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"Preserving and Interpreting the Colonial History of Virginia's Frontier"

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JUDGE ROBERT K. WOLTZ HISTORY AWARD

By Stevan W. Resan, Vice President



Gordon Barlow holding the Judge Robert K. Woltz History Award presented by VP Stevan A. Resan. The award is in the form of a gorget, the symbol of an officer on active duty in colonial times.

The Judge Robert K. Woltz History Award is awarded to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions in the area of scholarship which furthers the understanding of the French and Indian War in American History.

Gordon Barlow is past president of the Kentucky Rifle Association and recipient of the Kentucky Rifle Association's Distinguished Service Award.

He is a founding member and serves on the board of the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia. Barlow has worked tirelessly to promote the importance of the French and Indian War. He opens his vast collection of French and Indian War artifacts for examination and study.

Barlow is the Founder of the Contemporary Longrifle Association through which he supports artists and craftsmen and craftswomen who seek to preserve, reproduce, and enhance our understanding of the material culture of the French and Indian War era.

He is the author of *Following the Tradition*, which chronicles creations of members of the Contemporary Longrifle Association.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT - 15TH ANNUAL MEETING

By David Grosso, President



President David Grosso delivered an overview of Foundation activities in 2017, introduced committee chairs for their annual reports, and introduced the speaker, Mr. Robert Ambrose.

Thirty members attended the Foundation's 15th annual meeting held at the Godfrey Miller Home in Winchester on Sunday afternoon November 12, 2017. President David Grosso welcomed everyone in attendance and began the meeting with an overview of 2017 Foundation activities including those sponsored by the Foundation as well as events sponsored by other organizations in which the Foundation participated. In all, from the celebration of Washington's birthday in February through the participation of Captain George Mercer's company of the 1st Virginia Regiment in an encampment in October at Fort Edwards, Capon Bridge, WV, the Foundation sponsored or participated in nine separate public events during the year.

The Business portion of the meeting included reports from the Treasurer and the respective chairs of the four standing Foundation committees, election of Board members, and award presentations.

Treasurer Jim Shipp reported that the Foundation is in sound financial condition. As chair of the Building and Grounds committee Jim also reported that as of July we have a new renter in the Baker-Hardy house. Our long-time renters became home owners themselves and moved out in June. Fortunately, a new renter was located immediately with the house unoccupied for only two weeks.

Education and Outreach was covered in the overview presented by David Grosso at the opening of the meeting. He also reported that the Foundation has been contacted by three high school students in 2017 seeking information related to the French and Indian War era for school projects. As chair of the Membership committee, he also reported that membership had grown from 114 paid members in January to 122 as of November. We are also becoming nationally recognized with members in nine states and the District of Columbia besides our many members in Virginia and West Virginia.

Tony Elar, Chair of the Development committee and our newest Board member, discussed fundraising efforts in 2017 and outlined plans for fundraising in 2018 to include pursuing grant funding for Foundation needs such as the Fort Loudoun Outline Project and retiring the loan on the Baker-Hardy House.

Members were also introduced to a new multi-colored, gate-fold, Foundation brochure that introduces visitors to the Foundation. The brochure includes information about the Foundation as well as a brief account of George Washington's history in Winchester and the building of Fort Loudoun. The brochure is available at the Winchester-Frederick County Visitor's Center and from Board members.

Norman Baker, Patrick Murphy, and Steve Resan were elected to new three-year terms on the Board. Tony Elar was introduced earlier as the newest member of the Board. He was appointed recently by the Board, per the By-Laws, to complete the final year of the term of Jerry Holsworth who resigned for personal reasons.

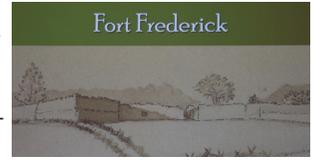
Award presentations followed. **Amy DuBrueler** was recognized with the **Outstanding Service Award** for her contributions to promotional efforts for Foundation activities such as invitations and for the development of the original design for the new brochure. The **Fort Loudoun Award** was presented to **R. Patrick Murphy** in recognition of his contributions to the advancement of public understanding of the French and Indian War Era to the history of our country. **Gordon Barlow** was recognized for his contributions in the area of scholarship that further the understanding of the French and Indian War Era with the **Judge Robert K. Woltz History Award**.



Maryland State Park Ranger Robert Ambrose delivered a lecture on the history of Fort Frederick, MD.

