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Next VA OFPA Meeting

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Location: Richmond, VA

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Future General Courts

2012	Chicago, IL
2013	Williamsburg, VA
2014	Phoenix, Arizona

Welcome

What's in your Attic?

Welcome to new VAOFPA Associates **George Lane Roberts** (VA 212), and **Charles Lane Roberts** (VA 213) of Emory, VA. Both were accepted into the Order on 7 July 2011.

By Doug Graves
with Frank Hyland

Founder is William Lane and son, Andrew Lane, both of whom qualify as Founders. They arrived in 1635 and lived in Dorchester, MA.

Patriot Daniel Lane, Sr. lived in Abington, MA. He served as a public service committee member.

Welcome to new VAOFPA Associate **John Milliken Makepeace, Jr** (VA 214) Accepted into the Order on 3 August 2011.

Founder is Thomas Makepeace who arrived in 1635 at Dorchester, MA.

Patriot is William Makepeace who lived in Norton, MA. He served as a "Sergeant in Captain Seth Gilbert's (2d Norton) company of militia, Col. John Daggett's regiment, which marched in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775"

Welcome to the Virginia Society, OFPA, one of the premier OFPA societies.

You never know, so your prospects for playing a part in historical preservation are *incredibly* exciting! As an example, in the spring of 2009, a friend of VA Society member Douglas Graves asked him to look at a cardboard box full of old business/day-book journals, personal notes, assorted loose documents, and one hard-bound book, to determine if they had any merit. All items, it turned out, were *original 18th and 19th Century documents!* The friend stated that he and his wife had discovered the box in the attic of his father-in-law's home place in Madison Co., VA, a few years earlier. The books appeared to be business/accounting records for a grist mill somewhere—possibly in Madison County. Upon reviewing the materials, to Doug's utter shock, he found that the business journals represented the activities of members of Doug's immediate paternal line (Thomas and Sarah Graves), in Graves Mill (Madison Co., VA), from the late 1700's through the 1880's. Madison became a county in 1792 -- prior to that the area was part of Culpeper County. The vast majority of the business journals and day books pertained to the daily operation of the Graves Mill grist mill, then known as Beech Grove Mill. There were also journals from the Reedy, Graves, and Goodman mercantile store located at Wolftown, Va. The materials provide a "picture" of the day-to-day operations of the grist mill, to include amounts of wheat and corn

ground into flour and corn meal, and the subsequent payments made in pounds, pence, and shillings. Additionally, numerous “IOUs” were found, describing personal loans that had been made by the patriarch-- Thomas Graves (Doug’s 5th g-grandfather) -- to various individuals in the area. Also found were shopping lists of goods purchased from the nearest deep-water port— Fredericksburg, VA -- some 60-plus miles away. At the time, that would have meant a three-day journey! The numerous journals and assorted documents provide a ‘Who’s-Who’ of present-day Graves Mill and the Wolf-town area of Madison County. The documents portray the economic wealth of the community, derived primarily from its extensive farming operations, to include the Graves Mill grist mill. The Thomas Graves family was responsible for the construction and operation of this historic mill from the late 1700’s through the late 1800’s. In 1889, ownership of the mill left the Graves family permanently; however, it continued in operation until about 1940. The mill is presently listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register--June 8, 2006--#0560015 as well as the National Register of Historic Places--August 30, 2006--#06000754.

Perhaps the single most exciting find in the cardboard box provided to Doug, because of its historical significance, was the aforementioned hard-bound book entitled, ***“CATALOGUE OF THE LIBRARY OF THE UNITED STATES” to which is annexed a copious index alphabetically arranged—Washington--printed by Jonathan Elliot 1815.*** As you know, during the War of 1812, the British burned our nation’s capital, including the Library of Congress. At that time, Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, had acquired the largest personal collection of books in the United States. President Jefferson offered to sell his library collection to Congress as a replacement for the collection destroyed by the British. Congress purchased Jefferson’s library for \$23,950 in 1815. George Waterson, then the Librarian of Congress, published the aforementioned book which was printed by Jonathan Elliot. The book was “issued from Washington.” The book is 170 pages in length with a 32-page index. It is a catalogue of the books Thomas Jefferson sold to the United States -- the “foundation of the present-day Library of Congress.” On the inside cover is handwritten the name, “John J. Ambler December 8, 1846.”

On February 15, 1828, in Washington, D. C., Madison County resident John J. Ambler married Elizabeth Barbour, the niece of James Pendleton Barbour, the Governor of Virginia from 1812 to 1814. John and

Elizabeth then resided at Jaquelin Hall within Madison County, located just a short distance from Frascati (Somerset, Madison County) where Elizabeth had lived.

Doug facilitated the generous donation of all of the business journals and assorted papers to the Library of Virginia for posterity purposes. The book described above, appraised at \$50,000.00, was donated to the Jefferson Foundation in Charlottesville, Va.

You just never know-what could be in ***your*** attic!



A request to Associates of the Virginia Society, OFPA.

Write up your experiences in the military, from WWII, to the current conflicts. I would like to make your memories and experience part of the VA Society History project. Please write it up and forward to Jerry Hubbard (contact information on page 4). I will take in any form, long hand, typed, via internet. If you have pictures you can forward that would be great. I will return all pictures.

