

Society Presents Publication to Williamsburg County Library

President Butler of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia presented the society publication, *Burials of War of 1812 Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia, First Addendum* to the Williamsburg County Library in October 2018. This addendum added approximately 900 more burials of veterans of the war that were not listed in the main book published in 2012 and also it updated many of the original entries.

He also presented this addendum to the Swem Library in Williamsburg and also one to the James City Library. Below is an acknowledgement letter he received and information about what it contained.



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Dear Mr. Butler and members:

Thank you for your gift of a copy of *Burials of War of 1812 Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia, 1st Addendum* to the Williamsburg Regional Library. Your contribution helps the library offer excellent collections, programs, services, and facilities that inform, enrich, and strengthen our community. We will add this title to the collection adjacent to its companion volume.

Support such as your gift is an essential supplement to the government funding we receive. On behalf of all Williamsburg Regional Library users, I thank you again for your involvement and your donation. To learn more about what is happening at WRL, sign up for weekly updates from the library at wrl.org/WRLinfo.

Sincerely,

Betsy Fowler
Library Director

Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. No goods or services have been provided in exchange for this gift. This contribution is made with the understanding that the donee organization has complete control and administration over the use of donated funds and materials.

INTRODUCTION

This addendum provides over 900 new War of 1812 veterans with known burial locations in Virginia and more information on approximately 185 others identified in the original publication by the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia, *Burials of War of 1812 Veteran Burials in the Commonwealth of Virginia*, published by Heritage Books Inc in 2012. It also lists 15 fifteen deletions. These additions make a total of more than 5325 identified in Virginia

A large portion of the new burials is the result of contributors of memorials in Findagrave.com. The contributors also provided considerable more genealogical data from their research and from inscriptions on family gravestones. Also the publishing of pension and bounty land records from NARA files on Fold3 has contributed considerable genealogical information on the widows of the veterans. The new second edition to author Stuart Butler's, *Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812*, published by New Papyrus Publishing, Athens Georgia in 2011 has greatly increased the determination of the correct service and unit commanders for the interred veteran.

This addendum in the text that follows lists alphabetically the additions, up-dates, and deletions. For a clear understanding, the reader will need to possess the original book along with this addendum. The appendices list the additions to those in the book. Each of the veteran's paragraphs are in the same format as in the book and with the bold abbreviations explained at the bottom of each page. The introduction, the list of abbreviations and the illustrations in the book apply to this addendum as well. A new list of plaques and monuments in cemeteries that list War of 1812 burials is included

Some additional emphasis on interpreting the way the paragraphs in the text are written follow:

Birth and death dates and places: If the birth place and the death place are not given it means that it is the same as the county or independent city in Virginia in which the burial is listed.

Rank: The rank listed is the highest obtained during the war period. In some cases the veteran obtained a higher rank after the war ended in February 1815. If so this may be listed in the paragraph under VI: other veteran information

Unit: for militia soldiers the VMR (Virginia Militia Regiment) is the one listed for the county or independent city in which they resided followed if known by the company commander's name, the county or independent city, and to whom the unit was attached to when arriving at its duty location. This information is listed in Butler's *Guide* (listed above) and is a reason why the reader needs to refer to Butler's publication for more details about the service. If the unit is not listed for the veteran, if interested, please obtain the service records from the National Archives (NARA). An example of the service record when obtained from NARA is shown in the burial book page xiii

.....Cemetery: The name is given first followed by the county or independent city, followed by the GPS reading if known and some general directions

The new codes to service and burial sources are listed in appendices C and D of this addendum that expands those listed in the burial book

The photos of new plaques placed in cemeteries by the society are included as illustrations