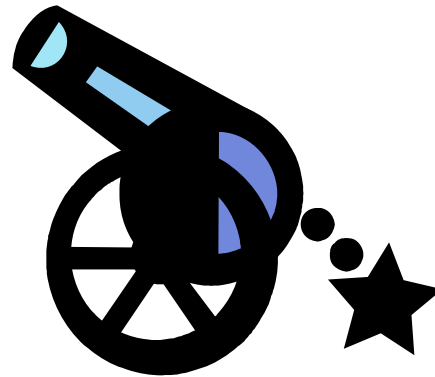


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# Virginia Genealogical Society's Spring Conference 20-21 April 2012

## The War of 1812



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### ABOUT VGS

The Virginia Genealogical Society (VGS) was formed 7 October 1960. Our mission is to promote and foster family history education and research, publish genealogical information, and share accumulated knowledge.

VGS fulfills this mission through its publications, its twice-yearly conferences, and its website <<http://www.vgs.org>>.

The *VGS Newsletter*, published six times each year, contains feature articles; announces meetings of interest to researchers in Virginia genealogy, both those sponsored by the society as well as by other organizations; reviews books; carries news of local Virginia historical societies, libraries, celebrations and points of interest; and publishes members' queries. The *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, published quarterly, contains abstracts and transcriptions of Virginia records.

VGS has also published numerous special publications. A list of these publications is available on the VGS website. Also on the VGS website are many of the back issues of the *VGS Newsletter*, a searchable database of queries published in the *Newsletter*, and links to genealogical websites for each of the counties and cities in Virginia.

Members of the society receive the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, the *VGS Newsletter*, discounts to society conferences, and a 20% discount on most society publications. Membership in the society is \$35 per year for individuals (\$65 for two years and \$95 for three years) or \$40 per year for a family (\$75 for two years and \$110 for three years). For additional information about membership, please visit our website.

We look forward to seeing you at the VGS 2011 Spring Conference!

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## FRIDAY PROGRAM 20 April 2012

### Guided Research and Tours at the Library of Virginia

#### 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Experienced researchers will be available at the Library (800 East Broad Street) to answer questions, provide individual assistance to beginners, and to offer strategies for difficult genealogical problems. Please inquire at the Library information desk for the meeting location.

## SATURDAY PROGRAM 21 April 2012 Speakers

**Stuart L. Butler**, of Williamsburg, VA, is a former assistant chief of the Old Military and Civil Branch of the National Archives and Records Administration. He received his M.A. from Florida Atlantic University. He has written extensively about the War of 1812 and has a new book about the War scheduled to be released in the spring of 2012. He is on the Advisory Council of the Virginia Bicentennial of the American War of 1812 Commission.

**Frances S. Pollard**, received her B.A. in English from the University of Richmond and her M.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has held various positions with the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) since 1981 and has been the Head Librarian at VHS since 2010. Ms. Pollard is a member of several organizations including Southern Historical Association, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and the Virginia Library Association.

**Michael L. Strauss, AG** is an Accredited Genealogist for the Eastern States Region with the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists. A native of PA and a resident of VA, he has been an avid genealogist for more than 30 years. Strauss holds a B.A. in History and is a U.S. Coast Guard veteran. He works with the Coast Guard Station Museum in Virginia Beach as a research archivist and currently serves as Vice-President and former Trustee of the Virginia Beach Genealogical Society. In addition, he is published and is currently an expert witness in kinship-estate matters in PA, NY, and NJ.

- 9:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:30-9:45 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
- 9:45-10:30 a.m. **The Resources and Treasures of the Virginia Historical Society (Pollard)**
- 10:30-11:00 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00-12:00 a.m. **Bankruptcy to Equity: Using Federal Court Records (Strauss)**
- Was Grandma a bootlegger? Did Grandpa pay his taxes? Records of the Federal courts are among the National Archives' largest holdings-and yet some of the least used records. Open a new chapter of your family history and discover little known branches in your family tree as the records of the Federal Court system are discussed in detail.
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00-1:30 p.m. **VGS Annual Meeting**  
Alice Cox Phillips, President
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. **The War of 1812 in Virginia: Did anything happen here? (Butler)**
- 2:30-3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. **Researching Your 1812 Veteran (Butler)**

Vendors of books, software, forms, and other items of interest to researchers will be available all day on Saturday. Be sure to visit them during the breaks. There will also be a Freebie Table with catalogs and brochures from genealogical businesses and organizations as well as door prizes.

## SPRING 2012 REGISTRATION

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