

DAR Corrects 84-Year Old Error

When the Craighead-Dunlap and Thomas Wade chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) placed a historical marker to commemorate the burial place of Colonel Thomas Wade on April 28, 1928, there was one error: Wade's date of death. The bronze marker is fixed to a rock in rural Anson County known as the "Indian Execution Rock." The boulder marks Wade's burial place and is 50 yards east of the original Anson County Courthouse. Wade and Patrick Boggan were the Revolutionary War patriots who founded the Town of Wadesboro.

John Dunlap, local historian and director of the Anson County Historical Society, made a trip to Indian Execution Rock five years ago and noted a discrepancy. Wade's date of death was given as 1768. It should have been 1786. The Dunlap brought the error to the attention of the now-combined Craighead-Wade DAR chapter. Members discussed the how the correction might be made. In September 2010 Ruby Huntley and Sandy Bruneley made a



The original marker is on the left, with the new one on the right.

marker to the site to view the marker to see if it the club should attempt to remove the plaque and send it off to be corrected or replace it with a new one.

Ken Caulder of Leavitt Funeral Home told the two that either of these options would be very expensive. Further, there was no record of where the original plaque was cast. The club accepted Caulder's recommendation that they instead add a second marker correcting the error.

The new marker, placed next to the original, reads "Corrected Date of Thomas Wade's Death is 1786. Placed by Craighead-Wade Chapter DAR 2012." On April 16 five members of the Craighead-Wade chapter, Huntley, Bruneley, Ann Rodgers, Betty Brooks and Frances Williamson, made the trip to Indian Execution Rock to see the new marker placed. With them were Dunlap and Wanda Gant, DAR State Registrar. Helping with the placement were Caulder, his father Bobby Caulder, Buck Jones and Kenny Bennett. Permission for access was granted by the Ingram family, who own the private property where the marker is located.

To many, correcting a plaque in an inaccessible area that is rarely visited may seem a wasted effort. However, to those devoted to history, like Dunlap and the DAR, accuracy is important. In the future, anyone who views the site where Wadesboro's founder was born, raised and buried, will know that someone paid attention and wanted the information given there to be correct.

The Craighead-Wade chapter is especially grateful to Caulder for his help in obtaining the new marker, and to Jones for his aid in locating the original site and building the frame for the concrete base for the new marker.

Membership in the Craighead-Wade chapter of the DAR is open to anyone who can prove a linear line to an ancestor who was a patriot during the Revolutionary War. This ancestor need not have been a soldier, but anyone who aided the cause of freedom. For more information about the chapter, call Williamson (Regent) at 704-695-1912. For an application call Huntley (Registrar) at 704-694-4009.



Pictured here from left are Betty Brooks, Frances Williamson, Ann Rodgers, Ruby Huntley, Sandy Bruneley, Buck Jones and Kenny Bennett.

Free Self Defense Classes for All Ages

Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition has teamed up with Just for Kicks Karate Dojo to offer free self defense classes for folks of all ages. The classes will be held on Mondays, April 23 through May 14, from 7 to 8 p.m. with instructor Weaver Thomas. You are invited to attend any one of the classes.

The classes will be held at Just for Kicks, located at Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, just down from Martin Brothers. Donations are welcome at the classes. All proceeds will go to assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. If you have any questions please call ACDVC at 704-694-4499.

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