**Invitation to Attend Society Annual Muster, Luncheon and Plaque Unveiling Ceremony**

These events will be in Lynchburg on Saturday June 13th 2015. The invitation to attend follows.

Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia

**ANNUAL MUSTER**

**Saturday, June 13, 2015 - Lynchburg, Virginia**

***Drysdale Center Lynchburg College***

Attire: Coat & Tie (James Monroe Tie: preferred for members)

Schedule of Events:

**10:00AM – Business Meeting members only *Drysdale Center Lynchburg College* (East Room)**

**1501 Lakeside Drive , Lynchburg, Virginia 23803**

**12:00 noon– LUNCHEON** *(guests welcome)* ***Drysdale Center Lynchburg College* (West Room)**

**1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 23803**

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Tom Whetstone**

Topic: The Battle of Horseshoe Bend

**2:00PM – Plaque Unveiling and Wreath Laying Ceremony** *(guests welcome)*

Presbyterian Cemetery

(only 10 minutes from Lynchburg College, convoys encouraged)

**2020 Grace Street**

**Lynchburg, Virginia 24504**

Our Society will be unveiling a large plaque listing eighteen War of 1812 veteran burials in the cemetery.

All Reservations must be received by Friday, June 3!

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (number in party) x $25.00 = **TOTAL**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia and remit to:**

**Mr. J. Shane Newcombe, Treasurer**

**P.O. Box 59**

**Randolph, Virginia 23962**

Directions to Lynchburg College

Drysdale Student Center

Driving from 29 North

Stay on 29 until you see Business 29, Business 29 becomes Business 29/460 (Fort Avenue).Turn left on Memorial and then left on Oakley. Oakley will become Lakeside and the college is on the left. Once you turn left Drysdale Student Center is second building on left. Parking is available before the first building which is the Alumni building. BOD meeting is on third floor in the East Room. Lunch is on third floor in the West Room. There are several lounges in the building.

Driving from 29 South. Take 29 Business and follow to route 221. Turn left on Oakley Ave which turns to Lakeside Drive. College entrance is on left. See above.

From 460 West. Take Timberlake Road (460 Business) to route 501. Take left on 501 and follow to route 221. Take right on 221 (Lakeside Drive). Stay on 221 and the entrance to the college will be on the right. See direction for 29 North.

From 460 East. Turn right on route 501 Business (Campbell Ave). Stay on Campbell to 460 Business (Fort Ave). Turn left on Fort and proceed to route 221 (Oakley Ave0 and turn right. Oakley will become Lakeside Drive and the college entrance will be on the left. Follow instructions for 29 North.

* History of the Cemetery
* From the Church website

In 1823, six elders of the Presbyterian Church purchased two acres from Edward Lynch, son of John Lynch (Lynchburg City founder). The current Trustees of the Cemetery, elders of First Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian Churches in Lynchburg, remain committed to providing interment spaces and personal service to meet the current and future needs consistent with preservation of the Cemetery's historic landscape.

Over 213 Confederate soldiers are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, making it one of the largest Lynchburg-area Confederate burial sites. Those resting in the Cemetery include members of the military from generals to privates, merchants, doctors, lawyers, educators, businessmen, artists, and ministers. Some markers or monuments mark the place of origin of the deceased, where their descendants can be traced back to Ireland, Scotland, and many other European countries.

Perhaps just one of the interesting facts about the Cemetery is that it may hold true-line descendents of the Indian Princess Pocahontas where the Bollings are buried. Pocahontas and John Rolfe's granddaughter married Col. Robert Bolling and had many descendants. In fact, Raymond David Booth, who was superintendent of the Cemetery for 43 years and was buried here in 1990, was a direct 12th generation descendant of Pocahontas.

The architecture of sculptures and art reflect these cultures, as some sculptures look Gothic while others appear Georgian or Celtic. The most dramatic stone is a weeping angel bending over in grief. The angel's companion appears not far away, with another angel standing holding a trumpet to signal the rapture. Some stones are made of marble, while others are made from more modern granite that weathers quite well. Intricate colors of gray, pink, and black can be seen throughout the Cemetery in sculptures and art. When first purchased in 1823, the grounds needed much care to bring them to the park-like feel they have today. Local author Mrs. Mary Anthony Cabell wrote in 1858 the contrast of the grounds appearance from 1824, "...and it was then a dreary spot, without shade or verdure, but by tender, diligent culture by surviving friends, trees have sprung up…the grass has overspread these sacred enclosures, whilst roses have blossomed, resembling in their beauty the sweet early dayspring of life" (Lynchs Ferry, Spring/Summer, 1998).

If you would like genealogy or other historical information, please call the office during normal business hours at (434) 845-0551 or email History **pc1823@msn.com**.Contact the website for names and plot locations and a map.
The Presbyterian Cemetery is honored to be the final resting place of many notable and historical figures.

**Cemetery Founding Elders**

* John R.D. Payne
* Thomas A. Holcombe
* John Caskie
* John C. Reid
* James Warwick
* John M. Gordon

**Noted Individuals**

* Dr. James Brown - 1824
*(First burial in Cemetery)*
* Brig. General Samuel Garland Jr. - 1862
*(South Mountain near Boonsboro, MD)*
* Maj. General Robert Emmet Rodes - 1864
*(Battle of Winchester)*
* Lt. Col. Edward J. Steptoe - 1865
*(United States Army & Indian Advocate)*
* Max Guggenheimer Jr. - 1912
*(Merchant Prince, beneficence was a hospital)*
* Alex McDonald (Diplomat) 1897
*(Minister to Persia)*
* Otway Anna Carter Owen - 1852
*(Great niece of George Washington)*
* Emma Serena Dillard Stovall - 1980
*(Noted painter known as Queena Stovall)*
* Raymond David Booth - 1990
*(Cemetery superintendent 43 Years)*
* Henry Richard Mahler, Jr. 2006
*(Presbyterian Minister, scholar, poet)*

**Immigrant Families**

* From Ireland - Dolan, Boyd, Kinnier
* From England - Stevenson, Stevens,
Rhencome, Frederickson
* From Germany - Madans, Morton, Shaner,
Walforth, Guggenheimer
* From Norway - Frederickson
* From Italy - Casesta