

Society Participates in Dual Grave Marking May 18 2019

Joint Grave Marking for SAR and War of 1812 Patriots

On May 18, 2019, approximately 40 people gathered at the Glen-Gery brickyard in Manassas to mark the graves of SAR Patriot Robert Thurman and War of 1812 Patriot Thomas Thurman.

The event was planned by the Col. William Grayson VASSAR Chapter. Due to the deterioration of Thomas Thurman's grave, a new tombstone was installed at his grave. Compatriot Thad Hartman (member of both VASSAR and the War of 1812 in VA) did much of the research and labor in installing the grave markers. VASSAR Chapters presenting wreaths were, in addition to the VASSAR Wreath, Col. William Grayson, George Mason, Col. James Wood II, James Monroe, George Washington, and Fairfax Resolves. VASSAR President Pete Davenport, (War of 1812 member), VASSAR 1st VP Bill Schwetke, and VASSAR 2nd VP Jeff Thomas were in attendance. William Collier, Councilor, and Paul Walden, Secretary, of the Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia presented wreaths for that society. The Elizabeth McIntosh Hamill, Falls Church, Fauquier Court House, and Prince William VADAR chapters presented wreaths, as well as the Col. William Grayson Chapter of CAR.

SAR Patriot Robert Thurman, paid property taxes in 1783, and his son, PVT Thomas Thurman served in the 89th Regiment of the Virginia Militia in the War of 1812 from July to September 1814. He was deployed to Round Hill Church in King George County in the defense of the Potomac River, and to Mattox Bridge in Westmoreland County.

Below Curtis Robb of the Col. William Grayson VASSAR Chapter served as master of ceremonies.



The combined VASSAR and Society of the War of 1812 color guard presented colors as well as providing a 21 gun musket salute. They are pictured below. Please note that the Society's Star Spangled Banner Flag is being carried by Charles Belfield, Color Guard Commander of the War of 1812 Society, Also note that the War of 1812 Society flag is being carried by an unidentified

War of 1812 member perhaps Hugh Markham, Registrar of the Society.



Below Secretary of the Society, Paul Walden is shown with the wreath he presented



Below is pictured the new Veteran's Administration gravestone for Thomas Thurman

