

Claiborne Society Newsletter

The National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants



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Message from the Publications Chairman

Patricia Clayborn

We are sending our wishes for the good health of all our cousins and their extended families. Our lead article in this issue is from Claiborne Perrilliat of New Orleans on his ancestor, Governor W.C.C. Claiborne. Governor Claiborne was one of the most remarkable pioneers of the New World, and is much underappreciated, in my humble opinion. Mr. Perrilliat has inspired a new look at this larger-than-life figure.

We have received requests for help from Elizabeth Richardson, Julie Haynie, and David B. Duval. Please look through your genealogical "attic" to see if you have any information they could use. We are also fortunate to have received a kind invitation from Dr. C. Martelia "Telia" Cunningham, National President of the Order of the Descendants of Ancient Planters. We are sad to report that we have lost our dear cousins Neoma Mae Clayborn McIntire Damron, our former Treasurer Diane "Dede" Claiborne Clements, and Dr. Herbert Augustine Claiborne, Jr.

We have been contacted by a Historian who is researching, incidentally among other things, the Star Chamber proceedings of October 23, 1602 against Sir Richard Lowther and members of his family brought by Thomas Cleborne (1580-1640) son of Edmund Cleburne (1555-1590) and Grace Bellingham Cleburne. Grace was the daughter of Sir Alan Bellingham of Levens Hall (see the Fall 2016 issue of this newsletter for an article on Levens Hall). Lowther and Edmund Cleburne had arranged the marriage of Thomas Cleborne and Frances Lowther (1578-) when Thomas and Frances were children. They were married in 1594, when Thomas was 14 and Frances was 16. The Star Chamber was

an English court of law that sat at the royal Palace of Westminster. In the proceedings brought by Thomas against the Lowthers, Thomas accused them of plotting to take his properties. The properties in question were the manor of Killerby, the manor of Cliburn with 20 cottages, 200 acres of arable land, 40 acres of pasture, 100 acres of meadow, 100 acres of woodland, 1000 acres of common lands, 200 acres of scrub and heather, a watermill for corn in the hamlet of Cliburn, and the manors of Bampton and Knype. We will keep you up-to-date on the findings of this interesting research.

As always, please feel welcome to send your family stories for future newsletter publications. Thank you for your continuing membership and for contributing to our Society!

Sincerely, Patricia Clayborn



Storm Desmond: River Leith Flooding Near Cliburn Mill

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Governor W.C.C. Claiborne

The Incredible Life of W.C.C. Claiborne: Tie Breaker, Treaty Maker, Road Builder
From Claiborne Perrilliat

William Charles Cole Claiborne (1775-1817) was a lawyer, a Judge of the Superior Court, a United States Congressman for Tennessee from 1797 to 1801, Governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Mississippi Territory from 1801 through 1803, and the first Territorial and State Governor of Louisiana in its transitional years from the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 to statehood in 1812. He was chosen by President Thomas Jefferson for the Mississippi Territory because he was able to work with and converse with the Indians. He signed a treaty with the Chickasaws and Choctaws, allowing a six hundred mile road to be built through the wilderness from Tennessee to Natchez. He opened trading posts in Indian territory and built post offices throughout the region.

One surprising fact many do not know is that, as a 25 year old United States Congressman, he gave the vote that broke the tie in the Election of 1800. Incumbent President John Adams had lost the popular vote to candidates Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, who had been nominated before the election with Jefferson listed first as President and Aaron Burr as Vice-President. The Electoral



Portrait painted by E. B. Savary, probably from the 1805 miniature by Ambrose Duval. Source: Louisiana State Museum Online Exhibits

College gave Jefferson and Burr each the same number of votes, so the decision was forwarded to the House of Representatives. Each state in the House was allowed one vote to break the tie.

After repeated tie votes in the House, the contest became extremely animated. The Federalist Party had decided to support Burr for President even though the popular vote gave that position to Jefferson. They knew very well the political sentiments of every member of the House of Representatives, and early on they saw that the election depended on the vote of W.C.C. Claiborne, the sole representative from the State of Tennessee.

