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Message from the Publications Chairman

Patricia Clayborn

"First person narratives and family histories are important historical documents" stated John Bond, who wrote the book The Story of You: A Guide for Writing Your Personal Stories and Family History in 2014. "You are doing a service by leaving a legacy, no matter how small or large. The interesting stories in your life have become familiar to you... The novelty of these stories is most apparent to someone hearing them for the first time."

Sometime in the late 1950s, an antique secretary desk was being readied for auction at an estate sale, when one of the workers found a journal in the back of a drawer. It had been written by Dr. Christopher James Cleburne (1838-1909) and was made up of 309 handwritten 11 inch by 17 inch pages. It included 67 pedigree charts of many Cleburne, Cliburne and Claiborne families, along with a 16 page index. The first entry was dated 1877 and the last one 1906. The journal was given to Randolph Royal Claiborne, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia, and the original is now housed at the Atlanta History Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Thomas Claiborne brought a photocopy to the Claiborne Clan Reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1997, and it has since become a treasure for Claiborne researchers. Admiral Christopher James Cleburne, M.D. was a Rear Admiral, Surgeon and Medical Director in the United States Navy who had a lifelong passion for genealogy. He was first cousin to Major General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne, and it was the Admiral who had a plaque and stained glass window honoring the General mounted in St. Cuthbert's Church in Cliburn, even though the cousins fought on opposite sides during the Civil War. The Admiral's painstaking efforts to document his family's ancestry, as well as that of others with the name, makes amazing reading.

We are attempting to continue this heritage by showcasing current records and research in this issue:

- A letter and photos from Paul and Becky Placek commemorating the 1981 Kent Island events that celebrated the 350th Anniversary of Colonel William Claiborne's 1631 settlement.
- Two articles of interest from our new Claiborne Society Secretary, Nicholas J. Lilly Cline.
- An article from the Fall issue of the Kent Island Heritage Society Newsletter regarding Colonel William Claiborne, written by our friend John Conley, and sent to us by Elizabeth Richardson.
- Finally, I have explored the intertwining relationships between the Cleburne, Hutton and Bowes Families.

Thank you for your continuing membership and for contributing to our Society!

Sincerely, Patricia Clayborn

NEW MEMBERS:

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to our Clan:

Minor Kay Payne Anderson, Sharpsburg, Kentucky
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Zachary Alexander Claiborne, Edmond, Oklahoma
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Letter to the Publisher
From Paul and Becky Placek

By now, a number of us in the Kent Island Heritage Society have heard from Jack Broderick and John Conley about your group's recent visit to Kent Island and our historic sites. Becky and I have been members for 46 years and we restored a historic house here (Robert White House, circa 1840).

We really enjoyed the 350th Anniversary of Claiborne's 1631 settlement on Kent Island in events here on Kent Island in 1981.

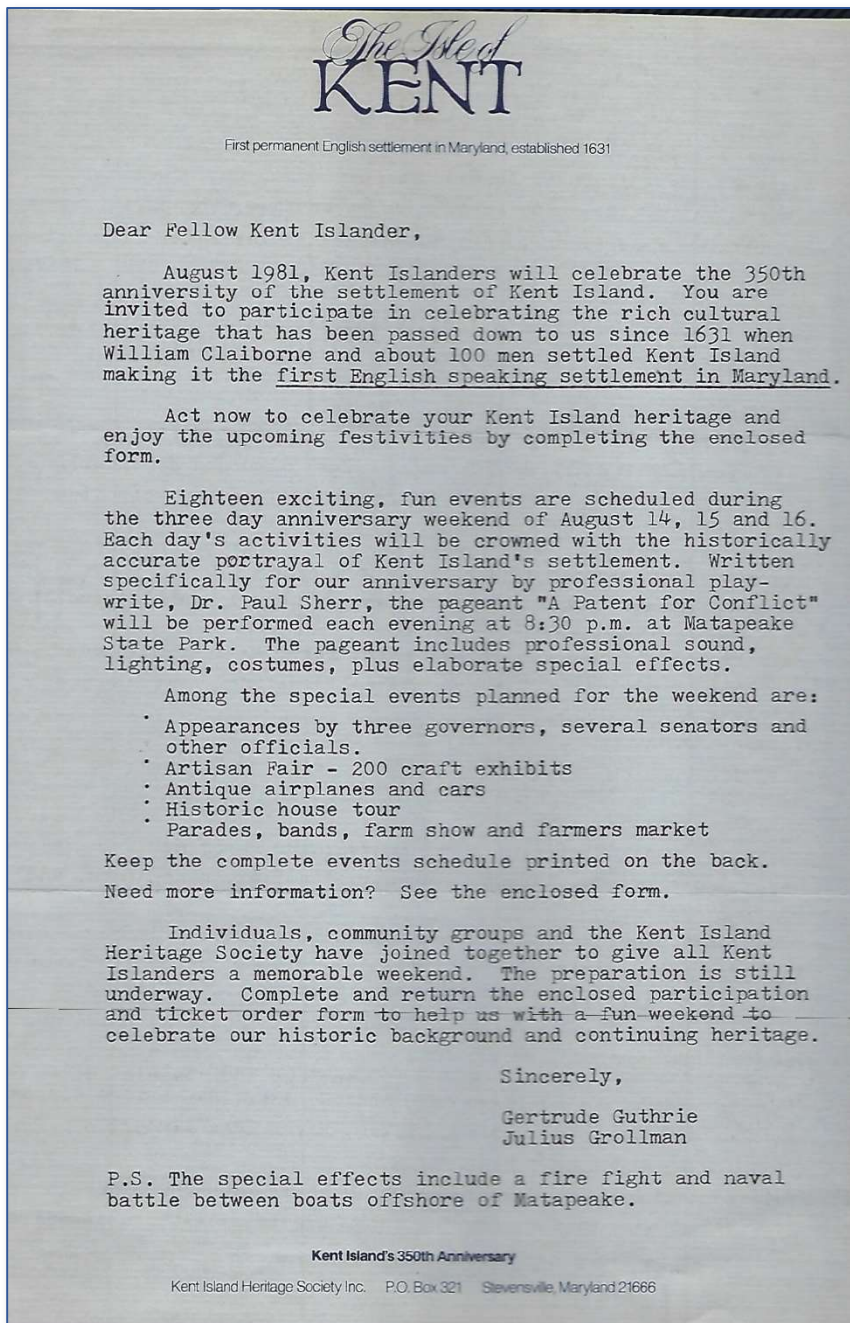
Attached are a couple of documents from 42 years ago. I thought you might like to see them. We have these two pages and others in my wife's scrapbook from the 350th.

