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Biographical Information

Andrew Kincannon Sr. was born 27 October 1744 to Francis Kincannon who settled in Washington County, Virginia around 1769. Andrew Kincannon Sr. married Catherine McDonald (1748-1835) in 1770 and had nine children including Andrew Kincannon Jr. who was born 5 January 1780 in Washington County.

The senior Kincannon served with William Campbell at the Battle of Kings Mountain, taking command as captain after Capt. Dysart was wounded. He was a blacksmith and gunsmith. About 1785-1786 he moved to Tom's Creek in Surry County, North Carolina where he died on 20 November 1829.

Andrew Kincannon Jr. married Elizabeth Newell (1778-1857) on 15 December 1807 in a ceremony performed by Rev. John Stanger. They had five children which they raised near the Lead Mines in Austinville, Virginia. Andrew Kincannon died 19 April 1849 and is buried in the Trigg Cemetery in Wythe County, Virginia.

Scope and Content

In a letter dated 30 March 1824 Andrew Kincannon Sr. of Surry County, North Carolina writes his son Andrew Kincannon Jr. of Wytheville, Virginia regarding a "strange occurrence." He describes how one John Smith plotted with three slaves, Hall, George and Duk, owned by Peter Simmon to take them across the Ohio River to freedom. Smith was arrested but not enough evidence was obtained to convict him. One slave, Duk, confessed and remained in Simmon's ownership. The other slaves, George and Hall escaped, with gun, pistol, and shot bag. Kincannon Sr. believed they would head near Cripple Creek in Wythe County where George had a friend.