SOCIETY MEMBERS OBSERVE "NEW MARKER RECOGNITION DAY" AT SHOCKOE HILL CEMETERY, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, APRIL 30, 2023

On April 30, 2023, historic Shockoe Hill's Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery observed its "New Marker Recognition Day" by which attendees witnessed over sixty new stones recognizing military and civilian service to Virginia and United States. Among the new stones were three War of 1812 veterans: Corp. Alexander Grant and Pvt. Sewell Osgood, both of the  $19^{th}$  Virginia militia raised in Richmond and Pvt. Patrick Lyddane,  $2^{nd}$  Regiment of the D.C. militia.

Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery director, Jeff Burden, organized and presided over a short meeting held at 2pm· Burden is also a member of the Society of the War of 1812· Attached is the program describing the events· Two family descendants of Pvt· Osgood, Corinne Casper and Jacquie Padgett, were present to share stories about their ancestor· Attached is a description of their ancestor's life and times presented at the meeting·



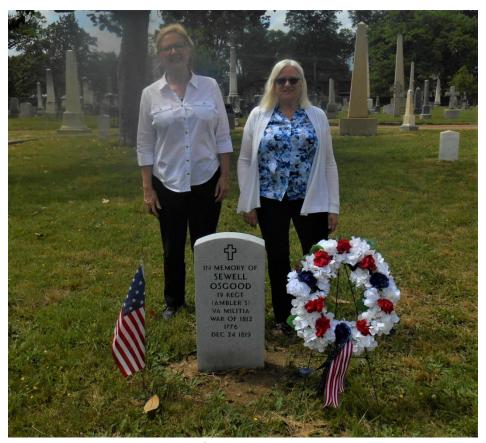
President of Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.



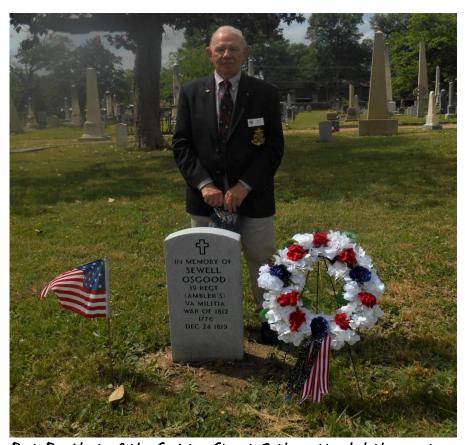
Members of the John Marshall ROTC formed the color guard for the event



Piper performed "Amazing Grace"



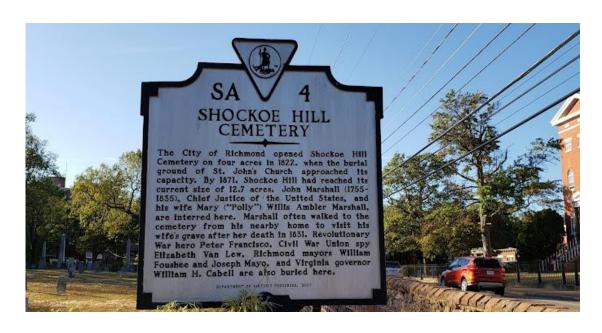
Corinne Casper and Jacdquie Padgett stand behind their ancestor's stone



Past President of the Society, Stuart Butler, attended the event.







Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery & City of Richmond

# New Marker Recognition Day

April 30 2023

Welcome

Presentation of the Colors / Pledge of Allegiance

Background on the marker placements

Family/Organization Remarks

"Amazing Grace"

Concluding Remarks / Retiring of the Colors

Benediction

# Civilian Markers

Augustine Davis / Martha Davenport Davis Maria Louisa Davis Shepherd / Samuel Shepherd Maria Louisa Shepherd Upshur Dr. Thomas Harold Wilson Upshur (cenotaph) -Peyton Carter & Family

Archibald W. Minetree / Eliza Ann Gee Minetree / James A. Minetree -Sallie Gill & Family

Maria Coleman Jerdone Pettus -Jerdone Davis & Kim Petzinger

Dr. Charles Spotswood Mills
-Nancy Faxon

George Turner / Eliza Peace Osgood Turner Susanna Turner / Martin Luther Turner Two Turner infants -Corinne Casper

# Military Markers

#### War of 1812

Corp. Alexander Grant, 19th Regt., Va. Militia -Marsha Shockley & Virginia Lee

Pvt. Patrick Lyddane, 2nd Regt., D. C. Militia -Denis & Karen Lyddane

Pvt. Sewell Osgood, 19th Regt., Va. Militia (cenotaph)

-Corinne Casper & Jacquie Padgett

## Civil War

Virginia Division, Children of the Confederacy

Pvt. Jacob Abrams, 3rd Battalion, R.L.D.T. Pvt. Bartlett Adams, Caskie's Battery, Va. Lt. Art. Pvt. Palantine Akers, 13th Virginia Cavalry Pvt. Charles Ashmore, 1st Battalion, R.L.D.T. Pvt. Walter S. Beatie, 1st Virginia Cavalry Pvt. John W. Bohannan, 1st Battalion, R.L.D.T. Pvt. William A. Bohannan, 1st Virginia Infantry Pvt. William Calder, 3rd Battalion, R.L.D.T. Pvt. James Chamberlayne, Otey's Batt., V. L. A. Pvt. Thomas Clemmitt, 2nd Regt., Va. State Res. Pvt. Alfred W. Clopton, 4th Virginia Cavalry Corp. John C. Coghill, 59th Virginia Infantry Pvt. William P. Crutchfield, 1st Battalion, R.L.D.T. Corp. Miles C. Eggleston, 2nd Regt., Va. St. Res. Pvt. George W. Folkes, Parker's Battery, V. L. A. Pvt. Benjamin C. Galloway, 1st Battalion, R.L.D.T. Pvt. George W. Goode, 2nd Regiment, R.L.D.T. 1st Lt. William Wirt Harrison, 1st Virginia Infantry Pvt. Nathaniel P. Howard, 1st Regt., Va. St. Res. Pvt. S. Dandridge Lowry, 2nd Regt., Va. St. Res. Pvt. Richard Napier, 1st Regt., Va. St. Res. Pvt. Bernard O'Donnell, 1st Battalion, R.L.D.T. Pvt. William Pemberton, 2nd Regt., Va. St. Res. Pvt. John Tyler Redwood, 4th Virginia Infantry

