

Society Participates in Honoring an 1812 Veteran at Shockoe Hill Cem, Richmond Oct 24 2015

Sergeant Milner* Woodson born about 1794 probably in Charlotte or Cumberland County, VA, buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, VA on 24 Nov 1849 was honored by the erection of a Veterans Administration gravestone and a dedication ceremony by the Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery Society on October 24 2015.

A payroll of Captain William Pollock's Artillery Company of Charlotte County's 26th Militia Regiment has Milner Woodson listed as a Sergeant who served for 29 days and whom hired a substitute for the remainder of his enlistment period. His company moved to Camp Carter, a War of 1812 camp located near the James River in Henrico County protecting Richmond from attack by the British. The service period for the company attached to Lt Col William Gray's 7th Regiment was from August 26 1814 to the end of the war in February 1815.

The ceremony honored as well eight other veterans of the War Between the States memorialized in the cemetery as well as a widow of a veteran. Flags were placed in the cemetery at the gravestones of those being honored. The program is shown below as well as photos taken. A direct descendant of Milner (Miller*) Woodson, Barbara Woodson Andres attended and was presented a Star Spangled Banner flag, the flag of our country during the War of 1812. About sixty or more people attended the ceremony. Mike Lyman, past president of the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia presented a wreath for the Society during the ceremony.

**The veteran is listed with the given name of Milner in the War of 1812 military records of Virginia and the National Archives, however he is listed in the burial record of the cemetery with the given name of Miller. He entered service as a Sergeant at age of about twenty years without serving as a private or corporal, thus indicating he was descended from an important person. Such a person may be a Revolutionary War captain named Miller Woodson of Cumberland County whom after the war became the clerk of the county court. This officer was commissioned as Captain in 1777, thus he may be the 1812 soldier's father, nephew, grandfather or great uncle.*

ORDER OF CEREMONY

WELCOME
CLAYTON SHEPHERD
VICE-PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF SHOCKOE HILL CEMETERY

INVOCATION
REVEREND DORSEY HOWARD
CHESTER STATION CAMP, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
FIRE EATERS COLOR GUARD
EDMUND RUFFIN CAMP, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & VIRGINIA FLAG SALUTE
IN UNISON

DEDICATION ADDRESS
CLAYTON SHEPHERD

"FOR THE FALLEN"
SUSAN HATHAWAY
SALLY L. TOMPKINS CHAPTER, ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE

LAYING OF MEMORIAL WREATHS

"TAPS"
BUGLER BOB HARP

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS
ROBERT DELGADO, MKCM, USCGR (RET.)
CLAYTON SHEPHERD, MEC, USCGR (RET.)

RETIRING OF THE COLORS

"AMAZING GRACE"
PIPER JEFFREY ANDERSON
CHESTER STATION CAMP, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

BENEDICTION
REVEREND DORSEY HOWARD

SHOCKOE HILL CEMETERY MARKER DEDICATION

OCTOBER 24, 2015

SERGEANT MILNER WOODSON

7TH REGIMENT (GRAY'S) VIRGINIA MILITIA, WAR OF 1812

CORPORAL OSCAR M.G. MARSHALL

COMPANY C, 3RD VIRGINIA INFANTRY LOCAL DEFENSE

FIRST LIEUTENANT PETER F. VADEN

COMPANY F, 20TH BATTALION VIRGINIA HEAVY ARTILLERY

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM Z. MEAD

COMPANY A, 17TH BATTALION ALABAMA SHARP SHOOTERS

PRIVATE ISAAC MORTON

COMPANY F, 30TH NORTH CAROLINA INFANTRY

PRIVATE ROBERT H. JOHNSTON

COMPANY B, 12TH VIRGINIA INFANTRY

PRIVATE JAMES A. BRAND

COMPANY A, 17TH MISSISSIPPI INFANTRY

CORPORAL THOMAS R. LEFTWICH

JONES' COMPANY, VIRGINIA ARTILLERY

PRIVATE JOHN JACOB OMENHAUSSER

COMPANY A, 46TH VIRGINIA INFANTRY

MRS. HENRIETTA HOFFMAN ALLAN

CONFEDERATE WIDOW



Above some of the attendees



Clayton Shepherd, Vice President Friends of the Friends of the Shockoe Hill Cemetery presides over the ceremony. Seated left to right is Reverend Dorsey Howard, Robert Delgado and Susan Hathaway



On the left is the Star Spangled Banner Flag under which Sergeant Woodson would have served that was probably posted at Camp Carter. The other flags displayed are from the Confederate war.



Flag Detail



Wreaths presented The 1812 Society wreath is 3rd from the left



Descendant Barbara Woodson Andres is presented an Star Spangled Banner Flag by Robert Delgado





Above descendant Barbara Woodson at the gravestone of her direct ancestor. Below is Mike Lyman

Past president of the War of 1812 Society

