



# Claiborne Society Newsletter

The National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants



Spring 2015

## Message from the President

Please save the dates Thursday, November 5 through Sunday November 8 for the biennial 2015 National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. As Vice President, Susan W.H. Rura is planning our gathering in this charming location. Although not all the arrangements are final, we typically have registration and hospitality on Thursday evening, with dinner on your own, and then we spend Friday touring historic sites. Saturday is the day for our formal business meeting in the morning, and banquet in the evening. Sunday morning is check out and good-byes to new family and friends. More information will be forthcoming soon.

In this newsletter, we get to hear from our favorite historical researcher, Sue Cliborn Forbes. Duain Claiborne once told me that Sue had information on Hay Close, and I wondered about it until the time came when I finally had another reason to correspond with her, and could take advantage of the situation to inquire. To my delight, she responded with the most wonderful details, which I have recorded here. She also sent me a marvelously detailed timeline which follows the report. This timeline is based on a research method that – when direct evidence is not available - uses corresponding information on family, associates and neighbors to reconstruct a life and create a historical biography. For those of you who, like me, let your imaginations wander back to what life might have been like for our ancestors in the middle ages, this is a rare treat!

Member Deb Peabody has sent us news of the dedication of a painting that touches on both our family and that of the late commentator William F. Buckley Jr. And our "Pearl of Great Price," Jill Price of King's Lynn, Norfolk, Great Britain, has sent us a new brochure that tells visitors about the warehouse built circa 1570 by Thomas Claiborne, grandfather of Colonel William Claiborne of Virginia. Please watch for upcoming notices from us as we get closer to the date of our reunion.

Patricia Clayborn, President [claybornp@aol.com](mailto:claybornp@aol.com)

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## Treasurer's Report November 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

Balance November 1, 2014	\$9,848.71
Balance March 31, 2015	\$ 9,706.04

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
New Membership	\$100.00
Dues	110.00
Book Sales	70.00
Claiborne Journal Saes	<u>270.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>

<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Printing & mailing newsletter (to Allegra)	\$344.86
Printing & Mailing Claiborne Journal (reimburse Elsa Diamond)	249.81
9/30/2014 check cashed (newsletter postage)	<u>98.00</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$692.67</b>

<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$9,706.04</b>
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In addition to the assets above, the NSCFD holds 2 CDs at Chesapeake Bank, Mathews, VA:

#296580203 balance on Sept 3, 2014 =	\$11,155.13
#296570445 " " Feb 25, 2015 =	<u>\$ 5,241.87</u>
	<b>\$16,397.00</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$26,003.04</b>
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Respectfully,  
Diane Claiborne Clements, Treasurer



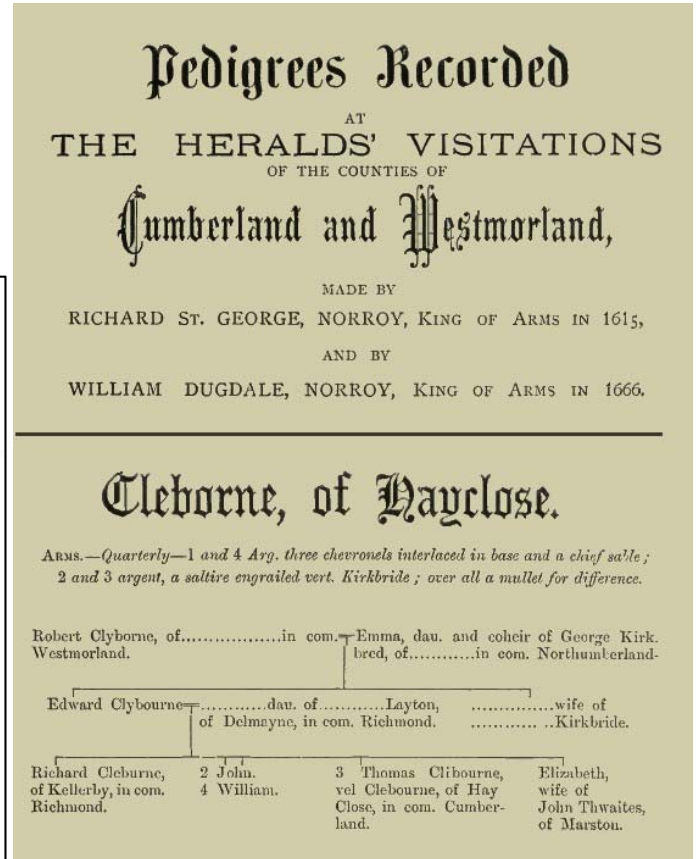
Arms and Inscription, Cliburn Hall, Westmorland

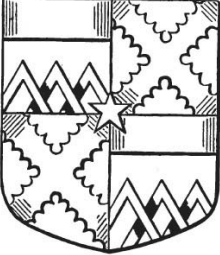
# THOMAS OF HAY CLOSE

By Patricia Clayborn

One of the Cleburnes of Cliburn Hall was named Thomas Clibborne, but he was known familiarly as "Thomas of Hay Close." He was probably born around 1535, and was the younger brother of the Richard Clibburne who rebuilt Cliburn Hall. He was also the older brother of the William Clibburne who was later mistakenly confused with Colonel William Claiborne of Virginia.

The residence of Thomas of Hay Close was a short distance from Cliburn Hall, at a farm and manor called "Hay Close." He inherited the land from the dowry of his grandmother Emma Kirkbride Cleburne, and it is the Kirkbride arms that Richard Clibburne quartered with his own when he designed the heraldic carving over the entrance at Cliburn Hall.





## Clyborne.

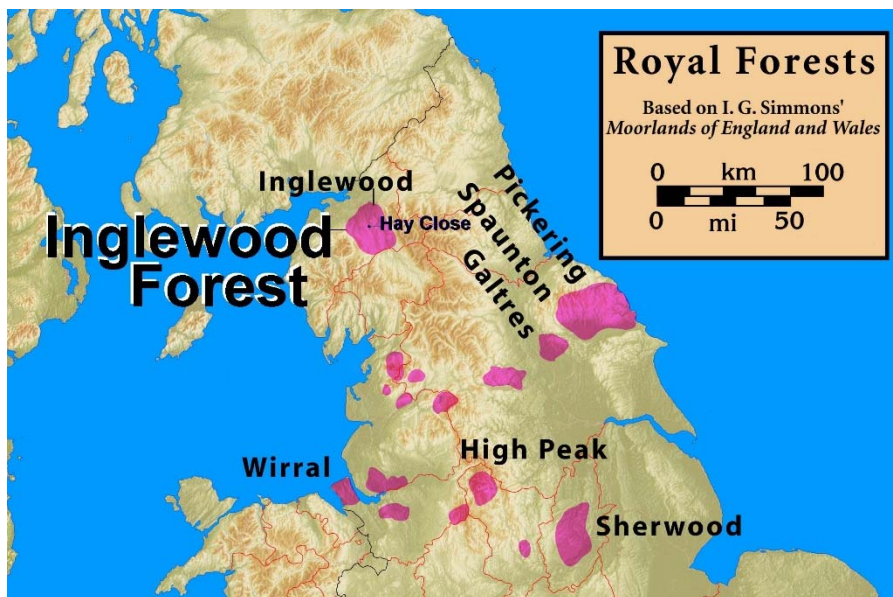
ARMS. *Quarterly of four:—1 and 4. Argent, three chevrons interlaced in base and a chief sable. 2 and 3. Argent, a saltire engrailed vert; over all a mullet for difference.*

Robert Clyborne of... in Com' Westmr'land. = Emma d. & coheire of... in Com' Northumb'land. George Kirkbrid.

