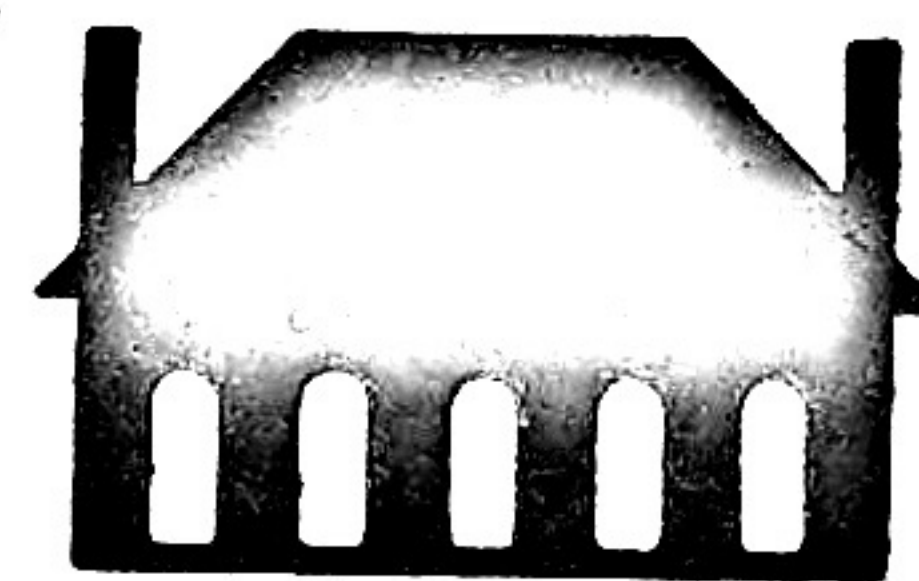


# Hanover County Historical Society

## BULLETIN



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### NOVEMBER MEETING

Sunday, November 18th

3:00 P.M.

→ WALNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH (Chapel)

Route 156, Cold Harbor Road

Program: Musical Group, "Virginia Grays"  
(Confederate music)

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### HANOVER SOLDIERS AT VALLEY FORGE

by  
Lewis V. Mills, Sr.

**I**N 1776 congress authorized 88 regiments as the size of the continental army. Quotas were assigned to the colonies according to population. Fifteen regiments were assigned to Virginia consisting of ten companies complete with sixty-eight officers and men. These companies were assigned to various counties. As far as this writer can determine three of these companies were recruited from Hanover County. They were Captain Richard Clough Anderson's 7th Co. of the 5th Virginia Continental Line, Captain John Overton's 1st Co. and Captain John Winston's 6th Co. of the 14th Virginia Continental Line. Due to lack of research time this article only contains the muster roll of the latter two.

Everyone is familiar with the story of Valley Forge where our army was camped from December 1777 to June 1778 enduring harsh circumstances which almost destroyed the army. The men were ill fed and equipped with the necessities of clothing and shoes, sick and unable to stand against the British infantry. However, in June due to improved logistics and training they emerged an army well trained;

equipped with high morale able to hold the field at the Battle of Monmouth Court House. Victory over the veteran British Infantry would have been theirs except for the mishandling of some troops by the senior commander on the spot.

This muster roll only contains the names of the men who served during the time at Valley Forge as the Company Captain usually kept a recruiting officer or N.C.O. in his home county to provide replacements. Some of the men listed joined the army at Valley Forge. Besides the nineteen who died the muster would suggest that at least another ten died as they are listed as "sick hospital no further record." As some of the hospitals were as far away as York, Pennsylvania word of their death probably did not reach their company.

The muster roll has been compared with a list of "Heads of Families in Hanover County" made in 1782 and the Hanover Petition also dated 1782. Even though the vast majority of family names  
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appear on these lists only twelve appear on the list of head of families and another signed the petition. Apparently most of the veterans were still living at home and having served in the Continental Army did not sign the petition against "Draughting the Militia."

**R**oster of Captain John Winston's and Captain John Overton's Companies from Hanover County, Virginia in 14th Virginia C.L. at Valley Forge, December 1777 - June 1778:

- (A) Name appears on Census or petition
- (D) Died in service

Anderson, Charles  
 Anderson, William (A)  
 Anthony, Nathan  
 Arnold, Anthony  
 Austin, Walter  
 Bailey, Charles  
 Bailey, John (D)  
 Barnett, Ambrose  
 Birch, Thomas  
 Boothe, William  
 Bourn, Francis  
 Bows, John  
 Bradshaw, Robert  
 Burley, James  
 Carter, James  
 Carter, Robert  
 Castlin, John  
 Cragwall, James  
 Conner, Owen  
 Cooper, Charles (D)  
 Cooper, Ruben  
 Cooper, Sterling  
 Cross, Charles  
 Crumpton, Thomas  
 Crutchfield, Stapleton  
 Day, Samuel  
 Dalby, William  
 Deagles, Emanuel (D)  
 Donaon, Michael  
 Duke, Clevears  
 Durham, William  
 Edmundson, Jeseeph (D)  
 Freeman, Colsup  
 Frith, John  
 Fry, Jeseeph (D)

