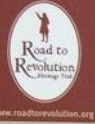


## Society Remembers James Monroe on his 257<sup>th</sup> Birthday at his Birthplace

On April 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 at his boyhood home in Westmoreland County the War of 1812 participated in celebrating his birthday. A photograph of a plaque at the birthplace, the program for the ceremony and photos taken follow.



# JAMES MONROE BIRTHPLACE

President James Monroe was born here on April 28, 1758 to Spence and Eliza Jones Monroe. He lived on this farm until he left



James Monroe by John Vanderlyn 1816.

*James Monroe*

to attend the College of William and Mary. He sold the farm in 1783 following his father's death.

The 500 acre farm, which included marshes, oak trees and an apple and peach orchard, was adjacent to a larger tract acquired by his great-great-grandfather Andrew Monroe, who came here from Scotland by 1650.

Spence Monroe worked as a carpenter, in addition to being a farmer. This was a small middle class working farm, not a large or prosperous plantation.

James Monroe served with distinction during the Revolutionary War, fighting in six battles and severely wounded at Trenton. He was praised by George Washington for his bravery and ability, and finished the war serving as an aide to Governor Thomas Jefferson. He spent most of his life in public service, including the Virginia legislature, the Continental Congress, the U.S. Senate,

as Minister to France, England and Spain, as Governor of Virginia, as Secretary of State and Secretary of War before his election as President. His two terms as President 1817-1825, were known as the Era of Good Feelings and he remained immensely popular



This 1845 woodcut of the Monroe home shows a typical middle-class farmhouse of the 1750s. The foundations show that the house was 24 x 58 feet. The farm would also have included a kitchen, barn, outhouse and other outbuildings.

throughout his public career. His 1823 Monroe Doctrine on the rights of national self-determination remains the cornerstone of American foreign policy.



**The James Monroe  
Memorial Foundation  
presents the**



**257<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
Ceremony  
For  
Fifth President  
James Monroe**

---

**James Monroe  
Birthplace and Park  
Westmoreland Co, VA  
April 25, 2015  
10:30 a.m.**

Call to Order.....G. William Thomas, Jr., President,  
James Monroe Memorial Foundation

Invocation.....W. Gregory Burkett, Assistant Chaplain

Presentation of Colors.... James Monroe Chapter SAR color guard

Pledge of Allegiance and Toast to the Flag....Shelby L. Chandler, II  
Past Commander WCC Heroes of '76 National Sojourners

Welcome.....Hon. Woody Hynson, Westmoreland County  
Board of Supervisors

Greetings .....Hon. Rob Wittman, U.S. Congress

Declaration from Governor McAuliffe.....Peter E. Broadbent, Jr.

Remarks about Monroe Birthplace.....Edwin W. Slipek, III  
architectural historian

Remarks on Road to Revolution sign and War of 1812 Bicentennial  
Peter E. Broadbent, Jr.

Special Flag Presentations ..... G. William Thomas, Jr., President

Presentation from the Grand Masonic Lodge of Virginia.....  
Right Worshipful William Hershey, Grand Junior Deacon

Laying of Wreaths and remarks.....List Next Page

Benediction.....W. Gregory Burkett, Assistant Chaplain

Closing Remarks.....President G. William Thomas, Jr.

Retiring of Colors and Adjournment

Group Photos

*James Monroe*



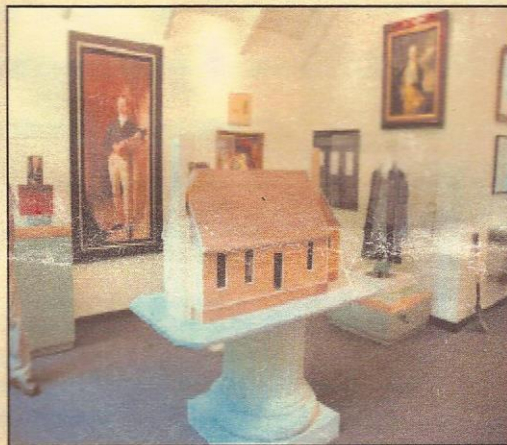
JAMES MONROE  
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

## Participants in the Wreath Laying Ceremony

James Monroe Memorial Foundation	Hon. Helen Marie Taylor
War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission	Stuart Butler, Historian
Virginia Society of SAR	Edward Truslow, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Richmond Chapter of SAR	Dennis Peterson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter of SAR	Dave Hazel, Registrar
James Monroe Chapter of SAR	Art Buswell, President
Culpeper Minute Men Chapter of SAR	Bill Schwetke, President
Williamsburg Chapter of SAR	Richard Newsome, Historian
Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia	Myron Lyman, Past President
Sons of the Revolution in Virginia	William A. Nash II, Member
Order of Founders & Patriots in Va	Walter J. Sheffield, Member
Society of Colonial Wars In the State of Va	Peter Broadbent, Past Governor
Grand Masonic Lodge of Virginia	Grand Junior Deacon William Hershey
Children of the American Revolution	Emily Freeman, President
Col. Alexander Spottswood Chapter CAR	Sara and Anna Cox
National Society of Washington Family Descendants	Lochlan, Thatcher & Caroline Lind
Chantilly Chapter, DAR	Linda Ward, Past Regent
Nelly Custis Chapter, DAR	Natalie Ardoline, Regent
Ash Lawn-Highland	

# James Monroe Birthplace Park and Museum

The historic James Monroe Birthplace Park and Museum is open for the summer on weekends from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Bring lunch and enjoy the picnic area on the grounds or launch your canoe from our dock on Monroe Creek which flows into Monroe Bay and the Potomac River.



The Foundation's purpose is for Education and Preservation honoring the life and legacy of James Monroe, our fifth President and founding father. He was the only other US President to have served in active duty in the Revolutionary War other than George Washington and helped save this nation during the War of 1812 when he served as both Secretary of State and Secretary of War. Visit the new Museum with its expanded exhibits honoring President James Monroe.

**Directions:** The Birthplace is located on Route 205 in Westmoreland County, 1 mile east of Colonial Beach at 4850 James Monroe Highway at the James Monroe Birthplace Historical marker.

Visit [www.monroefoundation.org](http://www.monroefoundation.org), [virginiapresidents@gmail.com](mailto:virginiapresidents@gmail.com) and James Monroe Memorial Foundation on Facebook. Phone: 804-214-9145.



Above: Peter E. Broadbent, Jr. Esq., the Historian of the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia was Master of Ceremonies for much of the program



The James Monroe SAR Chapter, VASSAR and members of the War of 1812 Society in VA and a member of the VASSAR assemble for presenting the colors for the ceremony. From the left: Charles E. Belfield, Councilor of the 1812 Society with the U.S. Flag; Brenan Belfield, James Monroe SAR Chapter member, with the Star Spangled Banner Flag; Hugh A. Markham, Deputy Councilor, War of 1812 Society holding the VA State flag, George-Beckham, member James Monroe Chapter, SAR holding the chapter flag; Mike Lyman, Past President War of 1812 Society holding the VA Society War of 1812 flag and Paul ----, James Wood, II Chapter SAR holding the VA Society Order of Founders & Patriots of America flag.

Below Stuart L Butler, Author and Councilor War of 1812 Society presents the VA War of 1812 Commission wreath; and Mike Lyman, Past President, the Society of the War of 1812 wreath.







Above members of the War of 1812 Society other than Hugh Markham gather for a photo. L/R:  
Charles E. Belfield, George Beckham, Mike Lyman, Bill Nash. Stuart L. Butler, Peter E Broadbent, Jr, and Walt Sheffield