

Captain Robert Sevier
[Brother of Col. John Sevier and Abraham Sevier]

Captain Robert Sevier and Colonel John Sevier were among the organizers of the famed 'Over Mountain Men' who engaged British General Banistre Tarlton at the Battle of Kings Mountain in North Carolina during the Revolutionary War . John Sevier survived the War and later became the first Governor of the newly created State of Tennessee. Captain Robert Sevier was not so fortunate.

Robert Sevier was wounded in the kidney when he bent over to retrieve his dropped ramrod during the Battle of Kings Mountain. After the battle British surgeon Uzzel Johnson said he would live but needed to not be moved for a month. Since the Patriots feared Banistre Tarlton or Cornwallis showing up, Sevier said with a name like Sevier he would be killed anyway, and if he was going to die he wanted to die at home. Robert's nephew, James, and some others headed toward the Nolichucky River with Robert. They camped near present day Spruce Pine, NC and here Robert died and was buried in the Davenport Family Cemetery. The property is now owned by the Unimin Corp and not publicly accessible except for part of a day during the annual Overmountain Victory Trail march to Kings Mountain held in September.

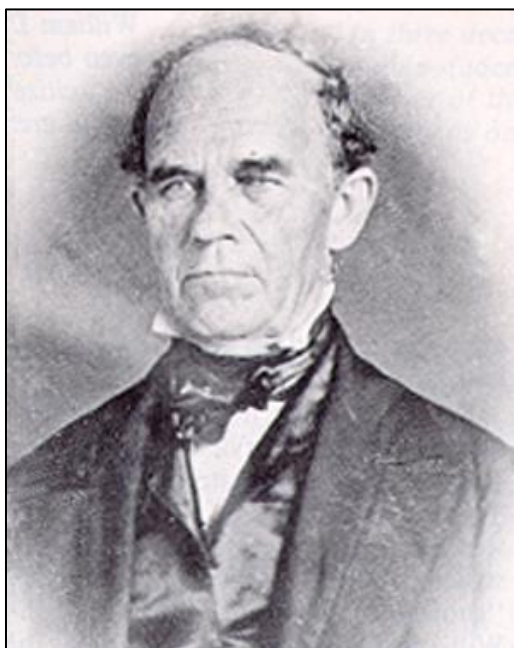


Tim Massey at Robert Sevier's Grave
Greene County Historian



The original standing marker was placed
many years ago by the
Daughters of the American Revolution

Robert's young son, Valentine, was raised by his uncle, Col. John Sevier. Valentine would come to Greeneville, where he was the Clerk of Circuit Court in Greene County for about 50 years. Widely respected, many families name a son for him. At the time of the 1850 Census, there were no less than twenty-three men or boys in Greene County who carried his name.



Valentine Sevier 1780-1854
Buried Old Harmony Graveyard
Greenville



**First home of Valentine Sevier,
South Main Street, Greenville**



**Second home of Valentine Sevier,
North Main Street, Greenville**

Death Notice, Greenville Spy

Greeneville, Tennessee

Valentine Sevier one amongst the oldest, perhaps the very oldest citizen of our town, died on the night of the 24th result of chronic affection of the liver. There was no man in his community whose loss will be felt more than that of Mr. Sevier. He was between seventy and seventy-five years old, and about fifty years of that time was spent in the full discharge of the arduous duties of Circuit Court Clerk.

One of the maxims of his long and useful life was a full discharge of duty and diligent application to business. There is no doubt but he fell a victim to his rigid exactions, and might have lived to full four score had he served himself more and his country less. But he is gone, and the record of his life is without a blot or blemish - his name will live and be fondly cherished; while the pure water gurgles from his own native "Spring".

Mr. Sevier was a man of unblemished moral character, and he left the impress of his own high toned conservative nature upon the town of which he was the paternal father.