Gaddy, David  
 Gafford, John  
 Goorman, John  
 Gowen, Sherod  
 Grady, Johnathan  
 Gregory, Charles (D)  
 Gregory, William (D)  
 Gresham, John  
 Griffin, John  
 Grubbs, Hensley  
 Harris, James (A)  
 Harris, John (A)  
 Holland, George (A)  
 Holt, Thomas  
 Hooker, James (D)  
 Hooper, Mansfield (D)  
 Howard, Benjamin (D)  
 Howlett, Samuel  
 Hunter, Stephan  
 Irvin, James  
 Jackson, John  
 James, William  
 Jason, Robert  
 Johns, James  
 Johns, William  
 Johnson, John B.  
 Johnson, William  
 Jones, George  
 Jones, John (A)  
 Kimbrough, Benjamin  
 King, Elisha  
 Lane/Laine, William  
 Lawrence, James  
 Lawrence, Ishmael  
 Lawrence, Thomas  
 Lemay, John  
 Mayo, Benjamin  
 Mayo, Stephen  
 McDonald, Andrew  
 McDonald, Roderick  
 Mills, Charles (A)  
 Mitchell, William  
 Morgan, David  
 Mosley, Joseph  
 Murphy, Dennis  
 Naeves, Daniel  
 Nelson, James  
 Norvelle, Hugh  
 Overton, John CPT  
 Oxford, Godfrey  
 Palmer, Thomas  
 Petty, William  
 Phillips, Besdale  
 Phillips, Phillip (D)  
 Phillips, Richard  
 Plant, Williamson  
 Pollard, Hezekiah  
 Pool, Baxter

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Pool, Leban (D)  
 Pritchard, Andrew  
 Quarles, Abner  
 Ragland, John (A)  
 Ramsey, George (D)  
 Redcross, Daniel  
 Riddel, Reese (D)  
 Roadley, John  
 Roadley, Samuel  
 Roads, William  
 Russell, Jeffery  
 Scott, John (D)  
 Scott, Stephen  
 Sikes, Thomas  
 Slaughter, William  
 Smith, Peter  
 Spicer, Benjamin (D)  
 Stratton, Isaac  
 Stubbs, Benjamin  
 Swift, Thomas (A)  
 Taylor, Joseph (D)  
 Thompson, John  
 Thompson, John (A)

Thompson, Richard (A)  
 Thornton, Henry  
 Thornton, Ransom  
 Toney, Archer  
 Toney, Reuben  
 Tucker, William  
 Turner, William  
 Tyler, Arthur  
 Tyree, John  
 Wade, Moses  
 Wallace, Nathaniel  
 Wells, Anthony  
 Wells, James  
 White, Joseph (D)  
 Wilkins, Thomas  
 Willis, William  
 Wilson, Richard (D)  
 Wingfield, John, Sr. (A)  
 Wingfield, John, Jr. (A)  
 Winston, John CPT (A)  
 Worsham, Richard  
 Wright, Robert  
 Yancey, Absolom

Sources: *Birth place of an army*, John B. Trussell, Jr.  
*Virginia Military 1774-1787*, Sanchez-Saavedra  
 Muster roll of the 14th VA Inf. of the C.L., Valley Forge  
 Muster and pay records of the 14th VA, National Archives  
 Hanover Petition May 24, 1782  
 Head of Families, U.S. Census 1790, made from a list of state  
 enumerations 1782 (Hanover County)

### ALBERT SYDNEY JOHNSON HOUSE

The small white house located on route 615 next to the Mechanicsville Little League building is believed to have been standing during the Civil War. This house was omitted in the book, *Old Homes of Hanover County, Virginia.*

It is frame with a brick foundation, two rooms on each floor with a center chimney. The chimney in the middle of the home indicates it is an old structure according to Ashley Neville, an historical architect who made an historic survey of the county and who brought this home to our attention.

A brief research by a representative of the Hanover County Historical Society found a deed from Albert Sydney Johnson (son of Francis Johnson) to his niece Charlotte (Starke) Bartholomew and Wion L. Bartholomew, her husband, citing back to the land ownership: "... adjoining lands

of the late F. W. Johnson [Francis] and the lands formerly owned by the late H.M. Turner and upon which he resided, and is the same land purchased from the late F. W. Johnson by the late John W. Tinsley." The land was described as being on the road from Shiloh Church to Walnut Grove Church which identifies its present location. (D.B. 104, p. 81)

Francis W. Johnson was of Richmond when he married (1) Eliza A. Mantlo Jan. 23, 1839; (2) Virginia Ann Via, Nov. 14, 1854; and (3) Maria A. Pate July 12, 1876. They lived at "Dungarvon" now the property of Oscar Via.

Wion L. Bartholomew outlived his wife, Charlotte and in his will dated 1962, he left this home to the First Baptist Church Benevolent Association to be used or sold as the Board of Directors may direct. It is still owned by this Association.