

Military History **George Huffstutlar** **1778 - 1781**

According to George Huffstutlar's Revolutionary War Pension Record, he was 15 years old when he enrolled on the first of August 1778 as a volunteer in the militia of the State Troops of North Carolina. He fought at Briar Creek where General John Ashe was defeated and then swam the Savannah River along with all who escaped and joined General Griffith Rutherford's Army on the Carolina side. He fought in the attack on Fort Stono before being discharged in September 1779.

George Huffstutlar's second term of service began in early September 1780 under the command of Captain Issac White of the North Carolina Militia Mounted Men. They marched and scouted Lincoln and adjoining counties until being joined by Colonel Issac Shelby and several other militia Colonels before engaging in the Battle of Kings Mountain. George Huffstutlar was discharged from this service in early December 1780. He would have been 17.

Once again, George volunteered and served as a Private under Capt. John Weir of the Lincoln County North Carolina Militia beginning in January 1781. He fought the British Infantry at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River and after their defeat, retreated to Salisbury. He was discharged the end of April 1781.

Being a true Patriot and showing great courage, George Huffstutlar enrolled himself as a Substitute in the place of John Carpenter and served in the Company of Capt. Thomas Lofton under Col. William Graham of the North Carolina militia from May until August 1781.

Having turned 18 years old by late September 1781, George volunteered once again for the militia of the State of North Carolina. During this stint, he fought the Cherokee Indians at the head of the Savannah and Pigeon and French Broad Rivers. He was discharged after Christmas in December 1781.

In summary, George Huffstutlar's service included a total of 21 months in the North Carolina militia; 12 months in the Infantry and 9 months in the Cavalry. He served his country proudly and honorably and we are proud and honored to dedicate these markers to him.