

275th Birthday Celebration William Richardson Davie June 20

Join us for a program celebrating the 275th birthday of William Richardson Davie, Revolutionary War General, statesman and governor, on Saturday, June 20 at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, 211 Marvin Rd, Indian Land, SC, 29707. The morning seminar will be followed by provided lunch and birthday cake, then an afternoon wreath-laying at Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church, 2814 Old Hickory Rd, Lancaster SC 29720, where Davie and family members are buried.

Cost is \$15 for the seminar and lunch. Registration is at 9:45 am, the program begins at 10 am and lunch will be from 12 to 1, followed by the wreath-laying at 130 pm. The South Carolina Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will present colors. Following the wreath-laying, participants are invited to walk through the historic cemetery to see where other Patriots and locally-famous people were laid to rest.

Seminar topics include a

summary of Davie's life, his military experience in Lancaster County, and his retirement home at today's Landsford Canal State Park on the Catawba River.

William Richardson Davie was born in England in 1756 and came to the Waxhaws region of today's Lancaster County with his family. He was raised by his uncle William Richardson, after whom he was named, who was the first pastor of Waxhaw Presbyterian Church. This was future U. S. President Andrew

Jackson's home church. He attended Queen's College in Charlotte, then graduated with top honors from what would become Princeton University. In another connection with Andrew Jackson, Davie studied law under the same man who later provided legal training to Jackson.

Davie joined the Patriot militia, later raised a troop of his own as a Major, and fought in the Battle of Hanging Rock in southern Lancaster County, among other engagements. Andrew Jackson was present at this battle, holding the calvary horses, and acted as a courier. Patriot General Nathanael Greene offered Davie the position of commissary general of the Southern Army. Amazingly, Davie managed to feed his army even though both Carolinas' resources had been ravaged by British and Patriot forces.

After the war, Davie served as a North Carolina delegate to the 1787 Continental Convention, where he helped break the deadlock on legislative representation between small and large states. In the North Carolina legislature he sponsored the bill that created the University of North Carolina. He was elected Governor of North Carolina in 1798.

Davie resigned this office in 1799 when President John Adams appointed him to negotiate an end to the

undeclared naval war with France. In 1805, he retired to South Carolina to his Tivoli plantation on the Catawba River in Lancaster District at today's Landsford Canal State Park. He helped to negotiate the North Carolina-South Carolina boundary dispute and in 1812 the Federalists nominated him for vice president. His last public office was as a commissioner on the South Carolina Board of Public Works. Davie died in 1820.

Register no later than June 5th by mailing a check payable to "Friends of BMB" to Margie Singer, 1015 Falling Leaf St, Indian Land, SC 29707. Please include your choice between ham and turkey sandwiches

for lunch. There will be no refunds. Cancellations will become contributions.

The program is sponsored by the Lancaster County 250th American Revolution Anniversary Committee and is part of the Committee's "Engagement Series" and paid for by a grant from the South Carolina 250 Commission.

For more information, email lancastersc250@gmail.com or visit the Lancaster County page of the South Carolina 250 website <https://southcarolina250.com/county/lancaster>. Facebook Link for Event - <https://www.facebook.com/share/18cpm48LRN/>



WILLIAM RICHARDSON DAVIE

Birthday Celebration

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
★ WILLIAM RICHARDSON DAVIE ★

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:45 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Seminar
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Wreath Laying

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY
OLD WAXHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2814 Old Hickory Road
Lancaster, SC 29720

Travel time from lunch location is approximately 30 minutes, depending on traffic.

EVENT LOCATION
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
211 Marvin Road
Indian Land, SC 29707

SEMINAR & LUNCH
\$15 PER PERSON

COST INCLUDES SEMINAR, LUNCH, AND BEVERAGES

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

ATTENDANCE OPTIONS

☐ Seminar & Lunch (\$15)
☐ Wreath Laying Only (Free)
☐ Attending Both Events
(Please check all that apply)

LUNCH SELECTION

☐ Turkey Sandwich ☐ Ham Sandwich

Sandwiches are served with lettuce, tomato, and chips. Lunch also includes a bottle of water and a fruit cup. Sodas will also be provided.

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT NO LATER THAN
JUNE 5, 2026

MAIL TO:
Margie Singer
1015 Falling Leaf Street
Indian Land, SC 29707

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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★ **REGISTRATION CLOSING ON JUNE 5, 2026** ★

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