



# THE VIRGINIA WAR CRY

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## Grave Marking Ceremony for Maj. Robert Wormley Carter

On October 16, eleven members of the Virginia Society marked the grave of Major Robert Wormeley Carter at his grave on his ancestral home “Sabine Hall” in the Northern Neck of Virginia, just outside of Warsaw. The home is still occupied by his descendants, Robert Carter Welford IV and Mercer Welford O’Hara.

Robert Wormeley Carter was born 1 January 1792 and died 27 Oct 1861. He married Elizabeth Tayloe on 11 May 1829. He was commissioned as a Captain on 4 April 1814 and later promoted to Major in General Parker’s 4<sup>th</sup> Division, Virginia Militia. This would mean he was in the Alexandria area and was part of the Virginia militia in the Battle of White House when the US attempted to impede the British fleet as it came down the Potomac after seizing goods and ships from Alexandria. This troop engaged with the British at Farnham Church on December 1814 which was a success for the US forces. He later served in the House of Delegates from 1822-1858. He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandson of Robert “King” Carter, Colonial Governor of Virginia.

Paul Walden, President, served as Master of Ceremonies, Chaplain Thad Hartman gave the invocation and benediction, and the Carter descendants, including Defender Jim Russell, unveiled the marker. The Rappahannock and the James Monroe Chapters of the U.S. Daughters of the War of

1812, and the Northern Neck Historical Society presented wreaths. A special thanks goes to Defender Charles Belfield for organizing the event.

Photo 1: left to right: Hugh Markham, Mrs. and Mr. Robert Welford IV, Mercer O’Hara, Jim Russell, George Beckett, Thad Hartman, Mike Lyman, Mike Wyler, Ken Hawkins, Paul Walden, Charles Belfield, James Green



Photo 2: Carter descendants unveil grave marker: left to right: Jim Russell, Robert Welford IV, and Mercer O’Hara



## President's Message

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable fall and memorable Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have had a busy summer and fall, despite the continued restrictions of the pandemic.

In August, I attended the annual 1812 National Society meeting in Franklin, Tennessee. The weekend included a tour of the Camp Blount site in Fayetteville, where Andrew Jackson mustered the Tennessee Volunteers. We also visited the Tennessee History Museum, which has a section dedicated to the War of 1812, and the Hermitage.

On October 2, I attended the dedication of the James Monroe birthplace. I was glad to see such a large turnout from our society for this grand event. I counted 6 members present. I am also proud that our society made a generous donation to the Virginia CAR for their annual project to fund bricks used in the Monroe house restoration.

On October 11, I attended a luncheon and Flag Ceremony at the U.S. Daughters of the War of 1812 Headquarters in Washington, DC. They now fly the 15 star "Star Spangled Banner" flag at their building on Rhode Island Avenue. Our Board of Direction also met on October 16 in Warsaw.

Our high school essay contest was extended to December 31, 2021. However, no entries were received this year.

I have been working with the Fairfax County History Commission to erect a plaque memorializing the site of Wiley's Tavern, near Dranesville in Fairfax County, where the Madisons briefly rejoined after fleeing the burning Capitol in August, 1814. However, the Commission is requiring additional documentation and I am still trying to secure

permission from the landowner to place the plaque, so this has been delayed.

I hope to see many of you in the coming year. Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2022.  
Paul Walden, President

## Passing of Society Councilor John Thomas Whetstone, III.



Defender Tom Whetstone passed suddenly on October 1, 2021 in Chesapeake. Tom was a very active member of our society and will be greatly missed. He was also our newsletter editor, so this edition is dedicated to his memory. Defender Whetstone earned a Doctorate at the University of Oxford, an M.S. in Management from MIT and a M. Div. and Th.M. degrees from Reformed Theological Seminary, as well as a B.S. from Washington and Lee. Shortly before his unexpected passing, he submitted an article on Chief Pushmataha, which was published in the October, 2021 edition of the General Society of the War of 1812, "The 1812 Way Cry":

<https://historian1812.files.wordpress.com/2021/10/war-cry-october-2021.pdf>. Page 4. He was also a member of the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Historical Foundation, Norfolk County Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and Sons of Confederate Veterans. He will be greatly missed by his compatriots.

## Grave Markings

Our society has always been very active in researching, locating, and marking War of

1812 veteran's graves in Virginia. Defender Mike Lyman is responsible for most of this research. He recently compiled a list of 122 veterans of both the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 buried in Virginia, which will be published on our website. We try to have at least one dual grave marking with the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) each year. In 2022, we are planning to have a dual grave marking ceremony honoring 20 veterans of the War of 1812 and 6 of the American Revolution at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Norfolk. Defender Ken Hawkins is to be thanked for all the time he has put into the coordination of this event. Also, in early 2022, I will be conducting a joint grave marking with VASSAR honoring a veteran of both wars at Flint Hill Cemetery in Vienna. We will notify the membership once these dates are finalized. We are also planning a joint grave marking in the April-May timeframe in Strasburg. We have also been invited to participate in a grave marking for a War of 1812 veteran interred at Rader Lutheran Church in Rockingham County in early May. This is a ceremony being planned by one of the descendants who is a member of the Georgia Society.

### Mark Your Calendars

Spring Board of Direction meeting 2:00 PM, Friday, February 11, in conjunction with the VASSAR Annual Meeting, Omni Hotel, Richmond, VA (details forthcoming).

### Call for Articles

Honor your ancestor by sending an article about him and his service in the War of 1812. Or, if you would like to write an article about a particular battle or event in the War, please send that as well. We are also looking for a newsletter editor. Email: PaulWalden@live.com.



### Welcome New Members Admitted in 2021

Fredrick Murray Carrington  
 William Aaron Cross  
 John Sterling Harris  
 Timothy Michael Schanep  
 Hubert Lamar Clements  
 Jeffrey Allan Sterling  
 Christopher Nowell Ackiss  
 James Elwood Rannels, Jr  
 Donald Wayne Moore

### Richmond Light Infantry Blues

Thanks to Mike Lyman for providing image. This is the uniform frequently worn by our Virginia Society Color Guard.



Private                      Captain                      First Sergeant  
 Richmond Light Infantry Blues, Virginia Volunteer Militia, 1794-1807

BOD Meeting, Oct. 16, Warsaw: L to R:  
Thad Hartman, Ken Hawkins, Mike  
Wyler, Hugh Markham, Jim Russell, Mike  
Lyman, Paul Walden, Charles Belfield,  
Jim Green



Daughters of the War of 1812 Flag  
Raising Ceremony, Oct 11, 2021. On the  
left are Paul Walden, and General Society  
War of 1812 President Mabee



Attendees at 166<sup>th</sup> Annual General Society  
Meeting, The Hermitage, Nashville, TN,  
Aug. 6



## Wreaths Across America

Thanks for Defender Dale Corey for  
Honoring Two Veterans of the War of 1812  
during the annual Wreaths Across America  
event on 18 Dec:

James Wilson, Surgeon's Mate, 6th VMR, Augusta Old  
Stone Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Ft Defiance,  
VA.



John Ramey, b abt 1786, died 04 Apr  
1872. Private in 13th or 97th VMR, Captain  
Peter Hay's Co, attached to 1st VMR  
(Yancey). Cemetery: Ramey Family, Warren  
County

