

Kings Mountain Chronicle Fell Monument ^[1]

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Kings Mountain Chronicle Fell Monument, Kings Mountain National Military Park, Blacksburg (SC). Photograph courtesy of Adam Domby. ^[2]
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Description: This uncut, thumb-shaped and 3.5 foot high granite boulder is from Belmont, North Carolina, the hometown of Major William Chronicle. A bronze plaque is affixed to the northeast side of the boulder.

Nickname: The DAR Monument

Inscription:

HERE FELL MAJOR WILLIAM CHRONICLE / OCT. 7, 1780 / ERECTED BY THE MAJOR WILLIAM CHRONICLE
CHAPTER / D.A.R. / GASTONIA, N.C. / 1930

Dedication date: 6/18/1930

Materials & Techniques: Granite, bronze

Sponsor: The marker was erected by the Major William Chronicle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. W. R. Stowe donated the granite block from William Chronicle's homestead.

Unveiling & Dedication: This monument was dedicated on June 18, 1930 by the Major William Chronicle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution from Gastonia, North Carolina. Nearby South Carolina DAR chapters of King's Mountain, York, and Lincolnton were also invited. The event was led by Mrs. James W. Atkins, and the DAR State Regent, Mrs. Charles Whitaker of Southern Pines, was the guest of honor. The event began with an invocation by Dr. B.A. Bowers of the First Baptist Church in Gastonia, followed by Mrs. Whitaker, who gave the principal address about the ideals of patriotism. She accepted the marker on behalf of the State. Then Miss Elizabeth Mason of Belmont read her prize-winning essay on Major William Chronicle. The marker was unveiled by Dorothy Chandler and George Wilson, Jr. Standing nearby, George Anderson held an American flag, and a rifle once used in the battle by James Baird, a soldier from Gaston County, rested against the marker. Boy Scout Jack Atkins played "Taps" on his bugle bringing the event to a close. After the ceremony attendees "enjoyed a real old-time fried-chicken picnic" organized by Mrs. S.S. Shuford.

Post dedication use: The site has been used for annual Fourth of July celebrations that include eighteenth-century military encampments, musket demonstrations, and fireworks.

Subject notes: This marker is one of three Chronicle markers in a close cluster near the walking trail. It reputedly marks the location in which Major William Chronicle was killed during the battle of King's Mountain.

Location: The marker is located in the eastern side of the park and faces northeast toward the trail.

Landscape: The marker is located in the heavily forested landscape of the park. The [1815 Chronicle Marker](#) ^[4] and the [1914 Chronicle Marker](#) ^[5] sit side by side across the trail from the Chronicle Fell Monument.

City: Blacksburg, SC

County: York (SC)

Subjects: Historic Military Figures, Revolutionary War

Latitude: 35.14378

Longitude: -81.37861

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