

SOCIETY CONDUCTS ANNUAL MUSTER AT GRAVES MOUNTAIN LODGE ON JUNE 25, 2022

The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia conducted its Annual Muster on June 25, 2022, at the Graves Mountain Lodge, near Syria, Virginia. The Board of Direction met from 10am until 11:30am, followed by a family style luncheon at the Lodge. Ten Society members attended the General meeting along with three guests. After the luncheon, former Vice-President General Butler gave a thirty minute lecture about William Madison, President James Madison's younger brother. William Madison was a brigadier general during the War of 1812 and participated in the war in military activities in the Northern Neck and in Maryland from September 1814-February 1815. The county in which the Lodge is located is Madison County named for the Madison family.

The primary function of the Annual Muster was to install the new Society officers for the years 2022-2024. As announced at the meeting those officers are: James Green, President; Kenneth Hawkins, 1st Vice President; Dale Corey, 2nd Vice President; James Russell, Secretary; Shane Newcombe, Treasurer; Hugh Markham, Registrar; Carter Furr, Counsel, Peter Broadbent, Historian; Thad Hartmann, Chaplain; and Paul Walden, Vice-President General.

A highlight of the meeting was the announcement of the two winners of the Essay Contest sponsored by the Society. The winners' names and their entries will be announced in a separate posting.

Following the luncheon and lecture, the Society adjourned at 1:45pm to conduct a grave marking ceremony at the Piedmont Episcopal Church Cemetery in nearby Madison, Virginia. The current rector, the Reverend Ann West, opened the church grounds and church Parish House, and officiated at the ceremony honoring Surgeons Mate, William Tunstall Banks, who served in the War of 1812 in Colonel Archibald Ritchie's 6th Regiment of Virginia militia. Included in this post is a copy of the proceedings of the ceremony honoring William Banks.



President Paul Walden swears in new officers: Left to Right: Paul Walden, incoming President James Green; Kenneth Hawkins, 1st VP; Hugh Markham, registrar, and Thad Hartmann, chaplain.



Paul Walden ties on the Presidential chain of office to James Green.



Current Vice-President General Stuart Butler swears in new Vice President General, Paul Walden.



Registrar Hugh Markham swears in new member, James G. Russell while new President James Green looks on.



President Paul Walden and Vice President General Butler Unveil War of 1812 marker at the tomb of Surgeon's Mate William Tunstall Banks.



Left to right: Hugh Markham, Stuart Butler, Paul Walden, Mike Lyman, Thad Hartmann, and James Green.



Paul Walden makes remarks before the unveiling of the War of 1812 marker



Left to Right: Hugh Markham, Stuart Butler, Paul Walden, Rev. Ann West, Mike Lyman, and James Green. Many thanks to the Reverend West for opening her church and grounds and for officiating at our ceremony.



View from the Graves Mountain Lodge



GRAVE MARKER UNVEILING CEREMONY

FOR

2D SURGEON'S MATE

WILLIAM TUNSTALL BANKS

CONDUCTED BY

**THE WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

IN THE

**PIEDMONT EPISCOPAL CHURCH CEMETERY
MADISON, MADISON COUNTY**

25 JUNE 2022

INFORMATION ABOUT VETERAN DOCTOR WILLIAM TUNSTALL BANKS

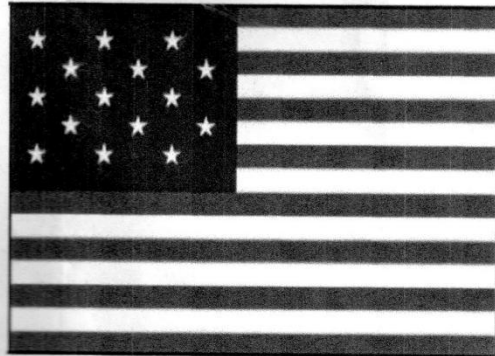
He was born in Culpeper County, VA on 17 Feb 1778, son of Baylor Banks (18 Dec 1755-6 Apr 1815) & Anna Slaughter.(6 Oct 1770, Culpeper Co-20 Aug 1818). He married, 1 March 1812, Pamela Somerville Harris.(17 Mar 1794-10 Aug 1824). They had four children, William Eldridge Banks, Sophia Mary Banks; Clara Fry Banks; and Jonathan Lawrence Banks.

He served in the War of 1812 in Essex Co on the staff of Lt Col Archibald Ritchie 's 6th VA Militia Regiment as a 2d Surgeon's Master (Sources: VA Muster Rolls page 4 & Fold 3 Service Index Card) NARA)

He died in January 1859 and has a gravestone in the cemetery



War of 1812 Grave Marker



Star Spangled Banner Flag

PROGRAM

Call to order: 2:30PM Paul Walden, President, Society War of 1812 in VA
Benediction: Rev Ann West, Rector, Piedmont Episcopal Church
Advance the Colors: President Walden
Present Colors: Members of the Color Guard: Mike Lyman, Thad Hartman, Hugh Markham
Pledge of Allegiance: led by James Green Society Vice President
Post Colors: Society Color Guard
Greetings: President Walden
Greetings: Rev Ann West, Rector, Piedmont Episcopal Church
Greetings: TBA Madison County Historical Society
Greetings: Descendants of the Veteran
Information Regarding Veteran to be Honored: Stuart L Butler, Past President, War of 1812 Society
Ritual for Unveiling Grave Marker: Mike Lyman, Past President & Hugh Markham, Registrar, 1812 Society
Unveiling of Grave Marker: President Paul Walden & Stuart Butler
Presentation of Wreaths:
 War of 1812 Society by President Walden
 Others TBA
Musket Salute: TBA
TAPS: Member Dale Cory
Benediction: Rev Ann West, Rector, Piedmont Episcopal Church
Closing Remarks: President Walden
Group photos



Gravestone for 2nd Surgeons Mate, William Tunstall Banks