



THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY  
of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America

On June 23, 2018, a typical hot and extremely humid day in southern Virginia, Secretary General (also the VA Society Governor) J. Shane Newcombe along with the Deputy Registrar General (also the VA Society Genealogist) Michael E. Weyler, participated in a very special event honoring a Patriot. Specifically, “A Tribute to JUDGE PAUL CARRINGTON on this the Bicentennial of his death...[at] Mulberry Hill Plantation ...Staunton River Battlefield State Park--Randolph, Virginia. To honor his legacy as a founder of Charlotte County [VA] in the colonial period, to mark his forty-two years as a public servant in the legislature and judiciary, and to commemorate his service as a Virginia Patriot during the Revolution and his influence in the founding of an infant democracy, a granite marker was unveiled to permanently and perpetually recognize his accomplishments in front of his law office on the grounds of his plantation, Mulberry Hill.” The Bicentennial Tribute began with a resolution from the Board of Supervisors of Charlotte County stating: “...be it Resolved that the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize June 23rd, 2018 as Judge Paul Carrington Day in memory of Charlotte County’s founding fathers, steadfast patriots, and distinguished gentleman.” More than 60 individuals, representing numerous organizations were in attendance, traveling from points as far away as Kentucky, to pay homage to this great Patriot.

Secretary General Newcombe, the Vice-President of the Historic Staunton River Foundation, was the Master of Ceremony (MC). In addition to his MC duties, he provided *Greetings* from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America. Deputy Registrar Weyler proudly presented the Virginia Society Wreath during the wreath ceremony.

Judge Paul Carrington was born on 16 March 1733 and was a “successful colonial planter, lawyer, and politician, who helped the colony of Virginia gain her independence, as well as mold a new nation.” As a Patriot and a member of the Virginia Colonial House of Burgesses, he “was a proponent of resolutions supporting Virginia independence, and helped pen the Virginia Declaration of Rights. He soon rose to be the Chief Justice of the General Court of Virginia in 1780 and by 1789 was appointed as one of the five judges of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals [later known as the Supreme Court of Virginia], where he served until his retirement in 1807.” On 23 June 1818, the *Richmond Enquirer* newspaper, on reporting the death of Judge Paul Carrington, summed up Carrington’s lifetime commitment to Virginia and our country by reporting that Carrington “... [was a] venerable and highly respectable gentlemen [and] was perhaps the oldest of the few surviving Patriots, who took an active part in the counsels of his country, in her first struggle for liberty and independence.”



The above dignitaries and representatives participated in the wreath presentation portion of this historic event and are standing in front of the original law office of Judge Paul Carrington along with the newly dedicated stone marker in front.

The individuals in the above photograph are (from l-r): Mr. Tim Vest, District Manager for State Parks; Mr. Dennis Fritts, Past-President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia; Mr. David Gunnells, Park Manager, Staunton River Battlefield State Park, Mr. Michael E. Weyler, Deputy Registrar General and the Virginia Society Genealogist of The Order of the Founders & Patriots of America; Mr. J. Shane Newcombe, Secretary General of The Order of the Founders & Patriots of America (and the Virginia Society Governor) and Vice-President Historic Staunton River Foundation; Mr. Stanley Foster, Cannoneer of Staunton Hill Artillery and Trustee, Historic Staunton River Foundation; Mrs. Darlene Foster, Recorder of Military Service, H. A. Carrington Chapter 1055, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Trustee, Historic Staunton River Foundation; Mr. Larry Hartsoe, Adjutant Charlotte Grays Chapter #1964, Sons of Confederate Veterans; Mrs. Cora V. St. John, Director, Charlotte County APVA; Ms. Janet Johnson, Past-President and current Secretary of the Historic Staunton River Foundation; and Ms. Jeanie Geoghegan, Trustee of the Historic Staunton River Foundation and representative of the Descendants & Family of Judge Paul Carrington.