



## **DEDICATION OF THE GRAVE MARKER**

*Commemorating the Service of*

*Revolutionary War Patriot*

***Roswell King***

*Founders Cemetery  
Roswell, Georgia*

*October 14, 2017  
2:00 P.M.*



*Presented by the Piedmont Chapter  
Georgia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution*

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***Bob Shaw, Master of Ceremonies  
Piedmont Chapter***

Posting of the Colors	Piedmont Color Guard
Invocation	Al Finley, Past Chaplain Piedmont Chapter
National Anthem Pledge of Allegiance	James Ruff Registrar, Piedmont Chapter
Introduction of Guests	Bob Shaw, Past President Piedmont Chapter
King Biography	Roy Greene, Piedmont Chapter
Proclamation	Nancy Diamond, Councilwomen City of Roswell
Greetings & Dedication of Marker	Wayne Brown, President Georgia Society
Unveiling of Marker & Flag Installation	Chuck Rann, King Descendant Webmaster, Piedmont Chapter
Laying of Wreaths	SAR, DAR, Chapters & C.A.R. Society
“Amazing Grace”	John L. Mortison Piedmont Chapter
Taps	John Wassell, Sgt-at-Arms
Retirement of Colors	Piedmont Color Guard
Benediction	Al Finley, Past Chaplain Piedmont Chapter



**Roswell King**  
**May 3, 1765 – February 15, 1844**

*King was born in 1765 in Windsor, Connecticut, the son of Sarah Fitch and Timothy King, an accomplished weaver and a naval commander during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783). At the age of 15, he joined the Connecticut Troops, Wells' Regiment whose records mistakenly record his name as Russel King.*

*Later he settled in Darien, Georgia, when as a young man he was skilled in the construction business. King not only became a landowner and commission broker dealing in cotton, rice, and lumber but also served as a surveyor, justice of the peace, member of the Georgia House of Representatives, and lieutenant in the local militia. His 1792 marriage to Catherine Barrington (1776-1839) in Darien produced nine children.*

*In the 1830's King moved his family to the Piedmont area around Vickery Creek, the area of the future town of Roswell. King had identified this as a good area for the construction of a cotton mill. He had the idea to combine the cotton production and cotton processing at the same location. The invention of the cotton gin made cultivation of short-staple cotton profitable in the uplands of the South.*

*King dammed the creek to power a cotton mill, which became fully operational by the latter half of the decade. The mill was incorporated as the Roswell Manufacturing Company by an act of the Georgia General Assembly on December 11, 1839 with his son Barrington King as company President. Other people named in the act included John Dunwoody and James Stephens Bulloch.*

*King is buried in what is now referred to as Founders Cemetery along with his friends Dunwoody and Bulloch. Visitors will find only 23 marked graves, but at least 65 people were buried here.*

*Inscription from the Roswell King Monument, erected by his children:*

*He was the founder of the village which bears his name*

*A man of great energy, industry and perseverance*

*of rigid integrity, truth and justice*

*He early earned and long enjoyed the esteem*

*and confidence of this fellow man.*

## WREATHS PROVIDED BY

*Chuck Rann, Descendant - Piedmont Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution*

*Wayne Brown, President - Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution*

*Rick Reese, Jr. - President, Piedmont Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution*

*Shep Hammack - President, Mount Vernon Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution*

*John Flikeid - VP, Robert Forsyth Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution*

*Lee Hulsey - Past President - John Collins Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution*

*Bill Palmer - Button Gwinnett Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution*

*Bill Kabel - GASSAR Veterans Chair, Past President, Piedmont Chapter SAR*

*Bill Palmer - Order of Founders and Patriots of American*

*Leslie Watkins - President, Georgia Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary*

*Catherine Jimenez, - Regent - Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter, NSDAR*

*Leslie Watkins - William Day Chapter DAR, State SAR Liaison*

*Eva Russo - member - Martha Stewart Bulloch Society, NSCAR*

## *Escort Officers*

*John R. Wassell, Sr., William C. Lusk,  
Roy Greene, James Ruff and Craig Benton*

## SPECIAL APPEARANCES

*John L. Mortison - Piper*

*Piedmont Color Guard (augmented)*

*Paul Prescott - Commander, Frederic M. Reese, Jr., Frederic M. Reese III,*

*Robert A. Sapp, Col. George Thurmond, E. Shep Hammack, Robert D.*

*McCleskey, Bill Palmer*