Ancestor Memorials

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

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

Associate-Joseph A. Cannon
Founder-Jeremy Adams
Patriot-John Adams

Associate-A. Brian Cowardin
Founder-Peter Carwardine
Patriot-John Cowarden

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

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

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

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Founder-Thomas 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-Col. Jack Westbrook
Founder-Robert King
Patriot-John King

Associate-Rush M. Blodget, Jr
Founder-Thomas Blodgett
Patriot-Solomon Blodget

Associate-Myron "Mike" E. Lyman
Founder-Richard Lyman
Patriot-Ozias Lyman

Associate-Billy O. Wadsworth
Founder-John Ogden
Patriot-Abraham Ogden

Associate-Russell C. Scott
Founder-Christopher Branch
Patriot-Benjamin Branch

Associate-Robert W. Robins
Founder-Robert Chandler
Patriot-Robert Chandler

Associate-Thomas W. Sale, Jr.,
Founder-William Sale
Patriot-Robert Sale

Associate-Francis P. Hyland
Founder-John Crowell
Patriot-Edward Crowell

Associate-Jei Brendon L. Benz
Founder-George Hubbard
Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-William C. Schrader, III
Founder-Leonard Calvert
Patriot-George Calvert

Associate-Eugene A. Walker
Founder-Capt. Samuel Walker
Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Walker

Associate-Cranston Williams, Jr.
Founder-Ambrose Cobbs
Patriot-Capt. Robert Lewis Cobbs

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

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Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

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

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

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.

If you participate in an activity where you are identified as an OFPA Associate, please let the Governor know. Save a copy of the program. If you write an article, save a copy and send to Governor Cowardin to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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The Order of Founders and Patriots is now on Facebook. Like at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Founders-and-Patriots-of-America/212618818770058>

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

The Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America has a total of 87 members.

7 are dual membership with another society
9 are Youth Associates
71 regular or life members with VA OFPA

We not the biggest, we just the best!



Attendees at the September 4th Board meeting. Left to right around the table. Registrar Doug Graves, Past Governor Jerry Hubbard, Councillor Cranston Williams, Secretary/Treasurer Shane Newcombe, Past Governor Mike Lyman, Deputy Governor Frank Hyland, Governor Taylor Cowardin.



Past Governor Jerry Hubbard, Culpeper Minute Men D.A.R Regent Pat Lattin and Culpeper Minute Men S.A.R. President Lance Lyngar at the 9/11 Memorial service in Culpeper, Virginia.

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Our Motto:
***Steadfast for
God and Country***

Join the Virginia Society OFPA in Richmond, VA
VASSAR, Richmond Chapter, SAR, and The War of 1812 in
Virginia
For a Joint Grave Marking

October 29, 2011 4:00 p.m. Hollywood Cemetery To Honor:

Founder: Thomas Claiborne
Revolutionary War Patriot: Nathaniel Bell
War of 1812: John Randolph of Roanoke

Schedule

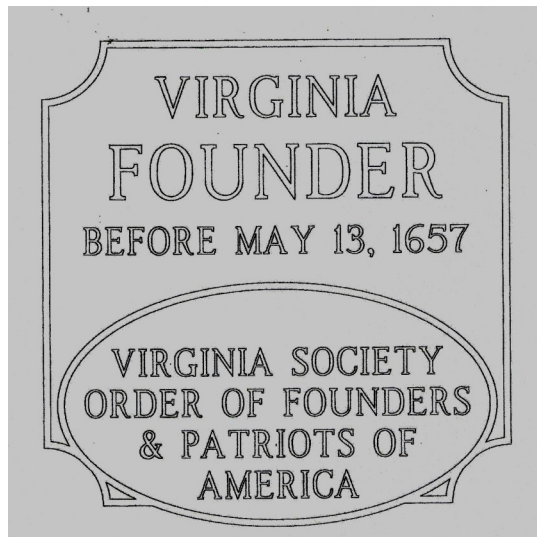
4:00—5:00 - Grave Marking ceremony
5:30—6:15 - Pre-Dinner Social at 2300 Club
6:30 Dinner Served
7:15 Program

Hollywood Cemetery

412 South Cherry Street
Richmond, VA 23220
<http://hollywoodcemetery.org/directions.html>

2300 Club

2220 East Grace Street
Richmond, VA 23223
The2300club.org



Directions are available from the locations' web sites.

Please contact Governor Cowardin for further information.
Contact information in letterhead.

Dinner Menu

House Salad and Dinner Rolls

Grilled Hanger Steak
Mashed Potatoes, Sauteed Vegetables and Cognac Demi-glace

Chocolate Truffle Cake

Beer, Wine, Tea and Coffee are Included

Cost is \$45.00 per person

Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs.

All reservations must be received by 21 October 2011

_____ will be attending the 29 October 2011 dinner.

Title/Society_____

_____ (number in party) x \$45.00 = Total_____

Make checks payable to: Treasurer VA OFPA

Mail to:
Shane Newcombe
2300 Carwile Spring Road
Randolph, VA 23962

Other activities to participate in

2011 Yorktown Day Celebration
Wednesday, October 19, 2011

09:30 a.m.— Wreath Laying Ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. at Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown. VA OFPA will lay a wreath.

10:30 a.m.— Yorktown Day Parade, Main Street.
VA OFPA will march in the parade with our banner.
VA OFPA needs you to carry flags and the banner!

29 October 2011

There will be a short VA OFPA business meeting to induct new Associates during the pre-dinner social time.