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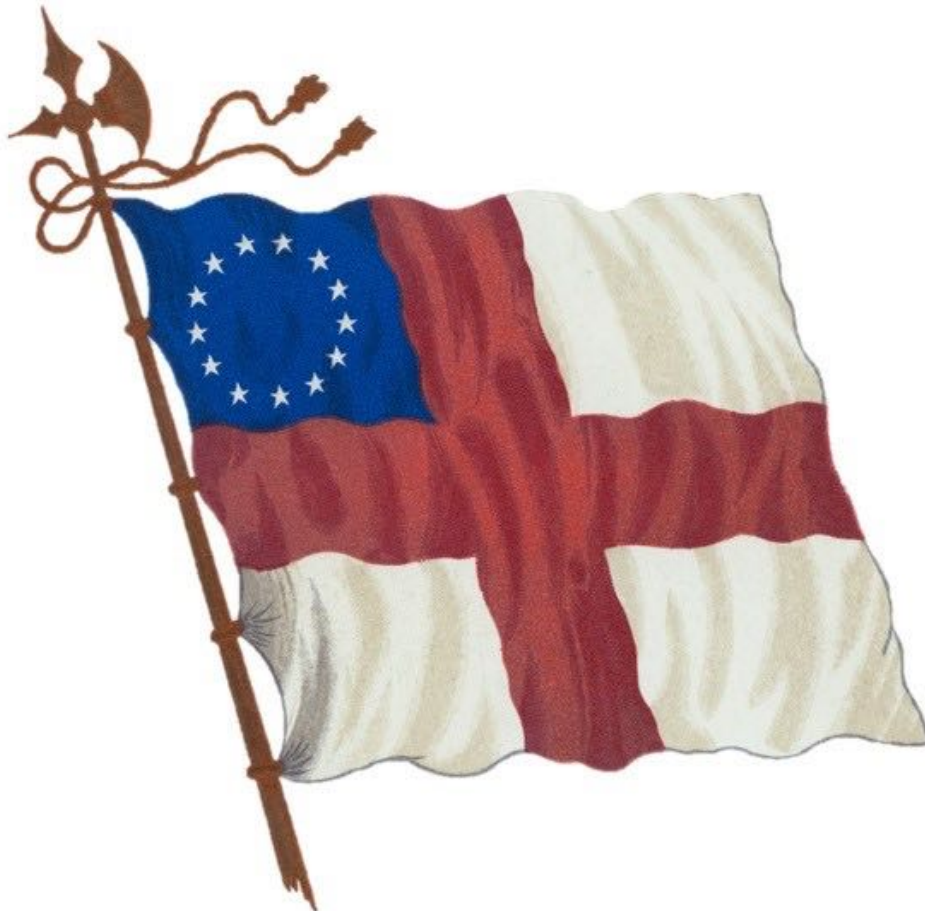


The Virginia Society, Order of Founders and Patriots of America



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Significant & Noteworthy News



Governor's Report on the First Quarter of 2022



During the first quarter of 2022, our Virginia Society has been as busy as ever as we work to support the objectives, activities and the interests of the Order.

On January 9, we started off the year with our first Executive Council meeting. It was a Zoom meeting that focused on the completion of our 2021 Annual Report.

Over this first quarter we have been able to attend fourteen SAR events in Virginia, either bringing greetings from the Virginia OFPA, presenting our wreath, or both, all of which are described in more detail in the pages that follow.

At both state and national level, we find that our new Associates are usually already members of the SAR, so we continue to regard SAR events as prime opportunities for generating interest in OFPA membership.

Our major Virginia OFPA event of the quarter was the Dedication and Unveiling of a Virginia OFPA Grave Marker at the grave of Peter Montague of Jamestowne, a prominent Virginian and member of the House of Burgesses, who came to America as an indentured servant at age 18. He survived Indian massacres, became a successful planter, and left his family a legacy of public service. As testimony to his influence on his descendants, we were joined at the dedication by a number of Montague family members. That event is described in detail below.

The major OFPA event during our coming second quarter is the OFPA's 126th General Court, to be held June 23-25, 2022 in Boston, Massachusetts. Tours being offered to attendees include visits to historical sites such as Plymouth Rock and visits to the Lexington and Concord battlefields.

I would urge as many of you as possible to join us in Boston in June. Your link to General Court Registration is on the OFPA website home page at: www.founderspatriots.org.