Following the conclusion of the business meeting, the speaker, Mr. Robert Ambrose, was introduced. Mr. Ambrose is a ranger for the Maryland Park Service. He is currently a ranger at Fort Frederick, Maryland, and has been involved in living history for 21 years, portraying soldiers from the French and Indian War through the Spanish American War. The topic for Mr. Ambrose's lecture was Fort Frederick. He reviewed the history of the fort from its construction, through its use over the years, its demolition and its eventual reconstruction.

An early view of Fort Frederick used by Mr. Ambrose to illustrate his lecture.



Fort Frederick today as it appears from the air, the final image used by Mr. Ambrose in his presentation.



GODFREY MILLER HOME SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

By David Grosso,
President

In July, the Foundation provided speakers to the Godfrey Miller Home Summer Lecture Series. The Series consisted of four lectures on topics related to the French and Indian War and the Western Virginia frontier in particular. The Summer Lecture Series has been presented by the Godfrey Miller Home for a number of years on topics that frame historic events in terms of their impact on the history and lifestyle of the greater Winchester area, and/or, this area's impact on history.

We were approached by the Home early in the year and asked of our interest in participating in their Summer Series. We were grateful for their asking and immediately agreed as this type of event represents those in which we like to participate in order to further the mission of the Foundation. We feel that our presentations satisfied the Home's criteria as Winston Churchill famously remarked in his *History of the English-Speaking Peoples*, the Seven Years' War (French and Indian War in North America) "was a world war—the first in history."

The lectures were presented by members of our Foundation on four separate nights. The lectures were well attended; total attendance for the four lectures was 184: and each presentation received very favorable responses from the attendees. The lectures presented were as follows:

Tue. July 18 - Steve Resan, Vice President of the Foundation, opened the lecture series with *The French and Indian War—The War that sowed the seeds of Revolution*. In this lecture he provided a comprehensive overview of the era 1700-1763 which included the causes and events leading to the outbreak of hostilities in the Ohio Country between the British Colonial forces and the French and their Indian allies (mainly Shawnee and Delaware) before the formal declaration of War in 1756. The role that the Iroquois Confederacy and Indian treaties played in the War were also noted.

He described George Washington's involvement in the beginning of hostilities with the French and in his efforts to protect the Virginia Frontier. Steve explained the Braddock Campaign and the overall British strategy in the three theaters of war: the Ohio Country (that included the frontiers of Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland), New York, and Canada. The British victories in the final battles were noted, that led to the Treaty of Paris in 1763 and the consequences of the war which led to the American Revolution and the eventual founding of the United States.



Foundation Vice President Stevan A. Resan presents the opening lecture, providing an overview of the French and Indian War.

Thu. July 20 - The lecture by Carl Ekberg, entitled *The Spark that Set the World on Fire*, focused on events from Nov./Dec. 1753 through July 1754.

Carl included excerpts from diaries of George Washington and documents from both English and French sources with their respective interpretation of events that occurred at Jumonville, near present day Farmington, PA. He painted verbal portraits of the principles on both sides and how they each contributed in their own ways to the eventual outcome of the engagement, which did not reflect particularly well on young George Washington's judgment.



Noted historian and author and FIVF board member, Dr. Carl Ekberg, presents his lecture: *The Spark that Set the World on Fire*.

Tue. July 25 - R. Patrick (Pat) Murphy presented the third lecture in the series, *The French and Indian War on the Virginia Frontier*. He described the defensive line of forts legislated by the General Assembly of the Colony of Virginia and the commission given to Col. George Washington with instructions to construct a line of forts to protect the Western frontier.

Central to this line of forts was Fort Loudoun located in Winchester, which served as headquarters for the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Washington and served as a supply center and staging site forefforts to defend the frontier.

MAJOR GENERAL JAMES WOLFE

By Stevan A. Resan, Vice President

Major General James Wolfe (2 January 1727 – 13 September 1759) was a British Army Officer, known for his training reforms and remembered chiefly for his victory in 1759 over the French at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in Québec. The son of a distinguished general, Edward Wolfe, he had received his first commission at a young age and saw extensive service in Europe.

James Wolfe was born at the local vicarage in Westerham, Kent on 2 January 1727. He was, the older of two sons of Colonel (later Lieutenant General) Edward Wolfe, a veteran soldier of Irish origin, and the former Henrietta Thompson. His uncle was Edward Thompson, MP, a distinguished politician. His relatively humble birth marked him out from many army officers at the time, who were disproportionately drawn from the aristocracy or gentry.

Wolfe was destined for a military career, entering his father's 1st Marine regiment as a volunteer at the age of thirteen.

