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Juan Pardo penetrated to Xuala village between Marion and Old Fort."The way we Lived in NC book"
James Moore Secretary of Colony South Carolina explored these hills
Tuscarora Indian War North Carolina lasts two years
Bladen County, Old Fort is in Bladen County
Anson County, Old Fort is in Anson County
Rowan County Founded Old Fort is in Rowan County
Fort Dobbs under construction
Colonel Alexander OSBURN, who led a detachment of militia against the Cherokee Indians in 1760.
British make treaty with Cherokee, Blue Ridge mountains are the border
Fort Dobbs in ruins from neglect and non use.
Samuel Davidson purchased a boundary of land which included Old Fort area
Boston Massacre
James Logan harvested a substantial amount of gold , took refuge in Pleasant Gardens Fort.
Battle of Alamance, NC First battle fought against Britain.
Boston Tea Party
First shots of the Revolutionary War at Lexington and Concord, MA
Mecklenburg NC Declaration of Independence
Cathey's Fort built in Woodlawn, later renamed Wofford's Fort. The Cathey-Wofford-Greenlee House. Possibly two forts!
Loyalists defeated at Moores Creek by NC Militia
North Carolina assembly empowers delegates to vote for independence
Joseph McPeters W1303 stationed at Davidson's Fort, Indians drive the spies out INDIAN ATTACK ON FORT??
Belfield Wood pention statement #W44992 Marched to Davidson's Fort and were driven out by Indians to Cathey
Cpt Reuben White commanded a company of rangers at Davidson's Fort. Fort commanded by Cpt Samuel Davidson
Richard Crabtree W8642 guard to keep the Indians off of the frontiers. Served at Davidson's Fort (Great story)
Samuel Hillis S2314 says Griffith Rutherford had left for the head of the Catawba River left Majors to raise men.
Marched off to Pleasant Gardens they found General Rutherford encamped, a rich tract or flat of land called the Pleasant Gardens on Buck Creek – a branch of the Catawba.
Cherokee attack across the divide into McDowell County area killing Whigs, Tories were safe
Joseph McPeters W1303 Body of Indians drove the spies from fort.
Wood W4492 Indian's drove the spies from Davidson's Fort, they retreated to Kathy's fort
W8642 Cpt White killed on the north fort. I think his memory is wrong, white was killed in 78
Josiah BRANDON W335 / Capt. Samuel DAVIDSON at Davidson's Fort aka Upper Fort or Fort Royal
General Rutherford leads a band of 2,700 militiamen against Cherokee, bivouacking at Davidson's Fort
Rutherford returns to Old Fort and marks his trail as Rutherford's Trace
Until March 77 B. Wood served at Davidson's Fort.
<i>Cpt Thomas Lytle commands at Catheys, Davidson's and Woofords Forts</i>
<i>Isaac Thompson S7724 served 3 months under Cpt Thomas Little (Lytle) at Cathey's Fort</i>
Josiah Brandon helped build Fort Royal. Served under Cpt Davidson for three months.
Burke county formed from Rowan County, Old Fort is now in Burke County
Flag of the US consiting of 13 stars and 13 white and red stripes is mandated by Congress

Philip Anthony S21046 under Captain John Russel 3 months service and stationed at Catheys Fort
Isaac Thompson S7724 served 6 months at Davidson's Fort
John Grider W358 served at Davidson's Fort
Josiah Brandon volunteered again under Cpt Sam Davidson at Old Fort
Moses Stepp S15655 Captain White went to the head of Catawba River to extricate the women and children who were hemmed up by the Indians and as they returned with the women and children they had an engagement with the Indians in which Captain Whitson and Captain White were both wounded Captain Whitson recovered and Captain White died
James Jackson S38077 served under McDowell evacuated settlers on the Catawba to Quaker Meadows confirms Cpt White died
S38077 Col McDowell raised 160 horsemen rendezvoused at Davidson's Fort and scouted until spring 1779
Robert Brown Indian Spy under Cpt Davidson, McFarlain and Smith at Upper Fort
John Hawkins S16857 served at Upper Fort
Richard Ballew (Ballou) Service was at Davidson's Fort guarding against the incursions of the Cherokee
Samuel Hillis S2314 a great hailstorm marked the day that he left home for the trip against the Tories in Lincoln County
George Davidson, 240 acres both sides of Catawba adjoining on upper line of his survey whereon the fort stands.
Burke land records James Edmestons survey belived to contain the Catawba Valley up to the waterfalls boarded George Davidson
Capt George Cunningham replaced Davidson at fort led scouting parties against the Cherokee
Brandon joined Cpt Boykin in pursuit of Cp William Cunningham (British)
Served in frontier forts, Morrison's, Cathey's, Moor's, Sam Davidson's, William Davidson's
Brandon joins Major McDowell to move against the Cherokees
Philip Anthony S21046 uner Cpt William Johnson and Lt Oliver Shradly helped build fort on south fork Turkey Cove
Joseph Ballew served under Cpt James McFarland at Davidson's Fort.
Battle of Ramsour's Mill, NC 500 militiamen under Maj Joseph McDowell defeat 1,000 Tories
Henry Wakefield killed by Indian attack on Davidson's fort James Jackson S38077
Battle of Colson's Mill, NC Tories defeated by patriots under Col William Lee Davidson
English Col Patrick attacks settlers around Davidson's Fort. Susana Lytle confronts him and gets her hat stolen.
Some of the men stationed at Davidson's Fort were taken to go to Kings Mountain James Jackson S38077
Cornwallis invaded North Carolina
Diary of Lieutenant Anthony Allaire, of Ferguson's Corps talks about Davidson's Fort and area
Battle of Kings Mountain
Josiah Brandon fighting with loyalist & father taken prisoner at Battle of Kings Mnt.
William Brittain served until Feb 1781 under Daniel Smith with 24 others to strengthen the fort , pension S8100
John DAVIDSON and his family, were butchered in a most brutal and savage manner. In upper fort area
Cpt Walker assembled men at Upper Fort to serve as spies and rangers against Indians
Samuel Patton, served his three month tour guarding the upper forts of the Catawba Valley against Indians
Cpt James Davidson, cousin to Samuel Davidson commanded Fort Charles, Wofford's and Davidson's Fort
Arthur McFalls W9187 served at fort in Turkey Cove, called Wofford's sounds like he was building it. Also mentions Cathy's fort
Battle of Cowpens
Battle of Guilford Courthouse