In just eight short years, 2031 will be here and it will be time to celebrate 400 years of Claiborne on Kent Island. I know that you will work with Jack and John in the planning.

It's not too early to say the words "Claiborne's settlement on Kent Island 400 years ago to be celebrated". By the way, I was impressed with the depth of your genealogical research in the Claiborne Society Newsletter.

Feel free to share my letter and the attachments (which I sent to Jack and John).

Best wishes,
Paul and Becky Placek
Stevensville, Maryland



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3-day Kent festival to begin

Kent Island will open three days of festivities tomorrow celebrating the 350th anniversary of its settlement in 1631 by William Claiborne, making it the earliest English settlement in Maryland.

Starting with the dedication of a time capsule by the local Elks Club tomorrow morning, the celebration continues through exhibits, displays and performances sponsored by nearly every civic organization and business on the island.

The streets of Stevensville will be closed to traffic as arts and crafts of all description, ancient and modern, fill the yards and streets all three days. The island's heritage will be depicted in a museum set up in the elementary school.

Saturday morning, dignitaries from Maryland, including Gov. Harry Hughes and U.S. Rep. Roy Dyson of the Eastern Shore, and representatives of Delaware and Virginia will take part in ceremonies officially recognizing the history. U.S. Rep. Corinne Claiborne Boggs of Louisiana will speak.

A parade Saturday afternoon will feature horse-drawn carriages carrying dignitaries, as well as Indians, fire trucks and floats.

A historical pageant closes each day's activities at 8:30 p.m. on an outdoor stage at Matapeake Marine facility. Tickets are available at the gate.

A list of events and a map pinpointing activities appears below.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS KENT ISLAND'S 350th ANNIVERSARY FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Daily Events — 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (numbers and symbols correspond to map)

1. Artisan Fair — local and commercial — Stevensville.

2. Arts and Crafts — Federation of Art — Stevensville.

4. Historic Cray House and herb garden — Stevensville.

5. Heritage Museum and Eastern Shore Bookstore — elementary school.

6. Farm Show and Farmers' Market — Near Pier I Motel.

11. 8:30 p.m. — Historic Pageant "A Patent for Conflict" on stage at Matapeake — tickets at the gate.

FRIDAY ONLY:

12. Opening Ceremony 10:45-Noon — dedication of time capsule and monument by Elks Club — speaker — band.

SATURDAY ONLY:

11. Official 350th Anniversary Ceremony — 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — U.S. Rep. Corinne Claiborne Boggs, speaker, former Delaware Gov. El-

bert N. Carvel hosts Gov. Harry Hughes and other dignitaries, on stage at Matapeake.

7. Afro-American Display — United Wesleyan Methodist Church, Chester.

9. Catamaran Regatta — Pier I — Sat. and Sun.

10. Indian Village — Methodist Church, Cox Neck Road.

14. 3:00 Bicycle Race and Parade — four miles south on Route 8.

SUNDAY ONLY:

H. Heritage House Tour — 18th Century homes and Christ Church, 1-6 p.m. Tickets at each site and other locations.

13. Antique Auto Show 10 a.m.-3 p.m. — Bay Bridge Airport — and Antique Airplane Fly-in, Noon-6 p.m.

10. Jousting Tournament — 1-4 p.m. St. Christopher's Catholic Church, Chester.

P. Parking sites.
SP. Sunday parking only.

Food will be served at various sites and shuttle buses will run in Stevensville.

Schedule may be slightly revised.

What's inside

BY TOM BOWDEN

In the olden days, people thought the best way to make a time capsule was to put a lot of loose items into a heavy steel box and close it up.

The problem is, steel rusts and corrodes over the years, doing great damage to the items within, which are often made of paper.

The people who are constructing a time capsule for Kent Island, to be opened in the year 2081, found that out from the Smithsonian Institution, whom they consulted in the planning stages.

The solution? Tupperware and Saran Wrap! The company that makes Tupperware is even donating several containers with instructions for use and some product literature to go into the time capsule.

As for the Saran Wrap, it needs to be either commercial grade thickness, or else three layers of standard household wrap should be used. Heat sealing completes the preservation process.

Being petroleum products, the Tupperware and Saran Wrap will not corrode over the decades, says Jan Leopold, immediate past president of the Ladies of the Elks who is organizing the dedication ceremony, scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14.

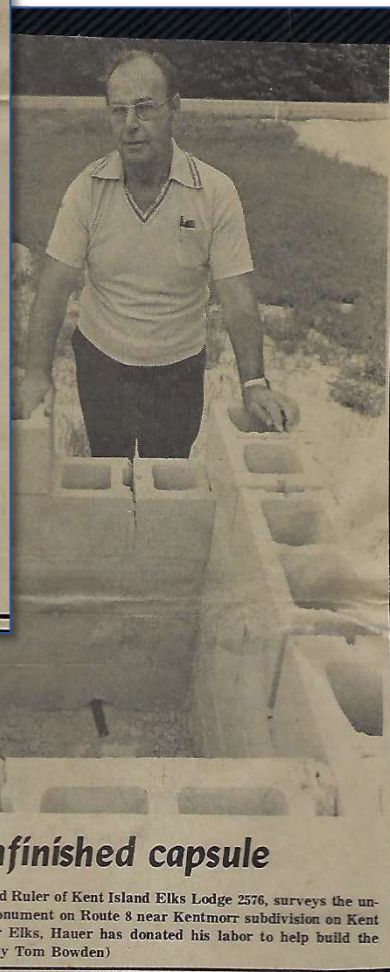
Lots of local individuals and organizations have come up with items to be enclosed in the monument. They include:

—Chesapeake College, which is donating a 1981 catalog,

—Kent Island Heritage Society, which is giving copies of the group's first meeting minutes, plus documents relating to the 350th anniversary celebration,

—Auto dealers, who are giving

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Unfinished capsule

Francis Hauer, Exalted Ruler of Kent Island Elks Lodge 2576, surveys the unfinished time capsule monument on Route 8 near Kentmorr subdivision on Kent Island. Along with other Elks, Hauer has donated his labor to help build the structure. (Staff photo by Tom Bowden)

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literature on today's cars,

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—Kent Island Federation of Art, who are giving written material plus a small picture.