In 1748, at just 21 years of age, Wolfe returned to Britain following military service in seven campaigns on the continent of Europe during the War of Austrian Succession. He was posted to garrison duty in Scotland, a year later was made a major, and in 1750 Wolfe was confirmed as lieutenant colonel in the 20th Regiment.

Wolfe remained on garrison duty in Scotland for eight years. During this time, despite struggling with bouts of ill health suspected to be tuberculosis, he wrote military pamphlets, taught himself Latin, French, mathematics, and improved his swordsmanship and leadership skills.

In 1756, with the outbreak of open hostilities with France in what became called the Seven Years War, Wolfe was promoted to colonel. Even though it was unlikely that his men would be called into action, he trained them diligently and issued fighting instructions to his troops.

On 23 January 1758, with the support of several of his influential acquaintances, and his father, who was now a general, James Wolfe was appointed brigadier general by Prime Minister, William Pitt the Elder and sent with Major General Jeffrey Amherst in the fleet of Admiral Edward Boscawen to lay siege to the Fortress of Louisbourg in New France.

Louisbourg stood near the mouth of the Saint Lawrence River and was the strongest fort in North America. Its capture was considered essential to any attack on Canada from the East. Wolfe distinguished himself in preparations for the assault, the initial landing, and in the aggressive advance of siege batteries. Amherst reported that Wolfe seemed to be everywhere at once. The French capitulated in June of that year.

The following year, despite the large build-up of British forces in North America, the strategy of dividing the army for separate attacks on Canada meant that once Wolfe reached Québec the French commander Louis-Joseph de Montcalm would have a local superiority of troops, having raised large numbers of Canadian militia to defend their homeland. Montcalm's goal was to prevent the British from capturing Québec, thereby maintaining a French foothold in Canada. Montcalm had only to hold out until the start of winter. Wolfe had a narrow window to capture Québec during 1759 before the Saint Lawrence began to freeze, trapping his force.

The British army laid siege to the city for three months, but in spite of an extensive bombardment the French held out. As the weeks wore on the chances of British success lessened and Wolfe grew despondent.

Wolfe then led a force of 4,400 men in small boats on a very bold and risky amphibious landing at the base of the cliffs West of Québec along the Saint Lawrence River. His army, with two small cannons, silently, struggled through the night, climbing the 650 foot cliff from the river below reaching the summit called the Plains of Abraham early in the morning of 13 September 1759.

They surprised the French under the command of the Marquis de Montcalm, who thought the cliff could not be climbed and had set his defenses accordingly. Faced with the possibility that the British would haul more cannons up the cliffs and knock down the city's remaining walls, the French fought the British on the Plains of Abraham. They were defeated after fifteen minutes of battle, but when Wolfe began to move forward, he was shot thrice. His men asked Wolfe if he would have a surgeon; but he shook his head, and answered that all was over with him. Upon hearing that the French were giving way everywhere he said, "God be praised, I die contented", and, turning on his side, he calmly breathed his last breath. The scene is immortalized in Benjamin West's 1770 painting.

Wolfe's victory at Québec enabled a successful assault on the French at Montréal the following year and with that victory French rule in North America was essentially ended.

Wolfe's body was returned to Britain on *HMS Royal William* and interred in the family vault in St. Alfege Church, Greenwich, alongside his father who had died six months earlier.



The Death of General Wolfe by Benjamin West. This famous 1770 painting is a highly stylized, symbolic depiction of the death of Major General James Wolfe before the walls of Québec.

MEMBERSHIP

YES, I wish to become a member of the French and Indian War Foundation and play an important role in supporting the educational goals and preservation of the sites associated with this conflict on the American frontier.

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Mission

"The French and Indian War Foundation preserves and interprets the colonial history of the Virginia frontier."

Goals

- Raise public awareness about the war and its consequences through public lectures and tours, as well as publication in the media.
- Collect and conserve primary documents relating to the war.
- Identify, document, preserve and interpret French and Indian War era landmarks in the backcountry of the mid-Atlantic colonies.
- Cooperate with privately and publicly owned French and Indian War fort sites in research, promotion and preservation activities.

We encourage high school and college History students to participate with all activities.

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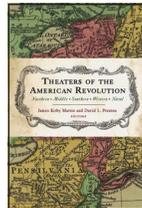
Call for Committee Members!

If you have ideas, time or resources we need your help. If you could serve on any of the above committees, please email fiwf.dsg@comcast.net.

NEW BOOK OF INTEREST TO FIWF MEMBERS

David L. Preston, a friend of FIWF and a particular friend of Foundation Historian Norman Baker, has co-edited with James Kirby Martin a new book on the American Revolution: *Theaters of the American Revolution: Northern, Middle, Southern, Western, Naval* (Yardley, PA: Westholme Publishing, 2017; \$22.95).

