

## *SOCIETY PARTICIPATES IN WREATH LAYING CEREMONY HONORING DR. JAMES CARSON*

*Former president of the Virginia Society of the War of 1812, and Vice President General, Paul Walden, represented the Society in a wreath laying ceremony honoring Dr. James Carson, who served as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, DC militia. At the time of the War of 1812, the Alexandria militia was part of the District of Columbia military establishment. Attached is a record of Dr. Carson's achievements and a short biography. The ceremony was held at the Christ Church Episcopal cemetery in Alexandria. The complete program is also included here. The Eliza Monroe Chapter, National Society United States Daughters of 1812, sponsored the event, along with other organizations.*



*Paul Walden*



*Color guard for the occasion*



Grave Marking  
and  
Wreath Laying Ceremony  
  
honoring

**Dr. James Carson**

War of 1812  
First Lieutenant, 1st Regiment, Artillery DC Militia

Eliza Monroe Chapter 355  
National Society United States Daughters of 1812

Saturday, June 3, 2023  
10:30

Christ Church Episcopal Cemetery  
1501 Wilkes Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

## Commemorating Dr. James Carson Veteran of the War of 1812

### Welcome

*Natalie Ardoline*

President - Eliza Monroe Chapter, Virginia  
National Society United States Daughters of 1812

We welcome you to the grave marking and wreath laying ceremony in honor of Dr. James Carson. We pay tribute to his service to our Country as well as his dedication to the Alexandria Community. The Colors will be presented by members of the Society of the War of 1812 Maryland. Color Guard, advance the Colors.

### The Colors are Presented

*David Embrey*  
*Glenn Moss*

Guard Commander - Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland  
Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland

### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

*Sandra "Sandi" Esty*

Librarian-Curator - Eliza Monroe Chapter, Virginia  
National Society United States Daughters of 1812

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.

~Francis Bellamy

### Salute to the Flag of 1812

*Allison Hoopes*

Registrar, National Defense Chair - Eliza Monroe Chapter, Virginia  
National Society United States Daughters of 1812

All hail to Thee, fair Flag of 1812, under whose stars and stripes our fathers fought for Liberty and Justice. We pledge to Thee our loyal hearts and thus salute Thee.

Color Guard, post the Colors.

### The Colors are Posted

Color Guard dismissed.

### American's Creed

*Eugenia McGroarty*

2nd Vice President - Eliza Monroe Chapter, Virginia  
National Society United States Daughters of 1812

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a Democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

~William Tyler Page

### Opening Prayer

*Donna Callison Hall*

Past President - Eliza Monroe Chapter,  
Parliamentarian - Virginia  
National Society United States Daughters of 1812

Heavenly Father, we stand before You deeply grateful for the valor of those Soldiers who have laid down their lives in service to our country. We ask that You be present today as we honor Dr. James Carson, a Soldier of the War of 1812 and a dedicated citizen of Alexandria. *Amen*

### Attendees

We have not forgotten the heroic deeds of our forebears. We are here today as proof.

Greetings

*Nancy Howard Mossburg* State President Virginia - National Society United States Daughters of 1812

Greetings

*Paul Walden* Vice President General Virginia - Society of the War of 1812  
Governor General - Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers

Dedication of the Marker

Biography of First Lieutenant Dr. James Carson

*Natalie Ardoline* President - Eliza Monroe Chapter

At this time the 1812 Veteran Marker will be unveiled by Dr. Carson's descendants.

We gather to pay tribute to Dr. James Carson who served our great country as a First Lieutenant in the War of 1812 as well as a physician, businessman and dedicated community servant in Alexandria. He was born in Ireland in 1773, immigrated to Alexandria in 1805 with his wife Ursula and his two brothers Nehemiah and George, joining their father Dr. Samuel Carson who is buried here next to him. He was the father to three children, Elizabeth Carson Roach, Jane Carson Gahan and Samuel B. Carson Captain in the Army of Texas. Dr. Carson was a First Lieutenant Alexandria Artillery Company, member of the Alexandria Dragoons, a Commander with the Friendship Fire Company for 19 years, Superintendent of Police and Inspector of the City Docks 9 years, Attendant to Gen. Lafayette in 1824, Manager and Vice President of the Hibernian Society of Alexandria 16 years, Justice of the Peace 9 years, member of the Alexandria Board of Health, and in 1842 as a Manager of the Birth-night Ball honoring Gen. Washington. He served the citizens of Alexandria until his death in 1855.

We now lay wreaths in grateful recognition of his sacrifice and service and pay tribute to all the heroic men and women who have served our nation.

Placing of Their Wreaths

*Nancy Howard Mossburg* State President Virginia - National Society United States Daughters of 1812

*Paul Walden* Vice President General Virginia - Society of the War of 1812

*William "Bill" Kehoe* Secretary - Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association

*Chris Bissex* Recording Secretary - Ancient Order of Hibernians

Benediction

*Donna Callison Hall* Past President - Eliza Monroe Chapter

Dear Lord, it is with great respect and honor that we ask You to bless the lasting contributions to our freedom of Dr. James Carson. May this marker and wreaths serve to let all who see them know that our great nation has been enriched by Dr. James Carson's life. In Your name we ask this. *Amen*

Closing

*Natalie Ardoline* President - Eliza Monroe Chapter

The members of the Eliza Monroe Chapter extend a sincere thank you to all who participated and attended today. With a special thank you to Rev. Noelle and Barry Stauffer and the members of the Christ Church Episcopal Church who are the devoted caretakers of this historic cemetery. Please will you remain briefly for a group photo. Thank you again.

*Dr. James Carson's  
Notable Community Support  
Alexandria, VA/DC*

Physician



- 1811-1830      3rd and 2nd Commander, Friendship Fire Company
- 1814-1819      First Lieutenant Alexandria Artillery Company, Alexandria Dragoons 1813
- 1820-1829      Superintendent of Police
- 1829-            Inspector of Alexandria City Docks
- 1824            Attendant to Gen. Lafayette and Civil Escort for Revolutionary War Soldiers in procession to Gen. Washington's Tomb during Gen. Lafayette's visit in Alexandria
- 1824-1840      Manager, Vice President, Hibernian Society of Alexandria
- 1832            Committee to Carryout Centennial Celebration of Gen. Washington's Birth
- 1832-            Member Alexandria Board of Health
- 1837-1846      Justice of the Peace, Alexandria County, DC\*
- 1842-            Manager of the Birthnight Ball, Alexandria

\*Alexandria City, Alexandria County, was part of the District of Columbia 1791 - 1846

Tombstone inscription

*Erected in memory of  
Dr. JAMES CARSON*

*A native of the country of Armagh Ireland*

*who died September 9th, 1855*

*in the 82d year of his age*

*also his wife*

*URSULA*

*a native of county Armagh Ireland*

*who died June 3rd 1835*

*in the 53d year of her age*

**OBITUARY.**

The death of Dr. JAMES CARSON, has been already announced in the Gazette. He was a native of Ireland, but emigrated to this country, in early life, and lived in this city and neighborhood ever since. He was an active citizen, as long as his health permitted, and filled in this place, several offices of trust and responsibility, with credit to himself, and for the good of his fellow townsmen. He was a warm hearted, patriotic gentleman; and had many friends. Kind in all the social relations, intelligent, and urbane, his companionship was sought after by the young, as well as by those of his own age. As time advanced he withdrew from the active scenes of life, and passed the evening of his days calmly and quietly, at the residence of his son in law in this county. He died at a ripe old age, with the respect and esteem of all who knew him, and who will long cherish his memory and the recollections of his many estimable qualities of mind and heart.