—School principals, who are donating items representative of what is being taught to school children in 1981.

—Armed Services, who are placing recruitment posters in the capsule.

—The Banner Newspapers, which will donate a newspaper related item.

—Watermen's Association, which is giving copies of documents relating to court cases on fishing disputes.

—Bay Country Hunting Club, which is giving gunner's documents and perhaps a small firearm.

—The Bay Times, which will provide a representative copy of their paper.

Those are some of the items scheduled to be cocked away for the next century, but Mrs. Leopold said the public is invited to suggest other additions.

A collection of current coins, including a Susan B. Anthony dollar, will be included, plus some currency, an Indian artifact donated by a Cherokee tribe may also be placed in the capsule.

The dedication ceremony will feature music by the combined Queen Anne's County Middle Schools Band, directed by Everett Peters.

The U.S. Army's Old Guard is scheduled to make an appearance, dressed in Revolutionary War costumes. They will participate in a mock battle including black powder rifle shots.

State Comptroller Louis Goldstein is the main guest speaker, and Paul Heisel, state president of the Tri-State

Elks Association, will also address the crowd.

Several of the participants will ceremonially place their items in the capsule. After the dedication is over, workers will place a marble slab over the items and top it off with a carved monument.

And a century from now, our descendants will open it up and learn something about Kent Island in the year 1981.



Traffic jam on
Rt. 8 after the
parade!

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Cars to show off their best side at show

By MARY K. TILGHMAN

No, they didn't manufacture Rolls-Royces automobiles in 1631 (those poor barbarians!), but cars have become such a way of life around here, they just had to be included in Kent Island's 350th Anniversary celebration.

So, in conjunction with an antique airplane fly-in at the Bay Bridge Airport right off Route 50, car enthusiasts will show off their antique autos.

Alexander Speer, himself the proud owner of a 1928 Rolls Royce Phantom I, has been coordinating the event with area car clubs from Pennsylvania to Virginia and with private owners of some priceless gems.

It's a look but don't touch kind of show but the looking should be worth it, according to Speer.

A 1913 Ford truck, a Packard and Buick built in the 1920s and a couple of Model T Fords will be on hand at the airport. Speer is aiming for a hundred different automobiles and hopes to get a Dusenbergs, a car popular in the late 20s and 30s with movie stars.

To top it all off, there will be a Model T Ford put together before spectators' very eyes. Wheels, fenders, valves, and whatever else makes up one of those old Fords will be in a big pile, disassembled.

At the blow of a whistle a group of men (who obviously know what they're doing) will start grabbing pieces and fitting that horseless carriage back together. A few minutes later, someone will be filling the radiator while another cranks it up, ready to go. "I think it takes 20 minutes," Speer said. That'll be at 2:30 p.m.

It's going to be an informal show though the cars will be judged in the afternoon for best preservation of a historic car, most popular, farthest driven and best costumed drivers.

Individual car owners and car clubs will be displaying their vehicles. Twenty-six car clubs from the area have been invited to attend. An antique MG car club has accepted, for instance, as has a local Model-T car owner, Chris Killian of Love Point.

Speer will be showing his charcoal gray Rolls at the show. Made in Springfield, Massachusetts, the luxurious car has been lovingly cared for the 13 years he has owned it.

"Rolls Royce went to incredible lengths to do everything right," he said, noting the lubrication system which oils a multitude of moving parts in the car, pointing out the protective coating covering every nut and bolt and running his hand over the leather seats and polished wood of the interior.

"I just savor this car all the time," he said.

The 53-year-old car has only 28,000 miles on it and has never had to be restored. It's been loved all its life.

And because his and the rest of the antique cars have been so carefully maintained and some restored, they will be roped off, away from things that can scratch the finish or dent the fender.

Parts for a car a half century old are hard to come by and expensive to obtain. Not only that, those cars get more and more valuable as time marches on. Speer's Rolls, for example, cost the original owner almost \$20,000 in 1928. In today's money, figuring in inflation, that car would cost \$103,500 new, according to the car owner's calculations.

The cars are expected to arrive around 10 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16. Judging takes place at 2 p.m., followed by the re-assembly of a "take apart" Model T. All of this takes place at the Bay Bridge Airport.



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A Patent for Conflict



ACT I SCENE I
WATERMAN (PROLOGUE)
LONDON, 1630, AN OFFICE OF CLOBBERRY AND COMPANY.

ACT I SCENE II
TOWN SQUARE

ACT I SCENE III
EMBARKATION

ACT I SCENE IV
GREENWICH. THE COURT OF KING CHARLES THE FIRST.

ACT II SCENE I
ACCOMAC, MEETING BETWEEN THE MATAPEAKES AND CLAIBORNE.

ACT II SCENE II
KENT ISLAND, INDIAN SETTLEMENT. MEETING BETWEEN CLAIBORNE AND THE CHIEF OF
THE MATAPEAKE TRIBE. THE FOUNDING OF KENT ISLAND AND THE RAISING OF THE FLAG.

INTERMISSION* FIFTEEN MINUTES

ACT II SCENE III
PIECE OF LAND OVERLOOKING THE CHESAPEAKE, KENT ISLAND.
CELEBRATION OF THE GROWTH OF THE COLONY AND THE FIRE.

ACT III SCENE I
ANGLICAN CHURCH, (FIRST CHURCH ESTABLISHED WITHIN WHAT ARE NOW THE BOUNDARIES
OF MARYLAND. CONGREGATION STILL IN EXISTENCE, KNOWN AS THE CHRIST CHURCH,
KENT ISLAND.) WEDDING OF JOAN AND TOM.

ACT III SCENE II
POINT COMFORT. THE CONFRONTATION OF CLAIBORNE AND CALVERT.

ACT III SCENE III
NAVAL BATTLES. FIRST BATTLE, MARYLAND IS THE AGGRESSOR AND THE LOSER OF THE
BATTLE. SCENE SHIFTS TO COURT OF KING CHARLES I. THE SECOND BATTLE KENT ISLAND
IS THE AGGRESSOR, MARYLAND THE VICTOR. SCENE SHIFTS AGAIN TO KING CHARLES I.

