

## **ASA WESLEY GRAVES, VI, VII, VIII**

On Sunday October 17, 2009, the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America hosted a business luncheon in Yorktown, Virginia. Attendees included OFPA Governor General John Bourne, OFPA Deputy Governor General Charles Hampton, and a host of dignitaries from a number of hereditary organizations. Following the meeting, a plaque presentation ceremony was conducted at Warner Hall, located within Gloucester, Virginia, in conjunction with the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution. Honored at Warner Hall were two Founders, Augustine Warner I and II, along with a Patriot, Lt. Warner Lewis.

The highlight of the business meeting was the induction of six new members of the Virginia Society of the OFPA. The new members are Dwight W. Lyman, John (Jake) C. Lay, Cranston Williams, Jr., Asa W. Graves VI, Asa W. Graves VII, and Asa W. Graves VIII. As you see, therefore, three Graves family members -- grandfather, son, and grandson -- were installed by Governor General Bourne! Additionally, their Virginia Society order numbers also reflect this uniqueness by having the last digit equal to their generation number, namely: 196, 197, and 198.

Biographies of: Asa W.(Wes) Graves, VI--VA Society of OFPA #196 Order #5878  
Asa W.(Asa) Graves, VII--VA Society of OFPA #197 Order #5884  
Asa W.(Wesley) Graves, VIII--VA Society of OFPA #198 Order #5885Y

The three new Graves members are descendants of Thomas Graves, who settled in Graves Mill, Va., in the mid- 1700s, and can trace their line back to Captain Thomas Graves, an original "Founder" of the Jamestown Colony of 1608. Thomas Graves, of Graves Mill Va., was a patriot during the American Revolution, serving with the Culpeper County, Va., Militia.

Asa W. Graves (IV), a physician, moved to Lacey Spring, Va., in 1911 from Graves Mill and practiced medicine until 1940. His son, Asa W.Graves (V), also a physician, practiced in Lacey Spring for almost 50 years. Lacey Spring is located within Rockingham County, approximately ten miles from Harrisonburg, Va.

Wes (VI) was born in Harrisonburg, Va., and grew up in Lacey Spring. Today he lives with his wife, Glenna, just outside Harrisonburg. They have two children, Asa W. Graves VII and Amanda S. Aker, and have four grandchildren namely: Alexandra E. Aker, Carson A. Aker, Caroline C. Graves, and Asa W. Graves, VIII.

Wes graduated from Roanoke College and is a Managing Director with the Graves-Light Wealth Management team of Wells Fargo Advisors. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Bridgewater College, the Board of Directors of James Madison University Foundation, is President of Massanutten Regional Library, the Chairman of the Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Services Board, and is a Life Member of the Harrisonburg Rockingham Historical Society.

Asa (VII) was born in Harrisonburg and grew up in that area. After graduating from the University of Richmond with a concentration in Finance in 1991, he worked as an economic sector analyst for Wheat First Butcher Singer. His roles have included being portfolio manager analyst of the strategic sectors market portfolio and the market strategy mutual funds. In addition he was a service equity analyst for five years. In 2001 he was named “Best on the Street” in both earning estimates and stock-picking categories by the *Wall Street Journal*.

Asa joined his father in 2002 as a Managing Director-Investments of Graves-Light Wealth Management of Wells Fargo Advisors. He is twice-named Top Financial Advisor Under 40 by *On Wall Street*.

Asa resides in the Harrisonburg area with his wife Kathleen M. Graves. They have two children, Caroline C. Graves and Asa W. Graves, VIII.

Wesley (VIII) was born in Harrisonburg VA on May 17, 2006. He enjoys preschool and John Deere tractors. Wesley is a Youth Associate of the OFPA.

The three newest Graves members wish to thank everyone associated with their application process and are honored to have been accepted within The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.



Four of the six new members installed within the Virginia Society OFPA  
October 17, 2009  
Yorktown, Virginia

(l-r)—Governor General-John M. Bourne, Asa (Wes) Graves VI, David W. Lyman, Asa Graves VII holding his son Asa (Wesley)VIII, and the Governor of the Virginia Society-Mike Lyman