The site was about one-half mile north of the river. This was one of a chain of frontier forts ordered erected by the Virginia Legislature early in 1756. The chain extended from Hampshire County (now west from Virginia) to Patrick County on the Virginia-North Carolina border. These forts were established under the supervision of Colonel George Washington, who made an inspection tour of the chain. This fort was attacked by Indians at least once in 1756 and again the next year.