

Opening Ceremony Of The Surry County Bicentennial Year



February 22, 1976

Program For The Opening Ceremony Of The Surry Bicentennial Year

Sunday, February 22, 1976 3:00 P. M.
Rockford Baptist Church, Rockford, North Carolina

PRESIDING — Dr. J. Dale Simmons, M. D. President, Surry County
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission

WELCOME & INVOCATION — by Rev. Ray Davis, Minister of
Rockford Baptist Church

THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY ALL

INTRODUCTION OF VETERANS by William S. Hiatt, Commander
American Legion & Member of Surry County American Revolution
Bicentennial Commission.

READING OF PROCLAMATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BICENTENNIAL REMARKS ON THE HERITAGE OF SURRY
COUNTY by Franklin Folger

PATRIOTIC MUSIC by the Surry Community College Chorus
Dale Sasser, Director

“Mad Anthony Wayne”

“Johnny has gone for a soldier”

Both excerpts from the secular cantata, “A Revolutionary Portrait”

REMARKS ON THE FUTURE OF SURRY COUNTY IN THE THIRD
CENTURY OF AMERICA by Honorable David H. Diamont

CLOSING PRAYER: Patriotic Prayer from Book of Common Prayer
to be said by all.

For Our Country.

ALMIGHTY God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Immediately following, the Masons of Surry County will hold a special ceremony in front of the Masonic Lodge at Rockford. Everyone is cordially invited (by the Rockford Preservation Committee) to a reception at the Rockford Baptist Church.