### Special thanks to:

Jeff Anderson | Jacquie Padgett | Corinne Casper | John Marshall H.S. JROTC | VA Society, Gen'l Soc. of the War of 1812 Pvt. John W. Sarvay, 26th Virginia Infantry 2nd Lt. Richard L. Scott, 25th Battalion, R.L.D.T Pvt. David B. Taylor, 40th Virginia Infantry Pvt. George Taylor, Whittington's Battery, V.L.A. Pvt. Edward J. Tyler, 5th Battalion, R.L.D.T. Capt. Robert A. Tompkins, 23rd Virginia Infantry Pvt. Phillip J. Vermillera, 1st Virginia Infantry Pvt. William C. Watkins, 15th Virginia Infantry Pvt. William H. Wheeley, 5th Virginia Cavalry Pvt. James H. Willis, 46th Virginia Infantry

Society of the Order of the Southern Cross

Richard R. Bates, Richmond Ambulance Corps
Pvt. William F. Bowie, Signal Corps, C.S.A.
Art. Reuben F. Bowler, 1st Confederate Engineers
Pvt. James H. Hackett, 2nd Regt., Va. St. Res.
Hosp. Stew. James A. Kinnaird, 5th Texas Infantry
Pvt. Michael J. Lannan, 16th Virginia Infantry
John H. Leftwich, Richmond Ambulance Corps
Surgeon Peter Lyons, P.A.C.S.
Richard L. Meredith, Richmond Ambulance Corps
Paymaster Sydney Nicholas, C.S. Navy
George W. Smith, Richmond Ambulance Corps
1st Lt. Mark Anthony Tyndall, 10th Virginia Cav.

Pvt. Harry Croning, 1st Texas Infantry Pvt. Lewis P. Samanni, 9th Mississippi Infantry -Deserae Whitus

Sgt. William McCrackin, 1st (Orr's) S.C. Rifles -Steve Hearn

Pvt. John Meenly, 18th Battery, Va. Heavy Art. -Florida Society, Order of Confederate Rose

Corp. Robert J. Moss, 1st Virginia Infantry -Marsha Shockley & Virginia Lee

Pvt. William H. Shelley, 15th Virginia Infantry
-15th Virginia, Company H (Carroll Co., MD)

Private Sewell Osgood served in the War of 1812 in Col. John Ambler's Virginia Militia, 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment, after coming to Richmond in the early 1800s. He is the son of Christopher Osgood and Hannah Brown of Massachusetts and Vermont.

At the muster of the militia company, no musician was present. Osgood slung the drum over his shoulder, and.... With a drumstick in his left hand and the flute in his right, he tooted and rub-a-dubbed at the head of the company, which marched and kept time correctly as if they had the Armory band leading them.

Sewell married Frances Courtney in 1805. Her uncle was Rev. John Courtney of Richmond's First Baptist Church from 1788 until his death in 1824. Sewell set up shop in 1805 as Baker & Osgood, selling axes, picks and mill irons of all kinds. Sewell offered John Hooker's window sash springs for Henrico and Chesterfield gentlemen in his shop. He offered a model for gentlemen to see, and the service of having the window sash springs set to their windows.

Sewell's talents were many....

He was said to be a useful citizen, a most prompt and efficient fireman, the Fire King of Richmond, and a Yankee Blacksmith. He is credited with the idea of a volunteer fire department. Richmond suffered a string of fires from 1807 to 1815.

With the activity of a monkey he would instantly be perched on the peak of a roof or wherever the fire was hottest and his efforts could be most available. He is credited with saving many people in the Richmond Theater Fire of 1811. Monumental Church on Broad Street is built over the site of the Richmond Theater.

In 1807, Sewell was presented by the citizens of the town of Manchester a small but elegant Urn and piece of inscribed plate in appreciation for his exertions in the destructive and alarming fire in June of 1807. Sewell replied that he only discharged a duty of any good citizen. He felt his

award was the good fortune to be useful in arresting the progress of that destructive element....

After a store at Main and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets caught fire in 1812 and 5 tenements burned, Sewell was called a hero for stopping the progress of the blaze. He recommended that Richmond establish volunteer fire companies of forty "strong, able men" who would function as a dedicated demolition team, tearing down houses to stop the spread of fire, and maintain the fire fighting equipment, which was in bad shape and not easily accessible.

In Nov 1818 Sewell was elected Deputy Police Master of the City of Richmond. And in 1819, Sewell is listed as the Deputy Police Officer, at D Street, between 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Streets in Richmond.

He may have been forgotten through the years, and with today's dedication of his marker, his descendants honor his legacy.

Here he lies remembered for his many contributions to early Richmond...) with his wife, Frances, his daughter Eliza Peace Osgood, other family members and near his commander Col. John Ambler.