Edward Clybourne = ... d. of Layton of Delmayne in Com. Richmond. ux. Kirkbrid.

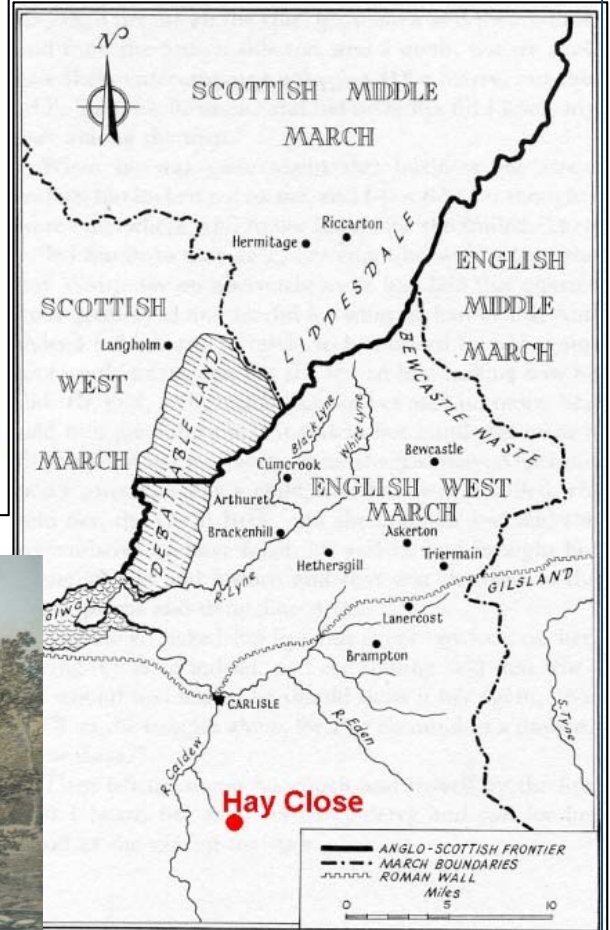
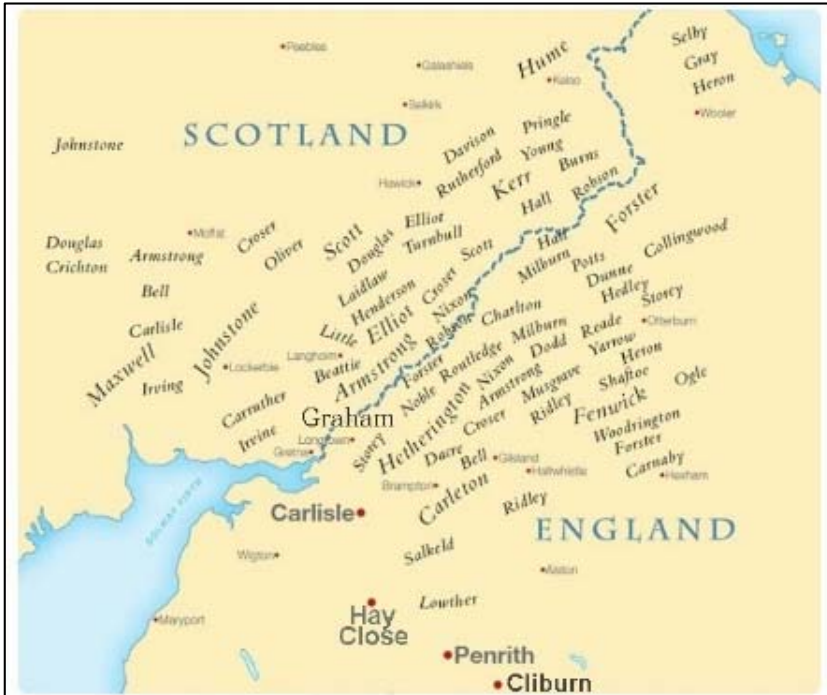
1. Richard Clybourne of Kellerby in Com' Richmond.	2. John Clybourne.	3. Thomas Clibourne vel Clebourne of Hay Close in Com' Comb'land.	4. Will <sup>m</sup> Clybourne.
			Elizebeth ux. John Thwaite of Marston.

**The Visitation of the County of Cumberland In The Year 1615**  
Taken By Richard St. George, Norroy King of Arms



Hay Close is deep in the heart of what used to be the great Royal Forest of Inglewood. At the time of the Norman invasion, the Forest of Inglewood stretched from Penrith to Carlisle, and was about 60 miles in circumference. It is described in the Chronicle of Lanercost as having been "a goodly great forest, full of woods, red deer and fallow, wild swine, and all manner of wild beasts." It was a hotly contested prize in the tug of war with Scotland, and the site of numerous raids by Reivers because cattle were kept there to graze. Although Thomas served on the English side of the Border wars with Scotland, he was sympathetic to Mary Queen of Scots and was suspected of assisting in a plot to put her on the English throne in place of Elizabeth I.





THE WEST BORDER IN THE 1590S.



Sue Cliborn Forbes, in her amazing research report entitled "Ancestral Lines of Cliburn,"<sup>1</sup> has given us almost all that we know about Thomas of Hay Close. Sue Forbes has visited Hay Close and in remembering her time there mentioned "it's blooming Hawthorn verges and the smell of freshly cut hay." "Hay Close is located in the parish of Heskett in the Forest, Cumberland, near Itonfield Township and in Leith Ward. It is west off the M6 south of Carlisle on a country farm road." She stated that: "I thought it interesting how close Killerby and Hay Close are to the old Roman Road. Thomas hung out with the related movers and shakers in the political arena."

She has sent documentation of this from the *Calendar of Border Papers: Volumes I and II*<sup>2</sup>. These volumes cover the period of 1560-1603 (the years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I) and consist of papers relating to: 1) the disputed ownership of the Border, 2) English intelligence-gathering regarding Scottish activity, and 3) compliance with the "Statute for Defense of the Border" which required landowners to provide soldiers, horses, arms and armor for the battles against the Scots.

