

## THE HAMBRIGHT'S

A meeting of the Grave Committee of Col. Frederick Hambricht descendents was held at Shiloh Cemetery on August 8th at 3 o'clock. The meeting was called by Mr. J. D. Hambricht and the following were present: J. D. Hambricht, Bate Hambricht, Mrs & Mrs. W. A. Hambricht, Ross Hambricht, Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Hambricht, Mrs. W. W. Ferguson, Tracy Ferguson, Mrs. F. R. Summers, Ernest Hambricht, S. A. Crisp, Mrs. Tom Sims and Ollie Harris.

At the meeting it was decided to immediately start improvement of the cemetery grounds. A Committee was appointed to see about having road to circle cemetery; a committee to see about proper placing and cleaning markers; a finance committee to start raising of necessary fund and a memorial committee. The following are the committees:

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Tom Sims  
C. F. Harry  
Mrs. F. R. Summers  
W. A. Hambricht  
Rufus R. Hambricht

### MONUMENT COMMITTEE

Tracy Ferguson  
W. A. Hambricht  
Ollie Harris

*S. A. Crisp*

### ROAD COMMITTEE

Ed. Hambricht  
S. A. Crisp  
Franklin Harry  
Ernest Hambricht  
*C. F. Harry*

### MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

S. A. Crisp  
Ollie Harris  
Miss Edith Hambricht  
Mrs. F. R. Summers  
W. A. Hambricht  
Mrs. W. W. Ferguson

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Box 327  
Blacksburg, S. C.  
October 6, 1947

J. D. Hambright, Vice President,	Clover, S. C.
Fred R. Hambright, Secretary,	Denver, N. C.
Mrs. Tom Sims, Treasurer	Sharon, S. C.
Mrs. W. A. Hambright, Historian,	Blacksburg, S. C.
Miss Beattie Lee Hambright, Ass't. Historian,	Clover, S. C.
R. E. Hambright,	Grover, N. C.
J. A. Dickson,	Grover, N. C.
J. L. Patterson,	R-2, Kings Mountain, N. C.
Ollie Harris,	Kings Mountain, N. C.
Claude H. Hambright,	Kings Mountain, N. C.
W. R. Hambright,	Kings Creek, S. C.

Dear Kinsmen:

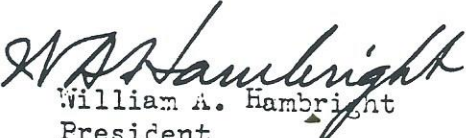
You are requested to serve as a member of the Col. Frederick Hambright Grave Committee with the view of making some recommendation to THE HAMBRIGHTS at the next annual meeting.

A meeting of this committee is being called to meet at my home on Sunday afternoon, October 19, 1947, at 2:30 p.m.

The Committee will probably want to visit the grave of Col. Hambright in connection with this meeting.

Bring your families.

Cordially yours,

  
William A. Hambright  
President

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## D. A. R. MEMORIAL SERVICE

The D. A. R., Frederick Hambricht Chapter of Kings Mountain, held a Memorial Service at the grave of Col. Hambricht on October 24th at 3 o'clock in the Shiloh Presbyterian Cemetery near Grover. The Memorial was in charge of Mrs. Jesse Kiser and several members of that Chapter. Mrs. Kiser opened the service, then a reading by the members, a reading of the History of Colonel Hambricht was given by Mrs. William Hambricht, Historian of THE HAMBRIGHTS. The services were closed by Mrs. Griffin.

Officers, at this meeting, of THE HAMBRIGHT, were William Hambricht, President, Mr. Jim Hambricht, Vice President, Ollie Harris, Secretary, Mrs. Flora Sims, Treasurer, and many of the descendants from North and South Carolina.



Dear Kinsman:-

The Old Shilo Graveyard located a mile East of Grover, N. C. is in a deplorable and neglected condition. Here lies the remains of Colonel Frederick Hambright of Revolutionary War fame, and many of his descendants and others.

Sometime ago the Colonel Frederick Hambright, Chapter D. A. R. of Kings Mountain, N. C. placed a Revolutionary War Cross on his grave, and recently they held a Memorial Service at his graveside. The site may now be reached by auto over a recently constructed roadway.

The "Hambrights" an organization of the decendants of the Colonel appointed a graveyard committee to make recommendations for improvement of the cemetery and to seek donations for that purpose and for its up-keep. There are many needed improvements, however this will depend largely on the amount of contributions received. We recommend that a roadway be constructed all the way around the site, that the gravemarkers be straightened up and inscriptions thereon renewed and that a fence or wall be built to inclose the graves. We invite your suggestions as to other needed improvements and solicit your prompt contribution so that this work may be started as soon as possible.

