



Claiborne Society Newsletter

The National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants



Summer 2019 Special Reunion Newsletter

2019 Claiborne Reunion Williamsburg, Virginia

July 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2019

Message from the Reunion Chair: Clai Bachmann, Vice President Claiborne Society

New Information on the Claiborne Reunion and the Need to Make Room Reservations as Soon as Possible

I am looking forward to seeing you in Williamsburg on Saturday, July 27th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Williamsburg Lodge at 310 South England Street in Colonial Williamsburg. This is a different venue for our reception than we had previously planned, so please make note of the address. Please also use the final page of this newsletter to register.

Because of William Claiborne's extensive involvement in early Virginia government, this year's annual meeting has been specifically scheduled to coincide with Jamestown's celebration of the 400th anniversary of the first representative government assembly in the Western Hemisphere. Due to this, hotel rooms are booking up fast. All rooms being held by the Claiborne Society at the Williamsburg Lodge are already booked. However, the Lodge still has four rooms left at our special rate for July 27 and 28 (but not the 29th). There are also eleven rooms left at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel at 105 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg, for July 27, 28, 29 that are not being held for our group. This meeting is a very special one because of the Jamestown 400th anniversary celebration, so you may not want to miss it!

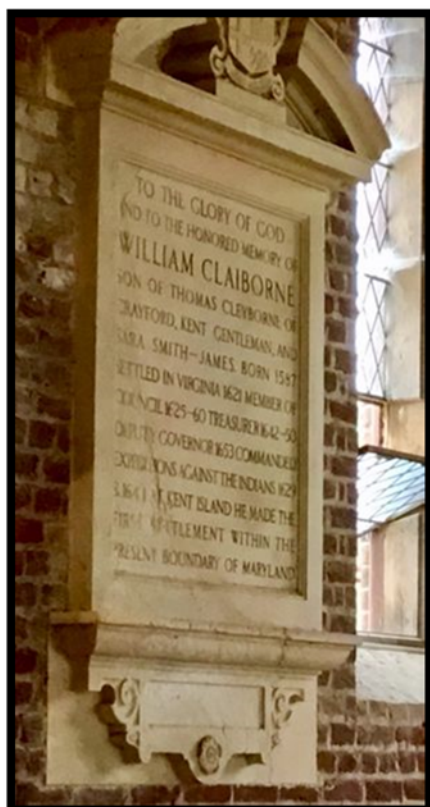
Change of registration location: For the convenience of attendees, "reunion registration" is now going to be in the Williamsburg Lodge in the hallway to the left of the hotel "front desk", instead of at Clai Bachmann's house. On Saturday, July 27, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, attendees must register and pick up a meeting agenda, gift goody bags, maps and informational brochures. They may also meet up with other Claiborne descendants to make Saturday dinner plans on their own. For late arrivals there will be a brief registration on Sunday morning at 7:30 am. Your Colonial Williamsburg admission passes will already have been purchased for you and will be distributed on Sunday morning.

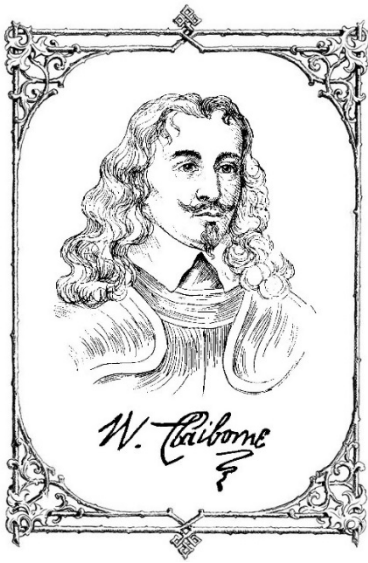
Special Celebratory Week at Jamestown, July 29 through August 4: For those who do not already know, there are two Jamestown sites: "Historic Jamestowne", the original site on Jamestown Island, owned by Preservation Virginia and the National Park Service; and "Jamestown Settlement" a re-creation on the nearby mainland, owned by the state of Virginia. The Claiborne Society has organized visits to both of these sites on Sunday July 28.

On Tuesday morning July 30, Historic Jamestowne will be holding a special commemorative ceremony at the old Jamestown Church, to which Virginia patriotic and historical organizations, including the Claiborne Society, have been invited. Following will be a concert by the Richmond Symphony Orchestra. (Inside the church is a large decorative plaque to the first William Claiborne in Virginia, honoring the multiple official positions he held in the colony's government.)