Because Claiborne was young and aspiring, members of the Federalist Party assumed he might be open to offers, but he refused them all, stating that he thought it proper and honorable to obey the public voice on the matter. The importance of Claiborne's vote was so critical to the contest that when Congress began voting again, he went armed to the House, due to rumors of violence. The public was barred from the proceedings as a safety precaution. For several days and sometimes long into the nights, the votes were the same. A total of 36 ballots were cast, with the same number of votes for Jefferson and Burr. On every vote, Claiborne had voted for Jefferson, and declared that he felt satisfied that Jefferson was the choice of the people, and that he intended to stick with that vote, no matter what the consequences. On the 37th vote, Vermont abstained, and Claiborne had the tie-breaking vote for Jefferson.

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Nathaniel Herbert Claiborne. "Notes on the War in the South; With Biographical Sketches of the Lives of Montgomery, Jackson, Sevier, the Late Gov. Claiborne, and Others of Franklin County." VI. 1819. Published by William Ramsay.

John Francis Hamtramck Claiborne. "Mississippi, as a Province, Territory, and State: With Biographical Notices of Eminent Citizens." Volume I. 1880. Power & Barksdale, Publishers and Printers. Jackson, Mississippi.



Governor W.C.C. Claiborne and General Sevier

From Patricia Clayborn

William C.C. Claiborne immigrated to Tennessee when he was 20 years old to open his own law practice, and, in 1796 was a delegate to the Territorial Legislature. He already had a reputation for legal expertise and for being a polished orator when he attended the convention to frame a constitution for the new State of Tennessee, so he was placed on the committee to draft the constitution and the bill of rights. Governor William Blount, President of the Convention, wrote the following statement for the bill of rights: "That an equal participation in the free navigation of the Mississippi river is one of the inherent rights of the citizens of this State, and cannot be surrendered." As W.C.C. Claiborne was reading this section aloud to the attendees, General Sevier called back to him: "Damn Me, Major Claiborne, that ain't enough; give us some of your Coke upon Littleton!"

Sir Edward Coke (1552-1634) was an English barrister, judge, and politician who is considered to be the greatest jurist of the Elizabethan and Jacobean eras. Coke's main work was the



"Institutes of the Laws of England", a four-volume treatise described as his "masterwork". The first volume, the Commentary upon Littleton, known as "Coke upon Littleton", was published in 1628 as a commentary on Sir Thomas Littleton's "Treatise on Tenures", but actually covered many areas of the law of his time. "Coke upon Littleton" became the standard textbook for law students for the next two hundred years.

In response to General Sevier, W.C.C. Claiborne then added the final words as follows: "That an equal participation in the free navigation of the Mississippi river is one of the inherent rights of the citizens of this State, and cannot be surrendered <u>to</u> <u>any prince</u>, <u>potentate</u>, <u>power</u>, <u>person or persons whatsoever</u>."

Source: John Francis Hamtramck Claiborne. Mississippi, as a Province, Territory, and State: With Biographical Notices of Eminent Citizens. Volume 1. Power & Barksdale Publishers and Printers. 1880.



Statue of Governor William Charles Cole Claiborne in the Louisiana State Capitol

Where is this portrait now? Said to be of William Claiborne I of Virginia. WCC Claiborne (III?) of New Orleans last known owner.

From Elizabeth Richardson



Colonel William Claiborne 1600-1677
From the book: "William Claiborne of Virginia: With Some
Account of His Pedigree" By John Herbert Claiborne, MD

This portrait was pictured in the 1917 book *William Claiborne of Virginia* by John Herbert Claiborne, who stated that the painting was then in possession of WCC Claiborne of New Orleans. I assume this was WCCC III, grandson of the governor and the author's father-in-law.

The Claiborne Society is trying to determine the current location of this portrait. It seems likely that it would have passed first to WCCC III's wife, Jean Robelot, and then to one of their three children: WCCC IV, Marie Louise (who married John Herbert Claiborne), or Walter/Walton/Walker H. I have traced the descendants of the daughter, but not the two sons.

If any Claiborne descendant has information regarding the possible location of this painting, or who were the descendants of the two sons, please contact Elizabeth Richardson, Vice President of the Claiborne Society, (email lizgr@juno.com, phone 804-272-7855, address 2067 Logan Street, Richmond, VA 23235). Also, if anyone has access to the will or inventory of WCCC III (d.1925) or his wife (d.1932), these may mention to whom the portrait was left. Many thanks for any assistance!