Steadfast for God and Country,
Michael E. Weyler, Ph.D.
Governor, Virginia Society



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Peter Muhlenberg Commemoration in Middletown, VA

On January 22, 2022, the VA OFPA, represented by Rich Rattan, Registrar and Genealogist, presented greetings at the annual memorial ceremony for Major General Peter Muhlenberg, Revolutionary War Patriot, in Middletown, Virginia. Sponsored by the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society, SAR, and taking place at the Wayside Inn in Middletown, Rich Rattan gave greetings and presented the VA OFPA wreath. A summary of his remarks are below the group photo from the ceremony.



VA OFPA Wreath is seen on the far right and Rich Rattan is also far right standing.

Good afternoon and greetings from the Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, as we celebrate the service and patriotism of Major General Peter Muhlenberg, an inspirational and distinguished leader in the Revolutionary War.

While we honor his life, his superb military skill, and his status as a Patriot, the OFPA also seeks to remember the earlier Muhlenberg families who emigrated to America, all of whom came from Germany in the early years of the 18th century.

Peter's father, Henry Muhlenberg, born in Germany, came to the colony of Pennsylvania in 1742. Henry Muhlenberg was considered one of the great leaders of the Lutheran Church in America.

Today, we not only Honor the Patriot, Peter Muhlenberg, but also remember his forebears who came to America to begin the task of building a country that became a nation through the efforts of Patriots such as Peter Muhlenberg. It's always good to remember the roots upon which our nation is built.



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William Lee Memorial at Mount Vernon

On February 5, 2022, the George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, held a Memorial Service to honor the memory of William Lee, Washington's personal valet and slave. Master of Ceremonies for the event was Paul Walden, past president of the George Washington Chapter. The ceremony was held in an area of Mount Vernon mid-way between Washington's tomb and the Slave Burial Ground where William Lee is buried.

William Lee, also known as Billy or Will Lee, was bought by George Washington and served as his personal assistant. He was the only one of Washington's slaves who was freed immediately by Washington's will. Because he served by Washington's side throughout the American Revolutionary War and was sometimes depicted next to Washington in paintings, Lee was one of the most publicized African-Americans of his time.

William "Billy" Lee was born around 1752 in Westmoreland County and was purchased in 1768 by General Washington. He accompanied Washington as his valet, or "Val de Chambre" in many of his engagements during the American Revolution, including the Battle of Monmouth and the siege and surrender at Yorktown. He later accompanied then President Washington to the first capital in New York City.



Upon Washington's death in 1799, he was freed and remained on the Mount Vernon estate until his death in 1838 at the age of 86.

The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America participated in the commemoration ceremony to honor the memory of William Lee, or Billy Lee, who, by every measure, was a Revolutionary War Patriot, of whom much has been written concerning this most-loyal of General Washington's supporters during the war.

On the left in the photo is Governor Weyler with VA OFPA wreath. On the right is OFPA Associate Jeff Thomas, President of VASSAR.

While we may not know much about William Lee's ancestry, he was a man of African descent. Charles Jameson, President of the Culpeper Minutemen chapter of VASSAR and also of African descent, pointed out the uniqueness of our American Heritage. We have, if you will, an American race, developed before the Revolution by those of European blood, African blood and Native American blood. The blood from three continents, Europe, Africa and America, all were here for a century and a half before the Revolution, all working to build a country of diverse colonies that became an independent nation when those of Washington's and William Lee's generation fought for it.

While William Lee's place in history is fixed, we also need to see him, and other Americans like him, as a part of our legacy as Americans.



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Rev. Townshend Dade, Jr., Signer of the Fairfax Resolves, Grave Marking

On February 6, 2022, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, held a grave marking ceremony in Beallsville, Maryland to mark the grave and honor the memory of Reverend Townshend Dade Jr., one of the twenty-five signers of the Fairfax Resolves in 1775. Master of Ceremonies for the event was Jeff Thomas, an OFPA Associate, president of VASSAR and past president of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter.



Governor Weyler bringing greetings (L) - Associate Thomas and Governor Weyler with OFPA wreath (R)

Governor Weyler brought greetings and presented the wreath of the Order. His comments follow:

Good afternoon, and greetings from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America as we seek to honor the memory of Rev. Townshend Dade, Jr., a signer of the Fairfax Resolves. Since the OFPA is an Order dedicated to keeping alive the memory of those Founders who came to America when it was mostly a wilderness, and to their Patriot descendants who took a stand for our independence and our liberty and gave us our Constitutional Republic and a nation of free men, then we must look at Rev. Townshend Dade, Jr. through that lens.