At both Jamestown sites, highlights of the rest of this day and week include living history performances, themed tours, archeology demonstrations, and lectures. There are also three history museums with special exhibits on Jamestown history. Many of these things are only happening during this week.

If you have any questions, you may e-mail Clai Bachmann at cbach@dymax.com, phone her at home 1-757-645-3569, or cell 1-860-567-8077.





National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants

2019 Reunion

Williamsburg, Virginia

Saturday, July 27 through Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Williamsburg Lodge, 310 South England Street, Williamsburg

"Colonel William Claiborne: Mover and Shaker at the Epicenter of a New World"

PROGRAM

Saturday, July 27

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm: Registration and Hospitality at the Williamsburg Lodge. Dinner and evening on your own with Claiborne and Cliborn relatives and friends.

Sunday, July 28

9:00 am: Meet in the Williamsburg Lodge Lobby for transportation to Historic Jamestown. Guided tour of Jamestown Fort, Church with memorial to William Claiborne, Archaearium Museum of artifacts, archeological digs, walking tour of New Towne area with interpreter, visit to Ambler Mansion ruins.

12:00 Noon: Lunch: Box lunches will be available.

1:00 pm: Board bus for Jamestown Settlement, exhibits, Indian village, ships, and gardens.

4:00 pm: Return to Williamsburg Lodge. Dinner and evening on your own.

Monday, July 29

9:00 am: Meet in Williamsburg Lodge Lobby for transportation to Muscarelle Museum on College of William & Mary campus, to view painting of William Claiborne (a possible restoration project for our Society).

10:00 am: Visit the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum in Colonial Williamsburg, with galleries of 17th and 18th century decorative arts including paintings of Thomas and Sara Claiborne of Tennessee. Visit nearby Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum.

12:00 Noon: Lunch at the Museum cafeteria. Return to galleries on your own.

1:45 pm: Return to Williamsburg Lodge.

2:00 pm: Business meeting: Call to Order, Invocation, Minutes, Treasurer's and Registrar's Reports.

2:30 pm: Nominating Committee Recommendations, Election, New Business (discussion of proposed restoration project), Presentations.

4:00 pm: Genealogical Research Update, Discussion of next Reunion, Benediction, Adjournment.

5:00 pm: Break

6:00 pm: Banquet

7:30 pm: Dr. Claiborne Smith Award, Installation of new Officers, Remarks by new President.

8:00 pm: Keynote Speaker Ms. Martha McCartney.

9:00 pm: Closing Remarks, New Officers meet.

Tuesday, July 30

Reunion over; check out on your own. For those choosing to attend the American Evolution Event 1619-2019 at Historic Jamestown at 9:00 am, check out timing will need to be early as well.

Many thanks to our 2019 Reunion Committee:

- Elizabeth Richardson
- Pam Meiring
- Sara "Sally" Prosch James
- Mary Ann Gilman
- Ed Ayres
- Alex Waldrop
- Beverly Davis
- Jennie Howe

National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants Reunion Prayer

The following prayer was first offered at the Claiborne Family Reunion at the Jamestown Exposition on June 18, 1907 by Reverend Daniel Gregory Claiborne Butts of Richmond, Virginia, and thereafter at National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants Reunions:

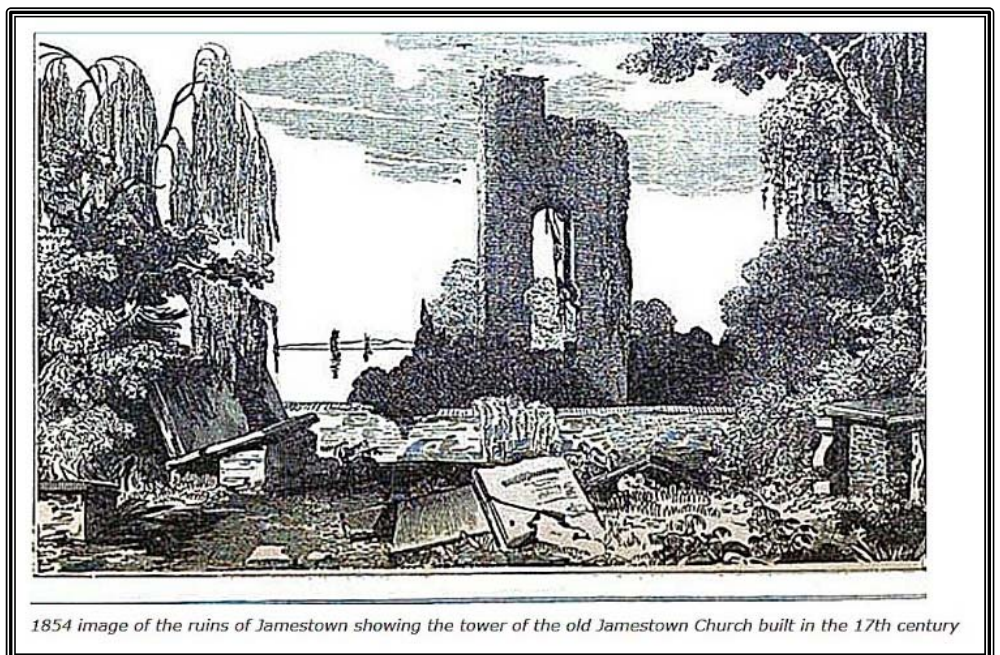
“O Lord God, the God of our fathers who, by thy providence, came to these shores in the long ago, we as their descendants, are come together today as one family, gathered from our distant homes to recall their deeds and to seek thy blessing and thy favor in this our day of privilege and opportunity.