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New Members

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

Cary Claiborne and his wife Tammy of Des Moines, Iowa (Life Membership)
Berkeley Bering Claiborne of Minnetonka, Minnesota (Life Membership)
Alison Joanne Turner Poplar and her husband James Roswell Poplar III of Quicksburg, Virginia Reta Karol Clyburn Brand and her husband Dennis David Brand of Whitehouse, Texas John William Owen and his wife Paula of Akron, Ohio









Request for Help Finding Birth Record for Maria Nicholas Lewis (1811-1884) or Marriage Record for Martha Ann Claiborne (1796-1846)

From Julie Haynie

We received the following inquiry from member Julie Haynie (jjmhaynie@comcast.net). Can you help her find birth records for Maria proving that Maria's mother was Martha, or marriage records for Martha and Nicholas proving that Maria was Martha's daughter? Here is Julie's request for help:

"I am already a member of DAR and am now applying for a supplemental and using Augustine Claiborne (1720-1787). I have a problem at Generation 3. Augustine had a son John Herbert Claiborne (1763-1798). That is acceptable to the DAR - but he had a daughter Martha Ann Claiborne (1796-1846). Here in lies my problem. Martha Ann married Nicholas Edmunds Lewis abt.1814 and had Maria Nicholas Lewis (abt. 1815). I sent for the Lewis will that named Maria as his daughter with wife Martha. BUT, I have to prove that Martha is her mother since I don't have specific birth and marriage records (dates). The Library of Virginia searched the Brunswick records that they have and found nothing.

I have Dorman's book but the DAR will not accept it because it is not a primary source; so no books are accepted! I really need to find a marriage record of some kind to prove when Nicholas and Martha were married. Dorman said that Maria N. Lewis was born about 1815 and her parents were married about 1814, but Maria's tombstone says she was born in 1811. Big difference!! I just feel like giving up. I have nowhere else to look.

My last resort is appealing to the Claiborne Society of which I am a member. Maybe someone here could help and might have the records. My search has been going on for one year. I just don't understand why - when the will names Martha Ann as his wife and Maria as his daughter – that it is not good enough documentation for the DAR. There must be a member who knows who Martha Ann was and has Maria's birth records or Martha's marriage records. We have such a huge membership.

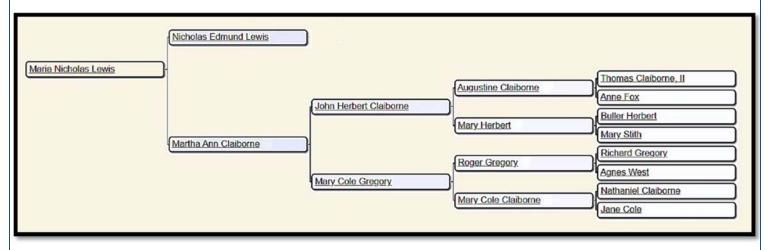
Here are the details on Maria's life:

Maria Nicholas Lewis (born 8 Nov 1811, in Virginia - died 21 Apr 1884, buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia) is the natural daughter of Martha Ann Claiborne (1796-1846) wife of Nicholas Edmunds Lewis (1788-1821). On May 2, 1831, in Brunswick County Virginia, Maria Nicholas Lewis married Devereaux Jarrett Claiborne (born 1806 – died 12 May 1872). Devereaux Jarrett resided from 1825 to 1830 in Dinwiddie County, Virginia and was an attorney of Brunswick County, Virginia.

Citations:

Claiborne of Virginia: Descendants of Colonel William Claiborne: The First Eight Generations. Compiled by John Frederick Dorman in collaboration with Claiborne T. Smith, Jr. Published: Baltimore, MD. Gateway Press 1995. Page 290.

Pedigree: A Genealogical Table of the Descendants of Secretary William Claiborne of the Junior Branch of the United States with some other tracings in the female line. Compiled by G. M. Claiborne. Lynchburg VA. J.P. Bell Company, Book and Commercial Printers. 1900. Pages 33 and 35."