By R. Patrick Murphy, Editor



A recent review concludes as follows: "In all, this is a compact, highly readable introduction to the military history of the American Revolution. Well illustrated and with historical as well as modern maps to orient the reader, this book fills an important need for a single-volume treatment of the war and of the inter-connectedness of the theaters of operation."

(Review by David Kiracofe, Chesapeake, VA, in *On Point: The Journal of Army History*, Vol. 23, No. 3, p.50.)

FOUNDATION FINANCES AND BAKER-HARDY HOUSE

Repairs and renovations to the Baker-Hardy House, located on part of the site of Fort Loudoun, are needed. The house is in relatively good repair and basically sound, but does require attention. Estimates have been received for repair of major cracks in the plaster ceiling in the kitchen, and the Board has authorized the work. Other needs include repair of the small wood frame section at the southwest corner of the brick house; repair or replacement of supporting columns for the second floor porch; removal of dilapidated window shutters; and replacement of exterior cellar door. President David Grosso has arranged for a contractor to supply estimates, with the intent of applying for grant funding. Even given the list of needed work, the tenant has not expressed any problems or concerns.

By Jim Shipp, Treasurer

The Foundation's finances in general are sound, with funds in the bank sufficient to cover recurring expenses. However, to move forward, we need to pay off our "mortgage" (business loan) which currently has a balance due of just over \$143,700. We are paying \$1,073 per month, with only about half of that amount applied to reduce the principal balance. Fundraising efforts will be increased in 2018 with the goal of both reducing the loan balance and moving forward with work on the Baker-Hardy House. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are deductible, and welcome!

FIWF AND SCHS CO-SPONSOR MAJOR EVENT

By Barbara Adamson, SCHS President
Janet Wagniere, SCHS Vice President
Linda Ross, FIWF Past President

Nearly a hundred people attended the lecture and book signing by Hugh Fairfax at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in October. The French & Indian War Foundation and the Shenandoah County Historical Society co-sponsored the event, and both organizations were well represented.

Mr. Fairfax is the younger brother of Nicholas, the 14th Lord Fairfax, and is a direct descendant of Colonel William Fairfax of Belvoir, VA. He has written a book, *Fairfax of Virginia: The Forgotten Story of America's Only Peerage, 1690-1960*, which tells the tale of his American ancestors. After being Americans from the time of this country's beginnings, Hugh's family returned to their English roots in the early 20th Century. He spoke of his many interesting American ancestors and their participation in early U.S. history as well as his exploration and discovery of his family's story.

Hugh's younger brother, Rupert, and his daughter, Marina, also attended the lecture. Brief remarks were made by SCHS president, Barbara Adamson; Hugh was introduced by Norman Baker, FIWF Historian, a founding member of the French & Indian War Foundation and a friend of Hugh and his family.



L to R: FIWF Past President Linda Ross, Hugh Fairfax, SCHS President Barbara Adamson. Linda and Barbara were the primary organizers of this event.

The Fairfax family occupies a unique place in the story of America, as the only members of the British House of Lords - the Peerage - to have been long-time residents of the United States. For over 150 years, first as colonialists and then as loyal citizens of the Republic they played an active part in many of the great events that helped make America the country it is today. Then, curiously, just as America was assuming its position as the powerhouse of the world, they left and returned to Britain once more. Written with panache and affection by a descendent of the family, Hugh Fairfax, this new book tells the remarkable and largely forgotten story in its entirety for the first time. We follow their adventures from the pinnacle of Colonial society and close friendship with George Washington into the 19th Century.

This event was a particular success. Besides the outstanding attendance, excellent refreshments, including wine, were provided attendees at no cost. FIWF Past President Linda Ross organized the refreshments for the FIWF with the participation of the FIWF hospitality committee: Susan Emmart, Suzanne Baker, and Karen Shipp. SCHS President Barbara Adamson and Vice President Janet Wagniere provided refreshments on behalf of that organization.

The Foundation entertained Hugh Fairfax five years ago, after his brother, Nicholas, Lord Fairfax, strongly suggested he see Winchester after Nicholas was a guest for the Apple Blossom Festival. Linda Ross planned Hugh's earlier trip here to include visits to Greenway Court, the grave of Lord Fairfax, and, an outing to see the Fairfax Stone in Thomas, WV. Hugh and Rupert have become huge fans of Winchester.

