

Tribute to a Chatham Patriot

On May 1, 2011, a small group gathered at the Old Tick Creek burial grounds in Chatham County to honor the memory of James Emerson, one of twelve Regulators captured at the battle of Alamance on the 16th of May, 1771--a battle in which the settlers in the backcountry of the North Carolina piedmont were considered in governor Tryon's own words to be in "a state of war and rebellion." James Emerson was one of the six men whose sentence was suspended by Governor Tryon. He would live to again take up arms against troops marching under the Union Jack and against the abusive system of government imposed on the American colonies.

To read the **remarks made by John H. Emerson** at the ceremony marking the grave of James Emerson, [click here](#). To see a **slide show** of the ceremony, [click here](#).