Rev. Townshend Dade's great, great grandfather Francis Dade, like others who had sided with the Royalists against Parliament in the English Civil War, came to America after the death of Charles I. Because of the danger posed by his anti-Parliament stand, he assumed the name of John Smith, under which name he was known for many years. He immigrated to America about 1650, and by 1658 was the Speaker of the Virginia House of Burgesses. Francis's numerous descendants served Virginia and America over the years, including notables, besides Townshend, who fought during the Revolution and the War of 1812.

Opposition to an intrusive Parliament, established by Francis Dade, was part of the legacy he left to his descendants, which was demonstrated when his great, great, grandson, Rev. Townshend Dade, Jr., signed the Fairfax Resolves.



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Virginia SAR's 132nd Annual Meeting



The Virginia Society of the Sons of The American Revolution held their 2022 Annual Meeting on the 11th and 12th of February at the Omni Richmond Hotel. A number of VA OFPA Associates participated in workshops and committees.

Governor Michael E. Weyler brought greetings from the VA OFPA during the final banquet on the 12th.

His greeting included the following remarks:

Most of our OFPA members are also SAR members because we honor the same Patriot Ancestors. If you believe you have Founder Ancestors as well as Patriot Ancestors in the same family line, we would welcome a chance to talk with you.

As most of you know, I am also a member of the SAR, as are a number of other active participants in this Annual Meeting, including our President Jeff Thomas, as well as Mike Lyman, Ken Hawkins and Jim Russell.

Finally, I wish to thank our VASSAR leadership for putting together the programs and workshops we have attended yesterday and today. As we head into the remainder of 2022, we have been given a great view of the road ahead.

Our VA OFPA relationship with VASSAR continues to grow as more of our Associates achieve leadership roles in VASSAR. While Associate Jeff Thomas finished his presidential term and passed the gavel to First Vice President Bruce Meyer, Governor Weyler was sworn in as the VASSAR Third Vice President.



L/R: Past Governor Mike Lyman, OFPA Associate and VASSAR President Jeff Thomas and Governor Weyler



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Greene's Encampment at Banister Bridge



On February 18, 2022, at 5:00 pm, as the sun was setting, a number of hearty souls gathered at the Banister Encampment at the King's Bridge Landing on the south bank of the Banister River.

This was one of the places that General Nathanael Greene's army rested after winning the Race to the Dan, and crossing into Halifax County area of South Boston.

The event was sponsored by the town of Halifax and the Dan River Chapter of VASSAR. The mayor of Halifax described how the town of Halifax had welcomed Greene's army, and had provided much needed food, weapons, ammunition and clothing to allow the army to re-cross the Dan and pursue Cornwallis, and to engage him again at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Governor Weyler gave greetings and presented the Virginia Society's wreath. His greeting included the following:

As we gather here in this encampment on a chilly evening, we have a chance to understand what the soldiers who were here that night 241 years ago might have felt. Probably very happy to be by a warm fire after an exhausting trek across North Carolina, with the Dan river between the enemy and themselves, sitting in a community of loyal Americans ready to help them get back into fighting trim.

Unlike today's winners, who when asked what they want to do, say they want to go the Walt Disney World, these Patriots were happy just to rest, a rest well earned.



Eight SAR and one DAR wreath, along with the OFPA, are presented by hearty souls in the chilly twilight.



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241st Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan by General Greene



On February 19, 2022, in South Boston, Virginia, the Dan River Chapter of VASSAR sponsored the annual commemoration of General Nathanael Greene's Crossing of the Dan in 1781, when he won the Race to the Dan, leaving General Cornwallis on the south side of the river. This commemoration is a National Level SAR Event.

VA OFPA Governor Michael Weyler brought greetings, and presented the VA OFPA Wreath in a riverside wreath ceremony. His greeting include the following remarks:

Those Patriots who won that race and crossed the Dan, which allowed regrouping and an eventual return to the pursuit of General Cornwallis' army, dogging their steps through North Carolina, pushed the British Army through to Yorktown and their eventually surrender some eight months later.

