

[Newspaper article during week beginning Tuesday, July 15, 1930. Stone marker unveiled on occasion of 78th birthday of Joseph Lafayette Plonk (1852–1936). Article has two mistakes. Joseph Lafayette Plonk was the son of Philip Plonk and grandson of centenarian Joseph Plonk. This Jacob Plonk was born in Pennsylvania, after his father Jacob Plonk, Sr. emigrated to America. A new bronze plaque was installed in December 2006.]



JACOB PLONK IS HONORED BY MARKER

JACOB PLONK, Revolutionary hero and pioneer settler in Lincoln County, was honored last Tuesday when a granite marker was unveiled in memory of him by the Jacob Forney Chapter of the DAR of Lincolnton.

Mrs. George Brown, Regent of the JACOB FORNEY CHAPTER presided over the unveiling exercises and Attorney Kemp Nixon delivered the address of descendants from this section of the two Carolinas. Mr. Nixon, in his address, paid tribute to the Plonks, saying that the name PLONK has always stood for honesty and integrity. He stated further that the PLONKS, in whose veins flowed the blood of the old pioneer, had a rich heritage. The date of the death of JACOB PLONK is unknown because of lost records, but according to the information as furnished by Mr. Nixon, he must have died around 1840, as that was the last year he received a pension from the government.

The MARKER was unveiled by two boys E. C. Black, Jr., and Ralph Chapman, both descendants of JACOB PLONK. The Bronze Tablet bearing the name of JACOB PLONK, the date of the Revolutionary War and the DAR Insignia was the gift of CALVIN PLONK of Hickory. Following the ceremonies, the host of people gathered at the home of Mr. & Mrs. P. C. Chapman where a picnic dinner was enjoyed in honor of the 78th birthday anniversary of Mrs.

Chapman's father—JOSEPH PLONK.

The present Chapman home where the picnic dinner was held has been in the PLONK family ever since it was settled by JACOB PLONK in the pioneer days. The property was granted JACOB PLONK by King George III of England shortly after he and his brother PETER PLONK emigrated to America and settled in this section.

The Chapman home has been the scene of other birthday anniversaries. JOSEPH PLONK, Sr., the father of Joseph Plonk who celebrated his 78th anniversary last Tuesday, celebrated his 100th birthday at the home place on May 1, 1888 and died two months later. He is buried in the family cemetery also.

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