Thomas of Hay Close is listed in the 1580-81 Leith Ward

Musters as living in Itonfield, in the Head Forest of Inglewood, responsible for contributing "speares" (spearmen – foot soldiers outfitted with a spear and shield, as opposed to horsemen or bowmen/archers) for the defense of the border. Holders of castles or towers were required to furnish horses and armor for their lease holders. In order to be certain of the condition of the mounts and armor, musters were held twice each year.<sup>2</sup>

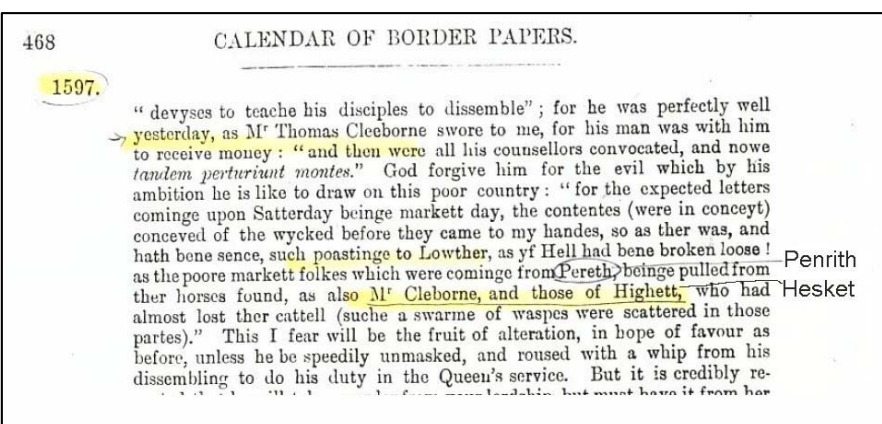
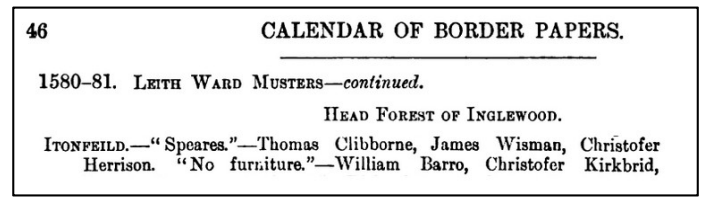
Thomas of Hay Close was a Page in the service of Sir Richard Lowther in 1568, when Lowther escorted Mary Queen of Scots from Workington to Carlisle Castle. Lowther was also sympathetic to Mary's claims to the English throne, and it is likely that Thomas was involved in the intrigue that ensued. Thomas and Richard were third cousins once removed through their common ancestor, Christopher Curwen:

- 1 Christopher Curwen of Workington Hall, Workington, Cumberland married Anne Pennington
- .....2 Thomas Curwen married Anne Huddleston
- .....3 Lucy Curwen married John Lowther
- .....4 Hugh Lowther married Dorothy Clifford
- .....5 Richard Lowther
- .....2 Isabel "Mabel" Curwen married William Sandford
- .....3 Joan Johanna Sandford married Thomas Cleburne of Cliburn Hall, Cliburn, Westmorland
- .....4 Robert Cleburne married Emma Kirkbride
- .....5 Edmund Cleburne married Elinor Layton
- .....6 Thomas Cleburne

Richard Lowther was a fascinating character: In 1560, while still in his twenties, he was appointed Deputy to Lord Henry Scrope, Warden on the British side of the border of England and Scotland. His principal duty as a Deputy Warden was to lead posse raids into the Scottish territory. Richard was knighted in 1565 at the age of 33 and was given the post of Sheriff of Cumberland. After escorting Mary, he became involved with his brother Gerard Lowther in clandestine attempts to release her from captivity and took part in the attempt to place Mary at the head of the "Rising of the North." Richard Lowther married Frances, daughter of John Middleton of Middleton, Westmorland and Ann Tunstall, daughter of Bryan Tunstall of Thurland Castle. Sir Bryan Tunstall was a heroic soldier who died at the Battle of Flodden in 1513 and was called "The Stainless Knight of Flodden" by King Henry VII. Richard Lowther's daughter Frances married the grand-nephew of Thomas of Hay Close – another Thomas Cleborne (1580-1640).<sup>3</sup>

Thomas of Hay Close is mentioned in 1597 in a letter from Sir Henry Leigh to Lord Scrope regarding Sir Richard Lowther as follows:

"Nov. 30. Henry Leigh to Scrope. As promised in my last, Mr. Lowther has taken counsel to write, as is enclosed: whereby your lordship may recall the Deveil never wants "devyses to teache his disciples to dissemble"; for he was perfectly well yesterday, as Mr Thomas





Cleborne swore to me, for his man was with him to receive money: "and then were all his counsellors convocated, and nowe *tandem perturiunt montes*." God forgive him for the evil which by his ambition he is like to draw on this poor country: "for the expected letters cominge upon Saterdag beinge markett day, the contentes (were in conceyt) conceived of the wycked before they came to my handes, so as ther was, and hath bene since, such poastinge to Lowther, as yf Hell had bene broken loose! as the poore markett folkes which were cominge from Pereth, beinge pulled from ther horses found, as also Mr Clebome, and those of Highett, who had almost lost ther cattell (suche a swarme of waspes were scattered in those partes)." This I fear will be the fruit of alteration, in hope of favour as before, unless he be speedily unmasked, and roused with a whip from his dissembling to do his duty in the Queen's service."

Thomas of Hay Close is mentioned again in the court case called the Star Chamber Proceedings of 23 October 1602: 'Thomas Cleybourne, esquire complainant against Richard Lowther'. Thomas is identified as 'Thomas Cleborne, gentleman, of Hay Close in Cumberland'." It is said that the Star Chamber took its name from the decorative ceiling in the meeting room at the old palace of Edward the Confessor at Westminster. It was a court that evolved from the King's own Royal Council, and the officials of the Star Chamber were taken from the Lords of the Privy Council, the Barons of the Exchequer, and Lords of Parliament. It was not bound by Common Law, nor did it use a jury; rather it could proceed on rumor alone, and could apply imprisonment, torture and inflict any penalty but death.<sup>4</sup>

CALENDAR OF BORDER PAPERS. 815

1602.  
[Dec.] 1530. SCROPE TO CECIL.

A special friend of mine met Henry Leighe in Lancashire "with a false bearde on his face," and, asking him why he went so disguised? He answered that the Queen had appointed him a spy in State matters, and to report to you, and he had a quarterly pension for the same. The gentleman, "suspecting that he lyed, learned covertly" that he mostly abode in a pretty little house in a forest "desitit of all companie": and was promised for 200*l.*, to get him betrayed. "But I hope for lesse." So let me know how I shall proceed therein? *Signet*: Th. Scroope.

*1 p. Holograph. No address. Indorsed by Cecil: "1602. L. Scroope."*

1602-3.  
[Jan. 2.] 1531. SCROPE TO CECIL, &c.

