sic] the 18th when a letter was received from Capt<sup>n</sup> Ross[,]<sup>149</sup> aid [*Aide*] de camp to Lord Cornwallis[,] informing us that his Lordship had attacked & defeated Gates' Army[;] had killed or taken 2,200 men[,] 18 Ammunition Waggons and 350 waggons with provisions and other stores.<sup>150</sup> This news made us as happy as people in our situation could possibly be;<sup>151</sup> until the next night when we received an express that the rebels had defeated Col<sup>l</sup> Ennis[sic]<sup>152</sup> at Enoree;<sup>153</sup> this occasioned a rapid march that way. The main body having crossed the Enoree, I was left behind in command of the rear guard, and being attacked in that situation we maintained our ground until the Main body re-crossed to our support (August 20); the Americans retreated [August 21] after suffering some loss.<sup>154</sup>

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*[Comment about performance at Cowpens of British  
Legion recruited from prisoners taken at Camden]*

*[Starting on page 37 of book]*

Col<sup>ls</sup> Allen<sup>223</sup> and Cruger<sup>224</sup> commanded the fort near the gaol [Bt. Sp.]; where I continued until Tarleton came into Ninety-Six district to go in quest of General Morgan<sup>225</sup> and sent to the garrison for guides acquainted with Morgan's situation [station] which was then convenient to my house on Packolet[.]<sup>226</sup> I joined Co<sup>l</sup> Tarleton and marched to Fair-forest having failed to get intelligence of Morgan's situation he sent me out [January 16] to endeavour to do so and to make the mills grind for the Army;<sup>227</sup> when I reached Packolet-river I swam my horse over a private ford not likely to be guarded, leaving the man behind me to go on more quietly & reconnoitre the same. [*I came to their encampment between my father's house and my own –*] I found the fires burning but no one there, on which I rode to my father's who said Morgan was gone to

the Old-fields about an hour before; my wife said the same and that they had used and destroyed all the crop & took away almost everything.

I immediately returned to Col Tarleton and found he had marched towards the Old fields. I overtook them before 10 O'clock near the Cow-pens on Thicketty<sup>228</sup> Creek where we suffered a total defeat by some dreadful bad management. The Americans were posted behind a rivulet with Rifle-men as a front line, and Cavalry [sic] in the rear so as to make a third line; Col Tarleton charged at the head of his Regiment of Cavalry called the British Legion<sup>220</sup> which was filled up from the prisoners taken at the battle of Camden[.] The cavalry, supported by a detachment of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt under Major McArthur<sup>230</sup> broke the Riflemen without difficulty[.] But the prisoners seeing their own Reg<sup>t</sup> opposed to them in the rear, would not proceed against it and broke[.] The remainder charged, but were repulsed[.] This gave time to the [patriot's] front line to rally and form in the rear of the Cavalry which immediately charged and broke the 71st (then unsupported) making many prisoners[.] The rout [sic] was almost total. I was with Tarleton in the charge who behaved bravely but imprudently[.] The consequence was his force was dispersed [sic] in all directions [and] the guns and many prisoners fell into the hands of the Americans.

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\* Superscript numbers refer to the explanatory footnotes (not shown here) equaling or exceeding the volume of the text.

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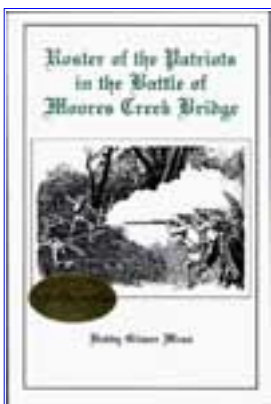
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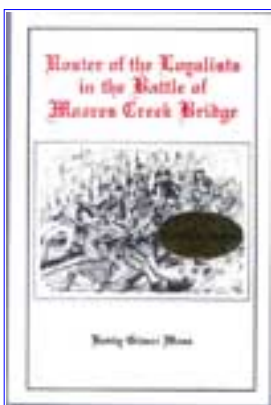
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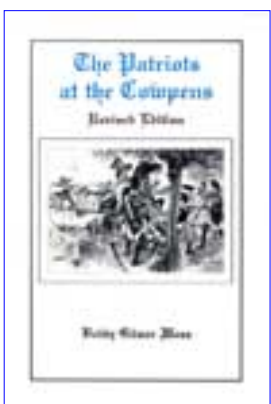
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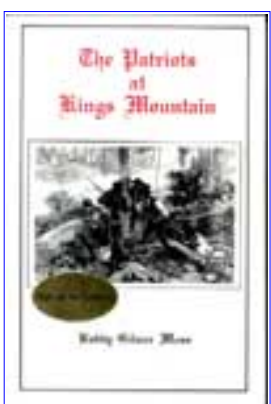
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***"I enjoyed making the acquaintance of a most remarkable young man!"*** ...a reader.

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- pension application,
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