Hugh's book signing tour began in Alexandria at the Lyceum, and included Mount Vernon and the Jefferson Library at Monticello. His future plans include speaking at the annual meeting of the Descendants of the Washingtons in Boston October 12-14th and giving a talk at the Union Club in NY on October 16. Hugh plans on visiting us in Winchester as well.

Hugh's book is available for purchase from SCHS in the Visitors Center at the Historic 1795 Courthouse in Woodstock, VA, and via mail order for \$40.00 (\$39.00 for SCHS members). See the SCHS web site for details: <http://www.shenandoahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/book-list.php>. It is also available from FIWF via mail order for \$40.00. See the FIWF web site for details on ordering: frenchandindianwarfoundation.org.



Hugh Fairfax signs his book for news-letter editor R. Patrick (Pat) Murphy.



SCHS President Barbara Adamson and Vice President Janet Wagniere

GODFREY MILLER HOME SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

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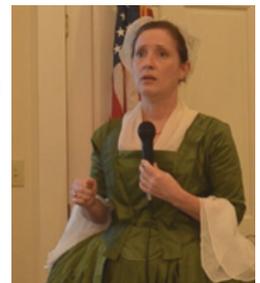
R. Patrick (Pat) Murphy, discussed the French and Indian War on the Virginia Frontier as it exists in artifact and memory.

Pat described the different types of forts that made up this chain of defense both military and settler forts. He also gave an account of the French and their Indian allies attacks on settlers in the Northern Shenandoah Valley. He also recounted a number of historical sites from the era that can still be seen today.

Finally, in the name of historical truth-telling Pat enumerated several examples of imperfect or mis-remembered events (myths) regarding structures and accounts of events from the period.

Thu. July 28 - Melanie Lewis presented the last lecture in the series *What Women Wore and Why: Abigail Morgan and Women's Life on the Frontier*. Melanie's area of interest is the attire of settlers on the frontier.

She discussed frontier settlers attire, in general, in the mid 18th century with an emphasis on that of the English women (remember the 'provincials' were British citizens). She came dressed as Abigail Morgan, wife of Daniel Morgan, in a hand-sewn, green silk taffeta, English gown, with stays, pocket hoops, and other appropriate accessories. Her lecture dealt with Abigail Morgan's dress over time, and what dress can tell us about frontier life.



Melanie Lewis, dressed as Abigail Morgan, presented the last lecture in the series, *What Women Wore and Why: Abigail Morgan and Women's Life on the Frontier*.

MURPHY RECEIVES FORT LOUDOUN AWARD



R. Patrick (Pat) Murphy receives the Fort Loudoun Award from VP Stevan A. Resan.

The Fort Loudoun Award is awarded to an individual for outstanding contributions in the area of leadership in promoting the colonial history of the French and Indian War Period in American History.

By Stevan A. Resan
Vice President

The recipient, R. Patrick (Pat) Murphy has made a number of presentations on the F&I War era in the Valley, including the Page, Rockingham, and Shenandoah County Historical Societies, the New Market Historical Society, the Harrisonburg SAR Chapter, and other groups.

These were introductions to the French and Indian War in the Valley in the context of the larger conflict and specific aspects of the conflict such as the face of the frontier, Indian mode of warfare, types of fortified places of refuge, specific extant locations, notable incidents in the Valley, and faux forts and local legends. Patrick is the author of *The French and Indian War in Shenandoah County: Life on the Inner Frontier 1752-1766*.

Since joining the Board of the FIWF, Murphy has presented at the Kernstown Battlefield Foundation, and this summer at the Godfrey Miller House. He has served as the newsletter editor and has brought his keen insight and analytical mind to critical evaluations of our events and procedures.

AMY DuBRUELER AWARDED OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD



Amy DuBrueler receives Outstanding Service Award from VP Stevan A. Resan.

The Outstanding Service Award is presented to a member in recognition of outstanding service to the Foundation. This year it was presented to member Amy E. DuBrueler.

By Stevan A. Resan
Vice President

Amy has helped design invitations and met with us many times to help us design our new Foundation Brochure.

Amy "jumps to the call" when needed and has never said "no" to requests. She is enthusiastic in helping our organization.

Amy is a very talented graphic designer and very willing to help us in any way she can. Although she lives in Shepherdstown, WV, Amy is a loyal supporter and drives to Winchester to attend most of our events and for meetings.

Amy spreads the word about our organization and our events to those in Shepherdstown.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PLANNED

By Tayman Rafter, Secretary

This year, the FIWF will celebrate George Washington's Birthday on the actual date of his birth, Thursday, Feb. 22nd. The celebration will be held, as in past years, at the George Washington Hotel, in Winchester from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Invitations will be mailed to members, but the event is open to the public.

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