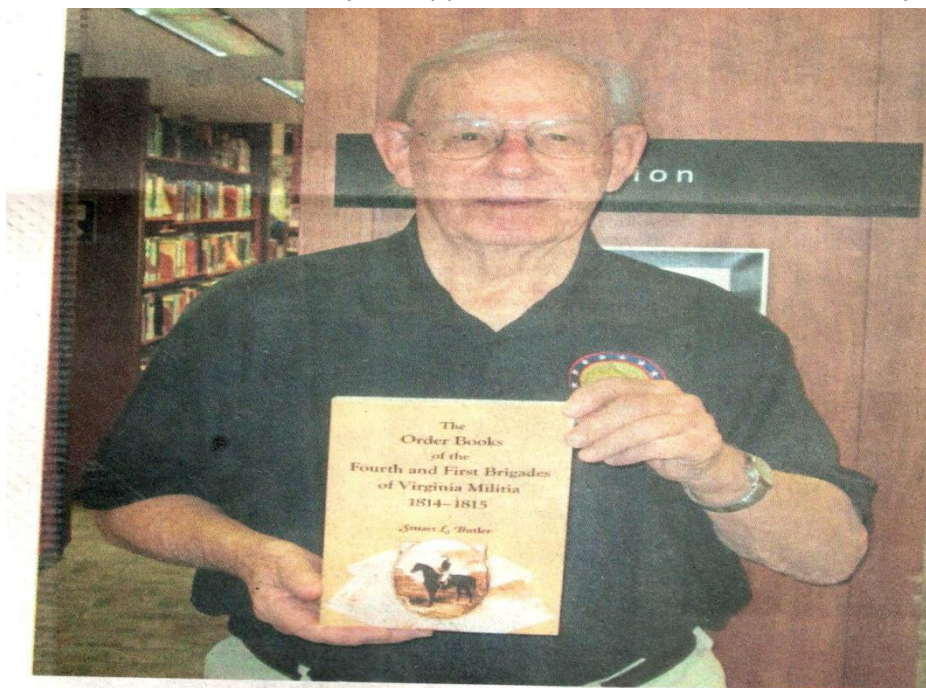


SOCIETY PRESIDENT PUBLISHES BOOK ABOUT VIRGINIA MILITIA

President Stuart Butler has published a book concerning the Virginia militia brigades which provided defense for Richmond during the War of 1812.

*The book, *The Order Books of the Fourth and First Brigades of Virginia Militia, 1814-1815**, contains a transcription of the original order books issued by two brigades charged with defending Richmond from possible attack by the British in the fall and winter of 1814-1815. The orders contain over four hundred names of officers, men, and civilians who are mentioned in the book. Those interested in the general military history of Virginia and more particularly in its militia will find a great deal of information about the life of the common militiaman. Orders describe in explicit detail the day-to-day activities such as drilling, target practice, punishments assigned, police and sanitary efforts, guard duty, and preparations for mess. Reenactors will find much information about the drilling and training methods described in the orders. Attached is a photo of the author donating a copy of his book to the Williamsburg library.*



Local author

Local author Stuart Butler recently donated a copy of his transcription of the primary source materials "The Order Books of the Fourth and First Brigades of Virginia Militia, 1814-1815" to the Williamsburg Regional Library. The volume consists of the military order books created by two Virginia militia brigades that served during the War of 1812. The Fourth Virginia Brigade was under the command of Brig. Gen. John Hartwell Cocke. The First Virginia Brigade was under the command of Brig. Gen. William Chamberlayne. The orders offer insights about the life of the common militiaman, and the book includes a full-name and place index. These titles will be added to the Local Authors Project. For more information, call 757-741-3390. **BENJAMIN GOLDBERG**

A copy of the book can be purchased from the publisher, Heritage Books, Inc., or online from Amazon.com. (photo by Williamsburg Library).