We adore thee through those matchless perfections by which thou hast revealed thyself to us in the Person of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Thou art ‘our Father’. ‘In thee we live, and move and have our being’. ‘Every good gift and every perfect gift’ is from thy munificent and exhaustless bounty. Whatever is in us of any worth or promise, either to ourselves or to our country, is from thee. Whereinsoever we have failed to do or to be what thou wouldst have us, cometh of our negligence to improve the gift that is in us, and not from any lack of graciousness in thee. We humbly confess our sins and supplicate thy mercy through Jesus, the Redeemer.

We thank thee for that good hand which led our distinguished ancestor to this land of plenty, and for whatever part he may have had in laying the foundation of the Commonwealth so deep and so broad, so strong and so free, that her name rivals in splendor that of the nations of the world. And we bless thee for those liberal and substantial institutions, founded and fostered by the intelligent patriotism of our fathers, which have reflected such lustre upon their names, and brought such great and manifold blessings to us.

We pray thee, O Lord, help us to recognize the exalted position to which they lifted the name of Claiborne, and likewise to apprehend the obligation resting upon us, their children, to keep that name unstained by dishonor, unweakened by treachery, and free from littleness by low living. May the highest ideals enslave us, the noblest patriotism inspire us, and wisdom and truth lead us in every laudable endeavor. While we would not forget the past, may the present so ingress our thoughts that we may leave no effort untried to make the future as brilliant as possible, and its frame as imperishable as the past in which we glory today.

Give us humility, as well as faith and industry, and to thy great name we will give the glory, world without end.”





**Painting of William Claiborne
currently in storage at the
Muscarelle Museum**

This painting was given to the William and Mary Library in 1904 by Mrs. Herbert A. Claiborne of Richmond, who made a \$1,000.00 donation to the college as the nucleus of a fund for a library of books about Virginia. After the unveiling of the portrait, the Richmond Times Dispatch stated: "Miss May Burnet Claiborne, daughter of Dr. James W. Claiborne of Petersburg, VA. unveiled yesterday, a portrait of William Claiborne, first secretary of the Virginia Colony, at the College of William and Mary. The portrait's donor was present at the portrait's unveiling ceremony. The presentation address was made by the Hon. James Alston Cabell, Mrs. Claiborne's brother."

**Painting of William Claiborne
exhibited at the
1907 Jamestown Exposition**

William Claiborne holds an official document in one hand and a book in the other in this oil painting exhibited at the Jamestown TerCentennial Exposition, a 1907 celebration marking the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Jamestown colony by settlers from England. This work by artist Mary Gilmer is a reproduction of an earlier portrait. After the celebration, this painting was given to the state of Virginia and is now in storage at the Library of Virginia.



From the American Evolution Web Site:

AMERICAN EVOLUTION™ commemorates the 400th anniversary of several key historical events that occurred in Virginia in 1619 that continue to influence America today. Featured events, programs, and legacy projects inspire local, national, and international engagement in the themes of democracy, diversity, and opportunity.

400th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony of the First Representative Legislative Assembly

Date: July 30, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Venue: Historic Jamestowne and Jamestown Settlement, Williamsburg
1368 Colonial Parkway, Jamestown, Virginia 23081

<https://www.americanevolution2019.com/event/commemorative-ceremony-of-first-representative-legislative-assembly/>

Join us as we commemorate the 400th anniversary of representative democracy in America. Did you know that the Virginia General Assembly is the longest continuously operating legislative body in the Western Hemisphere? Experience a day full of ceremonies, tours and a free evening concert by The Richmond Symphony at Historic Jamestown.

