

MINUTES OF MEETING
63RD HAMBRIGHT FAMILY REUNION 2009
THE DESCENDANTS OF COL. FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT
OCTOBER 11, 2009 AT THE CHRISTIAN LIVING CENTER OF THE
MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGS MOUNTAIN, NC

By: Dodie Shaw, Secretary

Officers present were: President, Janelle Dixon, Vice-President: Berley Crosby, Treasurer: Rita Gibbons, Secretary: Dodie Shaw, Co-Historian: Marjorie Gossage, and Co-Historian Rebecca Kohout

The President, Janelle Dixon, called the meeting to order and read an article written by Mr. Dennis Dover of California about his experience visiting the site of the Battle of Kings Mountain and the courage of Colonel Frederick Hambright.

Several attendees were recognized for their work on the reunion and cemetery during the past year:

Carole and Burley Crosby for cleaning the cemetery

Dodie Shaw for developing and sending a newsletter and putting together the mailing list, reunion announcement, and mailing 400+ invitations

Carol Ann Weaver for setting up the meeting with the lawyer last December

Dennis Dover for work on historical designation for the cemetery and helping to get Southern Company connected with Shiloh Presbyterian Church, to facilitate the quit claim of land with Elizabeth Dover's grave to the Church

Rita Gibbons was recognized for her birthday, October 11.

Carol Crosby addressed the group and thanked Doyt Phifer for handling the placement of gravel on the road to the cemetery and removal of a fallen tree. She stressed the need to raise funds for removal of the other trees in the cemetery that threaten the gravestones of the Colonel and many others buried there.

The following were recognized and announced:

Deaths: Grady Carter Hamrick born Jan 13, 2009 and died May 2009

Births: Mallory Grace, Addison Clair and Dawson Duke Crosby 12-30-08, Lilly Allison

Oldest attending: Mr. Davis Hambright, age 89 years.

Youngest attending: Mr. Christopher Drake Houser, age 4 years.

Recognition of those traveling from beyond NC or SC: Rebecca Kohout from Austin, Texas.

Cemetery Update: Ms. Janelle Dixon reported that South Power Company who owns the land around the cemetery has committed to quit claim the area of land where Elizabeth Dover is buried to Shiloh Presbyterian Church. The power company is also requesting that the Vulcan Quarry quit claim the portion of the cemetery land under their ownership to Shiloh Presbyterian Church. The power company has also volunteered to put a large utility fence around the cemetery at their expense. Hopefully this will eliminate the threat of vandalism.

Janelle Dixon reported that following approval by the family at last year's reunion she and Ron Dover and Carol Ann Weaver met with an attorney to discuss the option of setting up an association for the Hambright Family to manage the cemetery. After reviewing the paperwork and the legal implications, the attorney recommended that the family should not move to take ownership of the Old Shiloh Presbyterian Cemetery. The cost, at least \$4,000, to set up a non-profit organization to raise funds for the care for the cemetery is also too prohibitive.

Janelle Dixon reported that Mr. Bill Wiley of Wiley Monument Company who had given an estimate of \$4,000 to restore the headstones in Old Shiloh Presbyterian Cemetery had died this past year and that his sons had sold the company. We will need to locate other sources to bid on restoration of the stones but only after the trees that threaten them are removed.

An estimate of \$6000 was give to remove the trees and haul the wood; \$4500 if the wood was to be left. Mr. Doyt Phifer agreed to get another estimate on the cost of removing the trees.

A report of the SAR dedication was provided by Janelle Dixon. She stated that over 100 people had attended the dedication the Tuesday before the reunion. She also noted that Mrs. Eudora Radcliff had received the Martha Washington Award from the SAR acknowledging the hard work that Eudora has done for the Old Shiloh Presbyterian Cemetery.

Minutes from the 2008 meeting were read, corrections noted and approved for the record.

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

		Reunion Fund		Cemetery Fund	
Begin Balance		618.91		2,750.00	
Income	donations	185.00		140.00	donations
Expenses	rent for bldg.	200.00		35.00	bounced check fee
	Postage	8.80		711.57	gravel cemetery
	(postage, printing)	210.34		200.00	tree removal
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Ending balance: \$		384.77		\$1,943.43	

Historian Report: Historian, Marjorie Gossage reported a genealogy meeting was held Saturday night and that 3 items of the Colonel are preserved, the sword at Kings Mountain Battle Ground, his last will and testament at the Columbia, SC archives, and his Bible in possession of Robert Hambright. Special thanks was given to Robert for allowing the bible to be on display at the reunion for family to view. Rebecca Kohout reported that work is in progress to update the family tree. She reported that a DNA project had established that the outlaw John Wesley Hardin, known as the "meanest man ever in Texas" and who shot a man for snoring, was in fact our relative, the grandfather of the Colonel's first wife, Sarah Hardin.

Lee Gossage gave a report regarding the website for the Hambright genealogy. The site previously maintained by David K. Hambright has been permanently removed after the host, Tripod, made it too difficult for us to continue to use them. Lee Gossage has investigated the possibility of building a new site and has found a free web hosting company but stated that we need to purchase a domain name to ensure that our work cannot be bought by someone else. The price establishing ownership of a domain for 10 years is about \$168.00

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to Lee to purchase a domain and establish a central web site for the Colonel Frederick Hambright.

Election of New Officers:

Janelle Dixon reported that the Attorney consulted about the cemetery had stated that for liability purposes that a separate Treasurer was needed for the Cemetery Funds and that separate account was needed. The Cemetery Funds should be in a non interest bearing account with an EIN number and with 2 authorized signers. A motion was made and seconded to separate the reunion and cemetery funds and establish a new position of Treasurer of Cemetery Funds. There were 22 ayes and 4 nays. The motion was carried by the ayes.

Debra Early was nominated to serve as Cemetery Treasurer and Bill Benson were nominated as signatures. A motion was made and seconded, vote taken and carried by ayes with only one nay.

A slate was nominated that Ms. Rita Gibbons be re-elected to continue as Reunion Treasurer for a term of two years, and that Dodie Shaw, per her agreement, be elected to serve as secretary for a term of one more year. After a motion was made and seconded, the passed unanimously.

The Reunion date for next year was established to be on Sunday, October 10, 2010.

The idea of a publishing a Biography of Colonel Frederick Hambright, with photos, wills, etc. Was discussed as a possible fundraiser for Cemetery Funds.

The meeting was adjourned.