

A STORY OF FIVE SURVEYORS

WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

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SCOPE: This talk will examine the contributions of five early American surveyors.

Using actual statements from letters, biography and journals these surveyors will be brought to life for today's surveyor. Contributions of these professionals, in light of the times will be discussed.

The accomplishments of the Colonial surveyor, John Love, will be examined and his pre-Revolutionary accomplishments will be detailed.

Then the life of Andrew Ellicott, patriot, husband, father, Colonial surveyor and loyal friend will be examined.

The two most known men of American surveying and their methods and contributions will be explained with their resulting effects. Mason and Dixon's accomplishments and contributions to Colonial America will be highlighted.

Finally, a little known surveyor will be discussed. VerPlank Colvin, State Surveyor of New York, will be shown to have been a man born to be a leader and a man for his times. His genius of surveying and planning and execution of surveys will be shown.

Using reproductions of actual photographs and wood cuts the speaker will bring a new insight into a very ancient and honorable profession. This [presentation will help to instill into today's modern surveyor the beauty that is surveying and how each person may be able to make a difference.

OUTLINE

I. JOHN LOVE

- a. His early English training.
- b. Colonial America.
- c. His American legacy.

II. ANDREW ELLICOTT

- a. The man.
- b. Historical training.
- c. Accomplishments.

III. MASON & DIXON

- a. The men.
- b. Historical training.
- c. Their Colonial Accomplishments.

IV. VERPLANK COLVIN

- a. The unknown professional.
- b. A man born a century too soon.

Time for presentation: 6-7 hours

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