

Biography of LTC William Wofford, ACN 60016
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William Wofford was born in Prince George's County, Maryland, on October 25, 1728. He moved south and married Sarah Cameron of Spartanburg, South Carolina, in 1748. A veteran of the French and Indian War, Lieutenant Colonel Wofford fought across the Carolinas and Georgia during the American Revolution. He helped lead patriot troops during Williamson's Cherokee Campaign in 1776 and then pursued Loyalists throughout the region. LTC Wofford is thought to have participated in the Battle of Stono Ferry near Charleston on June 20, 1779, and he aided logistically in the October 7, 1780, patriot attack on British and Loyalist forces at Kings Mountain, a significant patriot victory. In addition to his war efforts during the Revolution, LTC Wofford also engaged in various forms of patriotic service. After the war LTC Wofford settled in Habersham County, Georgia, where he died in 1823 at the age of 95 and was buried on what is now the campus of Toccoa Falls College, Georgia.

A historical marker raised by the Georgia Society in 1966 reads as follows:

*Colonel William Wofford
1728-1823*

General Andrew Williamson's Brigade - American Revolution - S.C. Colonial soldier - Pioneer ironmaster - Raised full regiment, 1775 - S.C. Provincial Congresses 1775-6 - Built forts, S.C., N.C., GA. - After fall of Charleston, acquired Turkey Cove in N.C. - Furnished intelligence to patriots, staging area for "Over-Mountain-Men" to Battle of King's Mountain - County offices - Wofford's settlement, GA. 1790 - County surveyor at 90 - Owned campus site - Buried near the falls.

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