We feel that it is a duty, which we should not shirk, to put this unique site; the resting place of our honored dead and foreparents, in a respectable condition and keep it that way. Please forward your suggestions and donations promptly to Mrs. Flora H. Sims, Treasurer, Sharon, S. C.

Respectfully,

J. D. Hambright, Chairman,  
Mrs. Flora Sims, Treasurer,  
Graveyard Committee.



The second Annual Meeting of THE HAMBRIGHT'S was held at Antioch Baptist Church near Grover on July 18, 1948 with a good attendance. This year we missed quite a few of the children due to the Infantile Paralysis Ban.

The meeting was opened with songs followed by Prayer by our President, W. A. Hambright. Report of Minutes were given by Sarah Hambright in the absence of our Secretary. Mrs. Flora H. Sims gave report of Treasure. Collections of last meeting amounted to \$37.21. Expenses during year were \$14.00 which left a balance of \$23.21 in treasure.

Mrs. W. A. Hambright gave a report on the history of Col. Frederick Hambright. She said that a detailed record of Col. Hambright appeared in paper Jan. 19, 1919. This record was given by a Mrs. Hardin. W. A. Hambright ask for information as to whether or not anyone had a picture of Col. Hambright. No one had.

J. D. Hambright gave report from Grave Committee. Mr. Hambright is Chairman of this Committee. This Committee met twice during the year and visited the grave of Col. Hambright at Shiloh Cemetery. The removal of the Colonel body, either to the Battlefield or to Kings Mountain was deemed unwise but efforts are to be made in the cleaning this graveyard with special attention to Colonel Hambright's Monument and Grave. Ollie Harris, one of the Grave Committee members, said that the Deed to Shiloh Cemetery made in 1827 in Lincoln County had been secured by Fred Hambright and was now in the hands of R. E. Hambright of Grover. Harris stated that improvement on the Cemetery should begin at once and that at least \$500.00 should be raised for this purpose. Mr. Ed. Hambright explained that a few had cleaned the graveyard to some extent and that he was trying to get Highway Department to build road to cemetery.

J. D. Hambright gave report of the Family Tree that was made up by W. A. Hambright. About 100 copies were available and many bought one for \$1.00 each.

Ollie Harris ask the members of the Hambright's to give our President W. A. Hambright a rising vote of thanks for his untiring efforts on behalf of the family, which was done.

W. A. Hambright introduced Mr. J. K. East, Supt. of Blacksburg Centralized High School who spoke to us about the Charatter of Colonel Hambright and the people of that day and challenged we of today to stand up for the things that are Right. His talk was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

After dinner several songs were sung before election of Officers for the new year. President Hambright appointed Ollie Harris as Election Officer. The following officers were elected: W. A. Hambright, reelected President, J. D. Hambright reelected Vice-President, Ollie Harris elected Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Sims reelected Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Hambright reelected Historian with Miss Beat Lee Hambright as assistant Historian. J. K. East closed with Pray



The following story appeared in the Shelby, North Carolina *Cleveland Star* of January 28, 1919:

## "COLONEL FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT AND THE BATTLE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN"

"Colonel Frederick Hambright is one of the least known of the heroes who fought at the battle of Kings Mountain on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1780. In this fierce struggle the historian tells us that the '*Americans yelled like Indians and fought like demons*'.

"If Colonel Patrick Ferguson, the British General, had not fallen at Kings Mountain, Lord Cornwallis would not have surrendered at Yorktown. This battle was the pivot on which the Revolutionary War in the South turned. It was fought by the Americans or patriots exclusively by volunteers, raw militia, never before under fire against trained troops, many of them commanded by a veteran officer of desperate courage with no superior in the English army. Colonel Hambright was a native of Germany, born there in the 1727 and died in 1817. He came to America about 1740 and, finally, settled on Long Creek, then in Tryon County, now Lincoln County, and was living there at the time of the Battle of Kings Mountain. He came first to Pennsylvania and then removed to Virginia about 1775 and there married Sarah Hardin. He was accompanied to North Carolina by his brother-in-law, Colonel Joseph Hardin, John Hardin, and Benjamin Hardin. He first settled at the fort erected near the mouth of the south fork of the Catawba River as a protection against the Indians. He soon afterward moved to Long Creek. He early embraced the cause of liberty, was appointed to lieutenant-colonel in 1777 and, at all times during the war, was an active and fearless officer.

"At the Battle of Kings Mountain, Colonel Hambright commanded the Lincoln county regiment; Colonel William Graham, the colonel of the regiment, being absent on account of illness. Hence, the command developed on Lieutenant Colonel Hambright. He was severely wounded by a large rifle bullet passing through his leg. He was urged to quit the fight, but remained to the end to encourage his men and lead them to victory. The blood overflowed his boots and the wound was so severe that he remained lame to the end of his days.