I have your letters, and thank you for your never failing friendship and good advice. But where you write, that if due care were taken, these open roads are not needed, and displease her Majesty: I assure you that, while 40 of our men were watching 3 miles from Carlisle, 200 Scots came in, "and had taken them all, if by God's will they had not gone about another purpose." The towns hereabout still pay black mail to the Grames, and are bound neither to stir nor shout whatever they see or hear, and dare not ride except in great number. The King means well, but can effect nothing. George Nicolson and others think I might deal with the Grames to do the Queen service, and that they have some cause to complain of me: "so God judge mee," since their last offers to him, they have murdered some of M<sup>r</sup> Chiburnes tenants! and you say, if they were faithful, we should not need the soldiers: in my father's time we had 100, for the Grames "will never warr upon thire brethren, newewes, and cosens"—and now we have but 50, without which true men cannot live here. My letter to the King was not "unfittinge." I only prayed him not to tax me of rashness without cause. The country being quiet, and the Grames well pleased with my favor to their 2 friends—as their inclosed petition will show you, and have promised M<sup>r</sup> Dalton to do good service in my absence, I mean to set forward upon Monday next, towards London, and to stay a week at Bolton, where if you write to stay me, "you shall kill my harte."  
*Signet*: Th. Scroope.  
Pray let me hear against that time.



**Mary, Queen of Scots, Escorted by Richard Lowther  
Painting by Laslett John Pott (1837-1898)**

In 1603, Lord Scrope wrote to Sir Robert Cecil, the Queen's secretary, that: "I have your letters and thank you for your never failing friendship and good advice. But where you write that if due care were taken, these open roads are not needed, and displease her Majesty: I assure you that, while 40 of our men were watching 3 miles from Carlisle, 200 Scots came in, 'and had taken them all, if by God's will they had not gone about another purpose.' The towns herabout still pay black mail to the Grames [Grahams] to do the Queen service, and that they have some cause to complain of me: 'so God judge mee,' since their last offers to him, they have murdered some of Mr Cliburnes tenants! And you say, if they were faithful, we should not need the solders: in my fathers's time we had 100, for the Grames "will never war upon thire brethren, newewes, and cozens" – and now we have but 50, without which true men cannot live herer. My letter to the King was not "unfittinge," I only prayed him not to tax me of rashness without cause."

The Grahams were among the fiercest of the Border Clans on the Scottish side. They were true "Reivers," known for their border raids into England. They held thirteen fortified towers and could raise, it was said, over 500 mounted troopers for any raid. In retaliation, Grahams were hanged, transported, banished, and imprisoned. The Thomas Cleburn who married the daughter of Sir Richard Lowther was asked to contribute to the costs of forcibly transporting most of the Graham Clan from their homes in Scotland to Roscommon, Ireland. Nevertheless, there are still a sizeable number of Grahams to be found today in Dumfriesshire and across the border in Cumbria.<sup>5</sup>

The Lowthers may have avoided execution thanks to the fact that Gerard Lowther's wife was Lucy Dudley, second cousin once removed to Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester and Queen Elizabeth's favorite. It is difficult to say how much his involvement with the Lowthers hurt Thomas of Hay Close and his extended family. The Cleburnes of Cliburn Hall remained relatively prominent and prosperous until approximately 1630, but a likely combination of factors,

beginning with the cost of rebuilding Cliburn Hall in the 1580s and ending with the chaos brought by the Civil War in the 1640s, gradually reduced their wealth and influence. Timothy Cleburne and his mother Elizabeth Cleburne sold Killerby manor to Francis Dodsworth in 1651, and Timothy sold Cliburn Hall to Robert Collingwood in 1654. Today Hay Close Farm is known for an elaborate annual maze made of corn plants that is called the "Maize Maze." Families come from great distances to wander through the maze, have tea in the café and buy crafts in the gift shop.<sup>6</sup>

References:

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- 2) Great Britain. Public Record Office. The Border Papers: Calendar of Letters and Papers Relating to the Affairs of the Borders of England and Scotland, Preserved In Her Majesty's Public Record Office London. Edinburgh: H.M. General Register House, 1894-1895.
- 3) Stephen, Sir Leslie. Lowther: Dictionary of National Biography. Vol 34. Pg 222. 1893. Macmillan.
- 4) Cheyney EP. The Court of Star Chamber. The American Historical Review. Oxford University Press. 1913. 18(4):727-750.
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- 6) Visit Cumbria: Calthwaite – Hay Close Farm Maize Maze. Location: Calthwaite/Penrith. <http://www.visitcumbria.com/evnp/calthwaite-maize-maze/>







Hay Close Tea Room & Crafts

## Hay Close Tea Room

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## THOMAS of HAY CLOSE

By Sue Cliborn Forbes

Spring 2015

The following information about Thomas of Hay Close, Cumberland, England, includes information about family, friends, associates and neighbors. This is the so called "FAN PRINCIPLE" used by the National Genealogical Society to assist in proving the identity of an individual. The timeline of events have been culled from various sources.