These men, these Patriots, were the inheritor's of a legacy of liberty, passed down to them from their forebears, many of whom came to America in the early 1600's, looking to establish a culture based on individual liberty. These men we call Founders, founders of America, founders of thirteen British Colonies where each colony had its own legislature for the governing of themselves.

When, a century and a half later, Parliament acted to control the laws of these thirteen colonies, the descendants of these Founders took up arms and turned those thirteen colonies into an independent nation of thirteen states. We are, by the Grace of God, a nation almost 250 years old, made so by a Declaration of Independence and with a Constitution that has stood for liberty and individual freedom to many around the world.

So may God Bless the United States of America, as He has blessed us for the last 400 years of our history.



March to the Dan (left) for the presentation of some 40 wreaths along the river's north bank (right).



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Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier

On February 21, 2022, in a joint SAR/DAR/C.A.R. ceremony in the Churchyard Burial Ground of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House on South Fairfax Street in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, members from at least 16 lineage organizations, representing both state and chapter level organizations, gathered to present wreaths and flowers at the tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier.

The monument to the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier was dedicated in 1929 by the Children of the American Revolution, and has been honored each year on the morning of the George Washington Birthday Parade through Old Town Alexandria.

Epitaph to the Unknown Soldier Carved atop the Memorial

Here lies a soldier of the Revolution whose identity is known but to God.

His was an idealism that recognized a Supreme Being,
that planted religious liberty on our shores, that overthrew despotism,
that established a people's government, that wrote a Constitution setting metes and bounds
of delegated authority, that fixed a standard of value upon men above gold
and lifted high the torch of civil liberty along the pathway of mankind.

In ourselves his soul exists as part of ours, his memory's mansion.

VA OFPA Governor Weyler, far left, and Sharla Rauch, Virginia DAR, place their wreaths and render honors at the tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier, located behind the sentinels at the far right.





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George Washington's Farewell Address to His Countrymen



On February 22, 2022, the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Virginia SAR, held readings from President Washington's Farewell Address to the nation. Seven, currently pertinent sections of his address were selected, with VA OFPA Governor Michael Weyler reading the section dealing with Washington's warning against foreign entanglements.

Probably the most well known part of his address was the warning against foreign entanglements. This position influenced U.S. foreign policy well into the 20th century. Governor Weyler read the following:

Observe good faith and justice towards all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be, that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlight-

ened, and at no distant period, a great nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence.

...The nation which indulges towards another a habitual hatred or a habitual fondness is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest.

... a passionate attachment of one nation for another produces a variety of evils. Sympathy for the favorite nation, facilitating the illusion of an imaginary common interest in cases where no real common interest exists, and infusing into one the enmities of the other, betrays the former into a participation in the quarrels and wars of the latter without adequate inducement or justification.

... Excessive partiality for one foreign nation and excessive dislike of another cause those whom they actuate to see danger only on one side, and serve to veil and even second the arts of influence on the other. Real patriots who may resist the intrigues of the favorite are liable to become suspected and odious, while its tools and dupes usurp the applause and confidence of the people, to surrender their interests.

... Why forego the advantages of so peculiar a situation? Why quit our own to stand upon foreign ground? Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor or caprice?



Governor Weyler behind the VA OFPA wreath, sixth from either end.



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Vigil at Colonel William Grayson's Tomb



On March 12, 2022, in the midst of a snow storm, the Colonel William Grayson Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, held a vigil at the tomb of their chapter's namesake, Colonel William Grayson, at the Grayson Tomb located on West Longview Drive in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Good morning. While I am a member of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, and have honored our chapter's name-sake a number of times before, today I bring greetings as the Governor of the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

So what do we know about Patriot William Grayson's ancestors who came to America in the early 1600's? There was a young, 22 year old Scott, named Andrew Monroe, one whom we would call a Founder, who came to America in 1641 when it was mostly wilderness, seeking liberty and a chance to raise a family and build a legacy of freedom in the new world. He raised a family and successfully passed on that spirit of liberty to his descendants, such that a century and a half later, his great grandson, William Grayson, not only took up arms in defense of that liberty, but served as one of our first two Virginia Senators under the Constitution.

If William Grayson had not been taken from us shortly after being elected, he might have given even more to the history of our country. As it was, the Virginia General Assembly elected as his replacement in the U.S. Senate, another descendant of young Andrew Monroe, William Grayson's cousin, James Monroe, the great-

great grandson of young Andrew Monroe, who became the fifth president of the United States of America.

