

**Dedication of Historical Marker
to honor the James Roark Family**

**Roark's Gap, Virginia
October 9, 2000**



**Roark-Conner Association
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Dallas, Texas 75229-2841**

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: We stand here together, surrounded by our family and friends, to honor the memory of our ancestors as we dedicate this marker.

All: Open our minds that we understand the price that they paid to give us life.

Leader: We look around us and see the land that gave them hope and courage: where they worked to build a home and to nurture a family.

All: Open our hearts that we may experience their joys and their sorrows and claim the values that sustained them.

Leader: As we dedicate this marker to their memory may we dedicate ourselves to the same faith and determination that guided their lives.

All: Unite us to seek God's wisdom and redemption that we might serve Him and His children as a tangible way to bring honor to this day and to our dear ancestors.

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WELCOME Doris Thornton, Past President
 Roark-Conner Association

UNVEILING Chuck Gross, Past President
 Roark-Conner Association

GREETINGS Dr. Tom Hatcher, President
 Tazewell Historical Society

DEDICATION Doris Thornton

RESPONSIVE READING

COMMENTS

PRAYER David Roark, President
 Roark-Conner Association

This marker is placed on this site by the Roark-Conner Association. Pat Surface and the members of the Tazewell Historical Society assisted in the completion of this project. Many Association members contributed ideas, research and financial support.

Following this service, Pat Surface and members of the Tazewell Historical Society will lead a tour of significant historical sites. Lunch will be served at the Pisgah Church for family members and friends who have made a reservation. John Roark will speak to us about the settlement of the Roark family and the subsequent massacre.