ACT III SCENE IV
KENT ISLAND VIRGINIA BECOMES KENT ISLAND MARYLAND.

Claibornes of Nottoway

By Nicholas J. Lilly Cline

Capt. William Claiborne III (1671-1705) fathered a decent number of children, some of whom produced the lines which produced us; I being one of them. Among his children was Catherine, apparently named after her mother whose name is alleged to have been Catherine Dandridge (1676-1708); she is supposed to have been a daughter of Col. John Dandridge I (1655-1731) according to G.M. Claiborne's Claiborne Pedigree.

Catherine Claiborne (1703-1771) married Maj. David Greenhill (1705-1772) and had a daughter, Sarah born in 1761. Sarah Greenhill married Lt. Col. Peter Randolph Sr. (1748-1832). Their son, Judge Peter Randolph Jr. (1780-1832) was the father of none other than Col. John Hampden Randolph Sr. (1813-1883), the builder and master of Nottoway Plantation, the largest surviving house of its kind in the South.

The house was built in 1859 in Iberville Parish, Louisiana in a town called White Castle. The house itself is a 46,000 square foot Neoclassical painted in magnificent white, with its foyer ballroom colored the same way. The property is famous for its oak trees, all well over a century old, each named after the children of the Randolph family (the oldest being called Ella Eugenia). Needless to say, the Claiborne family had quite the presence in that state and its early administration in the Federal period to begin with. Again, we see the trademark dark locks of the Claiborne clan represented in the family portrait pictured here.

The house serves as a resort today, a location available as both a bed and breakfast and wedding venue. I wonder if it would make a suitable location for the next Claiborne Society reunion? The Society had met before in New Orleans, the site of the Claiborne Mansion where Gov. William Charles Cole Claiborne Sr. resided, as well as his descendants for many years following. I leave the question here for consideration.



Wallis, Duchess of Cliburn?

By Nicholas J. Lilly Cline

One of the most famous individuals to have deep-seated roots in the Claiborne country of tidewater Maryland is Bessie Wallis Warfield. She, the debonair American socialite whose unmistakable characteristics were the sharpness of both her dress and center parting of her hair, is better known by her married name of Wallis Simpson. More deservedly, she is the Duchess of Windsor, a title she bore upon Edward VIII's abdication for her hand in 1937. One may not put the Duchess and our Colonel William Claiborne together— I certainly hadn't before. That is, until one really thinks about it: both share the tidewaters of Maryland as their stomping grounds (and a residency in England), both faced scrutiny and struggle at the hands of the English monarchy, and both were largely misunderstood both in their own time and into ours.

The reality is that Wallis, Duchess of Windsor's father Teackle Wallis Warfield was of a family contemporary in time, place, and prominence to Claiborne. The immigrant ancestor of the family, Richard Warfield, arrived in the Palatinate of Maryland quite a many years after William Claiborne in 1659 as an indentured servant. The family went on to marry with other First Families such as Ridgely, Dorsey, Howard, Owings, Baldwin, and others, whereas the Claibornes went ever south and married accordingly. Wallis' mother Alice Montague was also of an old family, from Virginia, known for their smoldering looks and tempers.

With these commonalities in mind, it may even come as a surprise that there is no apparent shared blood between the families: but is that really so?

In my own passtime ritual of exploring the trees of historical individuals whom I find intriguing, I came across a curious connection. I received a 'hint' on my Ancestry family tree (Wallis clocks in officially at about an eighth cousin for me) that one of the Duchess of Windsor's ancestors was named Grace Cliburn, her seventh great-grandmother.

The bloodline is fairly direct, if indeed true: Cliburn, Edmondson, Hopewell, Emory, Warfield. This Grace Cliburn was supposedly born in 1586 in Little Musgrave, Westmoreland, England, where she there died in 1631. Westmoreland: the location of the seat of the Cliburns which produced William Claiborne himself. There is a christening record stating her father as one Edward Cliburn. Could this Edward be the father of Thomas Cliburn who married into the Lowther family? The timeline would check out: Grace would be six years the junior of her potential brother Thomas who was born in 1580. It would also make Grace the niece of Agnes Cliburn who married Humphrey Wharton.

If this theory is indeed true, it would make Edmund Cliburn, born in 1501 at Cliburn Hall in Westmoreland, the common ancestor of the Duchess of Windsor and Col. William Claiborne. Edmund was Claiborne's great-grandfather and he would be Wallis' tenth great-grandfather, thus making them *second cousins nine times removed*.

And so, my dear friends and relations, a new addition to the illustrious Claiborne/Cliburn clan if the records can back it up. *This is merely a theory of mine based off of preliminary skimming*. But really, will there ever be a day when we can give merit to the proof in the pudding? She had the dark and wavy hair, piercing glance, and trailblazing spirit of a Claiborne all along!



Article from the Kent Island Heritage Society

From Elizabeth Richardson

Elizabeth Richardson sent us an article from the Fall issue of the Kent Island Heritage Society Newsletter regarding Colonel William Claiborne written by our friend John Conley. You will recall that we included an earlier article from the Heritage Society's newsletter in our "Claiborne Clippings" report on our most recent reunion. You may view their newsletter archive at the following site: <https://kentislandheritagesociety.org/newsletter-archive/>

