

Tar Heel Spotlight

Battle At Guilford Courthouse

Two good soldiers — one British, one American — vowed that their next meeting would be their last.

And indeed it was. They met for the last time on March 15, 1781, at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

In the Revolution's sixth year, two battle-tested armies again faced each other. The brilliant Nathanael Greene, in command of the Americans, had marched from Halifax Court House in Virginia, where he had encamped a month for rest and supplies.

Lord Charles Cornwallis had seized Charleston and from there marched his army northward, fighting along the way, to meet Greene at Guilford, Courthouse.

During the years since 1776 the two regiments had met in earlier engagements, including battles in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Somewhere during these earlier meetings, possibly during a flag of truce for exchange of prisoners or exchange of notes — British Lt. Col. Robert Stewart became aware of American Capt. John Smith.

Several accounts mention that one or the other of the two — historians don't know which — promised that at their next meeting "blood would be spilled."

The two units, both among the best the American and British had to offer, faced each other on a cold and rainy March 15 about 1:30 p.m.

Greene's soldiers numbered about 4,000 to Cornwallis' 2,253, but in addition to his excellent Continental troops, Greene's army included many raw, untrained North Carolina militia, never before in battle.

Greene positioned his troops in three lines, and ordered the militia to fire twice and then fall back to allow the trained Continentals — the best in the American army — to take over.

The British were able to drive off one American regiment only to have to face the veteran First Maryland's bayonet charge.

It was during the fearsome bayonet thrust that Capt. Smith saw Lt. Col. Stewart coming toward him in the midst of the fray.

Stewart approached Smith who raised his left arm to deflect the bayonet blow. At about the same time, Stewart stepped on the arm of the soldier Smith had just downed and lost his balance. Smith killed Stewart.

Simultaneously, Stewart's orderly sergeant (bodyguard) lunged toward Smith and was promptly killed by Smith's bodyguard.

In about the same second, somebody shot Smith in the head. Some accounts state the bullet hit the back of the head, others say forehead. Historians are unsure. Smith fell among the dead and was carried off by his soldiers.

Revived later, he realized the approximately 35-caliber buckshot had flattened as it hit and luckily had only stunned him.

Nobody knows why the buckshot didn't kill Smith. Several theories have been advanced. Since the march was so long from Charleston, it was theorized that possibly British powder was bad, or it could have been damp. In his haste to load and fire again, the British soldier might have used less powder in the charge. Any of these would have reduced the strength of the blast.

The three-hour battle at Guilford Courthouse, called a tactical victory for the British and strategic victory for the Americans, sorely weakened Cornwallis. It was the third in a series of crippling engagements suffered by the British. Following King's Mountain in September, 1780, and Cowpens in January, 1781, the Battle of Guilford Courthouse so decimated Cornwallis' ranks that he was unable to mount another effective campaign and eventually met defeat at Yorktown in October, 1781.

And what of the two "who met for the last time" at Guilford Courthouse? Stewart, a brave soldier, popular with enlisted men and other officers, was buried. Smith lived on to fight again a month later at the April 25 Battle of Hobkirk's Hill, S.C., where he was captured.

Correction

In a photograph of McLaughlin Elementary School kindergarten students appearing in last week's News-Journal the children were incorrectly identified as pupils of Miss Jordan's class.

The children are pupils in Miss Morgan's kindergarten class.

The News-Journal apologizes for the error.

The Veterans Administration operated the largest health-care system in the United States. Included are 171 hospitals and more than 200 outpatient clinics.



BATTLE — One of the most decisive battles of the Revolutionary War was fought at Guilford Courthouse between troops led by Cornwallis and Nathaniel Greene. A commemoration of the Battle will be held March 14-16 at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park near Greensboro, North Carolina.

Magistrates Court

The following cases were heard by the magistrates: John C. Borthwick, Smyrna, Del., speeding 70 in a 55 MPH zone, and passing violation, \$10, costs; Alfonso Haynes, Rt. 1, Shannon, 62 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Tony Kyles, McCain, worthless check, \$10 restitution, costs; worthless check, \$10 restitution, costs; Weldon Locklear, Long Beach, Cal., 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Rosalyn K. Purcell, Rt. 1, Raeford, failure to see before starting, fined costs.

Bruce E. Swayne, Lumberton, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Tracy N. Tammell, Forest Park, Ga., 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Kenneth E. Douglas, 124 E. Central, Raeford, 55 in a 45 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Jimmie C. McLaurin, 210 S. Magnolia, Raeford, 56 in a 45 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Kathy F. Morgan, Hope Mills, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Marvin Mack, Fayetteville, equipment violation, fined costs; John H. McNeill, Rt. 3, Raeford, equipment violation, fined costs; Margaret F. Tyson, Wagram, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs.

Robert C. Virgil, Rt. 2, Raeford,

worthless check, \$21.49 restitution, costs, worthless check, \$29.42 restitution, costs; Julius McMillon, Ft. Bragg, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Willis H. Pope, Jr., Dunn, 68 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Mildred P. Berridge, Rt. 4, Raeford, worthless check, \$41.29 restitution, costs; Lee A. Jones, Rt. 3, Raeford, equipment violation, fined costs; Linda K. Harrell, 128 W. Elwood, Raeford, 55 in a 45 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Linnie Farmer, Rt. 1, Raeford, worthless check, \$10 restitution, costs.

William D. Chavis, Rt. 1, Red Springs, public drunkenness, four days in jail; James Ray Jr., Rt. 3, Raeford, equipment violation, fined costs; Columbus Oxendine, Rt. 4, Red Springs, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Tony Herring, 565 Central Ave., Raeford, equipment violation, fined costs; John C. Stanton, Raleigh, inspection violation, fined costs; Deborah A. McLaughlin, Raeford, failure to see before turning, fined costs; Ray R. Avila, Ft. Bragg, inspection violation, fined costs; Hattie F. Kells, Red Springs, driving left of center, fined costs.

Farm Items

By Hoke County Agricultural Extension Agents

The workshop in financial management for retail and service firms has just been concluded. Certificates were given to the people that completed the course. They went to Mr. and Mrs. Richard White who run a cabinet shop; Betty Davis, who has a dress shop; Mrs. Earl Conoly from Conoly's Exxon Service; Julian King from Wood's Furniture Company; Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Crouch, who have a large tobacco operation. Others who attended some of the meetings were John Lingle, a cattle farmer, Jimmy Conoly and Hertesene Purcell who runs a small store.

The workshop discussed how to read balance sheets, how to use a cash flow sheet and how to evaluate investments. The teacher was outstanding and he visited each of the businesses and talked with them about personal problems.

The week of March 21 - 27 has been set aside as "Good Seed Week". Whether you use seed in your garden, for your lawn, on your farm or all of these, good seed definitely is a bargain purchase. A tiny seed can produce pounds of tomatoes, a few dollars worth of grass seed can beautify your home and 12 pounds of hybrid corn seed can produce more than 100 bushels for a farmer. We hope you will join in celebrating "Good Seed Week" and honor the tiny but mighty seed.

There have been a number of calls about the use of chemicals to keep birds from pulling up corn. There are several repellents that can be used but these have not been too effective. There is no other chemicals cleared for use in North

Carolina at the present time. An experimental chemical is being used by the Wildlife Association in a study of birds control but it is not cleared for crop use at this time. Furdan and Thimet are cleared for ground insect control in the row or over the row and it is thought that they have some effect in keeping birds away. You should know that it is against the law to poison birds in North Carolina.

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