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April 2, 2016 is scheduled for our Spring 2016 meeting date, at Two Rivers Country Club 1400 Two Rivers Rd Williamsburg, VA. See page 3 for RSVP form. Page 4 and 5 have information on event history. My email address book (in Outlook) became corrupted and I did not recover a few of the addresses. If you received a paper copy, please forward your email address and I will add you back on the e-mail list. hubbarddj@comcast.net

Winter 2016

Below- Attendees at the February 7, 2016 VA OFPA Executive meeting. Left to right- Carl Bess, Mike Lyman, Tom Sale, Doug Graves, Ben Fegan, Jerry Hubbard, Taylor Cowardin and Wes Graves.

Governor Sheffield was unable to attend but requested a motion be made that the VAOFPA not host the 2017 General Society Court. Walt's inquiries indicated the cost to host the General Court in Richmond, Virginia would be prohibitive. Motion was passed.



There was much discussion about the Two Rivers Country Club Plaque. It was decided to fund the project from our cash reserves and with additional individual donations.



Past VA OFPA Governor Mike Lyman represented the VA OFPA at a ceremony for Battle of Great Bridge, in Chesapeake, VA, on Saturday December 5, 2015. Below-Mike was part of the combined color guard and posted the OFPA colors.

Above—Mike with Past TN OFPA Governor Richard H. Knight, Jr.





The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America and Two Rivers Country Club Invite you and your membership to a luncheon and Reinterment Ceremony at: Two Rivers Country Club 1400 Two Rivers Rd, Williamsburg, VA Saturday April 2, 2016

The luncheon will include a short presentation pertaining to the historical significance of the area which in 1619, was a portion of the 3000-acre tract used by the Virginia Company of London. During archeological research of this same area, conducted in the 1990's, uncovered were the remains of one male and three females *(all English)* most probably from the 1619-1657 period.

Please join us in paying homage to these early English settlers, by placing a plaque and conducting a Reinterment Ceremony <u>(rain or shine)</u>

<u>OFPA Membership (only) meeting begins at 10:30am</u> <u>Luncheon and presentation begins at 11:30am</u> <u>Graveside ceremony begins at 2:00pm</u>

Organizations wishing to present wreaths (*only*) and be included on the program <u>must contact Taylor Cowardin no later than March 25, 2016 at</u>:

cowardins@aol.com

The below RSVP is for OFPA members and their guests (April 2, 2016)

<u>Menu</u>

Chilled Asparagus Soup Herb Mascarpone Cream Seared Breast of Chicken Toasted Orzo & Fava Beans Cabernet Tomato Butter Sauce Lemon Chiffon Tart \$20.00 All luncheon reservations <u>and checks must be re-</u> <u>ceived by</u>

March 25, 2016

Name_____is attending

Guest Name(s)

_(number in party) x \$20.00 = Total _____ (cash bar) Make checks payable to: Treasurer VA OFPA <u>Mail to</u>: Shane Newcombe P.O. BOX 59 Randolph, VA 23962

Steadfast For God and Country

Historical Significance of the <u>scheduled</u> OFPA Membership Meeting, Luncheon, and Reinterment Ceremony Two Rivers Country Club 1400 Two Rivers Rd Williamsburg, VA on April 2, 2016

Six Virginia Society Associates met at Two Rivers Country Club, and were provided an extremely interesting tour of the colonial era historical grounds. The specific locations were two fairways of the golf course located at Two Rivers Country Club of Governor's Land Foundation. Our guide and guest speaker was Mr. Earl Hopgood. Mr. Hopgood is the Chair of the Heritage Committee for the home owners association of this community. He explained that when the golf course was under initial construction (c. 1990), found was a colonial era Native American settlement. The site has since been identified as the **Paspahegh Native American** tribe (sub-tribe of Chief Powhatan). It appears these individuals had **direct** *interaction* with the original settlers arriving from England, at Jamestowne in 1607, and was the nearest Native American village to Jamestowne located approximately 6 miles south east. Within a second location of considerable colonial era history within the golf course, were found English human remains. It has been determined, through archeological research, that this second location was a quarantine area between 1619 and 1622 which was established for the newly arriving indentured English settlers from England, by the Virginia Company of London. This area contains a fresh water spring (even to this day) which was extremely important for the newly arriving settlers. The settlers were *required* by the Virginia Company, to spend at least six months at this location so as to become acclimated to their new physical location which hopefully would limit the amount of disease and the likelihood of death. This location was also the location of plantation owner, Lt. Jabez Whittaker and later, that of Bridges Freeman. All of the human remains have been examined by the *highly noted* Division Head of Physical Anthropology department located at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, David W. Owsley. He and his staff have concluded that the English human remains found at the second location were that of one male and three females. At least one individual will be reinterred at the April 2, 2016 event.

