

COL. FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT FAMILY NEWSLETTER
SPRING 1980

GREETINGS from your Officers and Chairmen who are working diligently to make the 34th Annual Hambright Family Reunion and the 200th anniversaries of Shiloh Presbyterian Church and the Kings Mountain Battleground a truly memorable occasion. It will be impossible for us to reach all family members and we ask all who receive this newsletter to pass copies along to anyone who might have an interest. This is not "MY" reunion or "YOUR" reunion, but "OUR" reunion and will be what "WE", working together as a unit, wish to make it. It is an event that will not be duplicated again in our lifetime, and only those we don't know about will be uninvited. Please help us with the invitations.

CELEBRATION DATES: Saturday, October 4, through Tuesday, October 7, 1980. A very full four days of activities! All in the vicinity of Grover, N.C., where Interstate 85 crosses the North and South Carolina line.

WEARING APPAREL: Suitable apparel for the special service at Shiloh Presbyterian Church for our group on Sunday Morning. Casual wear for all other events is optional. Good walking shoes is a must. This will not be the proper time to break in a new pair! Jackets, sweaters and all weather coats is recommended. We usually enjoy beautiful weather but it isn't guaranteed. We should all pray for the Good Lord to smile on us this year. It will not be the time for a Monsoon!

ACTIVITIES: The Battleground Committee will not complete their schedule until after this letter goes out in the mail. We do have a family representative attending their sessions to assure against a conflict. Whatever goes on schedule at Shiloh Church and the Battleground will be of as much interest to our family as our own reunion and tours. A second newsletter will be mailed (to those who return their registration blanks) at least a month prior to the actual reunion date giving a complete schedule of events. Historical Tours (with particular emphasis on our family's heritage) will begin on Saturday morning. Shiloh Church Service, 9:00 A.M., Cemetery Memorial Service 10:30 A.M. and our reunion at 12:00 Noon in Grover on Sunday, after which we will have our business meeting and free everyone to attend the Battleground Pageant later in the afternoon. Monday's and Tuesday's plans depend on the Battleground's schedule, but rest assured there will be enough to do and see. The Big Event on Tuesday will be the Battleground Celebration at which the President of The United States has been invited to speak.

STOP!! LOOK!! LISTEN!!! This reunion date is in contrast to our normally scheduled 2nd Sunday of October. Next year we will return to our regular meeting date. We urge all local family members to pay particular attention to the 12:00 Noon Luncheon. We are aware that it may be an inconvenience concerning your own church affiliations, but it is the only thing we can do if we intend to attend the Battleground Pageant.

SPECIAL NOTE: Parents with school-age children - you need not hesitate to take them out of school for this event, just ask their teacher for assignments and bring them along. The things they will learn about their heritage will surpass anything they may learn at class. Handicapped persons need not be left behind. If someone can't walk just bring a wheel chair. Just make a note on registration slip and we'll ask for volunteers to assist. Anyone with health problems should ask their Doctor for written instructions to be used in case of emergency.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: To work as guides for the Historical Tours. Research is being done on things of special interest to our Hambright Family and sketches of the findings will be given to the guides for their use. You will need to attend at least one study session and take a personal tour to become familiar with the area. We especially urge the teenagers and other young people to actively participate in this part of our heritage program. Other volunteers will be needed for hospitality. Remember that what we have enjoyed as our heritage will be thrilling and exciting to our out-of-town relatives. Our joy will be in sharing with them! If you have a few hours to contribute please make note of day and hours on back of your registration slip. Someone will contact you before reunion time.

NAME TAGS: We recommend that everyone planning to participate in anything other than the Sunday Reunion purchase a name tag that can be used through all days of the celebration. They can be purchased at most office supply stores. This will make it much easier to get acquainted. It should be large enough to list your name, city, state, and the name of the Col.'s child from whom you descend. Temporary tags will be available at the reunion.

