

*Patriot Grave Marking & Wreath  
Laying Ceremony  
Honoring  
Francis, George, John & Matthew  
Locke*



*August 20, 2011*

*Salisbury & Charlotte, NC  
Sponsored by the Salisbury &  
Mecklenburg Chapters,  
NCSAR*

**Host**

Grady Hall,

*NCSSAR Past President*

**Posting of the Colors**

Combined NCSSAR Color Guard,

*Commanded by Maj. Dick Bishop, USA, Ret.*

**Invocation**

Rev. Dr. A. Clark Wiser

*Past Chaplain General, National Society, SAR*

**Pledge of Allegiance to U.S. Flag**

Neil Hohmann, *Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR*

**SAR Pledge**

Eddie Davis, *Salisbury Chapter, NCSSAR*

**Welcoming Remarks**

G. Steven Pittard, *President, North Carolina Society*

**Introduction of Honored Guests**

Grady Hall

**Dedication & Unveiling of  
SAR Patriot Grave Markers**

Grady Hall at Thyatira Cemetery, *Salisbury*

Tim Berly at Locke Monument, *Charlotte*

**Wreath Laying Honors**

Jim Wood, *Secretary, NCSSAR*

**SAR Recessional**

Jay Joyce, *Secretary, Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR*

**Closing Prayer**

Rev. Dr. A. Clark Wiser

**Retirement of the Colors**

NCSSAR Color Guard

**“Amazing Grace”**

Sung by Dr. Clint Lawrence, Descendent of Lt. George Locke

## **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

## **SAR Pledge**

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

## **SAR Recessional**

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free men.

A special "*Thank You*" to Rev. Sandra Kern and the Congregation of Thyatira Presbyterian Church.

## *Locke Patriots*

**FRANCIS LOCKE** - Born in 1722 in No. Ireland. Emigrated with his parents, John and Elizabeth Locke to Lancaster, PA. After his father died in 1744, he moved, ca. 1752, with his mother and brother to Rowan County. In 1759, served as an Ensign in the Rowan militia under Griffith Rutherford. A tavern owner, he was involved in the Regulator disturbance while serving as county sheriff. Served as Lt. Colonel of the Rowan County minutemen in 1775, and as Lt. Colonel of the Rowan County militia under Gen. Rutherford in the "Snow Campaign." Patriot commander and hero of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill. He and 400 men from Rowan and Mecklenburg soundly defeated the Tories in Lincoln County on June 20, 1780. Took command at Colson's Mill on July 21, 1780 after Col. William L. Davidson was severely wounded, leading the Patriot forces to victory. During Greene's retreat through NC after Cowpens, he helped delay the British pursuit by blocking roads and skirmishing at bridges/fords such as Grant's Creek. Served as a Colonel in the NC State Troops. Died January 8, 1796.

**MATTHEW LOCKE** - Brother of Francis. Born in 1730 in No. Ireland. Treasury Commissioner of the colony of North Carolina, 1771. Member of the Colonial Assembly representing Rowan County, 1771-1775. Member of the Committee of Safety of Rowan County, 1774. Paymaster of Troops, Salisbury District, 1775 and Brigadier General of NC Troops, Salisbury District. Delegate to the Provincial Congresses of 1775 & 1776, and a delegate to the state Constitutional Convention of 1776. He was a "gentleman farmer" who represented North Carolina in the U.S. Congress from 1792-1799 as a Jeffersonian Democrat. Died on September 7, 1801.

**JOHN LOCKE** - Son of Matthew. Born on August 12, 1751. Served as a Major in the NC State Troops during the Revolution. Died on April 21, 1833.

**GEORGE LOCKE** - Son of Matthew. Born on September 17, 1752. Served as a Lieutenant in the NC militia (Partisan Rangers) under Captain Joseph Graham of Mecklenburg County. Killed by Tarleton's Legion at the Battle of Charlotte of September 26, 1780, at Kennedy's Farm just north of Charlotte.

*Locke Family*  
*Grave Marking*  
*Wreath Presentations*

*August 20, 2011*

*Salisbury, NC*

*Charlotte, NC*

## Locke Patriot Grave Markings - Wreath Presentations

### SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION

#### ***North Carolina Society:***

Mr. G. Steven Pittard                      State Society President  
*Wreath dedicated to Patriot families who sacrificed so much  
for Liberty.*

Mr. F. Grady Hall                      Past President, NCSSAR  
Representing the Salisbury Chapter

Mr. Tim Berly                      President  
Mecklenburg Chapter

Mr. Jonathan A. Underwood      President  
Colson's Mill Chapter

Mr. John F. Misenheimer              President  
Lt. Col. John Phifer Chapter

LTC Franklin N. Horton, USA (Ret.)  
National Trustee & President, Old North State Chapter

Mr. H. Edward Phillips              President  
Raleigh Chapter

Mr. Ellis C. Hamby  
NCSSAR Historian & Past President, Yadkin Valley Chapter

***Georgia Society:***

Mr. Jackson Guest            Sergeant-at-Arms and Commander,  
Elijah Clarke Militia, representing the Athens Chapter  
*Wreath dedicated to Captain Moses Guest, NC Militia, Wilkes  
County.*

**DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

***North Carolina Society:***

Ms. Jane Steinburg            Regent  
Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter

Ms. Beth Grice                Regent  
Mecklenburg Chapter

**LOCKE FAMILY DESCENDENTS**

E. Clinton Lawrence, M.D.      Descendent of George and  
Matthew Locke