Philip Anthony stationed at Davidson's Fort on the Catawba as an Indian Spy served under Cpt D Smith
John Davidson S1758 enlisted and served at upper fort under Cpt Samuel Davidson
Nicholas Frye S6859 serves under Daniel Smith Davidson's Fort or the upper station
Captain Daniel Smith commands troops at Davidson's Fort. Jacob Shook serves also Samuel Patton
John Davidson S1758 again served under Cpt Daniel Smith
S6859 Colonel McDowell recruits men at Davidsons fort to go against Tory Scotch
Judge John D. Davidson Dies Old Fort
British withdraw from North Carolina
Militia march against the Cherokee. Watauga Town on Tennessee River S1758
John Davidson S1758 served again under cpt Smith attached to regiment under Col McDowell.
11 Indian prisoners marched to Davidson's Fort S1758
Stephen Ballew under Lt William Jones company stationed at Davidson's Fort on the Catawba frontier
Congress declares end of the Revolutionary War
<i>Samuel Davidson moved to present day Azalea, Indians kill him and wife flees back to Old Fort</i>
Major William Davidson moves to Bee Tree Creek of the Swannanoa River
North Carolina endorses the Constitution
Buncombe County created
Carson House built
William Kyle overseer of road being built to head of Catawba in Buncome County
Inferior Court Minutes of Burke County refer the fort to as Samuel Davidson's Fort.
First discovery of gold in America. North Carolina
Col Samuel Winslow Davidson son of Samuel's Twin Brother William living on plantation (Old Fort)
Lt Samuel Patton cites history to Court of Pleas and Questions for pension benefits.
Josiah Brandon makes pension case. Fort Royal is now Old Fort that has a post office there.
North Carolina Volunteers Participating in the Indian Removal April 7, 1838
Photography becomes available
McDowell County Formed from Burke and Rutherford County. Old Fort is now in McDowell
Congress officially recognized the Qualla Band as the Eastern Band of Cherokee
Charles Lanman wrote Letters from the Alleghany Mountains
Western North Carolina Railroad Chartered
Dr Marcus Van Dyck introduced hydraulic mining
3,000 miners work streams for gold
Henry E. Colton takes a stage up to the headwaters of the Catawba writes Mountain Scenery
<i>Railroad stops around Morganton because of war</i>
The South Secedes from the Union
Surrender at Appomattox Courthouse
<i>2,200 acre plantation of George Samuel Franklin Davidson sold for \$30,000 to Catawba Vale Land Assoc</i>
<i>Railroad reaches Old Fort</i>
Catawba Vale Chartered
Passed law to build turnpike from Catawba Vale to FairView in Buncome County

Changed the word Catawba Vale to Old Fort by NC Legislature
Henry Station three miles west of Old Fort transported stagecoach to and from Asheville
Hotel built next to railroad by manmade geyser
Rufus Morgan photographed area refers to Old Fort so time was 1873 to 1878 Point Tunnel just finished
Swannanoa Tunnel completed
Railroad reached Asheville
Old Fort Joppa Lodge founded
Hotel burns down
Union Tanning Company built plant in Old Fort
Corbitt Buggy Company builds cars in Henderson, NC
Geyser rebuilt and dedicated to Col A.B. Andrews
Floods ravage area
Second flood ravages area
Col Adams builds Dam#1 below Catawba Falls
The Great Depression Starts
Lightning strikes burn Tanning plant to ground.
Marie Nesbitt unveiled Arrowhead
CCC Camp Jim Stanton, company 406, camp number NC F-3 established in Curtis Creek
Blue Ridge Parkway construction starts
WWII Starting
I-40 started
Final passenger run over the mountain made by railroad.
Ground breaking ceremony Old Fort Depot
Maj Wilson monument removed for cleaning & moving to depot
Renovated depot opened
Davidson's Fort Historic Park, Inc. founded 203 years later. Plans to rebuild fort