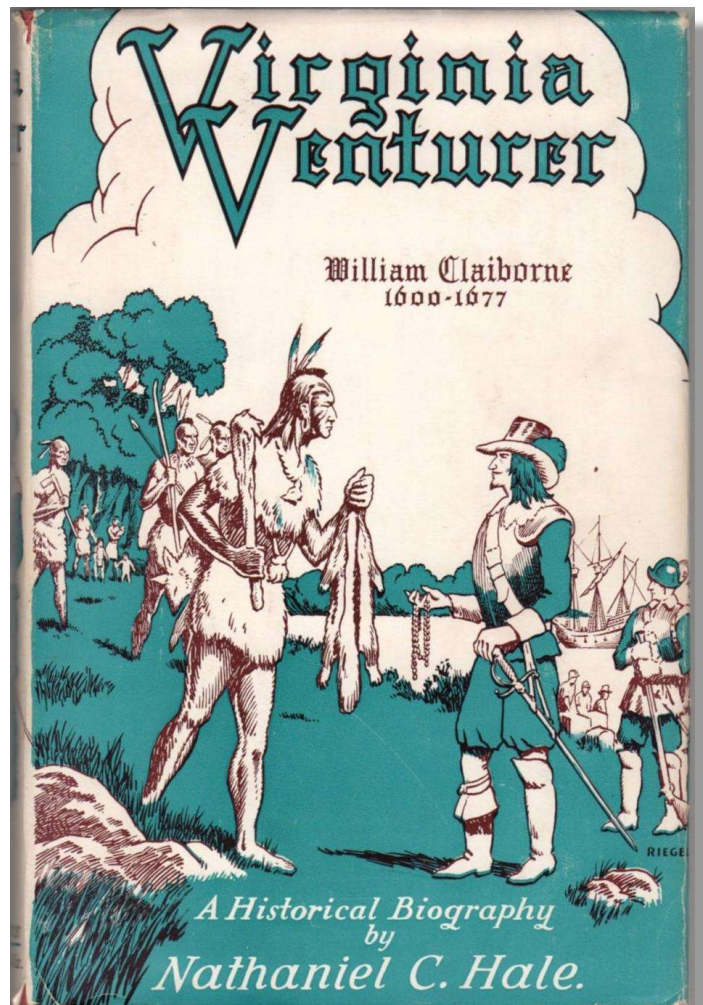
Although we were intrigued by this new article concerning Colonel William Claiborne, Elizabeth was disappointed that the following addition that she had suggested to the author was not included:

"In 1652 Parliament and later Cromwell appointed Claiborne and Richard Bennett as commissioners to reduce Virginia and Maryland to the authority of parliament, which they did. After delivering this order to officials in Maryland's capital, Claiborne returned to Virginia and is said to have not visited Kent Island as long as he was a commissioner. 'For one who might have been expected to act with a vengeance born of years of bitterness, he conducted himself with singular moderation.' (Virginia Venturer, by Nathaniel C. Hale, p. 281-3). Books state that actually Cromwell did confirm the Commissioners' authority over Maryland. (See p. 289, above.)"

This commission became void in 1657 when a compromise between the British government and Lord Baltimore restored the latter's authority over Maryland.

Reproductions of two pages from the Kent Island Heritage Society Newsletter follow:

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WILLIAM CLAIBORNE: PIRATE OR PATRIOT?

By John L. Conley



To paraphrase a common cliché, “One man’s pirate is another man’s patriot.” Kent Island’s own William Claiborne and some of his supporters were called pirates by our Calvert friends across the Bay. Those on this Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay who saw Claiborne as a defender of their Virginia property and rights and settled three years before the ships of Lord Baltimore arrived to establish the new colony of Maryland in 1634, might have begged to differ.

Preservation Maryland (preservationmaryland.org) states unequivocally that, “In 1635, William Claiborne gained notoriety as the first documented pirate in Maryland History.” As our readers know, Mr. Claiborne and Kent Islanders did not exactly lay out the welcome mat for the Calvert Clan when they established St. Mary’s City across the Bay, especially after titanic political changes in England resulted in support of Lord Baltimore’s claim that the largest island in the Chesapeake Bay lay within his patent for the new colony of Maryland.

Disputes between St. Mary’s City and Kent Island came to a head in 1635. Claiborne’s brother-in-law John Butler seized a Maryland boat laden with materials destined for trade with Indians on the Eastern Shore and took it and its crew to Kent Island. Claiborne released the vessel and crew to return with a message of “displeasure” to the recent arrivals in St. Mary’s. Donald G. Shomette’s classic 1985 book *Pirates of the Chesapeake Bay* records this seizure as the “first act of documented Pyracie on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay” in a chapter aptly titled “Grievous Crimes of Pyracie and Murther.”

Later, the Calvert’s returned the favor when Kent Island’s Captain Thomas Smith and his pinnace *Long Tayle* were captured while taking materials to an Indian village on the Patuxent River. Claiborne considered this a clear act of piracy. These tit for tats resulted in a battle in which Claiborne’s sloop *Cockatrice* was lost to Calvert’s *St. Helen* and *St. Margaret* in what is considered the first naval battle on North American waters where both sides had English roots.

Political and actual wrangling continued as Claiborne tried and eventually failed to secure his claim that Kent Island was still part of Virginia. In 1637, Governor Calvert’s troops invaded Kent Island and John Butler, Edward Becker and Thomas Smith were arrested. They were charged with, among other things, the crimes of “sedition, pyracie and murther.” Butler was eventually released, but Smith was later captured in another action and convicted and sentenced to hang in 1638 for piracy and murder for his actions in the 1635 battle where a St. Mary’s officer was killed.

William Claiborne and his cohorts also receive significant coverage in a new book *Pirates of the Chesapeake Bay: From the Colonial Era to the Oyster Wars* by Jamie H. L. Goodall. Her verdict on Claiborne appears at the beginning of the first chapter that, “We know that William Claiborne’s piracy was born of a conflict between the inhabitants of Virginia and settlers of Maryland over territory and resources.” She reports that in 1638 “a grand inquest was held at St. Mary’s to determine Claiborne’s role when the *Cockatrice* ‘feloniously’ attacked the *St. Helen* and *St. Margaret* ‘as pyrates and robbers.”

A Bill of Attainder in the Maryland House of General Assembly in 1637 listed many charges against “William

Cleyborne, Gent" who was "notoriously known for having committed sundry contempts, insolences, and seditious acts against the dignity, government and domination of the Lord Proprietarie of this Province." It concluded that, "said William Cleyborne be attained of the crimes aforesaid . . . and that he forfeite to the said Lord Proprietary all his goods and chattells which he has within the Province at present."

Claiborne returned to Jamestown having lost his land but not his influence on Kent Island. He did go to England to continue to argue his case in 1637, with no success. However, he does re-appear later in Shomette's book in coverage of another "pirate in the eyes of the beholder" Richard Ingle. The English Civil War with the fight between King Charles I and Parliament forces led by Oliver Cromwell had repercussions in Maryland and Virginia. Ingle supported Cromwell and in 1641 entered the Chesapeake Bay where he eventually tangled with the Calvert loyalists to the King. His adversaries included the then acting Governor Giles Brent who owned a large piece of land on Kent Island. Claiborne aligned with Ingle and returned to Kent Island in 1644, reestablished authority, and briefly seized Brent's property.

