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Message from the President

October 13 and 14 your Board of Directors had its fall meeting in Williamsburg. Eight of us met at The Crowne Plaza for a day and a half to work on Claiborne projects and to prepare for the reunion in 2007 in Williamsburg. I want to briefly bring you up to date on our efforts.

Curly Moore raised these questions about our archives: What are the right things to keep? What should be discarded? Who keeps the archives? The Board voted to keep copies of old newsletters, clippings and publications of the society, membership lists, minutes, research and reunion materials, by-laws and correspondence from 1988-1993 relating to the formation of the Society. The archivist will keep the Society's archives.

Alex Waldrop, Research Chairman, summarized his research concerning the DNA study and the investigation of a possible connection between the Vicar of Nidd and the John of Dale Parish group. Dan Boylin, Publications Chairman, suggested that we expand the website content. He would like volunteers

for the William Claiborne line and the John of Dale Parish line to assist in this work. Please call Dan if you are interested. Photographs of the last reunion will be added to site.

Mary Elizabeth Williams reported that the 2007 Reunion will be held October 4-7. Clai Bachmann's article in this newsletter tells of the wonderful programs planned and the hotel accommodations. It is our hope that we will have a display of 1907 memorabilia from the 1907 Jamestown Anniversary during our stay in Williamsburg.

Progress on our projects is being made. Mary Gilmore painted the portrait of William Claiborne, commissioned for the 1907 Jamestown Anniversary. The Board voted to ask the Hampton History Museum and the Petersburg Siege Museum if they would display the portrait if the Claiborne Society restores the painting Elizabeth Guy Richardson, Herbert Claiborne and Clai Bachmann plan a visit to view the Sarah Fenn stone and to seek permission to move it to St. Peter's Cemetery. The Claiborne Society will pay for moving and properly seating the stone if the church gives permission. Future reunion sites were planned.

In 2009 New Orleans, LA

In 2011 Richmond, VA

In 2013 Atlanta, GA

The Nominating Committee is working on a slate of officers for 2007-2009. If you have suggestions, please call or email Duain Claiborne or Claiborne Irby. Leadership for our organization is critical and everyone's input is needed.

We have had a productive year and I am most grateful for an active and responsive Board. They have worked on the Society's projects as well as carried out the duties of their various offices.

I wish each of you the blessings of Christmas and the Happiest New Year.

Jane

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Research Committee Report

DNA Study

There are two areas that the research committee is responsible for: the Claiborne DNA study and research into the English origins of two pioneers: William Claiborne (1600 - 1676/9), surveyor of Jamestown, and John Clyborn (1650/58 - 1685) of Old Henrico County, Virginia. Since the reunion in Nashville in 2005 eleven new donors have joined the DNA study. The results for six of these donors are close matches to the pattern of results (called a haplotype) of the Cliburn Hall donor; I call this the Westmorland haplotype. Two of the new donors have results that closely match the haplotype of the known descendants of William Claiborne, surveyor of Jamestown; this is the Norfolk haplotype; one of these became the first of the Norfolk donors to have 37 markers tested. One new donor does not match any other donors so far. Two new donors, closely related to each other, do not match closely any previous donors, but closely match each other with one mismatch out of 37 markers. Four earlier donors expanded from 25 to 37 markers. One was the documented Cliburn Hall donor; three were known descendants of John Clyborn of Old Henrico. At 25 markers the Cliburn Hall donor is an exact match with six donors who are descendants of John of Old Henrico, including the three that were tested for markers 26 to 37, and a close match with nine other donors. Comparing the four donors who expanded to 37 markers, one of the Old Henrico donors has two mismatches with the Cliburn Hall donor and a single mismatch with the two other Old Henrico donors who expanded to 37 markers. These two donors match each other at 37 markers and have three mismatches with the Cliburn Hall donor. Recently, Family Tree DNA, the company that does the DNA tests for us has begun offering a 67 marker test. One of the new donors ordered this test, but until others expand to 67 markers, there are no results to compare with his for markers 38 to 67. Here I would like to express my thanks to the donors and those who have helped to recruit new donors and to convince earlier donors to have more markers tested. Without their participation we would not have as good a study. Previously, the DNA results have shown three major groups that I now call the Westmorland, Norfolk, and Durham groups after the counties in England where we know we can trace the ancestry of at least one of

the donors in the group. The Westmorland group includes the documented Cliburn Hall donor and the descendants of John Clyborn. As the number of donors increase and the number of markers increase, it is possible to find subgroups within these major groups that have characteristic mismatches with others in the group. Eventually, these differences may enable us to determine, for example, which brother or immigrant from the 17th or 18th century is the ancestor of a given donor. Within the Westmorland group (18 donors) there are two subgroups that have already emerged. Two donors, that both descend from Alfred Clayborne of Weakley County, TN, have the same mismatch at site 5 with all the other donors in the Westmorland group. At the present time I have no firm evidence establishing the father of Alfred Clayborne. If you have such evidence, please contact me at alexw3@hotmail.com. Five donors that can be traced back to an ancestor that lived in the 18th century in Robeson or Bladen County, NC have a mismatch at site 21; a new donor who is waiting for his results for markers 13 to 25 has a genealogy that should put him in this subgroup. Some researchers believe that this family is closely related John Clyborn of Old Henrico. In the Norfolk group (William Claiborne's father and grandfather were both from King's Lynn in county Norfolk, England) the two donors who are descendants of Richard Claiborne (1755 - 1819) have a mismatch at site 3 with the other six donors in this group. These six are either known or believed to be descendants of Thomas Claiborne (1681-1732) of Sweet Hall. The research committee is looking for a known descendant of William Claiborne's grandson, William Claiborne (1671 - 1705) to take the DNA test. If you can help identify or you know such a male Claiborne, please contact me. It is known that some of his descendants were in Alabama in the late 1800's or early 1900's. The Durham group has two donors; they descend from John Clibborn (1623 - 1705) and have both had 25 markers tested. John Clibborn was born in county Durham, England, moved to Ireland about 1649 and died in Moate, Ireland in 1705. The haplotypes of seven donors are not a close match to any of the haplotypes of these three major groups. Two of these seven are the two closely related new donors mentioned earlier. None of the other five donors closely matches any other donor in the study.

