

Subject: July 11, 2026 Grave Marking, Old Town Cemetery

I would like to give you some background information before I present the proposal. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold their 2026 National Congress in Greensboro July 9th – 15th. The North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution will be hosting this event and as part of the activities we are planning to host five (5) Patriot grave marking ceremonies in various locations in central North Carolina. Each ceremony will honor five (5) Patriots. These ceremonies will be conducted in conjunction with tours of historic sites. All of these activities will be part of the 250th Anniversary Celebration.

One of the proposed grave marking ceremonies was planned for the Hillsborough Old Town Cemetery. We would be honoring William Hooper, his wife Anne Clark Hooper, James Hogg, George Herndon and William Elmore. Our current information shows that George Herndon and William Elmore are buried in that cemetery, but the location is unknown.

We would like to conduct the ceremony at 1:00pm on July 11th. If possible, we would like to hold the ceremony at the north end of the cemetery just south of the entrance to the section with the Hooper graves. There will be restricted access within the walls of the cemetery. We need to survey the area to see if there is enough room to hold the ceremony between the walkway and the wall as we are expecting approximately 150 attendees, possibly more. A drawing of the proposed ceremony layout is enclosed.

The marker we are proposing to place in the cemetery would be outside of the walled area. The granite marker would be 24"x 30"x4". I am proposing that the marker be placed adjacent to the entrance to the William Hooper gravesite. The text is shown on the enclosed diagram.

24"



IN HONOR OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS
BURIED IN THE OLD TOWN CEMETERY

WILLIAM HOOPER
SIGNER OF THE DELARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
JAMES HOGG ANNE CLARK HOOPER
WILLIAM ELMORE GEORGE HERDON

PRESENTED BY
THE NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
JULY 11, 2026

CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SIGNING OF THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENENCE



30"

This is a rough outline of my proposal for the Hillsborough ceremony:

- We want as little movement as possible. No one enters the walled area except to pre-position flags listed below.
- The Patriot graves will be each marked with NC Color Guard Battle Flags with the Continental or Betsy Ross at Hooper's
- grave.
- Possible marker locations could be on either side of the entrance to the Hooper gravesite.

