

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.



MICAJAH LEWIS DIED FEBRUARY 26, 1781 -- SO WHAT!?

This is what: On February 26, 1781 "a patrol was sent out beyond the guard under Captain Franklin, since Governor of the state. In this patrol was Major Micajah Lewis of Surry County who was killed by the enemy troop whom they encountered. ... These men were a part of the troops who, on February 25th, met and defeated a company of Tories led by a Dr. Pyle, thus cooling the enthusiasm of the Tories and making it more difficult for the British to enroll them under the King's standard." From Footprints in the Hollows by Carrie Young and William Franklin Carter, Jr.

The Surry Bicentennial Year will begin with a ceremony February 22 recalling the men who like Major Lewis gave their lives in the Revolutionary cause. The program will be held Sunday afternoon, February 22, at 3 p.m. at the Rockford Baptist Church in Rockford, the old county seat. Franklin Folger of Elkin will comment on Surry's past and David Diamont on issues of the future. The Surry Community College Chorus will present patriotic music. The Masons of Surry County will conduct a brief ceremony in front of the old Rockford Masonic Lodge Hall, celebrating the birthday of George Washington, the first Grand Master Mason in this country. *

Watch for Surry Bicentennial posters throughout this year announcing the events in our celebration of Surry County's past: a colonial tasting spree and a costume ball in spring, Fourth of July parades and picnics, old-time farming demonstrations in the fall, a play dramatizing Surry County history...

* The Rockford Preservation Committee invites all to attend a reception in the Rockford Baptist Church following the ceremonies.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PRINTER: On Front County Seal in Blue with Title:

OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SURRY COUNTY BICENTENNIAL YEAR. Thin Blue Line as border.

INSIDE PAGES OF PROGRAM: IN BLACK PRINT

PROGRAM FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SURRY COUNTY BICENTENNIAL YEAR

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

Welcome--Emcee--Dr. J. Dale Simmons, M.D., President, Surry County American Revolution
Bicentennial Commission

INVOCATION: Rev. Ray Davis Minister, Rockford Baptist Church

The Singing of the National Anthem by the Surry Community College Chorus,
Dale Sasser, Director.

Introductory Remarks by William S. Hiatt, Commander, American Legion, Mount Airy,
and member of the Surry County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF VETERANS by William S. Hiatt.

RECOGNITION OF INVITED AND GUESTS by Dr. J. Dale Simmons, M.D.

READING OF PROCLAMATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS BICENTENNIAL
EVENT.

BICENTENNIAL REMARKS ON THE HERITAGE OF SURRY COUNTY by Franklin Folger

SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAM OF PATRIOTIC MUSIC by Franklin Folger

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

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Surry County Bicentennial
Logos in Black Print.

National Bicentennial
Logos in Black Print.



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TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE ROCKFORD CEREMONY, FEB. 22, 1976

Rockford Baptist Church Sunday 3:00 P.M.
Opening Prayer

Invocation

National Anthem

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS By William S. Hiatt, Commander American Legion
Mt. Airy, and member of the Surry County American Revolution
Bicentennial Commission.

Introduction of veterana.

Recognition of invited and honored guests. County Commissioners,
Mayors, ect.

Remarks about Surry County's Past by a prominent senior citizen.

Remarks about Surry County's Future by a prominent young citizen.

Major address

Musical program to be determined

Closing prayer.

Followed by outdoor ceremony (weather permitting in front of Masonic
Lodge of Rockford by the Masons.)



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ROCKFORD CEREMONY FEBRUARY 22, 1976

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Annette Ayers
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Mrs. Al S. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Hartsel Johnson
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Boyd, Jean, Brady Hopkins
Arnold McHone
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Bets J. Beamer and W. M. Beamer
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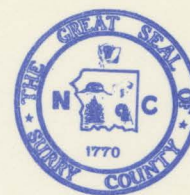
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