BUS TOURS: Plans for one of these are underway in Southeast Missouri. Anyone interested in joining that one may contact Mrs. Alma Collins, Route 3 Box 3A, Lutesville, Missouri 63762. That one is scheduled to leave there October 2 and return October 8. If anyone would be interested in conducting a tour from North Central Illinois please contact your president, Mrs. Eaker, at once. If anyone in that area would like to join such a tour you should make note on your registration slip. Someone can then contact you.

MEALS: The only arranged meals will be a get-acquainted dinner, 6:30 P.M. on Saturday night and breakfast, 6:30 - 8:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, which any family member and guest is invited to attend. Additional arrangements are being made for a catering firm to supply food for the out-of-towners at the reunion, with cost being divided per person (this gives everyone a chance to participate in supplying food). It will be impossible to determine cost of these until we know the approximate number planning to participate. Be sure to check the appropriate places on registration slip. Complete information will be supplied in the fall newsletter.

REGISTRATION: A form has been prepared to simplify our celebration and lessen chance of inconvenience for both you and the planning committees. Please read carefully and fill in only the blanks that apply to you. We do ask that ALL WHO PLAN TO ATTEND TO PLEASE REGISTER -WHETHER YOU ARE LOCAL OR OUT OF TOWN. This doesn't mean that if you fail to register you can't attend, but rather for us to be sure that we can accommodate everyone at the Rescue Squad Building in Grover, N.C., or if special arrangements will have to be made for the reunion on Sunday. We do need an approximate number who are planning to attend.

CEMETERY RESTORATION: Committee Chairman, Bob Hambright, Phone #937-7104, Grover, N.C. 28073, will appreciate any help given toward raking, mowing, clearing brush, reset and mending grave markers, and/or donations to cover cost of labor and gravel for the drive. Our group long ago accepted responsibility for whatever is done toward upkeep of Shiloh Cemetery where our Col. Frederick Hambright and family are buried. We feel this is the time to put the grounds in good shape, especially since Senator Ollie Harris believes there is a possibility of obtaining a Historical Marker for dedication on Reunion Sunday. (Ollie is one of "Our Kin" and has been working on the project.) Perhaps someone will give Bob an assist in organizing a "work day", or a local Youth Group will take pride in helping with the restoration.....Jeanette Patterson, Route 4 Box 94, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086 has 3x5 copies of Col. Frederick's last residence. The house was

THE COL. FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT FAMILY REUNION

TIME: 12:00 NOON, OCTOBER 5, 1980. (One week earlier than usual 2nd Sunday of October for this year only.) Lunch will begin promptly at 1:00 P.M.

WHERE: THE RESCUE SQUAD BUILDING, GROVER, NC. Special arrangements are being made to accommodate everyone.

HOW: A BASKET LUNCH.....Tea, coffee, plates and napkins, and other supplies will be provided as usual.....NOTICE: FOR OUR RELATIVES TRAVELING FROM A DISTANCE, Jackson Cafeteria in Shelby will supply a basket type lunch to be placed on the table with the others, giving you an opportunity to share in food preparation. Please fill in the proper form and remit as instructed.....A short business meeting and program will follow lunch.

WHO IS INVITED: All of our Hambright Family and any guest who wishes to join in our celebration.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Ralph Drye will have the new Hambright Family Chart available at that time.

OTHER SUNDAY EVENTS

BREAKFAST 6:30 - 8:00 at Holiday Inn, Kings Mountain, N.C. This is not an organized breakfast. You will come and go as you wish, but has been arranged so that those staying at the motel, and others who might wish to participate, can get a good start on the day.

SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES IN GROVER AT 9:00 A.M. for the Hambright family to share in the 200th anniversary of the church which our Col. Frederick Hambright's family attended. A published history of the church will be available at that time.

SHILOH CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES 10:30 A.M. with a minister of direct Hambright descent conducting the services.

SHILOH CHURCH PAGEANT AT 6:00 P.M. If there is a time change it will be announced at the reunion.

BATTLEGROUND PAGEANT AT 8:00 P.M. "Then Conquer We Must" a drama about the battle will be presented each evening. For Oct. 3 our group has block reservations being held through Sept. 15. Tickets not purchased by that date will be released. Fill in the proper form and mail with remittance.

