

S.C. - Buford Battleground

COL. BUFORD

Lancaster To Unveil Monument

LANCASTER, S. C., April 29—
A new marker will be unveiled
and dedicated at Buford Battle-
ground in Lancaster County at
3 p.m. Sunday.

The erection of the monument
and the ceremony are sponsored
by the Waxhaws chapter, Daugh-
ters of the American Revolution,
and the Lancaster County Histori-
cal Commission.

The Buford Battleground was
the scene of one of the bloodiest
massacres of the Revolutionary
War. It was there May 29, 1780,
that Col. Abraham Buford's 11th
Virginia Regiment and a detach-
ment of Washington's Cavalry, re-
treating after the fall of Charles-
ton, were attacked by Col. Tarle-
ton of the British Army.

Col. Buford escaped, but of his
350 men, 113 were killed and 151
wounded in this brutal engage-
ment.

The cruel and barbarous massa-
cre committed by Tarleton and
his command after the surrender
of Col. Buford and his regiment
originated the war cry "Remem-
ber Tarleton's Quarters."

Over 100 American soldiers
were buried on the site.

BUFORD, Abraham, soldier, b. in Virginia; d. in Scott co.,
Ky., 29 June, 1833. He was appointed colonel of Morgan's 11th
Virginia regiment, 16 May, 1778. On 29 May, 1780, his command
was surprised and massacred by Col. Tarleton's at Waxhaw
Creek. They had set out for Charleston to relieve Gen. Lincoln,
but, hearing of his surrender, were on the return march.
Tarleton's men surrounded the force, which consisted of 400
infantry and a small detachment of cavalry, with 700 cavalry
and mounted infantry. While parleying, the British commander
prepared for an attack, which was carried out so suddenly, when
Col. Buford refused the offered terms, that the continental
troops were thrown into confusion and were killed without
quarter by the British. "Tarleton's quarter" after that came
to be a synonym for barbarity.

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Unveiling Ceremonies of New Marker at Buford Battleground Were Conducted Sunday

Dedication ceremonies for the
new marker at Buford Battle
Ground were held Sunday after-
noon at 3 o'clock, sponsored by
the Waxhaws Chapter Daughters
of the American Revolution and
the Lancaster County Historical
Commission.

Professor Albert N. Sanders of
the History Department of Fur-
man University was the speaker
for the event. Prof. Sanders is
an outstanding history scholar and
an excellent speaker. He was in-
troduced by Rev. J. F. Burriss,
pastor of the First Baptist Church
of Lancaster and president of the
South Carolina Baptist Church
Historical Society.

The following program was
rendered with Mrs. A. B. Tennant,
presiding.

Music, Hymnology — Buford
High School Band, Ben Stevenson,
Director.

Call To Order — Mrs. A. B.
Tennant, Historian, Waxhaws
Chapter.

Invocation — Rev. J. H. Cely,
Pastor of Tabernacle and Bethel
Methodist Churches.

Colors.
National Anthem—Audience—
Led by B. C. Stevenson.

Pledge of Allegiance To The
Flag—Led by Boy Scouts and Girl
Scouts.

Greetings — Mrs. Charles M.
Duke, Regent—Waxhaws Chap-
ter.

Response—Mrs. M. W. Patrick,
State Regent, S. C. D. A. R.

Recognition of Special Guests
—Mrs. A. B. Tennant.

Music—A Mighty Fortress Is
Our God—Band.
Solo—Let Us Not Forget—Miss
Emily Kate Sapp.

Introduction of Speaker—Rev.
J. F. Burriss, President S. C. Bap-
tist Historical Society.

Address — Professor Albert N.
Sanders, Furman University.

Unveiling of Marker — John
Richard Evans, Jr., Bartlett Jones
Witherspoon, IV.

Music—God of Our Fathers—
Band.

Benediction—Rev. J. L. Ma-
loney, Pastor of Pleasant Hill A.
R. P. Church.

Doxology—Band.
The marker replaced the old
one which had been badly worn
by time and defaced by souvenir
hunters who have chipped away
small portions of the marker.

In order to preserve the history
of the massacre as well as the
story of the erection of the first
monument, placed on the spot,
the original inscriptions were used

on the new marker.

The following inscription has
been carved on one side of the
new marker for the grave of the
fallen heroes.

"In order that all may continue
to share the sentiments of that
group of patriotic citizens of Lan-
caster County who erected a
monument here on June 2, 1860,
the inscriptions on this memorial
are the same as those on the
original monument. Erected by
the Waxhaw Chapter Daughters
of the American Revolution and
the Lancaster County Historical
Association, May 1955."

On the reverse side of the stone
is the following inscription:

"Buford Battle Ground: Erect-
ed to the memory and in honor of
the brave and patriotic American
soldiers, who fell in the battle
which occurred at this place on
the 29th of May, 1780 between
Col. Abraham Buford, who com-
manded a Regiment of 350 Vir-
ginians and Col. Tarlton of the
British Army, with 350 Cavalry
and a like number of Infantry.

"Nearly the entire command of
Col. Buford were either killed or
wounded. Gallant soldiers are
buried in this grave that left their
homes for the relief of Charles-
ton, hearing at Camden of the
surrender of that city were re-
turning. Here their lives were
ended in the service of their coun-
try.

"The cruelty and barbarous
massacre committed on this occa-
sion by Tarlton and his command
after the surrender of Col. Buford
and his Regiment originated the
war cry. "remember Tarlton's
Quarters." A British historian

confesses at this battle the virtue
of humanity was totally lost."

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