

Gravemarking ceremony at Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia, June 26, 2021

**COMMEMORATION CEREMONY  
SHOCKOE HILL CEMETERY**

**4th & Hospital Street, Richmond, Virginia**

**June 26 2021 at 2:30pm**



**Honoring**

**Lieutenant Powhatan Ellis**

**Corporal John Brittain**

**Private John Rowland**

**Conducted by**

**The Society of the War of 1812  
in the Commonwealth of Virginia**

PROGRAM

2:30pm Call to Order: .....*Paul Walden, President, War of 1812 Society in VA*  
Invocation: *Thadeus Hartman, Past President and Founding Member War of 1812 Soc in VA*  
Forwarding & Presentation of Colors: .....*Virginia Society War of 1812 Color Guard*  
*Performed by Charles Belfield, Mike Lyman, Hugh Markham, & Jim Russell*  
Pledge of Allegiance by all: .....*led by Carter Furr, Counsel, War of 1812 Society, VA*  
Color Guard Post Colors: .....*VA Society Color Guard*  
Introduction of Attendees and Opening Remarks: .....*President Walden*  
Greetings from Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery: .....*Jeffry Burden, Past President*  
Greetings from.....*o Ann Fickling, President, Rappahannock Chapter, U.S. Daughters of 1812*  
Greetings/Remarks by Descendants of Veterans: *...to be announced*  
Veterans Being Honored Information: *..Stuart Butler, Past President, War of 1812 Soc in VA*  
Unveiling of Marker Ritual: .....*President Walden & member Kenneth Hawkins*  
Plaque Unveiling: .....*Descendants and Shane Newcombe, Treasurer, War of 1812*  
Wreath Presentations.....*By Representatives of Societies Present:*  
    Society of War of 1812 in VA: .....*Represented by: .President Walden*  
    US Daughters of 1812, Rappahannock Chapter: *..Represented by JoAnn Fickling, President*  
Musket Salute and TAPS: .....*Charles Belfield, Color Guard Commander*  
Benediction: .....*Thomas Whetstone, Newsletter Editor War of 1812 Society in VA*  
Closing Remarks & Adjournment: .....*President Walden*  
Group Photos

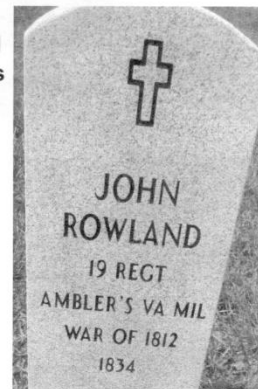
ELLIS, Powhatan was born 17 Jan 1790 in Amherst County and died 18 Mar 1863. He served as a Lieutenant in the 90<sup>th</sup> Virginia Militia Regiment, in Captain Samuel J Wiatt's Company, "Lynchburg Rifles," from Amherst County, attached to 4th Virginia Militia Regiment commanded by Colonels Huston and Wooding in the Norfolk area. He married in 1831, Elisabeth Rebecca Winn (1813-1835). He was the son of Josiah Ellis (1745-1810) & Jane Shelton (1747-1800) and graduated from the Washington Academy in 1809. He attended Dickinson College, studied law at William & Mary College; moved to Natchez, MI 1816; was judge at MI State Court; served U.S Senate 1825-1832, and served as U.S. Minister Plenipotentiary to Mexico, 1839-1842



BRITTAIN, John was born about 1785, and died 13 Aug 1847. He served as a Corporal in the 74<sup>th</sup> Virginia Militia Regiment, in Captain Nathaniel Bowe and Lieutenant John Hendrick's Company from Hanover County that was attached to Colonel John H Cocke's Detachment at Camp Holly Springs, vicinity the James River. He married Gabriella Harvey (1797-1869) and they had five children: Mary E (Brittain) Parsons (1816-1870); Charles Leroy Brittain (1822-1902; William Brittain (1830-1846); Gabriella H (Brittain) Arnall (1832-1885); and George Washington Brittain (1839-1878).



ROWLAND, John was born in 1765 and died 27 Oct 1834. He served as a Private in the 19th Virginia Regiment from Richmond in Ensign G.M. Carrington's Company, Lt Colonel John Ambler's Regiment. He also had service in the Revolutionary War as a Private in a Pennsylvania Company commanded by Colonel Lewis Nicola in April 1783. No information regarding parents or a marriage has been found



### Our Objectives

The objectives of the Virginia Society are the collection and preservation of rolls, records, books, and other documents relating to the War of 1812; the encouragement of research and the preservation of historical data, including memorials to patriots of that era in our national history; the caring for the graves of veterans of the War of 1812; the cherishing, maintenance and extension of the institutions of American freedom; the fostering of true patriotism and love of country.

### Membership

Any male person above the age of twenty-one years, who participated in, or who is a lineal descendant of one who served during the War of 1812, in the army, navy, revenue-marine, or privateer service of the United States, offering proof thereof satisfactory to the State Society to which he may make application for membership, and who is of good moral character and reputation, may become a member of this Society.

### Shockoe Hill Cemetery

In 2011 in a dual ceremony with the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution a monument was unveiled indicating over 400 War of 1812 veterans are buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery. Some War of 1812 grave markers as shown below are located next the gravestones of some of these veterans

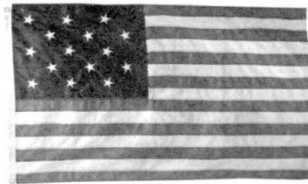


### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### The Star Spangled Banner Flag

It contains 15 stars and 15 stripes and was the U.S. flag at the time and perhaps was displayed at Fort Norfolk and various Federal camps on the James River protecting Richmond. A rendition of this flag is carried by the color guard at this event.



### For more Information

For viewing photographs taken at this event and for information on other ceremonies conducted or to be conducted by the War of 1812 Society in Virginia, or for information on how you may become a member, please visit our website at [www.1812va.org](http://www.1812va.org)





**Councillor Michael Wyler unveils marker for John Rowland**



**President Paul Walden unveils marker for John Brittain**





**President Walden unveils marker for Powhatan Ellis**



**Honor Guard conducts musket firing after taps**





**President Walden addresses Society and guests at the Shockoe Hill Cemetery**



**JoAnne Fickling, Rappahannock Chapter, Daughters of War of 1812**





**Jeffrey Burden, past president of Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery**