

Society Participates in a Historical Road Sign Unveiling Aug 12, 2017

On August 12, 2017 at 10am at the entrance to the Leedstown Campground on the Rappahannock River in Leedstown. Westmoreland County, officers and members the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia participated in the unveiling of a Virginia historic road sign honoring Brigadier General John Pratt Hungerford. The program, information regarding Hungerford and some photos taken during the ceremony follow



VIRGINIA HISTORIC HIGHWAY SIGN UNVEILING CEREMONY

For

JOHN PRATT HUNGERFORD

August 12, 2017, 10am

**At Roadside, Vicinity Campgrounds at
Leedstown, Westmoreland County**

Funded by:

Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia

And the

**James Monroe Chapter, Sons of the American
Revolution using the Knight Patty Fund, Virginia
Society, Sons of the American Revolution**

Sign provided by:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Sponsored by:

Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society

PROGRAM

WELCOME:...CHARLES BELFIELD, PRESIDENT, JAMES MONROE CHAPTER, SAR & COUNSELOR, WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY

INVOCATION:...THE REVEREND CHARLES R SYDNOR, JR., 1ST VICE PRES NO NECK OF VA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ADVANCEMENT OF COLOR GUARD & PRESENTATION OF COLORS:..COMBINED MEMBERS SAR AND WAR OF 1812

PLEDGE OF ALLEGEANCE:LED BY MIKE LYMAN, PAST PRESIDENT, WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY IN VA

POSTING OF COLORS:.....COLOR GUARD

GREETINGS: ...THE REVEREND CHARLES R SYDNOR, JR., 1ST VICE PRES NO NECK OF VA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GREETINGS: CARL FLEMMER, JR.PROPERTY OWNER

GREETINGS:CHARLES POLAND, PRESIDENT WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY IN VA

GREETINGS:MATT GOTTLIEB, HIGHWAY MARKER PROGRAM RESEARCHER, VA DEPT HISTORICAL RESOURCES

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:..... MIKE LYMAN, PAST PRESIDENT, WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY

“HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LIFE OF GENERAL JOHN PRATT HUNGERFORD” ..STUART L BUTLER, AUTHOR, HISTORIAN,

2D VICE PRESIDENT WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY IN VA

WREATH PRESENTATIONS: Announced by:.....TBA

James Monroe Chapter, SAR:represented by: Charles Belfield, President

War of 1812 Society in VA:represented by Charles Poland, President

.....Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society represented by:Rev Charles R Sydnor, 1st Vice President

.....General Society, War of 1812:..... represented by: Mike Lyman, Grant Committee Member

..... Society of the Order of Founders & Patriots of America represented by:TBA

..... Cobbs Hall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution represented by: Dr Cheryl B Davis, Regent

..... Other:.....TBA

BENEDICTION:...THE REVEREND CHARLES R SYDNOR, JR., 1ST VICE PRES NO NECK OF VA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CLOSING REMARKS: CHARLES BELFIELD, PRESIDENT JAMES MONROE CHAPTER, SAR

HUNGERFORD, John Pratt, a Representative from Virginia; born in Leeds, Westmoreland County, Va, January 2, 1761, son of Thomas and Anne (Burkett) Hungerford; received an elementary education under private teachers; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; served in the Revolutionary War as a Captain in a Virginia State Regiment in 1779 and 1780; member of the House of Delegates 1797-1801; member of the State Senate 1801-1809; presented credentials as a Republican Member-elect to the Twelfth Congress and served from March 4 to November 29, 1811, when he was succeeded by John Taliaferro, who contested his election; elected to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1817); served in the War of 1812 as Brigadier General of militia; again a member of the State House of Delegates 1823-1830; died at "Twiford," Westmoreland County, Va., December 21, 1833; interment in Hungerford Cemetery, Leedstown, Va.



General Hungerford's Gravestone about one mile away



Above shows some of the attendees



Above Charles Belfield, president of the James Monroe SAR Chapter and Councilor War of 1812 Society conducts the ceremony



Above Rev Charles Sydnor gives greetings from the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society



Above Matt Gottlieb talks about Virginia's road sign program




Above President Poland of the War of 1812 Society gives greetings

Below Stuart Butler talks about General Hungerford



Below the sign is unveiled





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**JOHN PRATT
HUNGERFORD (1761-1833)**

John Pratt Hungerford, born nearby, was an officer in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. He represented this area in the Virginia General Assembly for many years and served in the United States House of Representatives during the 1810s. As a brigadier general in the Virginia militia, he defended the Northern Neck during repeated British raids in the summer of 1814. Militiamen under his command attempted to destroy British naval ships carrying looted goods away from Alexandria on the Potomac River in Sept. 1814. Hungerford died on 21 Dec. 1833 at Twiford, his nearby plantation, and is buried one mile east of here.

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Above L/R: Matt Gottlieb, VA Highway Marker Representative; Charles Poland, President War of 1812 Society; Stuart Butler, 2d Vice President VA War of 1812 Society; Charles Belfield, Councilor and Color Guard Chairman, War of 1812 Society; George Beckett, War of 1812 member; and Mike Lyman, Past President 1812 Society



Above from left: Patrick O'Neill, author of *"To Annoy or Destroy the Enemy"* the battle at now Fort Belvoir in which General Hungerford Commanded; Dr Cheryl. B Davis, Regent of the Cobbs Hall Chapter, SAR; Stuart L Butler author, researcher of General Hungerford; Charles Belfield, President James Monroe Chapter, SAR; Members of SAR chapter George Beckett and Brennen Belfield, and Mike Lyman, Rev War Graves Chairman, VASSAR