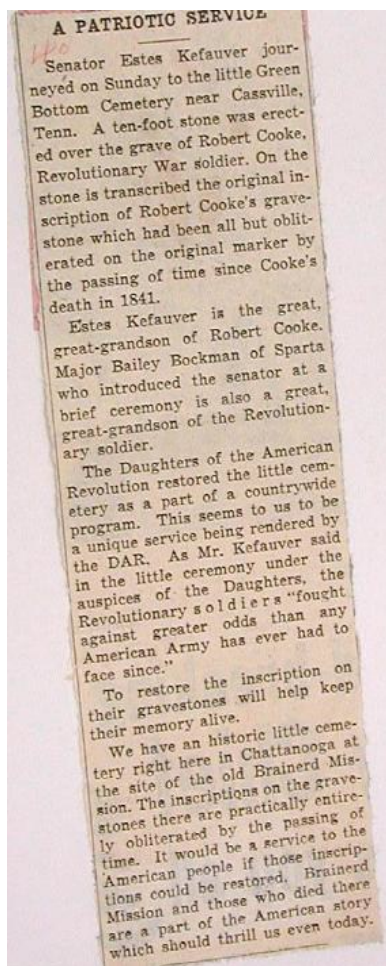



## A Patriotic Service



 **Date:** July 24, 1955

 **Description:** A Patriotic Service Senator Estes Kefauver journeyed on Sunday to the little Green Bottom Cemetery near Cassville, Tenn. A ten-foot stone was erected over the grave of Robert Cooke, Revolutionary War soldier. On the stone is transcribed the original inscription of Robert Cooke's gravestone which had been all but obliterated on the original marker by the passing of time since Cooke's death in 1841. Estes Kefauver is the great, great-grandson of Robert Cooke. Major Bailey Bockman of Sparta who introduced the senator at a brief ceremony is also a great, great-grandson of the Revolutionary soldier. The Daughters of the American Revolution restored the little cemetery as part of a nationwide program. This seems to us to be a unique service being rendered by the DAR. As Mr. Kefauver said in the little ceremony under the auspices of the Daughters, the Revolutionary soldiers "fought against greater odds than any American Army has ever had to face since." To restore the inscription on their gravestones will help keep their memory alive. We have an historic little cemetery right here in Chattanooga at the site of the old Brainerd Mission. The inscriptions on the gravestones there are practically entirely obliterated by the passing of time. It would be a service to the American people if those inscriptions could be restored. Brainerd Mission and those who died there are a part of the American story which should thrill us even today.