**Thomas of Hay Close**    **Thomas of Killerby**    **Unknown Thomas'**

1505	Hay Close	The Kirkbride property that came to Robert Cliburn through the marriage portion of Emma, <b>Thomas'</b> grandmother
1532	birth	Of Richard (1532-1588), bro of <b>Thomas (ca 1533-aft1602)</b> . Richard deposed at his father's inquest he had been born on All Saints day 15 years bef.: <i>Bissell p 32; Calendar of State Papers XIV part I</i>
1533/34	Est. birth	This estimate of <b>Thomas of Hay Close</b> b. date is based upon his brother Richard's age, and his placement as 2 <sup>nd</sup> son in the <i>Herald's Visitation of 1585</i> , as seen at The College of Arms. Birth could be as late as 1538. See a discussion of this in <i>Ancestral Lines of Cliburn p. 10</i>
1546	d. of father	Edward (ca 1506-1546) died 26 Dec. <i>Inquisition Post Mortem</i> . Thos. est <b>age 8/13</b>
1555	Birth	Of Richard's son Edmund (1555—1590). There is a possibility Richard might have been in France at this time.
1568		Sir Richard Lowther was sheriff of county Cumberland & Deputy Warden of the West Marches[the border] when Queen Mary landed at Workington
1568	Mary	Queen of Scots stays at Lowther Castle, then moved to Bolton Casle
1570	Letter from Newark Castle	28 Jan from Sir Frances Leek to Cecil: Before receipt of yours for apprehension of Gerald Lowther [1537-1597, bro of Richard Lowther], Rich. Clyburne of Clyburne, gentleman, Thos. Turner & Lawrence Busher, servants of the Duke of Norfolk, & <b>Thos. Clyburne</b> & John Craggs, servants of Rich Lowther came to this town & brought 3 geldings...marriage concluded betw. Lord Wharton's dau & R. Lowther's son. <b>Thos.</b> est age <b>33/38</b> . This is prob. <b>Thos. of HC</b> . O'Hart in his Irish Pedigrees states <b>Thomas</b> was a "page" of Richard Lowther but gives us no source, Forbes has never found one, servant does not necessarily equate to page. Servant could have had a multitude of meanings at this time period in Cumbria. With the horses they could have been grooms. Would a gentleman be a page or groom? <i>Calendar of State Papers, Addenda, Elizabeth 1566-79</i>
1572	Death	Duke of Norfolk beheaded
1573	Deed of transfer	Richard to son Edmund (1555-1590). See inquisition post mortem of Richard 1588. Richard was evidently trying to protect his property.
1572/74	? Wife of Thos of H C	Probate of will of Clement Skelton of Barrickfield, Heskett parish. George Skelton of Bar., Heskett, Cumb. c <b>Thomas Clyburne</b> and Elizabeth his wife (ala. Skelton). <i>Cons.Ct. Carlisle, Skelton appellant [1571]</i> . <b>Thos.</b> est. age here would be betw. <b>39/42</b> . <i>Ecclestical Cause Papers at York: Files Transmitted on Appeal 1500-1883</i> . Research by Paul Reed, group 21. The village of Skelton is just south of Hay Close.
Bef 1579	Lawsuit	Plaintiff: Anne Skelton. Defendant: <b>Thomas Cleburne</b> & another. Lease of Barrickfields, Cumberland. <i>Index of Chancery Proceedings, series II, Vol. I</i>
1576	Marriage	Edmund Cliburn & Grace Bellingham
1580	Skelton	Parish Rec. start
1580	Birth	Richard's grandson, <b>Thomas Cleburne [of Killerby] (1580-1640)</b>
1580/81	Muster	Leith Ward Muster. <b>Thos.</b> able to provide spears (and men to go with them?). Was living in Head Forest of Inglewood, Itonfield. Est. age <b>47/52</b>
1582	Birth	William, Vicar of Nidd, son of Edmund Cliburn & Grace Bellingham, grandson of Richard
1584	Examination	By Lord Scrope & the Bishop of Carlisle, of James Harrington, husband of one of Richard Cleburne's wife's sisters. He had not seen him or had a letter in 3 years
1584	Letter	7 Feb." Henry Lord Scrope & John Bishop: "...We have also apprehended Richard Kirkbride of Ellerton, brother-in-law to Cliburne" (Richard)... [Elinor Cliburne wife of Richard Kirkbride]. <i>Calendar Papers-Addenda, Elizabeth p. 105</i>
1585	Visitation	Official <i>Visitation of Richmondshire</i> , College of Heralds. <b>Thomas Cleburne</b> was identified as 2 <sup>nd</sup> son of Edward Clyburne and [Elinor] dau. of Layton of Dalemain. His great nephew, <b>Thomas Cleburne was identified as age 5</b> , Est. Age <b>52/57</b>
1587	Mary	Queen of Scots beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle
1588	Will /Inquisition	Of Richard Clibourne's death. See p, 215 Rev. Ragg's article. In naming the order of his list heirs Richard's bro. John is named bef. <b>Thomas of Hay Close</b> . <i>Vol 22 Wards &amp; Liveries, fol. 54, 30 Eliz.</i>
1588	Cliburn property	"Richard Clibborne held at his death...and that so seized , in consideration of a marriage had and solemnized between Edward his son & heir apparent, with Grace one of the daughters of Alan Bellingham



		of Fawcet Forest... by his deed dated 1 Oct., in the 18 <sup>th</sup> year (1573) of the said...Queen, he gave & granted by the same deed confirmed to the following that is to say, Richard Sandforth of Howgill Castel in the same co., armiger, Christopher Conyers of ( ) in York, armiger, John Doddesworth of Thornton Watles in Yorks & <b>Thomas Clibburne of Hay Close</b> in Cumberland, generous, the aforesaid manor of Clibburne with its belongings and its revenues and reversions all of them to be had & held by them for the use & service if Edmund Clibburne, son & heir of the aforesaid Richard, & the male heirs of Edmund ...(&) Grace his wife." See sources above.
1590	Inq post mortem	Richard's son Edmund, held at Bedall, Yorks. 15 Sept, 32 Eliz. See p. 216 Ragg.
1594	Death	of Grace Bellingham, widow of Edmund & wife of Gerald Lowther. <i>Memorial at Killerby Church</i> . Note: Records of Cliburn parish say burial of Grace wife of Edmond Cliburne 13 Apr 1630, but the church memorial is the more likely date for Grace Bellingham. Question: did Gerald Lowther have control of Grace's dower property until her death? After her death?
1594	Marriage	<b>Thomas Cleburne of Killerby</b> to Frances Lowther [b. 1578] 10 Mar. in parish of Lowther, Cumb. He was age 14. Did this allow his Step-father/ Bro-in-law, Gerald Lowther[1561-1624], & Gerald's father, Richard to control the Cliburn properties? Bissell said Grace & Gerald held the "wardship" of Thomas but gave no source.
1594	Marriage?	This putative m. of <b>Thomas of Hay Closes</b> to Elizabeth Thwaites 25 Sept. is questioned by Clayton Torrence in his notes at Lib. of VA, "an uncle marrying 18 years after his nephew Edmund?" Forbes agrees, as <b>Thomas</b> would have been betw. est age of <b>58/61</b> . Certainly not impossible, but there were other Thomas [Cliburn et al] in the area.
1597	Letter	From Henry Leigh to Cecil: <b>Thomas Cleborne [of Heskett]</b> was giving evidence against Richard Lowther. Est. Age <b>64/69</b> . <i>Calendar Papers- Borders p. 468</i> . Comment: I've always questioned Leigh's veracity, as did Scrope in 1602. He appeared to play both sides.
1597	baptism	Of Grace, <b>Thomas</b> & Frances child at Lowther parish [1 <sup>st</sup> child?]
1600/1601	Letter	1 Feb. From Thomas Lord Scrope to Richard Lowther: money to be levied to assist in making provision for defense of the border after the arrest & punishment of 2 Armstrongs. Copies to: Thomas Pickering, Christopher Lowther, <b>Thomas Cleburne</b> , John Rigg, Thomas Bellingham, Thomas Lancaster. Est age <b>68/73</b>
1601	Death of	Eleanor Lancaster, Richard Cliburne's wife. This would have put 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of the Cliburn estate into play- her dower rights! They certainly would have stirred up the "cats & pigeons".
1602	Star Chamber	<i>Star Chamber proceedings</i> , London. 23 Oct. 1601. <b>Tho. Clebourne, esquire</b> , grandson of Richard, complainant against Richard Lowther. <b>Thos. of HC</b> identified as <b>Thomas Cleborne, gent. of Hay Close</b> Cumberland. <b>Est. age 69/74</b> . If <b>Thomas</b> was born in 1580 he would have turned 21 at this time and finally have standing to go to court. Richard Lowther, <b>Thomas'</b> father-in-law: "To the 2nd Interrog. He sayeth that about 10 months ago now last paste the said <b>Tho. Cleborn</b> being then of full age did by mo... and consents had the said <b>Tho. Cleburne</b> and this defendant make a lease unto this defendant of all his the said Clebornes lands for the terme of 21 yeares for ... consyderacones expressed in the same lease & thereby to avoid the states formerly made by the said <b>Tho. Cleborne</b> which he was under against <b>Tho. Cleborne</b> & Robert Bellingham his uncles..." <i>Ragg p. 225-6</i> . Refer to his son Edmund's marriage contract of 1624 where <b>Thomas</b> had put his property in trust. Was this the end of the 21 years? Humphrey Wharton named in proceedings [ <i>Ragg p. 223</i> ] was the husband of his aunt Agnes Cleborne, so it looks like the family had gone to court against the Lowthers about the return of their property & to negate the 21 year lease <b>Thomas</b> gave Richard Lowther.
1602	Letter	Dec. letter from Scrope to Cecil. Henry Leigh had told him that the Queen had appointed him (Henry Leigh) as a spy. Scrope wanted to know if this was true
1602/3	Letter	Jan. 2. From Henry, Lord Scrope to Cecil: 200 Scots thru Carlisle, bent on blackmail & murdered some of <b>Thos. Cliburne's</b> tenants [the Graeme clan were reivers stealing cattle, etc.]
1604	Pardon	General pardon by James I to <b>Thomas Cleburne of Cleburne</b> , esq. 12 May. Is this the grandson of Richard? There is no explanation in the file in which this record is found: <i>Ref. D258/32/52. Gell Family of Hopton Hall, Derbyshire</i> . Which Thomas is this? Someone entirely different than the Cliburn Hall group?
1605	Birth	Of Edmund (1605-1649), <b>Thomas</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> son
1612	Visitation Unofficial	<i>Of Yorkshire 1584/5 &amp; 1612</i> p.255. 1612 version adds <b>of Hay Close...</b> to <b>Thomas</b> but does not state that he is still living as it does <b>Thomas Cleburne of Killerby</b> . <b>There is no further record for Thos. of HC</b> .
1615	Visitation unofficial	<i>Of Cumberland</i> , <b>Cleburne of Hay Close</b> shows <b>Thomas'</b> father, Edmund, as having an unnamed sister married to a Kirkbride, whereas the <i>Kyrkbryde Visitation of Yorkshire</i> p. 179 shows a sister of Richard, dau. of Edmond Clyborne as having married Richard Kyrkbryde. She was not named. This visitation does not take the family down from any of Richard & <b>Thomas'</b> generation. I asked about this at the College of Heralds when I was there. Their response was that the families lost track of each other.

