

62st Hambright Family Reunion 2008

October 5, 2008

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DESCENDANTS OF COL. FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT AT THE CHRISTIAN LIVING CENTER OF THE MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGS MOUNTAIN, NC

By: Dodie Shaw, Secretary

Eudora Anne Ratcliffe (Present). Vice President: Berley Crosby, (Present), Treasurer: Rita Gibbons, (Present), Secretary: Dodie Shaw, (Present), Historian: Marjorie Gossage, (Present).

The President, Eudora Ratcliff, called the meeting to order.

The Honorable Ed Butler addressed the group and provided information about Sons of the American Revolution.

Minutes from the 2007 meeting were read, corrections noted and approved for the record.

The following were recognized and announced:

Deaths: Mr. Fain Hambright (descendant of Josiah), Mrs. Jo Hambright Robinson (descendant of Frederick Jr.), Mr. James Hammett (descendant of Frederick Jr.); Mr William King (David/Frederick Jr.).

Oldest attending: Lorena Eaker, age 81 years.

Youngest attending: Ms. Emily Weaver, age 4 years.

Recognition of those traveling from beyond NC or SC: The Honorable, Ed Butler from Texas traveled the furthest. Marjorie and Ed Gossage and Lorena Eaker traveled from TN.

Guest Speaker: Loretta Cozart, Registrar for the Col. Frederick Hambright Chapter of the DAR addressed the group. She discussed the failed efforts to obtain a DAR commemorative pin for the Battle of Kings Mountain despite two requests. She provided some interesting history about the Battle of Kings Mountain and pointed out the need for North Carolina textbooks to accurately reflect the events of the Battle. She welcomed any assistance in working to have the State correct the accounts of the Battle.

Cemetery Report: Mr. Burley Cosby reported that 6 cleanups occurred this past year. He recognized and thanked the many volunteers who assisted and requested that people continue to assist with clean up. No clean up dates have been set for the 2008-2009 year.

Treasury Report was given by Ms. Rita Gibbons. She reported the following

Reunion Fund

Cemetery Fund

Last yr.	692.96	1084.00
Expenses	364.05 (postage, printing)	50.00
Income	151.72	1050.00

Total balance: \$2, 612.97

Historian Report: Historian, Marjorie Gossage reported that she and Rebecca Kahout continue to receive information for the Hambright Family Genealogy Project which will likely be made available on disc when complete. She asks that descendants continue to contribute stories, photographs, and information on births, marriages, deaths and important events.

Discussion: A short discussion included the possibility of a newsletter/flyer for next year to promote the cemetery project. Mr. Bill Benson suggested that a website be created to inform others about the cemetery needs and to provide current information.

Cemetery Report: Eudora Ratcliff reported that 15 people attended the meeting on October 4, 2008 to meet with Wiley Monument Company about cemetery restoration. She stated that he was unable to make a firm price commitment but estimated the costs between \$7000-\$8000.00. She reported that his work could be viewed at Old Purity Cemetery where he restored about 450 gravestones. Also noted that trees must be removed prior to restoration of stones. She stated that a committee had been formed with subcommittees for the Cemetery Restoration project. Dodie Shaw expressed concerns about the use of diluted bleach on the stones. Carol Cosby made an emotional plea for the group to make a firm commitment to restoring the cemetery and motioned that we proceed with a total restoration project. The motion was passed unanimously. The Honorable Ed. Butler recommended made a motion that a sum of up to \$500 be made available for obtaining legal council on how to proceed with the restoration since the cemetery is the property of Shiloh Presbyterian Church and also determine if a non profit organization should be established for the reunion and cemetery maintenance. This motion was passed by acclamation.

Election of New Officers:

President: Ms. Janelle Dixon was nominated and elected to serve as President.

Vice President: Burly and Carole Cosby agreed to continue and were reelected as Co-Vice Presidents.

Janelle Dixon addressed the group as new President.

The 64nd Reunion date was established to be on Sunday, October 11, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned.