



The Magazine

Williamsburg Chapter Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution



*By signing the Declaration of Independence,
the fifty-six Americans pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. Nine died of wounds during the
Revolutionary War. Five were captured or imprisoned. Wives and children were jailed, mistreated, or left penniless.
Twelve signers' houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.*

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President's Message

Compatriots

May has been a very busy month for our chapter. With the presentation of The SAR 250 Bronze, Silver and Gold awards, Members of our color guard receiving the Billy Flora award, all are great accomplishments by our chapter. We are also planning our Memorial Day celebration scheduled for May 29 at 10am in front of the Governor's Palace. Planning is also in the works for our commemoration of the battle of Spenser's Ordinary scheduled for June 24 at 10 am. at Freedom Park. Sean Huevel will be providing a talk about the battle after the wreath laying. On Tuesday July 4th we will be holding our annual prayer service at Bruton Parish church. Then on July 6th we will be holding the commemoration of the Battle of Green Spring at the Church on the Main.

I want to commend two of our own. Vice President John Lynch and Treasurer Gary Dunaway for the work they have done in the Grave Marking of Captain's James McIlhane and William Harwar Parker. John and Gary have spent a lot of time researching and walking the area of the graves. They have spent lots of personal time cleaning and preparing the site to make it presentable. These Compatriots deserve our thanks. In June we will be presenting the winners of our brochure contest. The Williamsburg Chapter for the 6th Grade first prize and overall winner Reese Vandersand, second prize winner Mary Grace Tracey, and third prize winner Maks Sekula. The winners for the 7th grade were first prize, Ava Freltner, Second prize Sam Stone, and third prize Danae Abraham. I would like to also announce the Reese took third in the VASSAR brochure contest. The awards will be given out during the Walsingham middle school graduation ceremony on June 6, 2023.

Bruce Laubach - President



Calendar

Monday May 29, 2023

Memorial Day

Muster time: 9:00 AM

Event start time: 10:00 AM.

In front of the Governor's Palace,
Colonial Williamsburg.

Monday June 5, 2023

7:00 pm BOM meeting
by ZOOM

Saturday Jun 10, 2023

Chapter Lunch Meeting

11:30 pm Social

Colonial Heritage Country Club
Williamsburg

Saturday Jun 24, 2023

Battle of Spenser's Ordinary

10 am at Freedom Park

off Centerville Road Williamsburg

Tuesday July 4, 2023

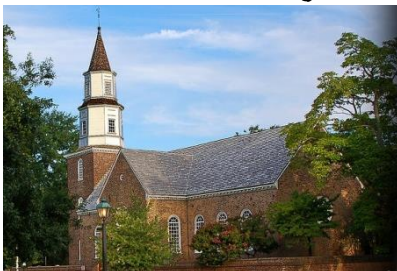
Independence Day

10:00 am Service of Prayer &

Thanksgiving

Bruton Parish church

Williamsburg



Chapter News



Compatriots Ron Adolphi and George Corbett attended and presented a wreath at the James Monroe celebration at the Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.



President Bruce Laubach presenting our wreath at the Grave Marking ceremony.

Sunday May 21, 2023
Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony
Hillsboro VA



VASSAR Color Guard

A grave marking ceremony for two Revolutionary War soldiers. Lt. William Harwar Parker VSN and Captain James McIlhany, Virginia Continental Line are buried in the McIlhany Family Cemetery in Loudoun County. John Lynch and I located the cemetery near Hillsboro and partnered with the Sgt Maj John Champe chapter to survey the badly neglected site. We requested and finally received permission from the landowner to perform some work to make the cemetery presentable for a ceremony.

Compatriot Barry Schwoerer and I spent a couple days working there a few weeks ago. We cut fallen trees, saplings, and grapevines. We removed briars, weeds, and undergrowth and raked out debris from the confines and perimeter. We restacked fallen stones from the fence. Basically, we did all the work within our senior capabilities. There were several large dead/dying trees and limbs that have been removed.

Thanks for your support ! Gary Dunaway



Brenan Burke is our June speaker.



Brendan Burke is the State Underwater Archaeologist with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Originally from Virginia, Brendan received an MA from The College of William & Mary and served as Assistant Director for the Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program in St. Augustine Florida before repatriating to the Commonwealth and working for DHR. Today, he leads a team to locate, document, and preserve Virginia's submerged archaeological resources.

After the surrender of British forces at Yorktown in October of 1781 the American Revolution remained as an active war despite a cessation of fighting. A divided series of former colonies sorted themselves out into an emergent nation and communities were stalked by hostilities sparked from lingering political alliances. Several major convoys were assembled by the Royal Navy to evacuate American Loyalists, who saw themselves as patriots in their own sense. One such convoy met disaster during the winter of 1782 when sixteen vessels were lost trying to enter St. Augustine in British East Florida. Join Underwater Archaeologist Brendan Burke to discuss how this wreck links to a broader context of the post-Yorktown landscape of the American Revolution and the formation of the United States.

Fits nicely in a 6¾ envelope

Reservation for the Saturday June 10TH 2023 Lunch meeting

Name(s) _____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$24.00

Special need _____

Please make checks payable to

“Williamsburg Chapter SAR”

Mail to:

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Recent Events



Junior Compatriot William Mason is a member of the Colonial Williamsburg Fife & Drum Junior Corps and performed at the “Drummers Call” march on May 20, 2023.



A Court of Honor for a new Eagle Scout of Troop 414 at York River State Park on May 21, 2023. Chairman Harley Stewart, right, presented a SAR Certificate of Recognition and Scholarship Application package to Eagle Scout John Bascom. Compatriot & Eagle Scout Ron Adolphi, left, presented an Eagle Scout leather journal and pen.

John Bascom’s Eagle project was to make and install six hitching posts and six mounting blocks on the equestrian trails in the Park. He is about to receive his pilot’s license and aspires to be a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force.



Ron Adolphi



Dave Westenberger



Tom Morr



Gary Dunaway



John Lynch

Bronze 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Medals

PHOTOS BY HARLEY

Future Events reminder

Memorial Day Commemoration

Monday May 29th

Muster at 9 AM

Event at 10 AM

In front of the Governor's Palace
Colonial Williamsburg



Spencer's Ordinary 242nd Commemoration

Saturday June 24th

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Freedom Park Williamsburg, VA.

Independence Day

Tuesday July 4th

10:00 am SAR Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving

Bruton Parish Church Williamsburg, VA

Battle of Green Spring

10:00 am Thursday July 6th



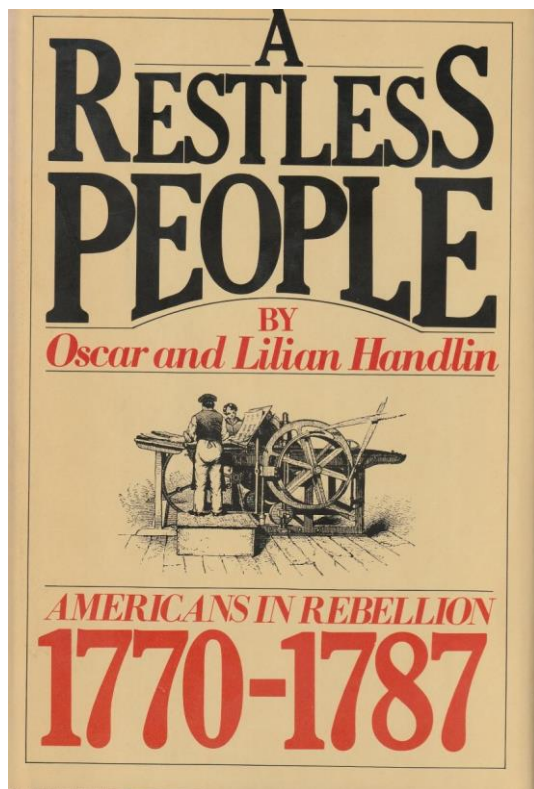
Williamsburg, VA

IN MEMORIAM



Maryus "Mike" Hogge Jr., age 82, of Mathews County, passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Riverside Regional Medical Center, Newport News, after a lengthy and hard-fought illness. Mike, a native of Gloucester, was born on Sept. 17, 1940 to the late Maryus H. Hogg and Marie J. Hogg. He graduated from Gloucester High School and received his Bachelor's Degree from St. Leo's College. He was a Real Estate Assessor for James City County and Fairfax County, a Real Estate investor, an entrepreneur, and a waterman. He was a member of Union Baptist Church and of the Sons of the American Revolution Williamsburg Chapter. Mike loved to travel the world with his wife and enjoyed time with special friends who became family. In addition to his parents, brothers, Boyd A. Hogge, Lewis H. Hogge, and Nelson J. Hogge, and sisters, Roselle V. Williams and Catherine Hogge Smith Rinehart preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of almost 32 years, Carolyn F. Hogge of Mathews; a daughter, Christy Parrish (Clark) of Yorktown, VA.; a son, C. Garren Hester (Erin) of Hillsborough, N.C., and four grandchildren, Justin and Lacy Parrish of Yorktown and Seamus and Sadie Hester of Hillsborough. He is also survived by a nephew whom he considered a son, Dr. Lewis H Hogge (Dene) of Towson, Md., and other special nieces and nephews including Susie Rye (Randy), Adam Hogge, and Dennis Hogge.

“Book of the month”



Life in America, as the nation was being born, was rough and uncertain. In the most civilized cities, pigs roamed the streets freely; in its most pious pulpits, ministers preached with shotguns at their sides. Oscar and Lilian Handlin bring alive these crucial and exciting times. From Yankee farmers to southern yeomen, from New York merchants to frontier woodsmen, this is the story of how Americans ate, drank, loved, prayed, traveled, fought, and lived and died between 1770 and 1787. In the process of describing people's lives, the Handlins offer a novel interpretation of the American Revolution. The Revolution, they believe, simply legitimized the violence already endemic in American society. The danger of death meant little to a people inured by a hard life to the use of force. This, as much as patriotism and glory, enabled Americans to declare and win their independence.

A *Restless People* is a social history at its best: not just statistics or stories, it is a dramatic account of how the lives of common people changed the course of history and were in turn changed by that history.

An extract from a “Kirkus” magazine book review (Issue: Feb 1, 1982). “Even before the Revolution, the Handlins contend, colonial Americans had become a new people with a new identity, forged “in the unremitting insecurity of freedom.” On the one hand, circumstance and necessity had made them enterprising, innovative, pragmatic, violent, crude, individualistic, impatient, nomadic; on the other hand, the virtual collapse of traditional social rank and restraint had left them hungry for status, absurdly conscious of fashion, deeply sentimental about love and marriage and the family, anxious about their health, and fearful of the future.

Their chapters on country life, on childhood and families, and on the psychological burdens of constant vulnerability to misfortune and disease are in fact outstanding; and it is always important to be reminded that Revolutionary Americans had more on their minds than ideological abstractions and theories of government.



Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting.
One ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5 – See Steve Holm – Sergeant-at-Arms

Registrar's Corner

NEW COMPATRIOTS

Alfred Gray Collins, Jr.
National Number: 226417
State Number: 10633
Patriot Ancestor: John Collins

Alfred Gray Collins, III
National Number: 226418
State Number: 10634
Patriot Ancestor: John Collins

Alfred Gray Collins, IV
National Number: 226419
State Number: 10635
Patriot Ancestor: John Collins

Charles Grant Collins
National Number: 226420
State Number: 10636
Patriot Ancestor: John Collins

I have a supplemental certificate for Bradley Pittman, who's ancestor is Nathan Jones. We currently have two new member and 13 supplemental applications under review for approval. There are six active new member applications and ten prospects in the wings. Also, there are 17 supplemental applications being developed.

Hunt Berryman
Registrar
Email:
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Compatriot Jack Lee sharing his Patriot

Stephen Lee was born on 03 Dec 1731 in Goochland County, Virginia, the son of John James Lee and Lucy Braxton.

At age thirteen, Stephen was listed on the tithables in Goochland County, Virginia as a tobacco farmer with his father, John. He moved with his family to Bedford County and later to Henry (now Franklin) County. Many tobacco farmers moved when the land played out and cheap land was offered further west.

Stephen married Ann Poore on 03 Nov 1763 in St. James Northam Parish, Goochland. Her Father Thomas is an SAR Patriot.

Stephen and Ann had ten children:

Thomas Lee, b: c1765; m: 1788 Jerusha Hough; (her father SAR Patriot) res: Claiborne County, Tennessee

Elizabeth Lee, m: John Charter; res: near her parents in Pulaski County, Kentucky

Charles Braxton Lee, b: 02 Aug 1766; m: 1790 Elizabeth Hatcher

Lewis Henry Lee, b: c1768; m: Nellie Long of Davidson County, Tennessee

Mildred Lee, m: John Ellis; res: Shelby County, Kentucky

Jubal Lee, m: Sally Wade; res: Shelby County, Kentucky

Andrew Lee, m: Margaret Daniels

Seaton Lee, m: Rhoda Mayfield; res: near her parents

Lucinda Lee, m: Daniel Boone Duncan; res: Madison County, Kentucky

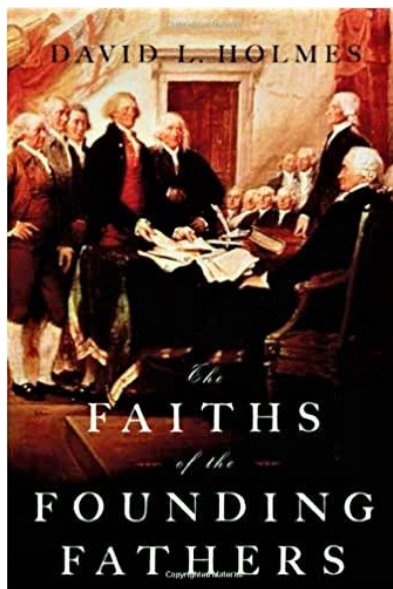
Esinthea Lee, m: John Duncan; res: Cole, Missouri

He was an active supporter of the Continental Army with goods and is listed as a Patriot for the American Revolution. About 1793 they moved from Virginia to Pulaski County, Kentucky, USA. They were heavily involved with the Baptist Society and were charter members of the White Oak Baptist Church, donating the land for the church building.

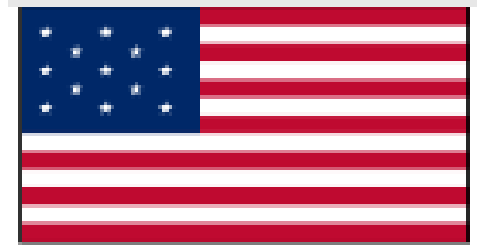
He passed away in December 1809 in Pulaski County, Kentucky, USA. He and his wife were buried at Lee Cemetery in Nancy, Pulaski County, Kentucky, USA.

All chapter members have put a significant amount of time in researching their Patriot. Adding Patriot biographies to the PRS is a way to honor your ancestors and possibly help other compatriots in their searches. It is also an easy way to support your chapter and only requires writing a paragraph or two about your Patriot. Whether your Patriot signed the Declaration of Independence, wintered at Valley Forge or simply supported the Revolution by providing supplies, all deserve our recognition. I encourage you to take a few minutes and provide your Patriot's biography to Gary Dunaway at ormazd72@gmail.com.

Roger Cross



From the Chaplain Jim Morford



In just a few weeks we will celebrate our nation's 247th birthday. Parades may be occurring less frequently, but it is still a day for picnics and fireworks – even if many children (and not a few adults) don't know what it is we are celebrating. Some will begin the day's festivities by attending our Chapter's 38th Annual Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving at Bruton Parish Church.

It is on the day - July 4 - that our thoughts turn to the founding of our country and to the brave men and women who sacrificed to bequeath to us a free and independent nation.

We frequently hear that we were founded as a Christian nation. If that were precisely the case, we might today be a theocracy rather than a democratic republic.

The Pilgrims of Plymouth came to America to escape religious persecution. They broke from the Church of England to create their own separate church. The Puritans of Massachusetts Bay, unlike the Pilgrims, came to America to establish their own "pure" form of the Church of England. Christianity was very much at the core of their immigration.

Unlike the New Englanders, the settlers of colonies such as Virginia and New York came largely for commercial purposes. Though they may not have come for religious reasons, they brought their religion with them and established churches which they attended regularly, and which became the cultural centers of their settlements.

The distinguished Dr. David L. Holmes, Professor of Religious Studies, Emeritus at the College of William & Mary who passed away a few weeks ago on May 5, was a nationally recognized American church historian. One of his most notable works was, *The Faiths of the Founding Fathers*, in which he offers an instructive look at the spiritual beliefs of our founders.

According to Professor Holmes, Martha Washington, Samuel Adams, John Jay, Patrick Henry, and Thomas Jefferson's daughters are examples of those who held orthodox Christian views. On the other hand, influential figures, such as Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John and Abigail Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James and Dolley Madison, and James Monroe, were believers of a different kind. They were respectful of Christianity, they admired the ethics of Jesus, and believed that religion could play a beneficial role in society but did not embrace the divinity of Christ. Some may have been agnostic, others were deists. No matter how their faith is defined, our nation's founders were in their way and in their day religious men and women. Their faith formed the backbone of society and helped define what it meant to be a citizen of the United States.

