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## Correction

In talking about our April 5, 2008 meeting, John Shepard was incorrectly called the longest living survivor of Brad-dock's Defeat....John Shepard was the longest lived survivor, not the longest living.

## ROTC Program

The Society's ROTC program presented 16 awards in 2007 to cadets in 8 colleges and universities. All were presented in person; something very much appreciated by staff. Perhaps a graduate of one of the following might wish to make a presentation in April. But you don't have to be a graduate of a school to be willing to do this. We currently are working with James Madison; George Mason; VMI; VA Tech; University of Richmond; Radford University; William and Mary and Hampton University. If you would be interested in representing the VA Society at an ROTC presentation, please contact Thatcher Wood, Award Chairman. Email patriotwood@hotmail.com or phone 804-741-6088.

## Life Memberships

Clarification on the VA OFPA life membership program: When you purchase a life membership, both your National and Society dues are paid for the rest of your life. If you have any questions please contact Thatcher Wood at (804)741-6088 or patriotwood@hotmail.com.

## 2008 Dues

VA OFPA 2008 dues notices have been sent out. Please pay your dues promptly. Life members will get a reminder that they are life members and their National and VA Society are paid. Dual members who have VA as the secondary Society will get a notice only for VA Society dues, as your National dues are paid by your primary Society. Youth Associates do not pay National or Society

dues but will receive a courtesy copy.

We have one of the best ROTC programs in the Order and this requires a lot of money to buy the medals, certificates, calligraphy, etc. Your extra donation to help this program will be greatly appreciated.

## Notes from the 22 September 2007 Meeting.

The following Associates attended: Frederick Barker, Arthur Batten, Joseph Cannon, Doug Graves, Jerry Hubbard, Frank Hyland, Roger Jones, Steven Jones, Mike Lyman, Donald Moore, Volney Rattan, Russell Scott and Thatcher Wood.

If the name Joseph Cannon is new to you it's because Joe was a prospect awaiting Registrar General approval. When Registrar Frank Hyland returned home after the meeting he found that Associate Cannon's approved papers had been delivered.

Associate Lyman has started a list of known burials of Founders grave sites within Virginia of a person who would qualify to be an OFPA Founder. Mike will welcome help from Society members in identifying other graves.

The Spring 2008 meeting will be held in Culpeper, VA, on Saturday April 5th. Mark the date on your calendars. Additional information will come out in January 2008.

Governor Batten displayed the new VA OFPA wreath. Art donated the wreath at no cost. The banner was an OFPA Cordon sash donated by Jerry Hubbard.

There is a new OFPA blazer patch for officers. There is also a blazer patch for Associates.

The 2008 General Court will be held on May 23-25 in Boston, MA, at the Omni Parker House hotel.

Governor Batten and Councillor General Hubbard inducted Douglas Graves into the Virginia Society.

**Biography of Douglas Morgan Graves  
Virginia Society OFPA # 183  
National Order OFPA # 5795**

Doug Graves was born in Washington, D. C. and grew up in Falls Church, Virginia. Today, he lives in Graves Mill (Madison County), Virginia.

Doug's roots run deep within Madison and Orange counties. His father was born in Rochelle (Madison County). His Mother was born in the Town of Rapidan in Culpeper County and grew up in the nearby Town of Orange. So as a young boy, Doug spent much of his time between Orange, Graves Mill (the home of his grandparents), and Rochelle.

A few years after graduation from Bridgewater College in 1968, Doug settled into law enforcement with the Fairfax County Police Department. In 1986, he purchased his Great Uncle's and Great Aunt's home in Graves Mill, Virginia. By 1993, he had renovated this home, retired from the Police Department, and became a resident of Graves Mill, Virginia.

Doug is descended from the original Thomas Graves family that settled in Graves Mill in the mid 1700's and can trace his lineal descent to Captain Thomas Graves-an original "**Founder**" of the James Towne Colony in October of 1608. Thomas Graves of Graves Mill, and his son John Graves, were "**Patriots**" during the American Revolution. Both men served within the Culpeper County, Virginia, Militia during the American Revolution.

Because of his interest in the local history, he is a member of both the Madison County and Orange County Historical Societies. Additionally, he is a member of the Graves Family National Association, the newly created Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Graves Family Association, and the Jamestowne Society. Effective year 2008, Doug has accepted an invitation to become a board member with the Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy, a private, non-profit land trust working primarily in Madison and Greene counties Virginia. Their mission is to conserve, through voluntary land protection, the agricultural, scenic, natural, historic and recreational resources that define the rural character of those counties. Additionally, Doug will be working with the Virginia Society OFPA Registrar

in locating potential members for OFPA, conducting genealogical research, and processing OFPA membership applications.

Presently, Doug is involved with researching the historic Graves Mill and the surrounding area, to include renovation of the Graves Mill Grist Mill. This is a late 18<sup>th</sup> century structure, originally constructed by Doug's 5<sup>th</sup> Great-Grandfather-Thomas Graves (the **Patriot**) of Graves Mill. The structure was recently placed upon the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

Doug has two grandchildren; 5-year-old Seneca Lynn Hall and 8-year-old Zachary Nolan Hall. They live with their mother (Doug's daughter, Lisa) and father (Jeff) in South Riding, Virginia, just outside of Chantilly, Virginia. An application has been submitted to the OFPA for Doug's grandson, to become a junior associate with the OFPA.

Doug wishes to thank everyone associated with the application process and for granting him admittance into the OFPA. He is proud to be a member of the OFPA and will commit himself to the ideals and objectives of the Organization, namely, to "Promote patriotism and a respect for the character and heroism of the founders and patriots of America."

