

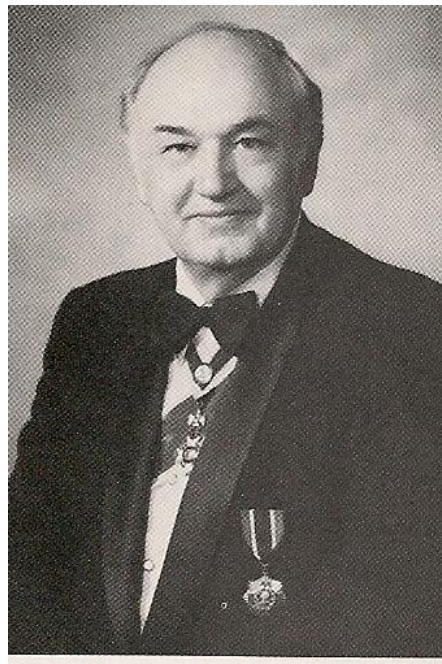
## **ASSOCIATES IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

The following biographies of Virginia Society associates have been copied directly from various issues of the *Bulletin*. Each of these members was an officer of the National Order or National Committee and served with distinction. They have been included as a means of recording the nature, character and contributions of some of our more prominent members.

### **Councillor General Judson P. Mason, Sr.**

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“Immediate Past Governor of the Virginia Society, Judson P. Mason is now serving as Councillor General. He has been active in the Order for a number of years, but also has affiliations with many other hereditary organizations. Prominent among these is the Sons of the American Revolution, where he just completed a term as Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District. Prior to that he was National Trustee and President of the Virginia Society.

Associate Mason grew up on the Mason homestead farm near Chicago. Here his grandfather had contributed greatly to the development of the dairy industry – so it was natural that “Jud” took an early interest in dairying. He later went on for his degree at the University of Illinois and graduate work at Illinois, St. Louis University and the Graduate School of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

During World War II, he was associated with the War Food Administration, with responsibilities for stimulating increased milk production, stabilizing prices and directing dairy

products to the armed forces. Following the war, he served as a government dairy specialist in France. He was responsible for developing fresh milk supplies for the occupation troops while rebuilding the dairy industry throughout Western Europe.

CG Mason retired as Director of Economics for the National Milk Producers Federation after 25 years of service. He remains active as a dairy marketing and management consultant, which takes him abroad to various countries on occasion.

[NOTE: In 1981 one of short trips took him and his wife, Marian, to Indonesia by way of Anchorage, Tokyo and Jakarta then home via Singapore, Sri Lanka, Athens, Zurich and Boston]

Among the other organizations with which Associate Mason is affiliated are Descendants of the Mayflower, Hereditary Order of the Descendants of Colonial Governors, Society of Colonial Wars and Descendants of Colonial Clergy.

The Masons now reside in Lancaster, Virginia. They have two children.”

## **Governor William H. Casterline**

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“Col. William H. Casterline, USAF Retired, is currently holding two important positions in our Order: Governor of the Virginia Society and Chairman of the 90<sup>th</sup> General Court Planning Committee.

Associate Casterline reports that he was born in New Jersey, but spent his pre-teen years on a ranch in Arizona. He vividly recalls riding a horse to the one-room school house built by his father.

He later enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and became a Flying Cadet, graduating from Flying School in 1941 as a Pursuit Pilot. He took command of his first fighter squadron in the South Pacific and was promoted to the rank of Major when only 23. Combat duty consisted of over 50 missions in the European Theater of Operations, where he became Squadron Commander of the 493<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Squadron, 48<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force. It was his job to support the 1<sup>st</sup> Army across Belgium and Germany.

In 1950 Chairman Casterline was assigned as an Advisor to the Belgium Air Force for flying training at Tirlemont. Four years later he was named one of five Air Force Mutual Defense Assistance material coordinators for the 21 NATO nations. He retired from the Strategic Air Command as Commander of Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota during 1964.

After moving back to Williamsburg the following year, he accepted a civilian position as Training Administrator with the Director of Training, U.S. Army Transportation and Aviation Logistics School at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Retirement from that post took place in 1984.”

## Past Governor General Burk O. Barker

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Past Governor General Burk O. Barker has served the Order well in many ways during his several years as a general officer. He continues to do so as a senior statesman, both with timely advice and participation in the several activities of the OFPA on the national as well as state level. Elected Secretary General in 1981 he went on to become Governor General in 1984, serving out a full and active two-year term as a dynamic leader. Elsewhere in this issue is published the tale of his work on the Governor General's Gavel and case. Some of his other contributions made during this time-frame are listed below. It is no surprise that he was presented with the highest honor that the Order can bestow, the Distinguished Service award, in 1987.