Meanwhile, Ingle was charged by Maryland with "carrying out certaine treasonable and pyratie offenses." Those charges were eventually dropped. Claiborne continued his efforts to gain formal control of Kent Island, but his efforts failed as Cromwell never removed the Calvert's authority to govern Maryland, nor later did King Charles II after he was restored to the throne following Cromwell's death when Kent Island was formally part of Maryland. Claiborne never gave up on regaining possession of Kent Island. In 1777, shortly before his death, he again petitioned the king to restore his rights to Kent Island, but died before any action could be taken.

Claiborne did have his defenders who disputed the pirate claims. In his book about his famous ancestor *William Claiborne of Virginia* written in 1917, Dr. John Herbert Claiborne argues that William Claiborne had legal rights to Kent Island from the beginning. He notes that the charter granted to Lord Baltimore included the conveying language "a certain region in parts of America not yet cultivated and in possession of savages or barbarians having no knowledge of the Devine Being." We will leave it to others to decide if today's Kent Island is cultivated and free of barbarians, but it did seem to be so in 1631 when it even included a church.

Regarding the taking of Claiborne's pinnacle *Long Tayle*, Claiborne writes that the legal claim to Kent Island had

not yet been settled and that "His ship was taken, and his goods confiscated, and they were never returned. This was an act of unjustifiable force of robbery, of piracy, and not the result of due legal process." He concludes that "... on this occasion, it was not Claiborne who was guilty of piracy, but Baltimore's men who were under instruction from Baltimore or his accredited representatives."

To the question of whether William Claiborne was a pirate, his loyal descendant wrote: "This the reader must agree that this is no man for prejudiced historians to dismiss incontinently with the epitaphs of rebel, pirate and of murderer."

Another cliché is that when it comes to battles and territorial disputes, "Winners write the history." If that is so, then the judgement is that, alas, "William Claiborne walks the plank."

Shaping a Landscape: The Archaeology & History of People in the Chesapeake



John L. Seidel, PhD
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**Dr. Seidel's interesting
presentation which includes
information on Kent Island
can be viewed at our website
kentislandheritagesociety.org**

Cleburne, Hutton and Bowes

By Patricia Clayborn

The histories of the families of Cleburne, Hutton, and Bowes are intertwined. Elizabeth Hutton (1605-1680) married Edmund Cleburne (1606-1648) in 1625. She was the daughter of Sir Timothy Hutton (1569-1629) 1st Lord of Marske, High Sheriff of Yorkshire, knighted in 1605, and his wife Elizabeth Bowes. Elizabeth Hutton was the granddaughter of Matthew Hutton (1529-1605) Bishop of Durham and Archbishop of York, who in turn was an ancestor of Matthew Hutton (1693–1758) Archbishop of Canterbury.

Elizabeth Bowes was christened on February 1, 1570 at St. Dunstan's in London. Her godmother was Queen Elizabeth I who gave her a silver gilt cup as a gift. Queen Elizabeth II purchased this chalice back from the Hutton family in 1957, and it is now part of the Royal Collection, occasionally put on display in the Queen's Gallery. Elizabeth Bowes was the daughter of Sir George Bowes (1527-1580) Marshal of Berwick, of Streatlam Castle,

Durham and Jane, daughter of Sir John Talbot of Albrighton and Grafton. In 1569 the Rebellion of the Northern Earls threatened Elizabeth's throne, and Sir George Bowes played a major part as a loyalist. He was an ancestor of the late Queen Mother Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.



The Hutton Cup: Elizabeth Bowes Hutton's godmother was Queen Elizabeth I who gave her this silver gilt cup as a gift. Queen Elizabeth II purchased it back from the Hutton family in 1957 and it is now part of the Royal Collection.

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A COPIE OF MY LETTER TO MR. RYGGE.

Aug. 18, 1623. (328.)

SIR, I suppose you are nott ygnorant of a match which was intended betwyxt my maugh⁵⁶ Cleburne hys eldest sonne Edmund and my daughter. I doe protest unto you (in the word of truth) that the breach thereof is no smale dyscontentment unto me; and that I must needs cleare the young gentleman soe farre, that there was noe fault neither in hym selfe nor on hys syde, but only the dysaffaction of my foolysh daughter, whoe is lyke (and shall) to pay for hyr folly.

I understand that there hath bene conference betwyxt hym and you touching hys sonne with your daughter, whearein (yf ytt shall please God that yt goe forward) I shall nott be a lyttle glad that he shall match with one of such integretye as you are reported to be. Hys estate is fayre, and such as (with a lyttle tyme) will free hym from all incombrances: and bycause I know you cannott but be desyrous to know them, I have delyvared a note of them unto my maugh (the bearer hereof) which he wyl shew you. As for myne owne mony, which I have payd, I wyl nott take one pennye for use, butt that I may have ytt upon one quarter's warning yf of necessitye I must requyre ytt; which I thinke wyl nott be hastely, for my daughter is nott much above fowarteene yeares ould. As for other bonds which I am entred into for hym to supply hys occasions, I hope noe reasonable man wyl thinke ytt unreasonable to desyre securitee for myne indemnitee.

I wyl wyllinglye release any interest that I have in hys estate, upon such securitee as shalbe reasonabye requyred; and that the covenants for the good of the chyldren be performed, for I must profess that I wyl never betray that trust that is reposed in others with myself for them whylst I lyve.

These things performed, and that there be an agreement betwyxt you, (which I beseach God to dyrect and bless,) I shalbe verye desyrous that the busynes may receive an overture, and wylbe wylling to meate whensoever and whearesoever you or any shall please to preffix. And thus I rest,

Your verrey loving freind, T. H.

