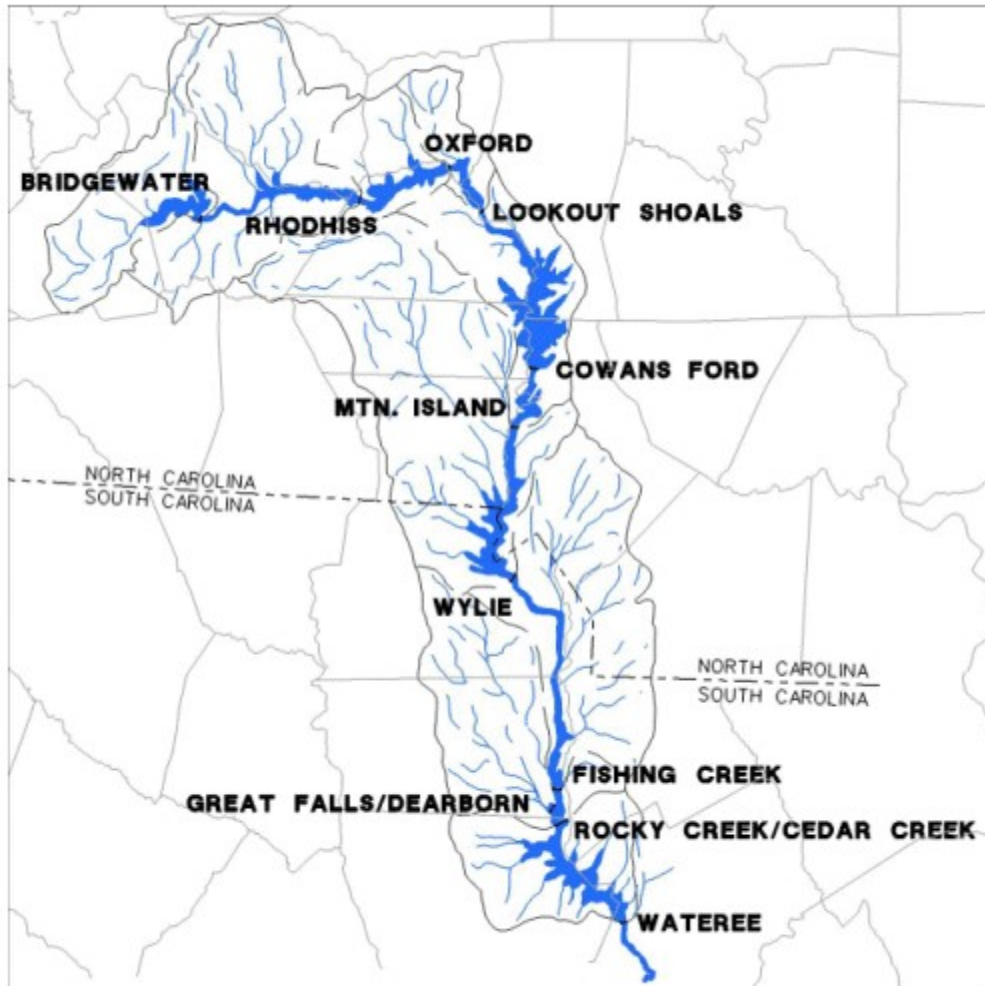


Guarding the Catawba River Against the Cherokees

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Catawba River

During the spring of 1775, Thomas Brotherton, a resident of Wilkes County, North Carolina, volunteered to serve in the Revolutionary War under Captain Nicholas, Major McGuire, Colonel Socks and General Rutherford at Salisbury and was marched to Fayetteville where he guarded for sometime. He was discharged and did not re-enlist until the fall of 1775 (under the

same officers)to go against Cherokees.

Afterwards, he helped to guard the frontiers at the head of the Catawba River in Burke County. Later, he was wounded at Stono and discharged at Bacons Bridge in September of 1779.