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS OCT. 3-7

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3: Relatives coming from afar will be arriving this day or evening. If traveling on US Hwy. 74 proceed to I85 South at Kings Mountain, N.C. then follow instructions applicable to all travelers on I85. Take Exit 8 between the State line and US 74 at Kings Mountain. Holiday Inn where all reservations are made is in full view. Be sure to state you're with the Hambright Group. All reservations have been confirmed for the nights of October 3 with checkout on October 7 unless otherwise stated on your previous reservation form. If this isn't correct please notify your president, Mrs. Odis C. Eaker, P.O. Box 904, Danville, Virginia 24541 at once. We apologize for not making this clear the first time. If you wish to cancel you must do so by Sept. 20th for refund of deposit. To do this notify Dale Wright, Ph: 1-704-739-2544. We still have a few rooms available through Sept. 10th. If you know of others who wish to come please tell them to make their reservations at once. Sixty-three rooms now have firm reservations.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4: Tours of historical sites pertaining to our Family's heritage is being planned. These will include the Col.'s homesteads in North and South Carolina as well as the homesteads of the children. In some instances it will include other ancestral homesites of this family's descendants, and other places of interest. TIME: 9:00 A.M. FROM THE HOLIDAY INN, KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. No charge other than sharing of gasoline expenses if you wish to ride with someone.

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 4, 6:30 P.M. will be a get-acquainted dinner for out-of-towners and local kin alike in the Holiday Inn banquet room. After the buffet dinner a program will be presented by a representative of each of the Col.'s thirteen children giving a five minute sketch of "Life in My Family Since 1800". This should make for a lively evening of family entertainment. For reservations, please fill in the proper form and remit as instructed.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 & TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 will be devoted to the Kings Mountain Battleground Celebration. We plan to have a full calendar of events available at the motel. Others should watch their news media. You can rest assured there will be plenty to do and see.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! This and our Spring newsletter should answer most questions about this four-day celebration. Your Hambright Reunion Officers, Mrs. Odis C. Eaker, P.O. Box 904, Danville, Virginia 24541, President; Fain Hambright, Grover, N.C. 28073, Vice-President; Mrs. Mary Frances Nunnery, 6210 Grove Park Blvd., Charlotte, N.C. 28215, Secretary; Ralph Drye, 2440 Ramblewood Lane, Charlotte, N.C. 28210 and Mrs. Bess Phifer, P.O. Box 51, Shelby, N.C. 28150, Historians; James Hauser, 919 Henley Place, Charlotte, N.C. 28207, Treasurer; Bob Hambright, Grover, N.C. 28073, Cemetery Chairman and approximately forty hard-working Volunteers are excited about this opportunity to share our heritage with you. Please note there is some relaxing of the Sunday Schedule due to changes in the Pageant hour.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: These are all at Kings Mountain, N.C. Holiday Inn at the rate of \$22.88 per night with no more than five persons to a room. This motel has recently been completely renovated and we are fortunate to obtain rates such as this. They also have a reputation of serving good food. We believe you will enjoy your stay there. Take care and have a safe trip.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in all applicable information blanks that pertain to you and your family and return this form to: Mrs. Odis C. Eaker, P.O. Box 904, Danville, Virginia 24541 at your earliest convenience, but no later than June 1, if at all possible. Local members, or anyone not requiring motel reservations need only fill in name, address and number in party. If you plan to have dinner on October 4 or breakfast on October 5 please fill in the proper blanks. Those requiring motel reservations must fill in all required information. We must release our excess number of rooms by June 1 and all unreserved rooms must be released by September 1, 1980. Anyone reserving rooms after June 1, will have to take their chances. Cancellations must be made prior to September 20th for refund of deposit. The Fall newsletter will list all details concerning motels, meals, schedules, etc. and will be mailed to all who have mailed in their registration forms. (Postage costs prohibit our mailing a second letter to everyone on our list this year. If you wish one of these you may mail a large self addressed stamped envelope to our secretary and she will be happy to oblige. Do this only if you donot plan to attend)

NAME _____ NO. OF ADULTS _____
 STREET _____ NO. OF CHILDREN _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

