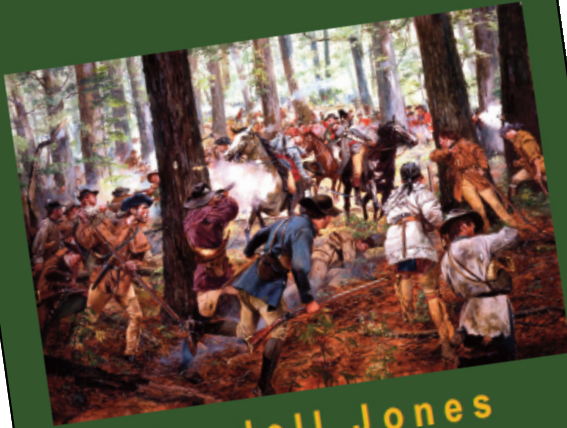


# *The Backcountry Militia of 1780*

*Before They Were Heroes at King's Mountain*



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Foreword by U.S. Senator James T. Broyhill

**T**he Battle of King's Mountain was the "turning of the tide" in the American Revolution, a conflict between Americans —Whigs rebels from the backcountry against Loyalists trained as British forces. Major Patrick Ferguson's arrogant threat stirred the passions of a people determined to live free. They marched over the Appalachians and, joined by other Carolina militiamen, they defeated Ferguson's army atop Little King's Mountain on October 7, 1780. During the months before that battle, backcountry militia under Isaac Shelby, James Williams, Elijah Clarke, Billy Hill, and Thomas Sumter harassed the Loyalist troops in South Carolina's Upcountry, winning and losing decisive battles, each setting the stage for the next.

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**Trading Ford Historic District Preservation Association**

**Monday, Sept. 19, 6:00pm**

**Boone's Cave Park Picnic Shelter, Churchland, NC**

## *9th Annual Bodacious Barbeque*

Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, fixin's and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or desert to share.  
**FREE, open to the public, Everyone welcome!**

### Directions:

from Salisbury: Take US29/Salisbury Avenue through Spencer and cross the Yadkin River. Turn left immediately onto the Old Salisbury Road. Go 1.2 miles to NC 150 East. (Wave at the Trading Ford Monument as you go by.) Turn left.

from Lexington: Exit I-85 at Exit 85/Clark Road. Turn right. At deadend, turn left onto Old Salisbury Road. Go 0.9 miles to NC 150 East. Turn right.

From intersection of Old Salisbury Road and NC 150, go 4.6 miles to Boone's Cave Road (just past Churchland Baptist Church on left). Turn left. Go 3.9 miles to picnic shelter in Boone's Cave Park.