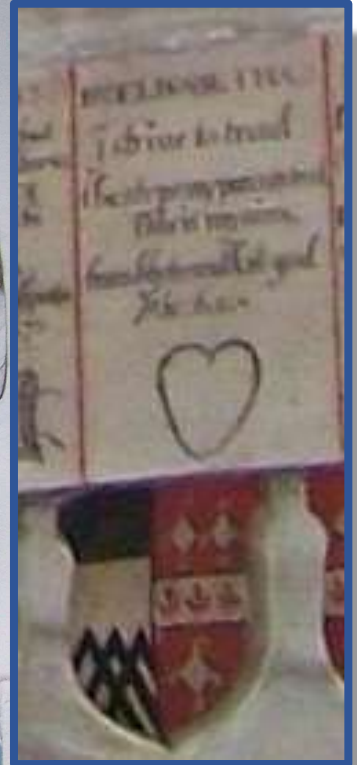
Marske, Aug. 18, 1623.
My letter to Mr. Rygge.

⁵⁶ Brother-in-law.

Letter from Sir Timothy Hutton to John Rygge

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St. Mary's Church in Richmond, Yorkshire

The Hutton Memorial: wall monument commemorating Sir Timothy Hutton who died in 1629, his wife Elizabeth Bowes, and their eight children, as well as four who died in infancy.

Each child has a coat of arms and an inscription.

The Cleburne coat of arms is shown third from the right.

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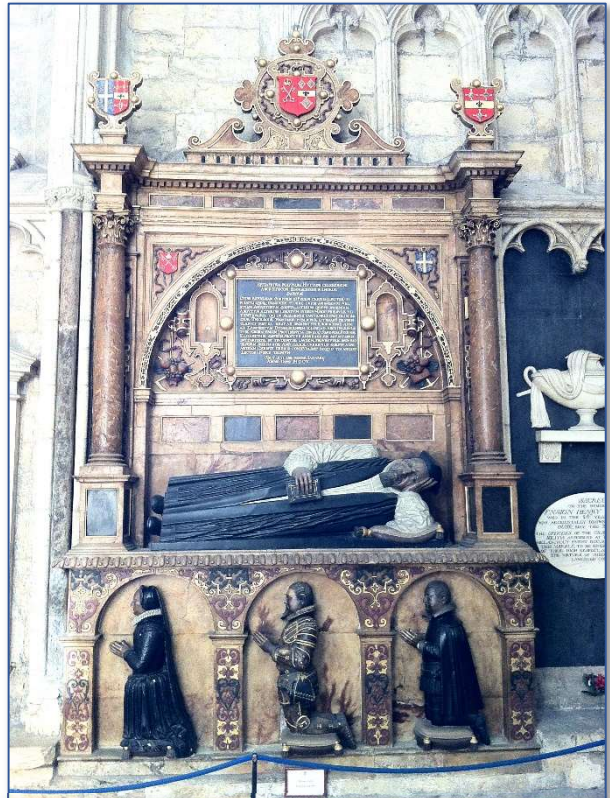
Cleburne, Hutton and Bowes

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**Matthew Hutton (1529-1605)
Bishop of Durham and Archbishop of York**



*D. Matthew Hutton, Lord Archbishop of York.
From an Original Picture, in the possession of M^r Hutton,
Widow of the late D. Matthew Hutton, Archbishop of Canterbury.*



York Minster, Deangate, York
York Minster monument of Archbishop Matthew Hutton. Above are his arms of Hutton impaling the arms of the See of Durham and the See of York. Below the reclining figure of Matthew Hutton are his two sons Timothy and Thomas behind Beatrix Fincham.

Marske Hall and Estate was purchased by Matthew Hutton in 1597. He was originally from the village of Priest Hutton near Lancaster. The Hutton Family also had land and property elsewhere in Yorkshire and County Durham.



Marske Hall and Estate

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The "History of the County of York North Riding" states that Richard Cleburne still owned Killerby when he died in 1588, and "was succeeded by his son Edmund. Thomas Cleburne was the son, heir and successor of Edmund. In 1617 what appears to have been a precautionary grant of the manor was made to Sir Timothy Hutton and Humphrey Wharton. [Agnes Cleburne, sister of Edmund Cleburne, married Humphrey Wharton of Gillingwood Hall, near Richmond and the Manor of Kirkby Thore, Westmorland. Kirkby Thore is directly across the Eden River from Cliburn.] Sir Timothy's daughter Elizabeth married Edmund Cleburne, son and heir of Thomas, and in 1634 Thomas and Edmund quit claimed to Thomas Savile lands and woods in Killerby, with warrant against the heirs of Thomas, Edmund and Elizabeth Cleburne, Timothy Hutton and Humphrey Wharton. Elizabeth Cleburne, widow of Edmund, was in possession of Killerby Hall in 1650, and she and her son Timothy Cleburne were in joint possession in 1651, when they sold the Manor to Francis Dodsworth."

In 1654 Elizabeth and Timothy sold Cliburn Hall to Robert Collingwood. Later, in 1667, Sir John Lowther (descendant of Sir Richard Lowther) bought Cliburn Hall and Manor. The Lordship of Cliburn then descended in the Lowther family, when it became part of the Earl of Lonsdale's massive estate in the north of England.

Edmund Cleburne who married Elizabeth Hutton was the son of Thomas Cleburne (1580-1640) and Frances Lowther, daughter of Sir Richard Lowther (1532-1607) the famous Sheriff of Cumberland who escorted Mary Queen of Scots. To be more exact: Sir Richard Lowther escorted Mary Queen of Scots from Workington to Carlisle, and Sir George Bowes escorted her from Carlisle to Bolton Castle. Sir Richard Lowther was the son of Hugh Lowther and Dorothy Clifford, daughter of Henry the 10th Lord Clifford (1454-1523). Henry's father, John the 9th Lord Clifford, died the day before the Battle of Towton, Easter 1461, during the Wars of the Roses, after which Henry went into hiding. During this time the Clifford properties were held by Richard Neville, the Earl of Warwick. Once King Henry III defeated Richard III, Henry Clifford – 10th Lord Clifford, the "Shepherd Lord" of Wordsworth's poem - came out of hiding and the Cliffords regained their estates.