"He was twice married and had twenty-two children. (No race suicide here.) His eldest son, John Hardin Hambright, fought side by side with him at Kings Mountain, where William Chronicle, one of his most efficient and gallant officers, lost his life early in the fight. There too Captain John Mattocks, Lieutenants Babb and Boyd and others from the same community lost their lives in this fiercely contested battle which resulted so gloriously in the cause of liberty.

"It was Colonel Hambright's house on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1776 that a committee of seven from the committee of safety of Tryon County met to inquire as to the patriotism of one William Moore, it having been reported that he had discouraged the people from joining the Whigs. Even then, as now, there were men in whose bosoms there were no sparks of patriotism. "Slackers" then as now were the object of contempt and hatred.

"He was appointed justice of the peace on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1776 by the provincial congress which met at Halifax, North Carolina. A justice of the peace at that time in the oath of office, among other things, swore that he would '*do equal justice between the poor and rich, after his cunning, and power*', and would not be of any counsel '*in any quarrel hanging before him.*' What a grave warning to the justices of the present time.

"He was appointed a building commissioner to contract with workmen to construct the public buildings of Lincoln County. This appointment was made by the general assembly which met at Hillsboro on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1782.

"He went against the Cherokee Indians in obedience to an express from the commanding officers of Tryon (Lincoln) County. March 25, 1771. On this expedition, he had a company of men composed of eight, with a Lieutenant, John Hoyle, and two sergeants, James Cozart and Andrew Hoyle. For this service, he was paid by the State of North Carolina 7s 6d per day. Lieutenant Hoyle and Sergeant Cozart received 4s each for eight days. Private Rodes, Kinder, Wyatt, Van Zant, Goforth, Gallert, French, and McCarthy each received 2s for eight days.



"He was elected to the third provincial congress which was held at Hillsboro, N.C. from August 20, 1775 to September 19, 1776. On the death of John Harvey, moderator of the second provincial congress, Samuel Johnston, one of the colossal figures of those stern times, issued according to the agreement on the adjournment of the second provincial congress, the call to the committee of safety of Tryon County to hold an election to select delegates to the Hillsboro Congress. At the said election held August 14, 1775, Frederick Hambright, John Walker, William Kenon, William Graham, Robert Alexander, and Joseph Hardin, a brother-in-law of Colonel Hambright, were elected members of the third or Hillsboro congress. Two hundred and twelve delegates were elected to this congress and 184 appeared.

It was as a member of this famous congress and association with the heroic men composing its membership that Colonel Hambright learned the lesson of liberty and steeled his soul for the oncoming storm at Kings Mountain. We slightly realize that at this distant time the debt of gratitude which this generation owes to these martyrs to the cause of human liberation. Monuments should be erected to everyone of them at the courthouse seat nearest to the scenes of their triumph. Members of this historic congress did not hesitate to accept commissions or volunteer in the army. No draft was needed in those times that tried men's souls. The *'slacker'* was not then known in the land.

"Colonel Hambright was on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1775 appointed second major in the field of officers of the minutemen to be raised in Tryon County. This county was to raise two companies.

"By a resolution of the general assembly of North Carolina, an elegant mounted sword was presented to him for his *'voluntary and distinguished services in the defeat of Major Patrick Ferguson at Kings Mountain'*.

"An address of thanks by the general assembly was presented to him along with other officers for his activity in the capture of the British troops commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Ferguson at Kings Mountain.



"This fighting old Dutchman was indeed a real brother to the men who have so recently fought on the far flung battle line in Europe on which hung the fate of the world. We need not weave any fable borrowed from Scandinavian lore into the woof of our history to inspire our youth with admiration of glorious deeds in freedom's battles done. The record of Colonel Hambright, the soldier at liberty at King's Mountain, for valor, for unselfish consecration to duty, and faithfulness unto death will teach our sons and our sons' sons for ages now to die for liberty.

"George Bancroft, the historian, not at all partial to the South in the Revolutionary War, writes of this battle as follows:

*'The victory of Kings Mountain which in the spirit of the American soldier was like the rising at Concord, in its effect like the successes at Benington, changed the aspect of the war. The loyalists of North Carolina no longer dared to pine. It fired the patriots of the two Carolinas with fresh zeal. It encouraged the fragments of the defeated and scattered American army to seek each other and organize themselves anew. It quickened the North Carolina legislature to earnest efforts. The appearance on the frontier of a numerous enemy from settlements from beyond the mountains whose very names had been unknown to the British, took Cornwallis by surprise and their success was fatal to his intended expedition. He had now no choice but to retreat'.*

"No more patriotic man sat in the third provincial congress than Frederick Hambright. Some were more learned; some were more eloquent; but none rang more clear on the burning questions of American freedom."