1616	2 <sup>nd</sup> marriage	<b>Thomas</b> to Susan Washbourne 1616 in Ripon. No children with her.
1624	Property transfer	On Nov. 22, 1624, Richard Salkeld releases his rights in Cleburne, Bampton and Killerbie to Edmund Cleburne on these conditions: Thomas Cleburne in 43 Eliz. (1600/01) had conveyed all his lands in these to Richard Salkeld of Thrimby and John Dodsworth of Walles in York. In trust for his own life....Richard Salkeld is to surrender his right and title to Edmund so that Edmund may fulfill the conditions of the marriage agreement... <i>Ragg p. 225</i>
1625/26	Marriage	Of Edmund to Elizabeth Hutton. It is recorded that <b>Thomas</b> got a loan from Elizabeth's father, Sir Timothy Hutton. Mortgage of Cliburn property.
1640	Burial	24 Feb at Cliburn of <b>Thomas Cleborne (1580-1640)</b>
1662	Hesket parish	Birth, death, marriage records start. Many parish records were destroyed during the Cromwellian period.
1691	Colt Parke	Aldingham—Constableness of <b>Thomas Cliborne</b> of Colt Parke, yeoman. Colt Park is near Hay Close. <i>Lancashire Quarter sessions: Petition from Lancaster, Epiphany.</i>
1694	Colt park	Lease for 14 years 37.0 rent: Thomas Preston of Holker, Esq. to <b>Thomas Clybourn</b> of Colt Park, yeoman: message called Colt Park... <i>Cavendish of Holker, Cavendish family, Dukes of Devonshire. Lancashire Rec. Office.</i>
1710	Colt Park	Lease for 3 years at 37.10 rent: Madam Elizabeth Preston of Holker, widow to <b>Thomas Clyburn</b> : message called Colt Park. Ref. same as above. We have no identity for this Thomas or where he fits into the family.
1715	Hay Close	Hay Close leasehold and Cliburn were in a listing of an abstract of the estate of Henry Vicount Lonsdale from the Acct. of John Lowther's Executors. <i>Cumbria Rec. Office, Lowther Family Rec., Cat. Ref: D Lons/L3</i>
Mid 1700's	Stone house	Built; now in cow pasture on property
1793	Sale of Hay Close	"The commons of this parish (Heskett) have been enclosed under the act of parliament passed in 1803, for enclosing the forest of Inglewood. The tenants are chiefly copyholders under the Duke of Devonshire, (who has all the royalties & soccage,) although there are some mesne manors within the parish. The Duke's tenants are nearly 200, who pay a yearly copyhold rent, & a single year's rent on change of tenant; but nothing on death of the lord...The Duke of Devonshire sold his principal estates in the parish (Heskett) to different persons, viz:...Colt Close, Hay-Close, & Itonfield in 1793 to Mr. Oliphant;..." <i>History of Leath Ward in the Co. of Cumberland, Samuel Jefferson, 1840. P. 208. Library at Penrith</i>
1793	Owner	Hay Close purchased by Mr Oliphant from the estate formerly in possession of the Duke of Devonshire. <b>This would be the Cavendish family of Holker, Lancashire. See the Ref. above to Colt Park. How did it get from the Lowthers to the Cavendish?</b> [Thomas Olyvant, Richard & Phillip were listed in the Itonfield (Leath Ward) musters of 1580/1581].
Ca. 1870/1891	Hay Close	Itonfield Township: Post office at Ivegill. Geo. Foxcroft, joiner & cartright at Hay Close; John Wallace, farmer at Hay Close. <i>History, Topography, &amp; Directory of Cumberland, Bulmer, p. 388. At Lib. Penrith 1996.</i>
Aft WWII	Hay Close	George Shieffield inherited it from his great aunt Oliphant-Shieffield
1994/96	Hay Close	Owned by Mr. Field

Record of the estate of Richard Clibourne at his Inq. post mortem 1588: "his desmesne as of fee the manor of Killerby with all its members rights & liberties together with a knight's fee & the advowson of the church which appertained thereto; the manor of Bampton in Westmorland..., rents there, & also died so seised...and long before his death was possessed of the manor of Cliburne with all its belongings in fee & of 20 messuages or cottages, 200 acres of arable land, 40 acres of pasture and 180 acres of meadow and 100 acres of woodlands, 1000 acres of common lands and 200 acres of scrub & heather & of one watermill for corn & their appurtenances in the hamlet of Cliburn or in its territory and precincts in Westmorland, & so seised, inconsideration of a marriage had ..." [ I think he transferred the land-*interim feoffees to form an entail*- to set up an entail of the property at the time of his son Edmund's marriage contract with Grace Bellingham; a deed dated 1 Oct 1573.] *Ragg p. 215*

**One last comment from Ragg p. 208:** "There are details given in O'Hart's "history" that I have failed to verify. In that "history" there is much confusion as well as what I am obliged to call mere rubbish as regards the earlier history & origin of the Cliburn family which has been exploded & exposed & ought never now to appear in any printed book..." I would love to know what he is referring to!

**One last comment from Forbes:** The truth is hard to find, but "historical rubbish" is immortal!

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## Portrait of Reverend William Sterling Claiborne of Otey Memorial Parish Church

We received this story from member Deb Peabody, who tells us that the artist who painted the portrait described below, Claude Buckley, is the son of Reid Buckley and the nephew of the famous late author and commentator William F. Buckley, Jr.