He accomplished:

- A complete redoing of the Constitution and By-laws and publication in the well bound small edition, fully coordinated with all the Executive Council.
- The development of the awards program in all of its aspects including the revamping of the diploma format for all awards and getting a calligrapher to stylize each. The Order had no awards program prior to this.
- With the cooperation of Dietz Press bookbinders, he located paper stock, calligrapher and press to reproduce Diplomas. The stock of diplomas was exhausted. Using the old copperplate to print new one would have cost \$1.00 each.
- The heading of a drive within the Order and from private donations to fund a special small vault, humidity and temperature controlled to preserve ancient parish records of

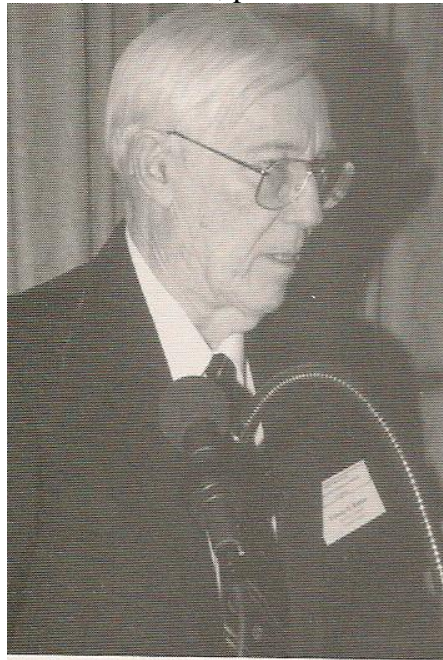
Willoughby Parish, East Anglia. This was of special interest because the baptismal records of Captain John Smith were involved. He was advised by the parish vicar that a plaque had been placed honoring the Order for these efforts (all a part of the reenactment of the voyage of 1607 to Jamestown from which date the Order's eligibility date stems).

- The preparation of an inventory record to be maintained of all the Order's property, location and "custodian" or at least who hold the property. This required an investigation with all the old Societies and much probing, an important exercise in view of the haphazard accounting over the years. It was given to be passed to each G.G. in turn as custodian in fact of this property.
- A meeting with the Cmdg. Gen. TRADOC resulted in the ROTC awards program. An agreement with the C.G. VA National Guard resulted in the prototype for national application.
- The presentation of a Distinguished Service Award to the Lord Tollemache for his service as head of the Godspeed reenactment in the British Isles. It now hangs in his ancestral manor in England. A similar award to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation for its creation of the Godspeed affair. It hangs in the Museum at Jamestown.

## **Deputy Governor General Volney H. Rattan**

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From: *The Bulletin*, Vol. LXV, No. 2, Fall 1992, p. 23 as Secretary General



When Deputy Governor General Winston C. Williams stepped down from that position due to time constraints, a natural successor came immediately to mind: Col. Volney Higdon Rattan. Col. Rattan had distinguished himself as Secretary General of the Order for two successive terms, and had been honored at the 100th General Court with the Distinguished Service Award for his efforts. With the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Council unanimously approved his appointment to this demanding position, which carried the additional task of Chairman of the Membership Committee. He will serve the Order as Deputy Governor General for the remainder of the 1996-1998 term.

SC Rattan is a native of Dallas, Texas, where he was graduated from high school in 1933. He went on to attend Oklahoma A&M College to study Petroleum engineering (1935-38). Later in life he earned his B.A. at George Washington University (1957) and his M.S. in B.Ed. at the University of Richmond, Virginia (1963).

Following his stay at Oklahoma A&M he was with Magnolia Petroleum Co. of Dallas 1938-1941. He became a career soldier beginning in 1941 and retired in 1971 with the rank of Colonel. It was then that he settled in Williamsburg with his wife Frances, whom he married in 1945. They have two sons.

Associate Rattan's military duties took him to locations about the globe, including France, Germany, Japan, Taiwan, Greece, Panama, Turkey, and the United States. His assignments encompassed being Commanding Officer, U.S.A. Medical Depot, Croix Chapeau, France and Deputy Director Medical Material Procurement, Department of Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia.

In addition to our Order, Associate Rattan is active in the Sons of the American Revolution; the Huguenot Society of Virginia, Colonial Capital Branch, Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, American Philatelic Society; and the Williamsburg Stamp Society (Past President).

## Michigan Society Governor Charles K. Field III

(Dual Virginia Society)

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Charles K. Field III, now governor of the Michigan Society, actively participates in a variety of other hereditary organizations -- ranging from the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution and the Society of the Cincinnati to Flagon and Trencher, Society of the War of 1812, and the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Altogether, he holds membership in 37 such Societies.