**Biography of Joseph A. Cannon  
Virginia Society OFPA # 185  
National Order OFPA # 5813**

Joseph A. Cannon born in 1946 in Philadelphia, PA. Served in the US Army 1965-1968, and retired (2005) from the US Government after 40 years of service.

Presently working for the MITRE Corporation, as a Senior Economics/Business Analyst. Married to Sandra DiGironimo, June 1972, and they have three children (Michelle Latham, Stephen, Damian) and two grandchildren (Sophia and Ava Latham).

Hobbies: Family History and research, Genealogy, reading American history and some science fiction.

FOUNDER: Jeremy Adams came to Cambridge, MA in 1632. He went to Hartford, CT in 1636, and shared in the land division of the Hartford settlement. April 5, 1638 served with Captain

Mason on an expedition to the Warranocke Indians. In 1662, was made an official inn-keeper for the Colony, Inn (property) on what is Main Street in Hardford, on space now occupied by the Travelers Insurance Company.

**PATRIOT:** John Adams, born in Great Egg Harbor, NJ about 1733. He served as an Ensign in Capt. George Payne's Company during the Revolution.

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### North Carolina Ancestors

The following is extracted from the July 2, 2006 Family Tree column, in the *The Dallas Morning News* written by Past OFPA Registrar General Lloyd Bockstruck.

"In the course of the American Revolution, North Carolina confiscated the real estate of residents who refused to join the cause of independence.

"Seizure of such property was a solution to the looming war debt. The government offered the land for sale to any loyal American who would take the oath of allegiance to the state.

"Accordingly, if you have an ancestor who received a land warrant in North Carolina during or after 1779, you have proof that he or she supported the Revolutionary War."

### OFPA Bulletin

Recently I was in the Culpeper Public Library and noticed the last three issues of the OFPA Bulletin are displayed in the magazine rack in the local history room. This is good PR for the Order. If your local library does not receive a copy of the Bulletin. Ask the library if they would like to receive a copy, if they said yes, send your request, with the libraries address to:

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### ANSWERS TO JULY 2007 QUIZ

Of the 13 original colonies, which one was established first and which one was established last? Virginia first in 1607, Georgia last in 1732

Which colony was set up as a 'mediaeval experiment'? The Earl of Shaftesburg founded the Carolina Colony based on life in the middle ages.

### October 2007 Questions

What year did the first slaves arrive in Jamestowne, Virginia?

One of the primary founders of one of the 13 colonies was female. Which colony and what was her name?

Councillor General Jerry Hubbard represented the



VA OFPA Society at Rappahannock Memorial Day, in Rappahannock County, VA. This is a yearly event held at the Rappahannock County Montpelier House. This event is hosted by the Rappahannock Historical Society.

**Associate Myron Edwin Lyman, Sr.**

Mike is also very active in the S.A.R., 1812, plus several others. Mike's wife Marty is active in the D.A.R. plus several others. Mike is Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (retired) who, I believe served a couple tours as an advisor in Vietnam. Mike has provided the following on his Founder and Patriot.

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**Founder:**

**RICHARD LYMAN:** Baptized 30 Oct 1580, son of Henry & Elizabeth (Rande) Lyman of High Ongar, Essex County, England. He is of royal descent being the 17th great grandson of Henry I, King of France by his 3rd wife, Anne of Russia. In 1629, he sold all his lands, orchards and gardens in High Ongar. He became the original Lyman immigrant from England arriving on the ship "Lion" in Boston on 4 Nov 1631. He is believed to be the progenitor of all the Lymans in New England and perhaps America. He and his wife Sarah Osborne brought with them their five living children. Soon after arrival in Boston, they moved and settled in Charlestown, MA. He was a member of the church of Reverend John Elliot in now Roxbury, MA. He was made a "Freeman" in the General Court of the MA Bay Colony on 11 Jun 1633. He and his family, from Charlestown in October 1635, joined Hooker's expedition containing 99 settlers that traveled to the west bank of the CT River now called East Windsor. He lost several of his cattle enroute. The settlers purchased land from the Indians in what is now Hartford, CT and he was one of the original proprietors there. Richard's name is on the founder's monument by the Center Church in downtown Hartford. He probably died in Hartford in August 1640 as his will was dated 22 Apr 1640, and the inventory of his estate was taken on 6 Sep 1640.

**Patriot:**

**OZIAS LYMAN:** Born 1752, son of (Samuel<sup>6</sup> Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) & Martha (Long) Lyman of Coventry, Tolland County, CT. He married Ruth Brown, daughter of Captain Moses and Ruth (Ingraham) Brown in

Coventry on 24 Nov 1774. He was drafted from Coventry in 1777. His war record has not been found but most persons drafted in 1777 from this area were sent to Saratoga, NY, to stop General Burgoyne's march to Albany. He died at the age of 56 in Coventry, CT on 24 Dec 1808, leaving his wife, four sons and two daughters.



Wishing all Associates a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. Keep in your prayers and thoughts all the soldiers from Valley Forge to Iraq and Afghanistan, who have risked and in some cases given their lives fighting for the freedoms and liberties we have today. If you served in the military, thank you for your service to the United States of America.





Jerry Hubbard pinning the OFPA rosette on Doug Graves after the induction ceremony.



Going from left to right. Mike Lyman, Volney Rattan, Jerry Hubbard, Joseph Cannon, Frank Hyland, Steven Jones, Thatcher Wood, Roger Jones, Donald Moore, Frederick Barker, Russell Scott, and Art Batten. Not pictured is Doug Graves who was taking the picture.

We are always looking for articles, about your Founder and Patriot, your military service, pictures of VA OFPA activity, etc. for the Cavalier. Don't be bashful.

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