WE WISH TO HAVE DINNER ON OCT. 4; # IN MY PARTY _____ : BREAKFAST ON OCTOBER 5; # IN MY PARTY _____

I WISH TO SHARE IN COST OF CATERING FOR REUNION DINNER; # IN MY PARTY OVER AGE 12 _____ : PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING FOR MOTEL RESERVATIONS; HOME PHONE# () _____ TYPE OF CREDIT CARD; VISA _____ DINERS CLUB _____
 MASTER CHARGE _____ AMERICAN EXPRESS _____ CREDIT CARD # _____

IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY DOESN'T HAVE A CREDIT CARD THEN PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: HOLIDAY INN FOR \$22.88 FOR EACH ROOM RESERVED (one night's deposit). CREDIT CARDS ARE PREFERABLE AS THEY REQUIRE NO MONEY TRANSACTIONS IN CASE OF CANCELLATIONS. NO. OF ROOMS _____

FILL IN ONLY IF APPLICABLE; I WILL BE JOINING THE MISSOURI BUS GROUP _____ : I WISH TO JOIN THE ILLINOIS GROUP _____
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CEMETERY RESTORATION

If you would like to make a contribution toward upkeep of Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery where our Col. Frederick Hambright and Family are buried, please use this form and fill in accordingly. For donations make check payable to: HAMBRIGHT FAMILY REUNION (CEMETERY FUND) and mail to James Houser, 1168 Kings Drive S, Charlotte, N.C. 28207. If you wish to order pictures of the Col's last home please order from: Jeanette Patterson, Route 4 Box 94, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MY CHECK IS INCLOSED FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ FOR CEMETERY RESTORATION AND UPKEEP; # OF 3x5 COPIES _____
 OF COL FREDERICKS LAST RESIDENCE (AT THE RATE OF \$3.00 EACH)

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HAMBRIGHT FAMILY CHART

Ralph Drye, 2440 Ramblewood Lane, Charlotte, N.C. 28210 is compiling The Hambright Chart (descendants of the Col.) for distribution at the 1980 Reunion. If you are interested in obtaining one of these please fill out this form and mail to him. He will then contact you as soon as cost is known, regarding price and number of copies you might wish to order.

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NOTE: The late Mrs. F. R. Summers published The Col. Frederick Hambright Family History in 1968, Copies may still be obtained from her daughter, Mrs. L.E. Hinnant, P. O. Box 506, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086. Current edition is now \$10.00 each. Later editions may cost more.

NOTE: Mrs. Odis C. Eaker (currently serving as President of the Hambright Reunion) published The Shoe Cobbler's Kin, a 1040 page (42,000 names) Eaker Family History in 1976. This contains the descendants of Frederick Jr. and Mary Eaker Hambright and of John Peter and Sarah Hambright Eaker. Information on the Col., his children and grandchildren are listed in this book which sells for \$33.50 postage paid. First edition copies are still available but second edition copies will be ordered by end of 1980 and the cost will be higher (Inflation!) Make check payable to: The Shoe Cobbler's Kin, P.O. Box 904, Danville, Virginia 24541.

Minutes of the 34th annual reunion of
The Hambrights

Groves Rescue Squad Center
Grover, North Carolina 28073
Sunday, October 5, 1980

Hambright Kin from the Atlantic to the Pacific gathered here near the home place of our ancestor, Colonel Frederick Hambright. Amid greetings, hugs, and kisses the tables were laden with food. All bowed, with thankful hearts, as it was asked that God bestow his blessing upon the food and each one present.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Odis Eaker.

Robert Bass, age 15, held our flag. Seven children age 4-7 came to the podium. Eric Pratt Hambright, age 4, led them and all of us in pledging our allegiance to our flag and our country.

The minutes of the 1979 meeting were read by the secretary, and approved as read.

