

The Origins of York County People



Battle of Brier Creek

York County was settled by a good number of Scotch-Irish and Germans coming out of Pennsylvania. In the instance of David Howe Sr. who was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania but removed to York County with his father in 1772.

Two years after the Revolutionary War began he enlisted in a Company of Dragoons commanded by Captain Hawthorn and Colonel Sumter. He was in the battle of Brier Creek on March 3, 1779 which occurred near the confluence of Brier Creek and the Savannah River. Mostly militia from North Carolina and Georgia fought in this battle, being surprised by the red coats. It was a disappointment because the patriots had recently had a victory over the British during the Battle of Kettle Creek. Thereafter, he re-enlisted

in the South Carolina Militia in 1779 under Colonel Sumter.

During June or July of 1779 he was on the Catawba River at Biggers Ferry; then went to Rocky Mount and Hanging Rock, ultimately fighting at the Battle of Kings Mountain October 7, 1780. After the war he returned home to York County, later removing to Kentucky.

Source: Revolutionary War Pension of David Howe Sr.