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Claiborne DNA Study Progress Report

Since the last report we have received results from 2 donors with the Clyburn surname. Their genealogical information suggested they were from the Old Henrico family. The results of the 12 marker test for both of them were identical to the results of the 3 earlier donors from the Old Henrico family. As reported earlier these 5 donors match all 12 of 12 markers for the donor from the Cliburn Hall family. For new members and readers who want background information on the families participating in the study, a brief description of the families is given at the end of this article.

***Editors Note:** Old Henrico County of Virginia where John of Dale Parish lived was that part of Old Henrico County south of the river James which became Chesterfield County. John's land was in Bermuda Hundred which is in the current Chesterfield County and not in what is now Henrico County of Virginia.*

A donor, recruited from England with the Cliburn surname, has sent in his DNA sample and his results were received from Family Tree DNA near Thanksgiving. His results in the 12 marker test most closely resemble the Clibborn family. He is not a perfect match nor an 11 of 12 match for any of our previous donors. Further analysis of his results will be given in a future newsletter.

.....and **Other Items of Interest**

On some different subjects, Alex Waldrop was recently in Lexington, KY and learned some information that may be of interest to members of the Society. On a sad note he learned that Faye Claiborne, (wife of the late Jerry Claiborne who coached football at Virginia Tech, Maryland, and Kentucky) a former Society member and a researcher who worked with the late Lolita Bissell and documented information on the Old Henrico family passed away about a year after her husband, who died on Sunday, September 24, 2000. If you have further details on this, I would appreciate it if you could share that information with me. My source was a friend of the family who lives near Lexington and I have no other confirmation.

In **Claiborne of Virginia** (by Dorman and Smith) it is mentioned that the son of Governor William C. C. Claiborne of Louisiana, William C. C., Jr., was educated in KY under the "direction of Henry Clay." With the help of John Forbes (husband of Sue Forbes) and Ms. B. J. Gooch from the Special Collections Department of Transylvania University in Lexington, KY this information was confirmed. William C. C., Jr. did live at the home of Henry Clay while attending the Preparatory Department at Transylvania. One of his classmates was Henry Clay, Jr. The Preparatory Department was essentially

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equivalent to a modern prep school. William C. C., Jr. is listed as a graduate of the Preparatory Department in 1826 and is listed as a student in each year from 1822 through 1826. The Collected Works of Henry Clay includes letters between William C. C., Jr. and members of the Henry Clay family that indicate that he was a good friend of the family. Henry Clay was a leader of the Whig Party and ran 3 times for President of the US.

Families Included in the DNA Study:

The four families included initially in the study are:

- 1) the descendants of William Claiborne of Virginia,
- 2) the descendants of the Westmorland family of Cliburn Hall in England.
- 3) the descendants of John Cliborn/Clyborn of Old Henrico. [NOTE: Previously, this family was often referred to as the John of Dale Parish line.]
- 4) the descendants of John Clibborn of Durham, England who went to Moate, Ireland around 1640; John Clibborn later became a Quaker.

submitted by Dr. Alex A. Waldrop, III

Report on Dr. Christopher James Cleborne

This is the third in the series of articles profiling the four families in the initial Y-chromosome DNA study. The first article was on **William Claiborne** of Virginia (1600-1676/9), the second, **John Clyborn** of old Henrico Co, VA (1650/1655-1685).

Dr. CHRISTOPHER JAMES CLEBORNE (1838-1909) **Direct Descent from Cliburn, Westmorland**



Dr. Christopher James Cleborne was born 16 December 1838 in Edinburgh, Scotland to Christopher and Jane Reily Cleburne of Ireland. He died in 1909. His wife was Jane Elizabeth Emma Parker of Philadelphia. They were married 8 May 1861. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H.B. Glover of Atlanta. Her obituary was published in the Atlanta Journal on 24 September 1910.

Dr. C. J. Cleborne graduated the University of Pennsylvania 1860. He was appointed Asst. Surgeon, U.S.N., May 1861; promoted past Assist. Surgeon, October 26, 1863; Surgeon, November 24, 1863; Medical Inspector, January 7, 1878; Medical Director, September 18, 1887; retired with rank of Rear Admiral, November 10, 1899; Director Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia (1888-1891 and 1894-1899), of Chelsea, Massachusetts (1891-1894), and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (January-November 1899). [See *Who Was Who in America, 1897-1924*, p. 229] Dr. Cleborne's first cousin was Confederate General Patrick Ronayne Cleborne of Civil War fame- ironic that the cousins were on opposite sides. Both men must have had considerable leadership qualities.

