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Sir Henry Clinton, a British General, said:

"The battle of Kings Mountain proved the first link in a chain of evils that followed each other in regular succession until they at last ended in the total loss of America."

HOEY, HOME FOR WEEKEND, REPORTS

Clark Note Given Attorney General

Senator Clyde R. Hoey, at home for an extended weekend, said today that he has passed on to Attorney General Tom C. Clark a letter from John W. Clark, president of the Locke Cotton Mills of Concord, charging that New York buyers are diving the prices of cotton textiles so low that small mills may be forced to slash wages or go out of business.

Senator Hoey said he would withhold comment pending statement by the attorney general as to whether mills might take steps to present a front against price slashes while not being in violation of regulations.

Senator Hoey to

MORE THAN 200 IN LOCAL SHOW

The Colonists were faced with a momentous decision. While there were some who joined the King's forces for protection in murder and pillaging there were many good, conscientious men who enlisted because they had been trained from birth in loyalty to their King. They were Tories.

Furthermore, many were conservative by nature and, while they resented the infringement of their rights, they felt the Whigs' cause was a losing cause with after effects more intolerable than the galling tyranny they were so anxious to throw off.

Continuing the list of forty names of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Cleveland county:

Preston Goforth: There were four Goforth brothers. At the battle of King's Mountain, Preston was on the Whig side and the other three boys fought with the Tories. The historian, Draper, says: "The fatality of sharpshooters at King's Mountain almost surpasses belief.

Two brothers — expert riflemen— one a Whig and one a Tory, were seen to present at each other, to fire and to fall at the same instant." (Presumably the two were Goforth brothers.) All four brothers were killed. It is my impression they lived about four miles west of Shelby near the flour mill.

William Logan and Joseph Logan: They were with the Lincoln county men at King's Mountain. William took an active part in the engagement. His brother, Joseph, was a Baptist preacher and during the battle he, with a Presbyterian minister, wrestled with the Lord in prayer, as in olden times, to stay up in the hands of their friends. (Much safer!)

Arthur Patterson, Sr., and sons, Arthur, Jr., Thomas and William: Arthur Patterson, an Irishman, lived near King's Mountain. On the morning of the battle Ferguson's foragers along the streams arrested the three Patterson boys, above named, and took them to camp, awaiting trial. (Presumably for being rebels). Arthur, hearing of the arrest, went to see about his sons and James Lindsey, who was with them. About the time he reached the camp, the fighting begun on the Mountain, and the guards were called to fight.

FATHER KILLED

Left alone, the four boys made a dash for freedom. Arthur, Jr., with a portion of the rope with which he had been fastened still dangling

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from his neck. His brother, William, and James Lindsey ran through an opening in the British lines and escaped unharmed. His brother, Thomas, being more belligerent, made a dash for the Whig lines, joined Col. Shelby's troops, using the rifle of a wounded soldier and aided in the fighting. Their father, Arthur, Sr., was killed.

John Dickson was a member of the Tryon County militia and went on numerous expeditions against Indians.

James Barber was one of Tryon's five delegates to the Fifth Provincial Congress or Constitutional Convention of 1776. He was a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Committee of Safety.

John Graham was a brother of the illustrious William Graham. He is buried in the old Graham cemetery.

Housand Harrell lived near Beaver Dam church. He was elected to the Legislature from Rutherford county in 1804, and rode horseback to Raleigh and there bought his first saddle. His military service was in Virginia.

Capt. Martin Roberts, my mother's great-grandfather, enlisted at Chesterfield Court House in Virginia, and served four years in the Army. For two years he was Forage Master under General Washington. He was with Washington at Valley Forge and took part in the battles of Trenton (on Christmas day) and Germantown. After the war he came to this county. He is buried in the Hardin cemetery four miles south of Shelby.

David Dickey participated in defense of Graham's Fort, and later had other military service. After the close of the war he practised medicine and attained prominence as a physician in the treatment of children's diseases.

Burrell Blanton, son of George Blanton, enlisted in the Army when he was 17 and served for three

months or until the close of the war. He is buried between Shelby and Boiling Springs.

Capt. William Earle is buried near Earl.

Willis Weathers was the father of William Weathers at whose home the first Cleveland county court of common pleas and quarter sessions was held, in March, 1841. He is buried near Zion church.

James Irvin was with the South Carolina militia.

James Cook was one of the Captains of the Committee of Safety for Tryon county.

Isaac Robertson belonged to Sharp's Company. He entered land on the west side of Grogg creek. His wife (Rebecca House) made a trip every year to Virginia to see her people, walking all the way there and back.

William Holland later removed to Rutherfordton.

William Wellmon came here from Maryland at the close of the War and is buried near the roadside about five miles from Shelby on the Fallston road.

William McSwain is buried in the old McSwain cemetery.

Martin Elliott lived in Virginia during the war. In 1802 he came to this county and built a home on the west side of First Broad river.

Thomas Wilkins, senior, came here from Virginia. He took part in the battle of Guilford Court House. He is buried near Fallston. His son, Thomas Wilkins, junior, served in the War of 1812.

John Davis, senior. I find his name listed as a "reputed" soldier on the Revolution.

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