Request for Help Finding Portrait of Lucy Claiborne DuVal (born circa 1725 – died March 6, 1810)

From David B. Duval

We received the following inquiry from member David Duval (david.b.duval@claiborneadvisors.com). Can you help him find a portrait, painting or drawing of Lucy Claiborne DuVal who was born circa 1725 and died on March 6, 1810? Here is David's request for help:

"The immediate reason for my reaching out is to ask if you or anybody in the organization might have a copy of a painting or drawing of Lucy Claiborne. I am having my Website redesigned, and we'd like to include some history, including a painting of her if possible. Our information is that Lucy (of King William County, Maryland) married Samuel Duval of Prince George's County, Maryland in 1747 and had 8 children. Any help you can offer would be great! Many thanks in advance."



Invitation from The Descendants of Ancient Planters 1606-1616

We were very happy to receive the following message from Dr. C. Martelia "Telia" Cunningham, National President of the Order of the Descendants of Ancient Planters 1606-1616, who wrote:

"I was a first time attendee of the Claiborne Reunion in Williamsburg. I did so enjoy meeting all my Claiborne "cousins".

I am the newly elected National President for the Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters, 1606-1616 joining on my ancestor William Claiborne. I would like to extend an invitation to join our Order to members of the Claiborne Society.

The Lifetime dues are \$250 plus a one time application fee of \$50. Our Registrar Jo Betts Baxley jb3bhi@gmail.com will send interested parties application forms and instructions. We do not accept approved papers from other lineage groups and complete sets of proof are required.

We meet twice a year in Raleigh and Williamsburg. Our next luncheon meeting is in Raleigh on May 2 at the North Carolina State University Club. On behalf of the Order I cordially invite members of the Claiborne Society to attend.

Our official webpage is www.ancient-planters.org

Kindest regards,

Dr. C. Martelia Cunningham (Telia) National President, Order of the Descendants of Ancient Planters, 1606-1616"



Here's What's Happening Now in Cliburn, Westmorland

From Patricia Clayborn

The Cumbria County History Trust has posted a wonderful collection of information on Cliburn, Westmorland at the following site: https://www.cumbriacountyhistory.org.uk/township/cliburn

The Trust was created with support from the Cumbria Local History Federation, as well as the Cumbria County Council, Cumberland & Westmorland Antiquarian & Archaeological Society, Diocese of Carlisle, Friends of Cumbria Archives, Lake District National Park Authority, National Trust North West Region, University of Cumbria and University of Lancaster. The Trust is a charity which any interested individual, history or heritage society, museum, or commercial organization can join. https://www.cumbriacountyhistory.org.uk/

The Trust publishes a newsletter, and in the Winter 2018 issue an article on Cliburn appeared, written by a retired physician named James Underwood, who had moved from Sheffield to Cliburn. He wrote:

"After many years at the University of Sheffield as Professor of Pathology and latterly Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, in 2010 my wife and I moved to Cumbria. We live in a converted barn next to a derelict watermill beside the River Lyvennet in Cliburn parish. Curious about the mill's long history, I had already started researching it when June Hall (now Hill) encouraged me to join the VCH project and thereby to extend my research to cover the whole parish.

Cliburn is a small rural parish about six miles south east of Penrith. The earliest records reveal that it was divided into two moieties - Cliburn Hervey and Cliburn Tailbois - but later held as one manor by the Francey family who subsequently adopted Cliburn as their surname. Cliburn Hall, now a modern farmhouse, is based on a 14th century pele tower built by Robert Cliburn who represented Westmorland in Parliament in the 1380s. In 1667 Cliburn manor and demesne were bought by Sir John Lowther. The parish's fortunes were boosted in the 19th century by the arrival of the railway and the construction of Cliburn Station. The increasing population necessitated the enlargement of St Cuthbert's church, which dates from the 12th century, during which inscribed Roman stonework was excavated. There was also a mediaeval chapel at Winderwath, a detached portion of Cliburn parish, but no trace of it remains.

In his Westmorland Heritage Alfred Wainwright described Cliburn as "the sort of place where nothing of more than local importance is expected to happen and nothing does". This may seem unpromising territory for a local historian, but thanks to much support and expert guidance from those leading the VCH project in Cumbria I have gathered a wealth of fascinating material about this tranquil parish which has become my home. ~ James Underwood"

Source: Cumbria County History Trust Newsletter: https://www.cumbriacountyhistory.org.uk/resource/newsletter-winter-2018

The Victoria County History (VCH) project mentioned by Dr. Underwood is an ambitious effort to gather the histories of every town and village in England, which you may read about at the following site:

https://www.history.ac.uk/research/victoria-county-history

Another interesting site is the Cliburn Parish web page at: https://www.cliburnparish.org/gallery.html#





Reverend Frederick W. Ragg, M.A.