This was William Grayson's legacy of liberty, and it is also our legacy as members of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter and our legacy as Americans.

While we are doing much to prepare for the 250th birthday of the independence of the United States in 2026, never lose sight of the fact that our America has over 400 years of history during which those who have gone before worked to build the country we have today.

God bless the United States of America.





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Madison's Birthday at Montpelier

The annual celebration of President James Madison's birthday is celebrated on March 16th of each year. The event this year (2022) was *closed to the public* due to safety concerns in regards to the COVID pandemic. However wreaths were permitted and as such, Councilor Douglas Graves of the Virginia Society, made arrangements to have the Virginia Society OFPA wreath delivered and displayed at the ceremony.

On March 16, 2022, a concise ceremony was had celebrating the 271st commemoration of the birth of President James Madison the 4th President of the United States. It was held, at the Madison family cemetery, located on the grounds of his estate *Montpelier* which is located in Orange County, Virginia.

The master of ceremonies was the President and CEO of James Madison's Montpelier Association, Mr. Roy F. Young II. Twelve organizations were represented, along with their wreaths, in addition to the Presidential Wreath presented by the United States Marine Corps.

All of the organizations (with wreaths) involved were *verbally identified* (recognized--special recognition) by CEO Young and additionally, all wreaths were videotaped as well. The entire event was nationally streamed *live* (on social media), on the James Madison's Montpelier's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/JMMontpelier>.

The Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America received their verbal identification by CEO Young at approximately 4:33 (min:sec) on the video.



On the left, the Presidential Wreath as presented by the United States Marine Corps

On the right, the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America wreath
in front of President Madison's tomb



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Five Grave Markings at Cemetery in Stephen City, Virginia



On March 19, 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the VASSAR held a grave marking and monument dedication ceremony for five Patriots buried in the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery in Stephen City, Virginia. The five Patriots were John Nicholas Delong, John Grim, Jacob Kline, John Krider and Nicholas Samsell. In addition to marking their individual graves, the SAR dedicated a recently installed black granite monument with the five men's names. The master of ceremonies was Dale Corey.

The ceremony was well attended, with 14 wreaths presented by SAR, DAR and C.A.R. organizations, a Color Guard of 26 and direct descendants of two of the Patriots in attendance.

The Virginia OFPA was represented by Governor Michael Weyler, who brought greetings and presented the VA OFPA wreath (photo left).

Following greetings from the Virginia SAR President Bruce Meyer and Mayor Michael Diaz of Stephens City, Governor Weyler gave greetings from the VA OFPA. His remarks included the following:

Today we commemorate and honor five Patriots who took up arms and joined the fight to turn a country of thirteen colonies into an independent nation of thirteen states.

While we honor all Patriots who gave birth to our Republic, the Order of Founders and Patriots also honors those Patriots' ancestors, the Founders of America, who came to our shores a century and one half earlier to create something new, a country built on liberty and self-government.

If what's past is prologue, then the Founders of America in the early seventeenth century set the stage for the fight for independence taken up by their descendants, such as the Patriots we honor here today, those who created the United States of America. God bless the United States of America.





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Two Broadwater Family Grave Markings in Vienna, Virginia



On March 20, 2022, in Vienna, Virginia, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of VASSAR held a dual grave marking at the Broadwater Family Cemetery. The graves of a Patriot from the American Revolution, Charles Broadwater, and the grave of a veteran of the War of 1812, his grandson, Charles Guy Broadwater, were each marked. The SAR marked the grave of the Patriot, and the Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia marked his grandson's grave.

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler, brought greetings from the VA OFPA, and presented our wreath. His greeting included the following remarks:

While we honor our Revolutionary War Patriots, we also seek to call attention to those Patriots' ancestors who came to America during the century and one half before the revolution, those whom we call Founders. They are the ones who passed on to their children and grandchildren the thirst for freedom and the spirit of liberty.

Because of the OFPA's commitment to honoring family heritage, It is encouraging when we see multiple generations of a family such as the Broadwaters carrying forth the legacy of liberty from one generation to another.