The Claiborne Society was fortunate to have found a direct male descendant of Dr. Cleborne who was willing to donate his DNA for the study. Below is a simple summary by generation of the direct line back to Cliburn, Westmorland, England. The John Clyborn/Cliborn line of old Henrico

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branched from this line sometime before generation 18. Generation 29, the donor, his father and grandfather, will remain anonymous to protect their privacy.

Generation Direct male line to Cliburn Westmorland:

- 29 Cleborne donor of Y-chromosome DNA
- 28 Donor's father
- 27 Donor's grandfather
- 26 Arthur Courtney Cleborne (1863-1896) married Cornelia DuVal
- 25 **Dr. Christopher-James Cleborne, Rear Admiral USN (1838-1909).** See above.
- 24 Christopher Cleburne (1793-1848) married Jane Reily
- 23 William Cleburne of Rock Cottage & Annahanarig, Ireland married 2nd Phoebe Sharpe
- 22 Edward Cleburne of Springmount & Derrinsilla, Ireland (said to have d. 1819 at age 99 years) married Ellen Palmer of Derrinsilla, co. Tipperary
- 21 William Cleburne of Ballycolitan, Ireland married Grace Woodrife, inherited the Irish properties from his uncle, who died without issue
- 20 Richard Cleburne of Bunadubber, Ireland; **new information: christened 12 Nov 1650 St. Peter le Poer, London, Eng; brother William's matriculation record at Trinity College, U of Dublin states William Cleburn was age 16 on 2 Aug 1659, b. Broadstreet, London .**
- 19 William Cleborne (abt 1609-1682), born in England, possibly at Killerby, Yorkshire (Herald's Visitation of 1613); married Bridgetta Ward of Kilkenny; their **5 children christened in St. Peter le Poer church, London- 1642, 1643, 1645, 1646, 1649, 1650; lived on Broad Street in London between 1642-1650; seen in Irish tax records 1659 liv. St. John's Manor, Wexford Town, n. ward, co. Wexford; dec. by 21 Feb 1682 when admin. granted on his estate. The Wexford property came to him through the Lowthers sometime after 1653.** [note: The christening records are new information.]
- 18 Thomas Clayburne, esq. (1580-1640) of Killerby, Yorks and Cliburn, Westmorland, married Frances Lowther
- 17 Edmund Cleburne of Killerby (abt 1554/5-bef 15 Sept 1590) married Grace Bellingham; **new information: Edmund Cleburne of Westmorland gent, matriculated Queens College, Oxford, 1572 age 18.**
- 16 Richard Cliburne (All Saints Day 1532 -12 Jun 1588)of Killerby married Eleanor Lancaster
- 15 Edmund/Edward Clyburne (c 1506-26 Dec 1546) married Elinor Layton of Dalmayne
- 14 Robert Cleburn of Cliburn, Westmorland, married around 20 Oct 1505 when he received the marriage portion of his wife, Emma Kirkbride [**the Herald's Visitations end here**]
- 13 Thomas Cliburn, esq (abt 1468-aft 1523) married Joan Sandford
- 12 John Clebburne (d. 1489/90) married Elizabeth Curwin abt 1468
- 11 Roland Clibburn married Katherine Lancaster of Howgill Castle
- 10 John de Clybourne/Cliburn (d bef Lent 1440), married 1392 Margaret de Salkeld
- 9 Robert de Cliburn- held manors of Cliburn Hervy & Bampton Cundale m. abt 1362 Margaret de Cundale
- 8 John le Franceys de Cliburn- loosely translated as John "the Frenchie" of Cliburn m. Margaret de Bolton
- 7 Robert le Franceys de Cliburn
- 6 John le Frankys de Cliburn m. abt 1317 Beatrice dau of Robert le Boteler of Newby