By Patricia Clayborn

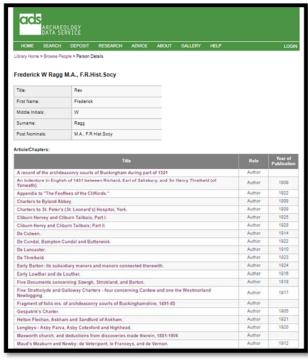
Reverend Frederick William Ragg, M.A. (1845-1929) is the historical scholar to whom our Claiborne Society owes so much. He tirelessly documented the medieval history of the Cleborne Family of Cliburn Hall, Westmorland, as well as the many Westmorland Families with whom they intermarried. It was our lucky break that he took an interest in our ancestors due to his own origins in the area. He was a descendant of Thomas Cliburne (born 1580) of Cliburn Hall, Westmorland, and Thomas's wife Frances Lowther (born 1578) daughter of the famous Sir Richard Lowther, Knight, of Lowther Hall, Westmorland, guardian of Mary, Queen of Scots. Reverend Ragg conducted his research at Lower Castle, which contained a massive collection of original manuscripts, and he became a proficient translator of ancient script so that he could wring the greatest amount of information from them.

He graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge, England, became a clergyman of the Church of England, and was a fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He was Vicar of All Saints Church, Marsworth, Buckingham County, England from 1880 until 1906, where he and his wife completely restored the church building by themselves, due to a lack of funds. Over the course of 26 years, he stripped off the old plaster, repaired and painted the walls, put new foundations under the tower, raised the nave ceiling, added windows, and built an elaborately carved chancel arch. An article about this from the newsletter "The Bystander" from September 1906 is included below. He was also a poet, and remarkably, a collection of his poems is available on Amazon. The University of York, in York, England, has posted many of Reverend Ragg's Cleburne related articles to their Archaeology Data Service Library at the following site:

https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/library/browse/personDetails.xhtml?personId=53456

Some of his articles especially related to our Society include:

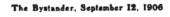
- (1) Cliburn Hervey and Cliburn Tailbois Part I
- (2) Cliburn Hervey and Cliburn Tailbois Part II
- (3) Meaburn and Newby: de Veteripont, le Franceys, and de Vernon;
- (4) Mauld's Meaburn, and le Fraunceys and de Hastings
- (5) Mauld's Meaburn, the Alston Mines, and the Veteriponts
- (6) Medieval Knipe; Gnype Cundal and Gnype Patrick
- (7) Pedigree le Fraunceys and de Cliburn
- (8) Two Documents relating to Shap Abbey, [concerning the Cleburne coat of arms].





Reverend Frederick W. Ragg, M.A. in the Chancel of Marsworth Church





Marsworth's Versatile Vicar

THE REV. F. W. RAGG, WHO HAS, WITH HIS OWN HANDS, RESTORED AND REDECORATED HIS CHURCH





INTERIOR OF THE CHANCEL, THE STONE-WORK AND SCULPTURE OF WHICH IS THE WORK OF THE PASTOR HIMSELF

Probably the most versatile vicar in England is the Rev. F. W. Ragg, of Marsworth, Bucks, who has, with his own hands, restored and embellished his parish church, toiling and working year in and year out for the past twenty-six years. The result is seen in the beautiful carved chancel, corbels, buttress, and oak screens. When he first began he had no knowledge of masonry, much less sculpture, and yet he has produced most beautiful work. But there are many other examples just as good, and much solid labour is hidden in buttress, wall, and pillar. The oak screens were carved by Mrs. Ragg, who also assisted her husband in making the fine reredos of Mosaic, of marbles brought from Italy by Lady Marion Alford. Feeling that he is no longer equal to the requirements of parish work, he has just resigned the incumbency, after twenty-six years' devoted labour.

