



## *Honoring a Patriot*



Richmond Pearson was born in Virginia in 1751 and moved to North Carolina in the early 1770s. He settled in the Forks of the Yadkin River area of old Rowan County, around the present-day town of Cooleemee.

At the time of the War of Independence, the colonial militia met at Veach's Muster Ground near the present location of Liberty United Methodist Church.

This unit went for the Patriot Cause under Col. Pearson. The area was later named the Liberty District.

The "Boys from the Forks" fought at the Battle of Cowans Ford, where General William Lee Davidson fell. This local militia harassed British General Cornwallis as he crossed Renshaw's Ford, marching through what is now Davie County, in pursuit of General Nathanael Greene.

Richmond Pearson came to own thousands of acres of land and scores of slaves.

Patriot Richmond Pearson died in 1819 and is buried in the family graveyard near Cooleemee, N.C.



**CEREMONY TO HONOR  
PATRIOT  
RICHMOND PEARSON  
2 PM, SUNDAY  
MARCH 22, 2009**

Posting of Colors	Combined Color Guard Tim Berly, NC Society of the Sons of the American
Revolution	
Opening Prayer	Rev. A. Clark Wiser NCSSAR State Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance	Mike Scott, President, Salisbury Chapter, SAR
Welcome	Grady Hall, Past President of NCSSAR
Comments on Patriot Pearson	Jim Rumley, historian Cooleemee Historical Association
Recognitions	Tony Steele, President Cooleemee Historical Association
Recognitions	Grady Hall
Wreath laying ceremony	Grady Hall
SAR Recessional	Charles Auger, SAR member
Closing Prayer	The Rev. Karen Roberts Liberty United Methodist Church
Retiring of Colors	Color Guard

*Tours of the graveyard will be conducted by Julie Spillman Prater following the ceremony.*



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