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- 5 Robert le Frances de Cliburn (liv. Cliburn 1332) m. Alice dau. of Adam de Quitlaw
- 4 John le Franceys de Cliburn (liv 1291/92 & 1307) [note: There is a stretch of time between gen. 3 & 4 that makes researchers wonder if there is a missing generation]
- 3 *Robert le Franceys de Cliburn (liv 1259) m 1235 Elizabeth Tailbois, she brings Cliburn property as dower with her marriage*
- 2 *Hugh Franceys*
- 1 *Adam le Frances (Adam of France) listed on Pipe Roll for 1200*

Your Best Sources as of this date:

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3. Sue Cliborn Forbes, *Ancestral Lines of Cliburn, Westmorland*, 23 page manuscript in draft form, 3rd revision due spring 2003.
4. John O'Hart, *Irish Pedigrees*, 5th edition, vol. II, 1888 (reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co, 1967). Be very careful with this material as it has a number of errors, such as a descent to William Claiborne of Virginia which has been proved incorrect.

submitted by Sue Cliborn Forbes

Rev. D.G.C. Butts, D.D., a.k.a. "G", "Alphabet", and Dr. Butts

Two letters in the May 2001 issue of the Claiborne Clan Newsletter stirred my memory of the Petersburg relatives of my grandfather, Rev. Dr. Daniel Gregory Claiborne Butts. They are from granddaughters of Mrs. William Baird McIlwaine (Ann Claiborne McIlwaine), who are also direct descendants of Dr. John Herbert Claiborne who wrote "Seventy-Five Years in Old Virginia".

My grandfather was the only child of Col. Augustine Claiborne Butts and Anna Maria Claiborne. She was the daughter of Rev. John Gregory Claiborne of "Roslin", Brunswick County and Mary Elizabeth Weldon. He was born at "Roslin". At the age of seven his parents moved to Petersburg where he grew up. In October of 1864, in the midst of the Civil War, he was sixteen, and the following January he entered Virginia Military Institute (VMI). (A separate article in the same issue tells of his education and ministry.)

His mother was the sister of Dr. John Herbert Claiborne. My mother, Mary Claiborne Butts, was the oldest of six children of D.G.C. Butts and Emma Swan, daughter of Dr. George F. Swan of "Mt. Tero", Caroline County, Virginia, and Mary E. Waller of "Walnut Hill". My mother was married to Griffith S. Marchant while her father was serving the Mathews Circuit of the Virginia Conference Methodist Episcopal Church. I was the seventh child of this union. Four boys and four girls grew up at Mathews Court House.

Grandfather and his family visited their relatives in Petersburg and kept up with them all his life. I recall going with my mother to see cousin Bessie, Mrs. Bernard Mann, whose son, Col. John Herbert Claiborne Mann, graduated from VMI, class of 1921, and remained on the staff until his

.....**Rev. D.G.C. Butts continued**

retirement. Three of my brothers were VMI graduates, so all of us knew him.

I feel most fortunate to have known my grandfather and felt so close to him until I was nineteen years of age, my junior year in college. He was dear to the hearts of all his eighteen grandchildren. His warm, loving and jovial personality endeared him to all who were blessed by his presence and companionship. As a devout steward in all assignments to which he was appointed, he was faithful and active to the final call to his reward. An honorary Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Randolph Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, during his ministry. After retirement, Dr. Butts and devoted wife, Emma, built a cottage at Oceana, Princess Anne County, Virginia, "Dunmovin" - where they spent their last years.

submitted by Catherine Waller Marchant Freed.

Notices

HAVE YOU PAID your 2003 dues? If not, After January 1,2003 you will not receive further mailings. Please send your \$10.00 to the Treasurer, Vera Moore, P.O. Box 1270, Hopewell, VA 23860-1270. Remember the fiscal year is October 1, 2003 to October 1, 2004. A big **thank you** to all who have sent in their dues.

KEEP THE DATE OCTOBER 1,2003 in mind. That is the date for the next reunion to be held in Baltimore MD. Further information will forth coming in future newsletters. Looking forward to seeing you there!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS. The following people have joined our Society since the last Newsletter:

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Welcome to all

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Anne Overcash has informed me that her book on the Claiborne's is coming along and that she is targeting early summer of 2003 for publication. Anne is working on the index at this time. It has many, many photos as well. We are looking forward to receiving a copy. Keep up the good work, Anne.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR



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