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RESOLVED TO LIVE AND DIE:

THE REVOLUTIONARY ROOTS OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

A historical documentary 250 years in the making!

Southwest Virginia played a pivotal role in the American Revolution. The Fincastle Resolutions of 1775 echoed the same sentiment as the Declaration of Independence; both striving for political liberties. Local leaders such as William Campbell and Walter Crockett and their Virginian Overmountain men defeated British officer Patrick Ferguson and his Tory forces at the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780. In addition to hostilities between the crown and colonists, there were hostilities between colonists. Tories, loyal to England, were at odds with those who were not. This animosity was reciprocal and led to conflicts between fellow colonists; sometimes resulting in vigilante justice at the end of a rope.

In observance of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, RESOLVED TO LIVE AND DIE will shed light on the people and events of late 18th century Fincastle County, now known as Southwest Virginia.

This documentary is a co-production between Blue Ridge PBS, PBS Appalachia, Wilderness Road Regional Museum, and Town of Wytheville Department of Museums.

We hope you will support this worthwhile documentary project that will preserve the history of Southwest Virginia for future generations!