Photos Newman

THE REV. F. W. RAGG, PREACHER, SCULPTOR,
AND ARCHITECT





In Memoriam: Neoma Mae Clayborn McIntire Damron

Received From: Linda M. King on June 29, 2019

Sad to report the death of my Aunt this past week. She had been struggling with illness the past couple of years and lost her husband this past year. I've copied the link to her obituary below.

If I had not found her, I would never had known I was a Clayborn or about your society. She also was key to verifying that her dad was my grandfather. She had photos of my dad and uncle that I had never seen.

I feel that I got to know my grandfather through her and learned about the history and migration of my Clayborn & Hylton families from Virginia to the Carolinas, Tennessee, Arkansas and Kansas. This history has changed my identity and enriched my life.

If you were at the Charleston reunion, you got to meet this special lady. ~ Linda



Neoma Mae McIntire Damron, 75, of Kansas City, Kansas passed away on June 26, 2019. Neoma Mae Clayborn Damron

Neoma Mae Clayborn McIntire Damron was born Feb 6, 1944 to Thurston Clayborn and Johnnie Maud Mead Clayborn. Married Charles McIntire and had two sons John and Eric. Divorced and married Jack Ray Damron. This marriage lasted 46 years; an accomplishment Mae was proud of. Two children came from this marriage, Julie and Doug. Both Jack and Mae had two children from previous marriages for a total of 6 children. Mae was blessed with 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Mae attended Morris Elementary School in Kansas City, Kansas and then attended Turner High School. She was proud that her 4 kids attended the same grade school and High School that she did. Her children lived and grew up in the same house that she did. Mae's hobbies included camping, traveling, genealogy, and watching her grandchildren play sports.

Neoma is preceded in death by husband, Jack R. Damron, her parents Thurston Clayborn, Johnnie Maud Clayborn Fox, and stepfather Hank Fox. She is survived by her sons, Jack Ray (Cindy) Damron Jr., Johnny Eugene McIntire, Eric Dean McIntire, and Doug Duane (Stephanie) Damron; daughters, Linda Lea (Mike) Borum and Julie Mae (Larry) Pope; 15 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



In Memoriam: Diane "Dede" Claiborne Clements

Received From: Charles E. Claiborne

We are heartbroken to learn of the passing of Diane "Dede" Claiborne Clements, who served as the Claiborne Society's Treasurer from 2011 to 2015. Dede led the "Mini-Reunion" at King's Lynn, Norfolk, England that took place in August 2012. Accompanying her were Susan Rose Penfold, Ruth Claiborne Rose,

and Rick Rose. You can read more about their trip in the Fall 2012 issue of this newsletter at https://www.claibornesociety.org/newsletters/.



Diane "Dede" Claiborne Clements

Dede passed away on December 28, 2019, very peacefully, only about two weeks after her diagnosis of advanced pancreatic cancer. She was well enough to attend Christmas Eve services at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, the church she attended and where she served in many capacities for many years. The church was full for her funeral service. She was cremated and her cremains were interred in the columbarium in the cathedral.

She will be missed by her son, William, of Los Angeles, and her daughter, Katie and son-in-law, Richard and her two granddaughters, who live in Nashville, and by the rest of her family. Dede's parents were Capt. Daniel C. Clements, USN and Rosalind Claiborne Clements of Nashville. Daniel and Rosalind were married in the Lincoln Chapel of New York Ave. Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., by the noted Scottish Presbyterian Minister, the Reverend Peter Marshall. Following their 30 years together as a Navy family in various locations and travel abroad, they retired to country life in Morgan County, operating a small farm until 1992, when they moved to Nashville. Rosalind was a member of the Presbyterian Church most of her adult life and an avid genealogist.





In Memoriam: Dr. Herbert Augustine Claiborne, Jr.