Colonel Charles Broadwater, a signer of the Fairfax Resolves and a veteran of our fight for independence, passed on his spirit of service to his state and nation to his grandson, Lieutenant Charles Guy Broadwater, a veteran of the War of 1812, a war to insure our nation's independence. This family has set a model for us to emulate, to pass on to those coming after us the sense of devotion to our nation and the liberties that were won on the battlefield and in the hearts of those who framed our constitutional republic. Our heritage as Americans is being pushed into the background. As members of lineage societies such as the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of the War of 1812, we need to be heard from more than ever as we approach the 250th anniversary of our nation's birth. God Bless the United States of America.



While Colonel Charles Broadwater was a participant in the Revolutionary War, he was particularly honored by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter because he was one of the 25 men from Fairfax, who signed the Resolves, a document that captured principles that became part of Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence.

"Taxation and Representation are inseparable" - The Fairfax Resolves"



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VA OFPA 2022 Spring Membership Meeting in Kilmarnock



On March 26, 2022, the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America held its 2022 Spring Meeting at the Kilmarnock Inn in Kilmarnock, Virginia, a great venue the Virginia OFPA has visited in the past.

Twenty-two folks were in attendance, Associates and spouses, plus a number of descendants from the family of Peter Montague, a Founder whom we honored later that afternoon with a grave marking ceremony in nearby Lancaster.

After an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Governor Weyler (lower left)

began the meeting with a welcome and introductions of all present. Our business meeting followed, which involved the acceptance of our last Membership Meeting's Minutes from October 19, 2021, and the Governor's Report. The Governor reviewed the new OFPA Eligibility Requirements that had gone into effect late in 2021, and discussed the impact the changes have had in membership applications since then. The officer reports were followed by a discussion of future grave marking possibilities, and the membership approved a motion to pursue a possible Founders memorial for the Westover Plantation in Charles City County, Virginia.



The 2021 OFPA Annual Report submitted to the General Court last January was discussed in some detail, and the membership was urged to ensure a repeat of Virginia's impressive record in pursuing the objectives, activities and interests of the Order.

Our guest speaker was Robert Latime Montague III, a direct descendant of Peter Montague, who immigrated to the Colony of Virginia in 1621. Robert was born in Washington, DC on 18 September 1935, the son of a career US Marine Corps officer. He graduated from the University of Virginia (UVA) in 1956, and got his law degree from UVA in 1961. After college, he joined the US Navy, served in US Navy Ready Reserves for 23 years, and retired with the rank of Commander. He served as an assistant attorney general in Kentucky from 1961-1964, and then opened a private law practice. In the mid-1960s, he moved to Alexandria, VA and continued his private law practice in Alexandria, Washington DC, and then, Urbanna, VA. He practiced law for a total of 43 years, retiring in 2004. He specialized in historic preservation law, has written a number of articles on this subject, and is considered one of the pioneers of this law specialty.



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VA OFPA 2022 Spring Membership Meeting in Kilmarnock (continued)

Robert taught a course on historic preservation law at the University of Virginia, and has served in several positions with the City of Alexandria, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and other historical societies in Virginia.

In his spare time, he manages a large farm in Arkansas with his brother, raising rice, corn, wheat, soybeans, pine trees, pecans, and 200 head of cattle. He was married for 31 years, has two children, and three grandchildren.

Robert is currently an active member of the Standing Committee of the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati, the First Families of Virginia, and the Jamestown Society. He is the Commander of the Samuel Cooper Chapter of the Military Order of Stars and Bars, and is serving on the Executive Committee of the Robert E. Lee Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans. He has six ancestors who served with Confederate forces during the Civil War. He is also a descendant of two signers of the Declaration of Independence, John Witherspoon and George Walton.