Thomas Cleburne who married Francis Lowther was the son of Edmund Cleburne (1558-1590) and Grace Bellingham (1558-1594) and brother of William Cleburne, Vicar of Nidd Parish, Yorkshire and Prebendary of Ripon, Yorkshire. Vicar William is often confused with Colonel William Claiborne of Virginia, but, as yet, no relationship between the two has been found. Grace Bellingham was the daughter of Sir Alan Bellingham, of Helsington and Levens Hall, the famous Treasurer of Berwick and Deputy Warden of the Marches, who was rewarded by King Henry VIII with a grant of the Barony of Kendal, called the "Lumley Fee." The Cleburne coat of arms can be seen in the great room at Levens Hall, which is also famous for its gigantic topiary garden. See page 17 at the following site:

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Descendants of Matthew Hutton, Archbishop of York

Numbers denote generation

- 1 Matthew Hutton (1529-1605) Bishop of Durham, Archbishop of York. Born in Priest Hutton, Warton, Lancashire, England. Married Beatrix Fincham (daughter of Sir Thomas Fincham or Finshaw of Isle of Ely).
- 2 Sir Timothy Hutton (1569-1629) 1st Lord of Marske, Sheriff of Yorkshire, Knighted in 1605. Born in Priest Hutton, Warton, Lancashire, died in Marske, York. Married in 1592 Elizabeth Bowes (1570-1625) (daughter of Sir George Bowes of Streatlam, who sold Killerby Hall, near Catterick, to Richard Cleburne).
- 3 Matthew Hutton of Marske (1597-1666). Married in 1617 Barbara D'Arcy (daughter of Lord Conyers D'Arcy).
- 3 Timothy Hutton (1601-). Married Margaret Bennet (daughter of Sir John Bennet).
- 3 Philip Hutton. Married Elizabeth Bowes (daughter of Thomas Bowes, son of Sir George Bowes of Streatlam).
- 3 Beatrice Hutton (1596-1641). Married James Mauleverer of Arncliffe.
- 3 Frances Hutton. Married John Dodsworth of Thornton Watlas.
- 3 **Elizabeth Hutton (1605-1680). Born in Marske, York. Married in 1625 Edmund Cleburne of Cliburn and Killerby (1606-1648). Born in Cliburn Hall, Cliburn, Westmorland, died at Killerby, York.**
 - 4 Anne "Nanne" Cleburne (1627-).
 - 4 Timothy Cleburne (1630-) Last of the Lords of Cliburn. Born in Cliburn Hall, Cliburn, Westmorland, died in Killerby, York. Married Mary Talbot (daughter of Colonel John Talbot of Thornton-le-Street).
 - 4 Thomas Cleburne (1632-). Born in Cliburn, later of Hayleighton. Married Isabel 1650.
 - 4 Matthew Cleburne (1637-1673). Married Martha Allen in 1664.
 - 4 Barbara Cleburne (1640-).
 - 4 Elizabeth Cleburne (1642-). Married Rev. Richard Foster of York.

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Descendants of Edmund Cleburne

Numbers denote generation

- 1 Edmund Cleburne (1558-1590) Born in Cliburn Hall, Cliburn, Westmorland, died at Killerby, York. Married in 1576 Grace Bellingham (1558-1594) Born in Levens Hall, Westmorland. (daughter of Sir Alan Bellingham of Helsington and Levens).
- 2 Thomas Cleburne (1580-1640) Born in Cliburn Hall, Cliburn, Westmorland. Married in 1594 in Lowther Church, Westmorland to Frances Lowther (1578-) Born in Lowther Castle. (daughter of Sir Richard Lowther).
- 3 Edmund Cleburne (1605-1670) Born in Cliburn Hall, Cliburn, Westmorland, died at Killerby, York. Married in 1625 Elizabeth Hutton (1605 -1680) Born in Marske, York. (daughter of Sir Timothy Hutton of Marske Hall and Manor, Marske).**
- 4 Anne "Nanne" Cleburne (1627-).
- 4 Timothy Cleburne (1630-) Last of the Lords of Cliburn. Born in Cliburn Hall, Cliburn, Westmorland, died in Killerby, York. Married Mary Talbot (daughter of Colonel John Talbot of Thornton-le-Street). Timothy sold both Cliburn Hall and Killerby.
- 4 Thomas Cleburne (1632-). Born in Cliburn, later of Hayleighton. Married Isabel 1650.
- 4 Matthew Cleburne (1637-1673). Married Martha Allen in 1664.
- 4 Barbara Cleburne (1640-).
- 4 Elizabeth Cleburne (1642-). Married Rev. Richard Foster of York.
- 3 Richard Cleburne (1607-)
- 3 William "Wise William" Cleburne (1609- 1682) Born in Killerby, Yorkshire, died in Ballycullatan Castle, Ireland. Married in 1640 Bridgetta Warde (1620-) Born in Kilkenny, Ireland.
- 3 Frances Cleburne (1610-) Married Whitfield of Coulton.
- 3 Grace Cleburne (1611-) Married James Leslie 3rd Lord Lindores (-1667).
- 3 Mary Cleburne (1612-1612)
- 3 Ann Cleburne (1615-) Married William Bennett.
- 2 *Grace Cleburne (1586-1631) ?*
- 2 William Cleburne (1587-) Vicar of Nidd Parish, Yorkshire and Prebendary of Ripon, Yorkshire.
- 2 Robert Cleburne (1589-)
- 2 Agnes Cleburne (1591-)
- 2 Dorothy Cleburne (1593-)
- 1 Agnes Cleburne (1571-) sister of Edmund Cleburne. Married Humphrey Wharton (-1635) of Gillingwood Hall, near Richmond and the Manor of Kirkby Thore, Westmorland. Kirkby Thore is directly across the Eden River from Cliburn.

Descendants of Sir George Bowes

Numbers denote generation

- 1 Sir George Bowes of Streatlam (Knight Marshall, 3rd son). m2. Jane Talbot (dau of Sir John Talbot of Grafton)
- 2 Thomas Bowes of Streatlam Castle (d c1628). m. Ann Warcop (dau of Thomas Warcop of Tanfield)
- 3 Thomas Bowes of Streatlam (Stretlam) Castle (b 1607, d 07.09.1660). m. Anne Maxton (daughter of Anthony Maxton or Morton, prebendary of Durham)
- 3 Elizabeth Bowes. m1. Philip Hutton (son of Sir Timothy of Marske)
- 2 Elizabeth Bowes (d 1625). m. (03.1592) Timothy Hutton of Marske (b 1569, bur 06.04.1629, son of Matthew, Archbishop of York)

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