The University of the South was founded in Sewanee, Tennessee in 1857, and the first Episcopal service took place on the grounds the next year. Following the Civil War, services were held in Otey Hall, the first formal building of the University (named for the Rt. Rev. James Hervey Otey, first Bishop of Tennessee). By 1868, services had been moved to the University's newly completed St. Augustine's Chapel. Not long after, Bishop Charles T. Quintard founded nearby Otey Memorial Parish.



On November 15, 2014, Otey Memorial Parish Episcopal Church celebrated the completion and dedication of a new building called "Claiborne House", which includes Saint Mark's Hall and St. Paul's on the Mountain Chapel. Claiborne House is named for Reverend William Sterling Claiborne, who was Rector in the early 20th century, and whose lifetime of service included providing education and health care in the areas surrounding Sewanee. Ordained as an Episcopal priest in Sewanee in 1901, he was instrumental in the founding of St. Andrew's School, St. Mary's School and the first infirmary and hospital. Claude Buckley was commissioned to paint a portrait of Reverend Claiborne, and it was presented at the dedication.



Claiborne Parish House

Reverend Claiborne was born in 1872 to William Royall Claiborne (1836-1899) and Alice Watkins Clay (1842-1915) of Amherst, Virginia. William Royall Claiborne enlisted in 1861 in Company H, 19th Virginia Infantry, C.S.A., and advanced from 2nd Corporal to 3rd Sergeant. In Dec 1861 he transferred to Company E, 2nd Virginia Cavalry, was promoted to 1st Sergeant and served until the end of the Civil War. His parents were Colonel William Sterling Claiborne (1810-1886) and Cornelia Roane (1817-1888) of Amherst, Virginia. Colonel Claiborne was a physician and served as Colonel in the Mexican War. Colonel Claiborne's parents were Sterling Claiborne (1785-1856) and Jane Maria Rose (1788-1871), also of Amherst, Virginia. Sterling Claiborne's parents were Major Buller Claiborne (1755-1804) and Martha Ruffin (c1765- ). Major Buller Claiborne served in the Revolutionary War as Captain of the 2nd Virginia Regiment until 1777, and then was Brigade Major and Aide-De-Camp to General Benjamin Lincoln until 1780. He was appointed Justice of Dinwiddie County, Virginia in 1789, and Sheriff in 1802. His parents were Colonel Augustine Claiborne (1721-1787), who was born at Sweet Hall, and Mary Herbert (1726-1799).



## Kings Lynn Update from Jill Price

We have received news from Jill Price, our wonderful King's Lynn connection. She is sorry that she will not be able to attend the Reunion, since she had hoped to see everyone again, but sends her best wishes for a happy and successful gathering. Although she has retired from Town Guiding on a regular basis, she has offered to still do tours for VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE; so if anyone is thinking of going to Lynn, please let her know. Jill also sent us a new leaflet on what was The Green Quay, and is now known as Marriott's Warehouse Trust, with the comment that she is happy to see the Claybornes getting official recognition. You may read more about the Trust at the following site: <http://www.marriottswarehousetrust.co.uk/#>



### Marriott's Warehouse Trust

#### The Story of an Historic Lynn Warehouse



Marriott's Warehouse c1900. Courtesy: True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum.



Marriott's Warehouse Today. Courtesy: Marriott's Warehouse Ltd.

### Marriott's Warehouse and the Claybornes

Thomas Clayborne and Thomas Grave were probably Lynn's richest merchants in the 1560s and 1570s. The coal and corn trades with Newcastle and London were extremely lucrative. In 1578/9 Clayborne and Grave handled one third of the total cargoes entering the Wash port from abroad and nearly as many of those leaving for foreign harbours. The Claybornes imported Scottish salt, Bordeaux wine, Danzig pitch, Icelandic cod, Newcastle coal and general cargo from the Low Countries. Corn exports paid the bills but Simon Suckerman of Mildenhall in Suffolk thought that Clayborne got 'the greatest parte of his wealth by salte'. In the past salt was essential for the preservation of popular foodstuffs like fish.

Lynn's hinterland absorbed vast quantities of coal and wine as well as salted fish. A local shipmaster in 1583 claimed that 'the chiefest parte of the merchauntes lyvinges' of the town consisted of the wine trade. Grave and Clayborne both owned four ships with 60 tons the average size. They were without doubt two of the most dominant merchants in East Anglia when Elizabeth I was Queen. Lynn was still in the premier league of England's ports.



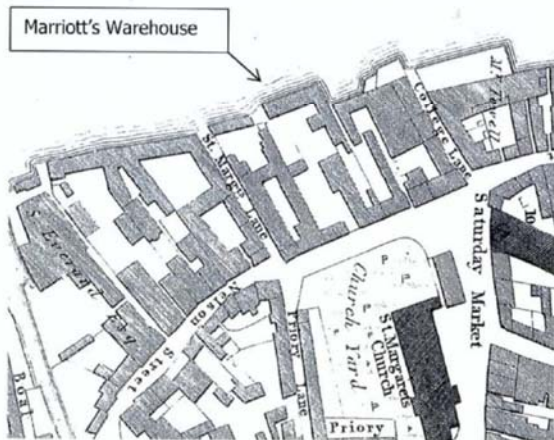
William Clayborne of Virginia, 1600-1677. Courtesy: Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

In 1621 Thomas Clayborne's son, William, emigrated to the New World. He became Virginia's Secretary of State in 1626 and a supporter of the Parliamentarians during the English Civil War. His descendants have formed a society to advance the genealogical study of Clayborne's lineage



The wealth generated by Lynn's trade was being invested in houses, warehouses, maltings and ships. It seems certain that the Claybornes built the warehouse on the South Quay which is now known as Marriott's Warehouse, using stone from the demolished friaries in Lynn as well as brick from local kilns. The building was erected or enlarged in the 1580s due west of their house facing St. Margaret's Church. In this spacious warehouse, with cellar, the Claybornes would have stored their corn, salt and wine, with the coal in the yard.

The Millennium Project undertaken by the Borough Council in the late 1990s involved the enhancement of the South Quay and the restoration of this Tudor warehouse which is now the home of Marriott's Warehouse Trust and Marriott's Warehouse Limited. It is listed grade 2\* and therefore of more than local architectural and historical significance. Lynn has an exceptional series of brick warehouses by the Great Ouse spanning the 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.



Map of Lynn, 1830. Courtesy: Angela Reeve.

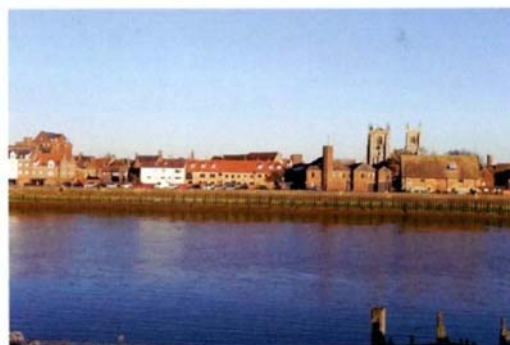
A town map of 1830 still has the warehouse against the river but one in 1846 shows a new bank had appeared due to silting. Soon railway lines were laid allowing wagons to access what became the new South Quay or "Marine Parade".

