

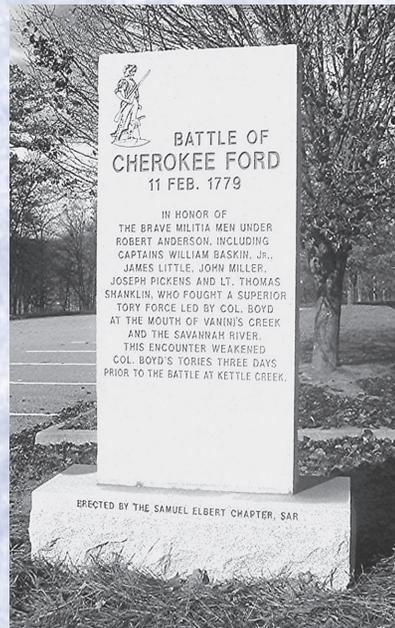
both knees). Colonel Boyd is said to have lost 100 killed, wounded, and missing, many of whom having deserted him and returned to their homes in the Carolinas. The Whigs secured as many of their wound-

ed as they could, fell back to McGowan's blockhouse, and joined Pickens and Dooly in pursuit of Boyd.

Despite their defeat at Van(n)'s Creek, the Whigs' loss was small. They remained determined to destroy Boyd. Boyd's losses at Van(n)'s Creek, however, had weakened his forces seriously.

Meanwhile, Pickens and Dooly had made a complete circle, moving upstream on the Carolina side to cross the Savannah behind Boyd on 12 February at the Cedar Shoal. The Whigs followed Boyd down the Georgia side to Fish Dam Ford on Broad River. On 13 February, unaware that Pickens was right behind him, Boyd crossed the Broad River near its junction with the Savannah and went into camp for the night on the north side of Kettle Creek — less than a mile from Carr's Fort.

On 14 February, 1779, St. Valentine's Day, the Whigs defeated Boyd's command at Kettle Creek, a great encouragement to the Whig cause.



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## The Revolutionary War Encounter at Van(n)'s Creek, GEORGIA

*"The first encounter with Boyd occurred at the Blockhouse where he was refused a quiet crossing of the ford. The battle took place at the mouth of Van(n)'s Creek, 1.80 miles from this location."*