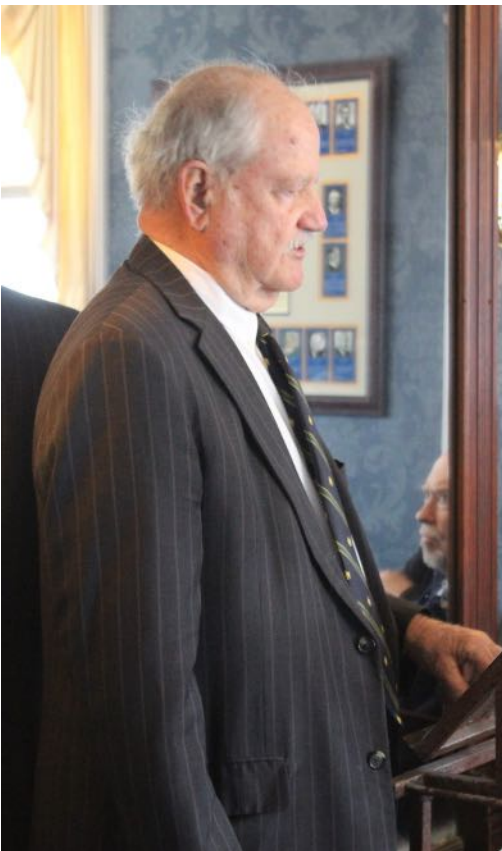


Robert spoke on the history of his Founder Ancestor Peter Montague of Jamestown and on the Montague families descended from Peter. Peter was the first Montague immigrant to America, where he arrived as an indentured servant at 18 years of age. After working off his indenture, he became a landowner, businessman, and member of the House of Burgesses for Nansemond County in 1652 and 1653, and for Lancaster County in 1657.

Robert's presentation (photo left) was a prelude to the placement of a VA OFPA Founder Marker at Peter's grave in Lancaster, Virginia, in a ceremony following the membership meeting.

A number of Montague family members joined us for lunch as guests in order to hear from Robert, indicating the family bond that exists between the descendants of Peter Montague.

In addition to Robert, who was accompanied by his friend and colleague in the First Families of Virginia, Belle Brent Duchin, other attendees included his son Latime, his brother Breckenridge and wife Mary, and his cousin Tom and wife Vicki.

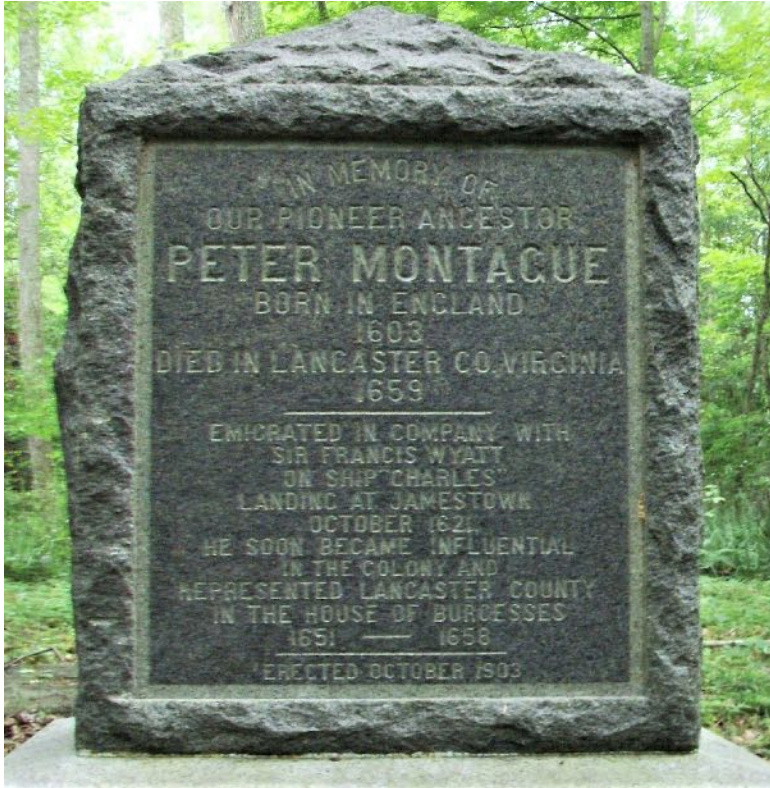




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Peter Montague of Jamestowne Grave Marking in Lancaster, Virginia



On March 26, 2022, following our VA OFPA Spring Membership Meeting, we reassembled at the Montague Memorial Cemetery in Lancaster, Virginia, about 7 miles from the Killmarnock Inn where we had our meeting and heard from Robert L. Montague III, a direct descendant of Peter Montague of Jamestowne. We came to dedicate an in-ground marker next to Peter's memorial to reaffirm that Peter Montague is recognized as a Founder of America by the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

Rich Rattan, our Virginia OFPA Registrar, made the following remarks:

Peter Montague was born on 21 January 1603 in Boveney, a small hamlet near Windsor Castle in England. While his education is not documented, he knew how to read and write in Latin, and several of his relatives were graduates of both Eton and Kings College in Cambridge.