Some of our family members have deceased since last we met

Miss Anie Hambright - age 90 - Kings Mtn.	April 11, 1980
Mrs. Thomas A. (Mabel Steir) Hambright Grover	Jan. 15, 1980
Mrs. Irene Hambright Barber Charlotte	Feb. 20, 1980
J. D. Hambright Clover, S.C.	
Frank Hardin Jacksonville, Fla.	
Claine Barber Bass Charlotte	Dec. 30, 1979
Linda Ann Hambright	Mar. 3, 1980
Marvin Hambright	Dec. 27, 1979
Clarsie Carpenter	
Linda Black Ford	
Elena Rashford Loftin	
Basil Goode	

All stood in silent memoriam and then led in a prayer of memoriam by Dr. Rufus Hambright.

The youngest attending were recognized, as follows:

Harvest Sunshine Childers - 16 days old, daughter of Fina & Bruce Childers.

Stacy King - 20 days old, son of David & Susan King

Melanie Dawn Stanley - 4 1/2 mo. daughter of Clayton and Cheryl Stanley Eaker

Joshua Meharg - 5 mo. son of Mark & Lynn Meharg

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Recognition was made of eldest member present, Reverend C. R. Baker, who was 90 years old March 7, 1980. Reverend Baker is a descendent of the Colonel's youngest daughter, Sarah and her first marriage with John Peter Eaker. He traveled from Missouri to be with us.

Many present had travelled a great distance. The greatest distance was traveled by Donna Farrington Baloff and her daughter Terri from Millbur, Washington; and Glen R. Dunn, Lucille Cannon and Perry Hambricht from California. There were others traveling from Texas, Alabama, Kentucky, Connecticut, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and our neighboring states.

A number of our clan were present for the first time. All were glad to welcome for the first time fifty-nine persons coming from thirteen states.

Mrs. Eaker made a plea for each of us to share facts that we know. She reminded us that if she knows something and shares it with us and we know something and share with her, then we both know something.

Bob E. Hambricht, cemetery committee reported that the cemetery was in pretty good condition

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until a few weeks ago when vandals did a lot of damage. The road is in good repair, and the cemetery is clear of underbrush. Much repair work was necessary after vandalism. To date \$625.00 has been spent.

A history of the old cemetery is available for \$5.00 a copy. Dawn Hambricht handed these out as desired.

James E. Howser, Secretary, gave financial report as follows:

\$ 171.00	stamps, guest book, etc name tags, etc.
625.00	cemetery
35.00	rent for building
26.00	plates, cups, napkins, etc.
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\$ 857.20	- expenses
\$ 438.00	- now in treasury

Plates were passed to take a collection for expenses.

Thanks were expressed in appreciation to Wanda Simpson, and Oscar Bass for all arrangements for the dinner at Holiday Inn last night and for catering of food today.

Vice-President, R. Fain Hambricht read a letter stating that the North Carolina General Assembly had voted to present a pistol to the descendants of Colonel

Frederick Hambright. Presentation is to be made at the Battleground at the 200th Anniversary celebration on October 7, 1980. The descendants present voted for Jackie Seal Hambright to accept this replica of the pistol used by the overland Mountain Men.

Mr. D. L. Sanders from Kings Mountain has replicas of the monument for sale for \$8.00 each.

Elena Edwards, who was most interested in was presented a history report that was written by Ann Hambright in 1967, about our Colonel.

In appreciation of their time and efforts, the present officers were recognized.

Then, the nominating committee presented the following, who were elected to serve for 1981:

President - Dennis Patterson

Vice-President - Fain Hambright

1st Vice-President - Judy Barber

Recording Secretary - Mary Frances Hunnery

Publication Secretary - Lorena Eaker

Treasurer - James E. Howser

Cemetery Committee - Bob C. Hambright

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To be elected for a 3-year period

Historical committee - Ralph Dyer, Chairman

Lorena Eaker

Vera Price

Bess Alice Puffer

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Shiloh Presbyterian church was the church our ancestor attended. Shiloh has been celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. Fain Hambricht has booklets about the church for \$1.00 each.

All children under 16 who can read were called to the podium. Mrs. Eaker had a historical sketch that they took part in. This was informative for each of us.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again the 2nd Sunday in October 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frances Hambricht Hunnery
Secretary