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Outlyers were people with [Loyalist](#) ^[2], or Tory, sympathies on the eve of the [American Revolution](#) ^[3] who hid in the countryside to avoid being impressed into the Patriot ranks. The [Moravians](#) ^[4] noted that living along the Yadkin River were "many who sided with the King [and] were driven from house and home by persecution." They asserted that these individuals were "the first Outlyers, as they were later called." In passing through [Salem](#) ^[5] some of them, when questioned, replied that they "were on their way to join the King's Standard and do their duty."

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