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(Below is an excerpt from The Hartwell Sun newspaper included in the book History of Hart County by John William Baker, 1933.)

"Large Crowd Gathered at Redwine to Hear Program Honoring Revolutionary Hero

"The exercises at Redwine Methodist Church last Sunday afternoon, December 20, 1921, honoring the memory of the only Revolutionary officer buried in Hart County, Major Nathaniel Durkee, whose remains were interred in the old cemetery there 98 years ago, were largely attended, proving both educational and interesting. Nathaniel's wife Melinda was also buried in the Redwine Cemetery.

"Mrs. W. L. Hodges, Regent of the John Benson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, under whose direction a marker was recently placed at the grave of the distinguished soldier, an official hero of the Battle of Kettle Creek, opened the exercises with a most appropriate talk telling of the reason for the exercises.

"Prof. J. I. Allman read a history of the life of Maj. Durkee, written by Col. Nathaniel Durkee Russell, of Brunswick. Major Durkee was a very prominent citizen of Georgia in his day, and old newspaper files in Augusta tell of his life and activities there. He died while living in what was then Franklin County, later a part of Hart."

The path to the old cemetery is completely grown up with trees and undergrowth. It is impossible to reach the cemetery in the current condition. We are applying for a grant through the DAR and hope to make it a place that people interested in history will be able to visit. With the grant we must match 1:1. Our match must be a match that we designate in our grant and it must be an accepted item by the DAR grant.

There is much more that needs to be done that the grant and matching funds do not cover. We want to involve the community as much as possible. We hope to recruit a graduate student from UGA in Landscape Architecture to assist us with planning the walkway to the grave. There are lots of Boy Scouts in Hart County and we will work with them to assist with planting the plants etc. that the Landscape Architecture student recommends. The grant and our match can not provide funds for this part of the project.

We are a 501c3 and your donation is tax deductible.