

Attempted Capture of Col. Patrick Moore

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It is said that Capt. Patrick Moore escaped from the slaughter of Ramsour's Mill when his brother and a few men retired to Cornwallis' camp. Among the Whigs there was a great anxiety to capture Moore, whose influence and mischief was damaging the American cause. Major Joseph Dickson, Captain William Johnson, and the veteran William Martin, who had served in the French and Indian wars, was sent with a party to capture him. On Lawson's fork, near Wofford's old iron works (now Glendale), the parties met and a skirmish ensued, in which Capts. Johnson and Moore had a (p130 starts) person encounter. Moore was finally overpowered and captured. It was, however, a desperate contest, in which Johnson received several sword wounds in the head, and one on the thumb of his right hand. While conducting his prisoner towards Whig lines, a short distance away, he saw several British troops approaching him. He attempted to fire his loaded musket at them, but the blood from his bleeding thumb wet his priming. This misfortune on his part enabled the prisoner to escape, and perceiving his own danger, he fled to a thicket near by, and thus eluding the grasp of his pursuers. Shortly afterwards he joined this command. It was soon after this that Moore had command of Thickety Fort. This fort is situated near Goucher Creek, and about two and half miles above this water course which enters into Thickety Creek, being a western prong of said creek and uniting with a few miles above its junction with Broad River.