

# Somers-Summers Reunion 1943

## Held At Frieden's Lutheran Church, Sunday, Sept. 26

The Somers-Summers reunion was held at Frieden's Lutheran church on Sunday, September 26, with a large crowd present.

The program began at 11 o'clock with J. D. F. Cobb leading the devotional. Following this, "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Miss Hilda Somers, of Burlington.

The president of the organization, J. F. Somers, of Clifton Forge, Va., gave the genealogy of Jacob Somers, father of Captain Peter Somers of Revolutionary fame.

Honorable J. M. Sharpe of Reidsville, principal speaker of the morning, outlined the organization of Frieden's church and the important part played by the Somers' descendants who were leaders in the fight for independence. The speaker stressed the sacrifices made today, and foretold of greater sacrifices which we will be called upon to make in order to maintain the freedom for which our ancestors fought.

The reunion was further enjoyed by the dinner which was brought in baskets and served out-of-doors.

Beginning the afternoon program was Professor J. H. Joyner, of Whitsett, who spoke on the "History of Frieden's Church," stating that

religious services were held on the grounds as early as 1725. These grounds, which consists of 30 acres, were granted to the church in 1791 . . . The first building was built around 1745, the steps of which remain today.

Another interesting fact told by Professor Joyner was that in 1609 Sir Lord George Somers of England was shipwrecked on "Somers' Island," which is today known as Bermuda.

Dr. N. F. Brannock, of Elon College, gave an interesting talk which included humorous events occurring in the Somers' family in past years.

Other speakers were: D. B. Summers, who spoke on "Devotion to the Family, Community, Nation, and God," and J. I. Somers, of Burlington, who told of the R. J. Somers' family. Miss Hilda Somers sang "God Bless America."

At the close of the program a business meeting was held and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Claude G. Somers, president; Joe Summers, vice president; Mrs. Frank Madkins, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Roy Clark, historian.

The reunion will be held next year at Bethlehem church at Altamahaw.