## The Marriott's Warehouse Trust

The Trust was set up in September 2013 when the Charity Commission approved plans "to advance the education of the public by establishing an exhibition and interpretation centre based in Marriott's Warehouse." To promote knowledge and appreciation of Lynn's remarkable historic built environment is the priority for the trustees. The restaurant is run independently on a licence from the Trust by Marriott's Warehouse Ltd.

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Marriott's Warehouse from West Lynn. Courtesy: Richard Flowers.

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## Notice of the Deaths of Nellie Richardson and Alvis Starr

Our hearts go out to our Claiborne Clan Registrar, Ann Starr, who has recently lost both her husband, Alvis Starr, and her mother, Nellie Richardson.

Longtime active Claiborne Clan member Nellie Carolyn Harwell Richardson departed this life on September 20th, 2014. She was born in Pachuta, Mississippi on April 18, 1929, the daughter of James Emerson and Jeanette Campbell Harwell. She was a member of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, Order of

Descendants of Ancient Planters, Descendants of Officers and Men at Valley Forge, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, Virginia Historical Society, and the National Huguenot Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Dr. Jasper Edgar Richardson; and her daughter Ellen Diltz. In addition to Ann, she is survived by her daughters Janet Frey, Susan Randle (David), and Patricia Nabours (David); her grandsons Glenn Richardson Drake, James Seth Randle, Harris Webster "Trey" Jones III, Phillip Emerson Jones, William Dalton Randle, Christopher David Nabours, and Michael Paul Diltz, Jr; her granddaughters Kimarie Drake Eckstein, Mary Katherine Diltz Woolsey, Elizabeth Christiane Diltz Menking, Kristen Michelle Starr Taylor; and fifteen great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Ann Gay, Mary Scott and Sarah Hunt. Nellie left a little prayer to her descendants:

*I ask you God  
Who gave me breath  
For a quiet life and gentle death  
With each day spent within your care  
Your love enough for all to share*

Alvis Tremon Starr (Al, as his friends and family knew him) departed this life on Saturday, December 7, 2013. He was born in Goose Creek, Texas on December 9, 1934. He graduated with the class of 1952 in Luling, Texas where he played clarinet in the band, tackle for the football team and was an exceptional pitcher on the baseball team. He attended Texas Christian University and graduated from the University of Houston. Al was an avid softball player and coach, playing for more than 40 years and coaching his daughters. He also enjoyed birding, creating lampwork glass beads, and caring for his animals. There was nothing Al wouldn't do to help his friends and family, and no one was more dependable. He is survived by his wife Ann Starr; children Bryan Starr, Lynn Starr, Susan Starr, and Kristen Taylor; step children H.W. Trey Jones and Phillip Jones; grandchildren Justin Kugler, Brittney Kugler, Max Starr, Zane Starr, Emerson Jones, Everly Jones, and Gavin Taylor; great-grandchild Ellie Kugler; his brother Howard Starr and sister Kathy Starr Albers.

## Notice of the Death of Betty Sale

We are sad to report the death of Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Woodward Sale. She was the widow of our Claiborne Clan past president and active member, Dr. Thomas Sale Jr. Betty and Tom were married for 63 years. Betty died on January 7, 2015 at the Hermitage in Richmond.

She was born on April 4, 1925 in Richmond to the late Overton Sidney Woodward and Gretchen Clement Woodward. She is survived by her sons, Thomas W. Sale III and wife, Daphne, Carter Woodward Sale and wife, Karen, John Cabell Sale and wife, Melissa, and daughter, Sidney Sale Bland and husband, Richard; and her grandchildren: Thomas Wirt Sale IV, Wesley Bland, Anne Carter Bland, and Susan Sale. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Betty H. Woodward and nephew, William Woodward. A 1942 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School and a 1946 graduate of the Richmond Professional Institute (now Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia), Betty worked as a medical technologist at McGuire Veteran's Hospital in Richmond until her children were born. A Hampton resident from 1957 to 2012, she was a longtime member of St. John's Episcopal Church and its Bracket Club. For many years, she was a faithful volunteer each week at Sentara Hampton General Hospital's recovery room and at the Hampton Library Friends' Gift Shop. She also served on the board of the Peninsula SPCA for a number of years. She was a member of many genealogical societies, including: the Mayflower Society, the Society of the Lees of Virginia, the Jamestowne Society (James City Company), the National Society of Colonial Dames of America (Susan Constant Committee), and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

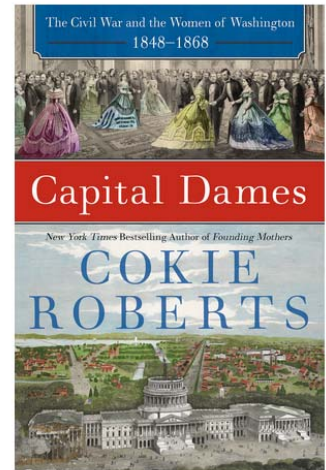


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## Women of Washington, DC

We have received word of the publication of a new book by Cokie Roberts about women in Washington during the Civil War era. The book is entitled: "Capital Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington, 1848 – 1868."

Cokie is a commentator for ABC News and a contributor to NPR's *Morning Edition*, with more than 40 years of broadcast experience. She is also the daughter of the late Congresswoman from Louisiana and representative to the Vatican, Lindy Claiborne Boggs (Marie Corinne Morrison Claiborne Boggs) and the late Congressional House Majority Leader Hale Boggs. Lindy Claiborne Boggs was the great, great grandniece of John Francis Hamtramck Claiborne, great, great, great grandniece of Nathaniel Herbert Claiborne and William Charles Cole Claiborne, and great, great, great, great grandniece of Thomas Claiborne (1749-1812).



"Capital Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington, 1848-1868" by Cokie Roberts

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## 2015 Annual Dues

Our membership year runs from October 1st to September 30th. The Annual Dues for the Claiborne Society are \$10. In addition, a lifetime membership is available for \$200 for current members. Plans are under way for our 2015 Reunion. To continue to receive newsletters and reunion mailings, please send your check in the amount of \$10 payable to *The Claiborne Society* to our Treasurer as follows:

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Please also include an updated home address and e-mail address that we may use for the mailings, as well as any other new contact information you may have.

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## New Members

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

Brenda Brown Moline, IL  
Elizabeth Glazebrook Columbia, SC  
Laverne Raisch Holmes Beach, FL

Zelda K. Deatrick San Diego, CA  
Janelle V. McKown Bartlett, TX  
Harry M. Sullivan Chattanooga, TN

Admiral Christopher James Cleburne, M.D. (1838-1909) 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.



Admiral Christopher James Cleburne, MD 1838 - 1909  
Author of the "Claiborne Family Journal"

Photograph from the book "University of Pennsylvania:  
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