A resident of the Detroit suburb of Bloomfield Hills, Governor Field has been President of C.K. Field Sales Company for the past 35 years. The firm is a manufacturer's representative agency. After graduation from high school, he entered the Navy at the close of World War II and was discharged as an Ensign in the Naval Reserve. He attended Wayne State University for over two years and was graduated from Adelbert College, Western Reserve University, with a BA in 1950.

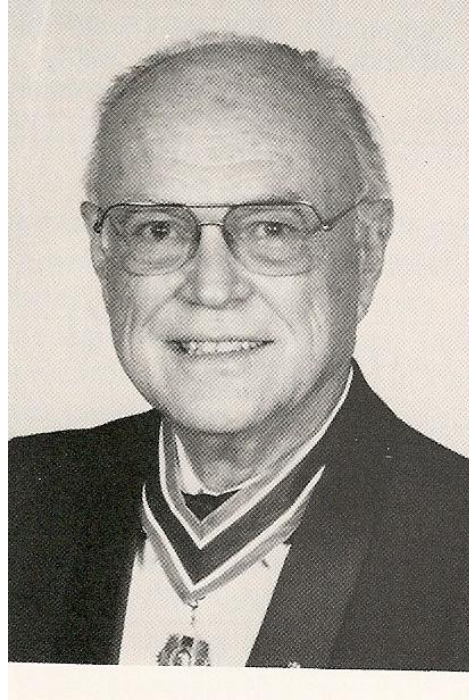
He has been an editor of manuscripts for the Virginia Historical Society, in which he holds membership, and is a member of the Filson Club of Louisville, Kentucky. He is the author of a published genealogy, *A Genealogical and Biographical History of the Field Family & the French/Henry Families*; Gateway Press, Baltimore, MD; 376 Pages.

It is interesting to note that Associate Field is the grandson of Eugene Field, the Children's Poet, known for hundreds of poems and 12 volumes of literary works, which include "Little Boy Blue", "Wynken, Blynken and Nod" and "The Duel" (sometimes called the "Gingham Dog and Calico Cat").



## Secretary General Glenwood O. Barker

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Now our Order's Secretary General, Virginia Society associated Glenwood Owen Barker is active in other hereditary organizations, including the Jamestowne Society and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. He has been involved in the Masonic fraternity for 31 years, serving as Master of his Lodge in 1967 and has held the office of Secretary of that lodge since 1980. He also is active in the Scottish Rite bodies.

Associate Barker joined our ranks in 1980 and has served as Councillor and is now Secretary of the Virginia Society (has held that post since 1984).

He was employed with Barker Construction Co., Inc. Richmond, Virginia, a commercial and industrial contracting firm. He was the concern's Secretary/Treasurer for 30 years until his retirement in 1989. He was educated in the Richmond public schools and attended the former Richmond Professional Institute, now known as the Virginia Commonwealth University, studying accounting.

## **Texas Society Governor Lyttleton T. Harris IV**

(VA Society Founder)

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Now serving his first year of a two-year term as Governor of the Texas Society, Lyttleton T. Harris IV is a long-time member of our Order, having joined the Louisiana Society in 1964 while residing in New Orleans. Over the years he served as Secretary of the Louisiana Society, as well as Treasurer and Deputy Governor of the Texas Society.

Known as "Lyt" to everyone, Associate Harris is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and son of Lyttleton T. Harris III, former Governor of the Louisiana Society. He received his B.A. Degree from the University of Mississippi and Master of Science Degree from Louisiana State University. He was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves for a number of years and has lived in several interesting cities during his career, including Denver, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Dallas and Houston. He now resides in Houston where he is President of Southwest Management and Marketing Co., a property management concern, and co-owner, along with his wife, of Money Dynamics Letter Publishing Company.

Governor Harris is married to Venita VanCaspel, nationally recognized Certified Financial Planner, public speaker, television show host and author of six best-selling books on personal investing and financial planning. He assisted her in writing and editing of her two most recent books, published by Simon and Schuster.

Associate Harris also holds membership in a number of hereditary organizations, including Society of Colonial Wars, The Baronial Order of the Magna Charta, Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sons of the Revolution. Governor and Mrs. Harris enjoy leisure traveling when they can get away from their busy offices and frequent business trips. Over the past several years they have had the opportunity to relax in Tahiti and French Polynesia, Hawaii, Costa Rica, England and they recently returned from a Mediterranean cruise to the French and Italian Rivera's.

The Harris's are also active in civic and social activities in the Houston area. They served on several boards and are active with the Kidney Foundation of Southeast Texas, Boy Scouts, the Horatio Alger Association for Distinguished Americans, The Houstonian Club, University Club and St. Luke's United Methodist Church.