So please join your fellow Virginia Associates and attend this wonderful event which includes the dedication of a *bronze plaque* provided by YOUR Virginia Society-OFPA.

Please see the invitation page and send your RSVP's in early! Remember, this is **YOUR** society-it can't continue without your active participation and support!

The plaque is shown on the following page.

Plaque is mounted on a granite stone base-1 inch stone border

This area was part a 3000-acre tract established in 1619 for use by the Virginia Company of London. In 1990 the James River Institute for Archaeology investigated the heart of the "Companies Land" settled under the leadership of Jabez Whittaker and abandoned after the Powhatan uprising of 1622. Discovered in the adjacent ground and woods beyond were the remains of several dwellings for housing newly-arrived tenants and indentured servants and four English burials of one male and three females.

The man likely died during the Virginia Company settlement. The other three burials, two women and a girl, date later in the 17th century to the time of the Bridges Freeman plantation. Freeman, a member of the House of Burgesses and the Governor's Council, patented this land in 1630. One large dwelling and a well or ice house from the Freeman period were also discovered.

Dedicated April 2, 2016 by The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America to those colonists that migrated from Europe and founded this location as part of Jamestowne, the first permanent English settlement in America.

Ancestor Memorials

Associate-James M. Bayne Founder-William Hatcher Patriot-Edward Hatcher

Associate-A. Brian Cowardin Founder-Peter Cowardine Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-L. Taylor Cowardin Founder-Peter Corwardine Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VI Founder-Thomas Graves Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Douglas M. Graves Founder-Thomas Graves Patriot-John Graves Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Michael T. Halterman Founder-Christopher Wadsworth Patriot-Joseph Wadsworth

Associate-Liam Jackson Hubbard Founder-George Hubbard Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Roger P. Jones Founder-Rev. Richard Jones Patriot-Peter Jones

Associate-George W.B. Elder Founder-Robert Abernathy Patriot-John Abernathy

Associate-Myron "Mike" E. Lyman Founder-Richard Lyman Patriot-Ozias Lyman Associate-Jei Brendon L. Benz Founder-George Hubbard Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Eugene A. Walker Founder-Capt. Samuel Walker Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Walker Associate-Cranston Williams, Jr. Founder-Ambrose Cobbs Founder- Robert Cobbs Patriot-Capt. Robert Lewis Cobbs

Associate-Lewis Turner Cowardin, II Founder-Peter Cowardine Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-Zachary N. Hall Founder-Thomas Graves Patriot-John Graves Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Christopher L. Hubbard Founder-George Hubbard Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Donnel J. Hubbard Founder-George Hubbard Patriot-Peter Hubbard

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Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VIII Founder-Thomas Graves Patriot-Thomas Graves

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Associate-Hugh E. Fraser, III Founder-John Barker Patriot-Henry Barker, Jr.

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VII Founder-Thomas Graves Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-James Lewis Wheeler Founder-George Wheeler and son William Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

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Ancestor Memorials

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Associate-Charles B. Fegan Founder – Robert Moulton & son Robert Moulton Patriot – Freeborn Moulton Elijah Moulton

ASSOCIATE-Wade Howard Osborne Kirby Founder - Thomas Kirby Patriot - Captain William Kirby

Associate– Walter A. Sheffield Founder– Col. Robert Wynne, II Patriot– John Winn, Sr. & son Peter Winn

Associate-Robert B. Kendall Founder-Francis Kendall Patriot-Josiah Kendall

Please Remember

VA OFPA has several wreaths, a parade banner and an OFPA flag which can be used by any VA OFPA Associate at an event. It is a good way to let people know you are an OFPA member. And, the VA OFPA has two magnetic signs that can be placed on cars if you are in a parade that allows autos. Contact Bob and Vicki Kendall. (email next column)

If you participate in an activity where you are identified as an OFPA Associate, please advise the Governor and Secretary. Save a copy of the program, and a photograph of your participation if possible. If you write an article, save a copy and send to Governor Sheffield and Secretary Graves to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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The VA OFPA web site is <u>www.vaofpa.org</u>. Donald Moore is our webmaster and has recently updated it. Take a look at a *great* web site!