

Letter from Hugh Moore of Limestone Springs
to Dr. Lyman Draper;
Draper's Questions in a Reply to Hugh Moore
Draper's Manuscript 4DD58 and 4DD59

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Dear Sir:

Your letter to my father, John Moore, is to hand inquiring for Col. John and Patrick Moore. Patrick Moore was a Scotchman [who] came to America previous to the Revolutionary War [and] was engaged in the war and killed at Ninety Six. I do not know at what stage of the war he was killed, but it is reasonable to suppose that it was just before the Battle of Kings Mountain from the fact that strong efforts were being made in that section to rescue Major Butler. I have an old uncle in Georgia perhaps he can give us more particulars. I will write to him at once.

Yours respectfully,

Hugh Moore

Reply of Dr. Draper to Hugh Moore with the
following questions:

October 4, 1880: Repeated substantially November 8, 1880.

1. You said Col. Patrick Moore was killed at Ninety Six. Do you mean in the attack of Gen. Greene [by] his Whig troops in June 1781 or do you mean he was killed in some other fight there or that he was in some way captured by the Whigs and killed? If so, how did it happen?
2. You speak of efforts made to rescue Col. Butler or Col. Butter. I do not comprehend this reference. Perhaps you refer to Whig Major Butler who somewhere in the Ninety Six region had a fight—a sort of a running one—with the Loyalist, Major Cunningham, but neither was taken. If you refer to some

other Major Butler or Butter, please explain. If there was such an officer at Kings Mountain on either side, I never heard of it.

3. How old was Col. Moore, to whom [was he] married, and how many children did he leave?
4. Where did Col. John Moore die? Was he a brother of Col. Patrick Moore? Which one was the oldest?
5. Does your father remember if Col. Patrick Moore was in the fight at Ramsour's Mill in Lincoln County, North Carolina?
6. I hope you will hear from your old uncle in Georgia; send me his letter. Tell me his name, post office, and name.