A Prayer for Our Nation

Heavenly Father, as we prepare to celebrate our nation's birthday, let us be ever mindful that it was with your guidance and inspiration that our founders acquired the courage and conviction to stand against all odds to win their independence.

Renew in us that same spirit. Give us the courage and the conviction to stand against all odds today in order to preserve our God given freedom and independence.

May Your light shine upon us as you continue to bless the United States of America. AMEN



SAR Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving

Tuesday, July 4, 2022, at 10:00 am

Bruton Parish Church

Duke of Gloucester Street

Williamsburg, VA



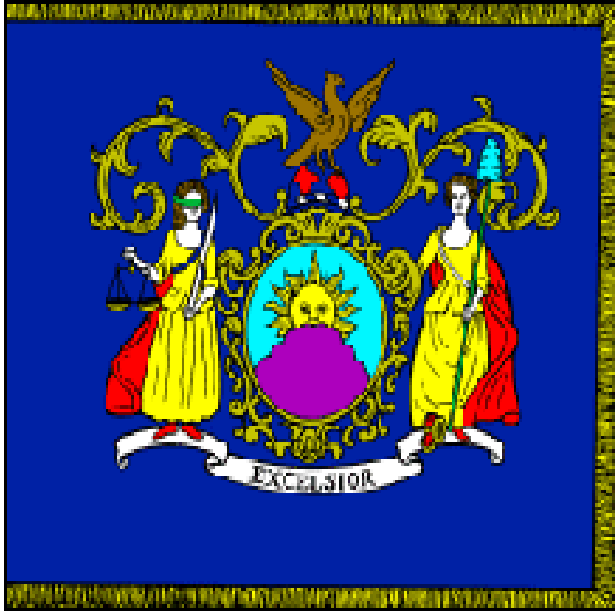
All are invited to join the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the clergy of Bruton Parish Church for the 38th Annual Fourth of July Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving.

The service will be conducted by Bruton clergy who will be assisted by SAR members. The service will be followed by a ringing of the Virginia Liberty Bell.

Tuesday, July 4, 2023, will be an especially appropriate day for us to thank God for the blessings of liberty provided to us through the courage and sacrifice of our patriot forebears.



Flags of the American Revolution



3rd New York Regiment

Colors of the Third New York Regiment 1775
The 3rd New York Regiment was formed in 1775 from volunteers from the counties of Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, and Suffolk under the command of Colonel James Clinton for service in Canada. The regiment would take part in the Invasion of Canada, and later under the command of Colonel Peter Gansevoort it took part in the defeat of General Burgoyne in upper New York State in 1777. The regiment was merged into the 1st New York Regiment in 1781. The flag has been saved and is found in the Albany Institute of History and Art. It is the only regimental flag of New York that has been preserved to the present.



Photo by Karen Corbett

The Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented a NSSAR Flag Recognition certificate to the Mega Auto Spa on 17 May 2023. The business correctly displays and maintains the flag of our nation. Pictured (L to R) is Mark Blanchard, General Manager, and George Corbett, chapter Flag Recognition Committee chairman.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR ALL MEMBERS

Patriot Biographies:

A brief narrative of your ancestor for our history file that will be shared with your compatriots in our newsletter.

Please make this a priority. Send it to Gary Dunaway at ormazd72@gmail.com who will add it to our chapter's history file.

Dave Westenberger - Ed

Mentor Program: To support and assist new members. Volunteers are needed. Let Bruce Laubach know if you can help. vabelling@msn.com



PATRIOT BIOGRAPHY GUIDANCE:

- Describe qualifying service of the Patriot: *When and Where; State or Continental.*
 - Military Service: ...Private in the Northampton County, Pennsylvania Militia.
 - Patriotic Service: ...paid the 1783 supply tax in Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.
 - Civil Service: ...as a town clerk in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.
- Best biographies are between 150 and 600 words.
- Detail the Patriot's life. Think of this as the person's obituary. Help future members recognize the Patriot as part of their own family.
- Include the War service, immediate family (parents/children), and relevant life events.

SAR GIFTS AND FASHIONABLE APPAREL



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