Research on English Ancestry

I am currently in the process of gathering genealogical data from a UK website, origins.net, and from published records from county Norfolk and pedigrees and other data in various publications of the Harleian Society, including the Heralds' Visitations.

Sue Forbes is working on a revised version of her "Ancient Lines of Cliburn" based on her research on the family of Cliburn Hall in county Westmorland. She has also been working on identifying any possible children of William Cleborne (died 1660), who was the Vicar of Nidd.

Other Research

On my trip to Virginia for the Board Meeting I did some research in Franklin County, Virginia. The library there has a collection of research done by genealogist Gertrude Mann that includes her correspondence with other genealogists and interested parties on the genealogy of John Cliborn (1760 - after 1840) of Franklin County and related families. I had limited time to look at the volumes they had on Cliborn genealogy, but noticed that included were letters to and/or from Lolita Bissell. If you are a descendant of this branch of the Cliborn family, you may find some useful information there. As I understand it, this material is only available at this library in Rocky Mount, Virginia. I have been doing research on several topics of interest to the Claiborne Society, which I hope to report on in more depth in later publications here or elsewhere. These topics include research on 1) the two Claiborne farms near Lexington, KY and the genealogy of the families involved; 2) the origins of the Claiborne - Harris connection; 3) the connection of a descendant of William Claiborne to Maxwell House Coffee; 4) the identification of the Billy Claiborne who witnessed the gunfight at the OK Corral; 5) the location of the land that Thomas Claiborne and his wife, Sarah Fenn, inherited that was to be a site for a precursor church to Bruton Parish in or near Williamsburg; and 6) the Claiborne connection to the Pillsbury family. Do you have an interesting Claiborne/Cliborn/Clyburn, Clibborn, etc. topic to share or do you need help researching such topic. Contact me at alexw3@hotmail.com .

I am also reviewing and editing last year's research report and some articles written by Sue Forbes to be added to the Claiborne Society web site.

Submitted by Alex A. Waldrop III

Reunion Ties

The 2007 reunion will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia. Do you have information connecting your Cliborn, Claiborne, Clyburn, Clibborn ancestor to the general Williamsburg area, including Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown during the colonial period? The story of William Claiborne who came to Jamestown in 1621 is well known to our group, so if this William is one of your ancestors, focus on his descendants unless you have some new information on William. Do not limit this to male ancestors. As an example, was your ancestor a member of the House of Burgesses or the spouse of a Burgess? Was he a student at William and Mary? Did your ancestor participate in the Yorktown campaign? Did your ancestor petition the Governor or the Burgesses? Be prepared to share that information at the reunion or if you cannot attend send the information to the editor for publication in a future newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE

THE CLAIBORNE SOCIETY REUNION

OCTOBER 4-7, 2007

COME BACK TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!

Join cousins and friends to celebrate the history that our ancestors created in the 17th Century. As most of you know there has been an explosion in the knowledge gained about those first Englishmen who landed at Jamestown in 1607, and the years thereafter while that town housed the seat of the colonial government.

Only 5 years ago an APVA (Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities) archeological team lead by William Kelso discovered the location of the original fort erected by the first settlers. Our group will have a private tour by Dr. Kelso and hear how this discovery was made and what they have learned since that amazing find. From the hundreds of artifacts that are uncovered every day archeologists are busily reconstructing the lives of the settlers.

Of special interest will be a guided tour of the New Town area surveyed and laid out by William Claiborne in 1621. Our Park Service Guide will focus on Claiborne's contributions and accomplishments in the Jamestown area.

Mary Elizabeth Williams and her local Reunion Planning group have been working hard to secure a fitting place for this historic reunion. We are pleased to announce that a block of rooms is being reserved for our event at The Williamsburg Hospitality House. This is an independent luxury hotel adjacent to the historic area of Colonial Williamsburg which has been secured at an excellent group rate. It is a two block walk to Merchants Square and the historic district, and it is directly across from William and Mary College. Our program is shaping up to include a welcome dinner at one of the Williamsburg Historic district restaurants. John Quarlstein, award-winning historian, preservationist and author has agreed to be our Key note speaker at Saturday's banquet. John has served as the director of the Virginia War Museum since 1978, and oversees the management of the City of Newport News' historic properties.

Alex Waldrop will bring us up to date on his latest genealogical research and DNA studies. Clai Bachmann has agreed to present a summary of Cliborn family records and what they have to say about that family's lives, and where they fit into the early colonial scene.

Don't miss this once in a life time opportunity to celebrate America's 400th Anniversary and learn how you ancestors participated in subsequent decades during the 17th century. Plan now to join the group for a weekend of fun, festivities, and the latest in historical and genealogical information.

By Clai Bachmann, Reunion Committee

2006-07 Dues Are Now Due

Exciting plans are underway for our very special Reunion 2007. To receive newsletters and reunion mailings with details during the coming year, please send your check in the amount of \$10 payable to the Claiborne Society to:

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