

Historical Marker placed on Grave of 1812 Soldier Zadoc Cook of Georgia

Zadoc Cook was born a British Citizen, and witnessed the formation of the fledging Republic. He played a prominent role in both state and Congressional politics.

Zadoc Cook is the 4th Great Grandfather of our Member Joyce Lambert. She is a member in the John Baytop Scott 1812 Chapter in Athens, Ga.

The Chapter obtained the marker through the United States Daughters of 1812. With her work and the work of the chapter a ceremony was held at Bethabara Baptist Church in late October of 2017. The historical plaque was presented to the present owner Ted Cooper. He lives in the house where Cook once resided. Cooper will place the historical marker on the exterior of the house. The home dates to 1814.

Cook was born Feb. 18, 1769 in Halifax Co., N.C. He died at the age of 96 on August 3, 1863 in what was then Clarke County but is now Oconee County Land. Cook outlived seven of his children and several grandchildren.

Cook bought 449 acres of land on Barber's Creek in 1805. And in 1807 he bought another 4,000 acres.

He married his wife, Elizabeth on Dec. 10, 1793. All they could afford at first was a small one room log cabin on the bank of Barber's Creek. A cloth was used over the entrance as a door. They were the parents of 11 children.

Using pine cut from his property and milling the logs into lumber at his sawmill, in 1814, they began and finished their new home.

Cook served as an ensign in the Washington County, Ga. Militia in 1793 and a Captain of the 11th Company, Hancock County Militia in 1796. He was a member of the Ga. House of Representatives in 1806 and 1807 and again in 1822. He served in the Ga. Senate from 180-1814, 1823 and 1824.

He was elected as a Republican to the 14th U.S. Congress to fill a vacancy and reelected to the 15th U.S. Congress when Henry Clay was the speaker of the house.

A reception hosted by the John Baytop Scott 1812 Daughters was held in the fellowship hall of the church after the ceremony in the sanctuary. Bethabara Baptist Church is historical in itself, featuring all Tiffany stained glass windows all around the church.

Eli Stancel and his father stood honor guard as 1812 re-enactors for the ceremony. One dressed in dress uniform and the father dressed in buckskin. Eli is the son of one of our 1812 members.