Received From: Archer Minardi on February 19, 2020

Dr. Herbert Augustine Claiborne, Jr. died on February 16, 2020 at the age of 96. "Hobie," his nickname since childhood, was born in Richmond, Virginia on August 12, 1923 at his family home at 204 W. Franklin Street, the son of Herbert Augustine Claiborne and Virginia Christian Claiborne. He is survived by his wife, Catherine "Kitty" Robertson Claiborne; and their children, Herbert Augustine Claiborne III, his wife, Catherine and their children, Maria and Hobie IV; Mary Claiborne Frediani, her husband, David and their children, Kate Deacon (Barrett), Virginia and Christian; William Robertson Claiborne, his wife, Lisa and their children, Taylor, Sarah, Cole and Teddy; and Thomas Hamilton Claiborne, his wife, Lisa and their children, Thomas, Jack, Charlie and Cabell. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Jaquelin Taylor Robertson and his wife, Anya; as well as a number of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; his sisters, Frances Claiborne Guy and Catherine Claiborne Hall; his brother, Lindsay Cabell Claiborne; his sister-in-law, Barbara Lauer Claiborne; and his brothers-in-law, Walter Spencer Robertson, Jr., John Henry Guy, Jr. and Spotswood Braxton Hall, Jr.



Hobie grew up in Richmond, attended St. Christopher's School, and graduated from Woodberry Forest School in 1941. He earned both his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi, Calconon Club, Raven Society, T.I.L.K.A., Lambda Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha. After receiving his M.D. degree, he completed his internship and a fellowship at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, followed by residencies at the Medical College of Virginia in general surgery and the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Obstetrics & Gynecology. Having served in the U.S. Naval Reserves while completing his medical training, he was called to active duty in 1950 and served as a surgeon at Tokyo General Hospital during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged from the Navy in 1952, he returned to Charlottesville, Virginia, where he became an Associate Professor in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. In 1962, he moved back to Richmond to open his own obstetrics and gynecology practice. He later combined his practice with that of Dr. Hudnall H. Ware to form what eventually became known as Drs. Claiborne, Ware, Battista & Montague, which has since evolved into the Virginia Women's Center, one of the Richmond area's highly respected obstetrics and gynecology practices. His professional memberships included the American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology, American College of Surgeons, Continental Gynecological Society and the Virginia Medical Society. He also served as an Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at the Medical College of Virginia. He retired from medical practice in 1992.

In addition to his distinguished medical career, Hobie also served his community in numerous capacities, serving on the boards of a number of institutions including the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation (Chairman), the Lettie Pate Evans Foundation, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (President), the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Foundation (President), the Medical College of Virginia Foundation (Chairman), St. Mary's Hospital Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology (Chairman), the Virginia Historical Society, the University of Virginia Medical School Foundation, Woodberry Forest School, the University of Richmond Board of Associates, Wright's Island Game Association (President), The Richmond German (President), and the Country Club of Virginia. Among his many achievements, he received the Outstanding Medical Alumnus Award from the University of Virginia Medical Alumni Association, the Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award from Central Virginia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award from the Westminster Canterbury Foundation and Westminster Canterbury Management Corporation, and the Dowdy Award for Exemplary Volunteer Service from the Medical College of Virginia Foundation. Hobie was also a member of the Walpole Society, the Society of the Cincinnati, the Custis Pond Fishing & Hunting Club, the Cohoke Club, the Commonwealth Club and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Perhaps more than anything else, Hobie always showed warmth, gentleness and compassion, traits he exemplified every day of his life. He had a dry sense of humor, was an attentive listener, and had a way of making everyone around him feel embraced. He cared deeply about his patients, his community and most of all his family, whom he adored and who adored him in return - we affectionately called him "Doc." He was a voracious reader, a student of history, and a lover of art and architecture, with a remarkable recall of each. Throughout his life, he had a great passion for wingshooting and fly-fishing – some of his fondest memories were those times spent with family and friends in the outdoors. We are forever grateful for the many years Doc was part of our lives as a husband, father, grandfather, uncle, doctor, teacher and mentor. He was an exemplary gentleman.



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ANNUAL DUES

Our membership year runs from October 1st to September 30th.

The Annual Dues for the Claiborne Society are \$10. As an alternative, a lifetime membership is available for \$200 for current members. Plans are under way for our 2021 Reunion.

To continue to receive newsletters and reunion mailings, please send your check payable to "The Claiborne Society" to our Treasurer:

NATIONAL SOCIETY CLAIBORNE FAMILY DESCENDANTS 2020 ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT FORM

Name					
(Optional) Claiborne Line/Ancestor					
Street Address					
City					
Telephone					
E-Mail:					
	Check one:	Cost	AMOUNT ENCLOSED		
	2019 Annual Dues:	\$10	\$		
	Lifetime Membership:	\$200	\$		

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