In September or October 1621, he immigrated to Jamestown on the ship Charles, at the expense of William Ewen. A family legend indicates that Peter injured his hands in manual labor on his master's plantation, and was told to rest his hands until they healed and he could work again. His master caught him reading books in Latin, and soon obtained Peter the position of being a school teacher for the colony. Peter Montague may have been one of or the first school teacher in the Colony of Virginia.

In 1622, Peter Montague survived the coordinated Indian massacre of the Jamestown area which killed 347 colonists, about ¼ of the total English in the Virginia colony at the time. He appears in the 1624 muster of the Virginia Colony, residing on the plantation of Captain Samuel Matthews. Several years later in 1644, he survived another Indian massacre, this one killing over 500 colonists.

Peter Montague married in 1628, although his first wife's name is unknown. He had four children by his first wife, three girls and his son, Peter Montague Jr. He is reported to have married again in 1633 to Cicely, although this has not been confirmed. He had two more children with his second wife, a girl and a boy.

Peter obtained his first land patent in 1637, and planted wheat, barley, and tobacco on his plantation. He later obtained 100 acres in 1647, and another 200 acres in 1658, importing 6 indentured servants for which he obtained the land grants. At the time of his death, his plantation was around 400 to 500 acres in size. This land was later sold to Richard Ball, and Richard and others of his family are also buried in this cemetery. (continued on next page)



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Peter Montague of Jamestowne Grave Marking in Lancaster, Virginia (cont.)

Peter Montague represented Nansemond County in the House of Burgesses from 25 November 1652 through 1653, and also represented Lancaster County in the House of Burgesses in 1658.

Peter died in late April or on the first of May 1659 and was buried here on the grounds of his plantation. Peter Montague was one of the early colonists of Virginia, survived Indian massacres, and prospered as a planter. He became an early leader in Virginia's colonial government. And he left a legacy of public service that has been carried on by many of his descendants, up through the present generation of Montagues. He is indeed a Virginia Founder and the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America are proud to honor him today. Thank you.



Governor Weyler and Registrar Rattan conducted the Unveiling of the Marker Ritual (upper right), and Secretary Russell and Past Governor Mike Lyman (photo left) unveiled the Virginia Founder marker.



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Peter Montague of Jamestowne Grave Marking in Lancaster, Virginia (cont.)



Wreaths presented, right to left, the General Society OFPA, VA Society, OFPA and three SAR Chapters.



The members of the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America who were present for the Peter Montague grave marking, from left to right; Associate Doug Hall, Past Governor Mike Lyman, Deputy Governor Dr. Kenneth Hawkins, Associate Timothy Ahlgrim, Governor Michael E. Weyler, Registrar and Genealogist Richard Rattan, Secretary and Color Guard Commander Jim Russell, and Treasurer General and Past Governor Shane Newcombe.



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Peter Montague of Jamestowne Grave Marking in Lancaster, Virginia (cont.)



Members of the Virginia Society OFPA plus representatives of the Montague family flank the Montague Memorial erected in 1903 by the Montague descendants.

From left to right, Past Governor Mike Lyman, Past Governor and Treasurer General Shane Newcombe, Deputy Governor Ken Hawkins, Secretary Jim Russell, Governor Michael Weyler, Registrar and Genealogist Rich Rattan, Robert L. Montague III, Belle Brent Duchin, Tom Montague and Breckenridge Montague.



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Vietnam Veterans Day Remembrance at Fairfax County Courthouse (L) an Culpeper County Courthouse (R)



Vietnam Veterans Day Remembrances were held on March 27, 2022, in front of the Old Fairfax County Courthouse in Fairfax, Virginia (on the left above), and on March 29, 2022, in front of the Culpeper County Courthouse in Culpeper, Virginia (on the right above). The Culpeper Memorial is in the photo below.

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler presented the VA OFPA wreath at each ceremony. As a Vietnam Veteran himself, Governor Weyler shared some memories he had from his time in Vietnam over 50 years ago. He focused on the contrast between the reception our returning service members get at the airport today compared to the reception at the airport over 50 years ago. Today there are greeters at the airport to welcoming returning units. There are honor flights with their supporters. Fifty years ago those returning from Vietnam were mostly ignored.



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Above—OFPA Flag

