



The Revolutionary War didn't heat up in North Carolina until summer 1780. That's when General Nathanael Greene took command of American forces in the South after the British under Cornwallis scored major victories at Charleston and Camden. The Patriots got revenge at Kings Mountain and Cowpens, and Greene led Cornwallis on a lengthy chase through the backcountry of North Carolina that ended at Guilford Courthouse. Greene's troops were defeated but helped bring about the end of the war by causing an exhausted Cornwallis to leave North Carolina and head for Yorktown.