Join us in Jamestown, the birthplace of American democracy. American Evolution will commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first representative assembly in the western hemisphere, which was held in Jamestown's church in the summer of 1619. Members of the Virginia General Assembly, Congress and state legislatures nationwide will convene for this special commemorative event.

Join us for ceremonies, public programs and a concert by The Richmond Symphony at Historic Jamestowne.

Highlighted by the 400th anniversary events of July 30th, America's Historic Triangle welcomes all Americans to explore the birthplace of America and our 400-year arc of American democracy during July and August, 2019. There will be tours and special events throughout the region including a special weekend of themed tours, interpretive programs and military exercises July 27-28 at Jamestown Settlement.

WHAT MAKES 1619 AN IMPORTANT YEAR IN AMERICAN HISTORY?

1619 was a pivotal year in the establishment of the first permanent English colony in North America.

First Representative Legislative Assembly in the New World

The first "General Assembly," composed of men from each of Virginia's eleven major settlements, met for the first time at Jamestown from July 30-August 4, 1619, planting the seed of democracy in America.

Arrival of the First Recorded Africans to English North America

The first enslaved Africans arrived at Point Comfort, Virginia (modern-day Fort Monroe) in late August 1619. The "20 and odd" Africans were from West Central Africa and were traded in exchange for provisions.

Recruitment of English Women in Significant Numbers

In November 1619, 147 English women were recruited to join Jamestown's male settlers, building permanency in the Virginia colony.

First Official English Thanksgiving in North America

Upon their safe arrival at Berkeley Hundred on December 4, 1619, a group of English settlers held a ceremony of Thanksgiving which was to be observed annually and perpetually.

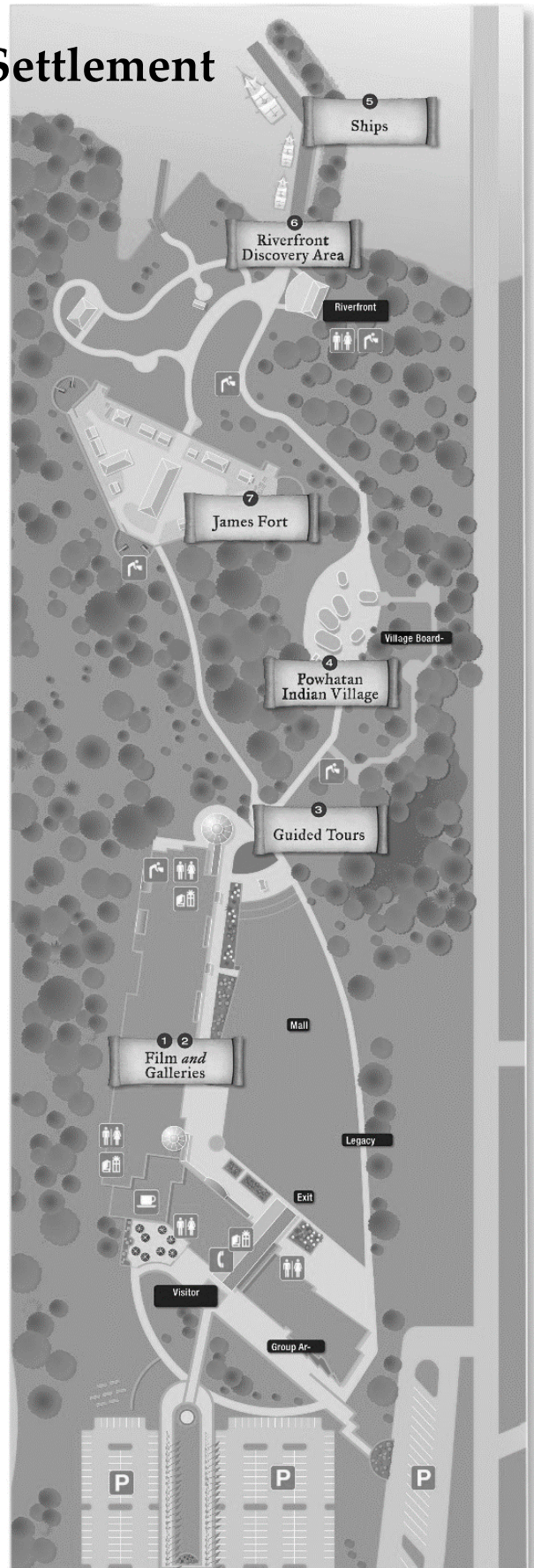
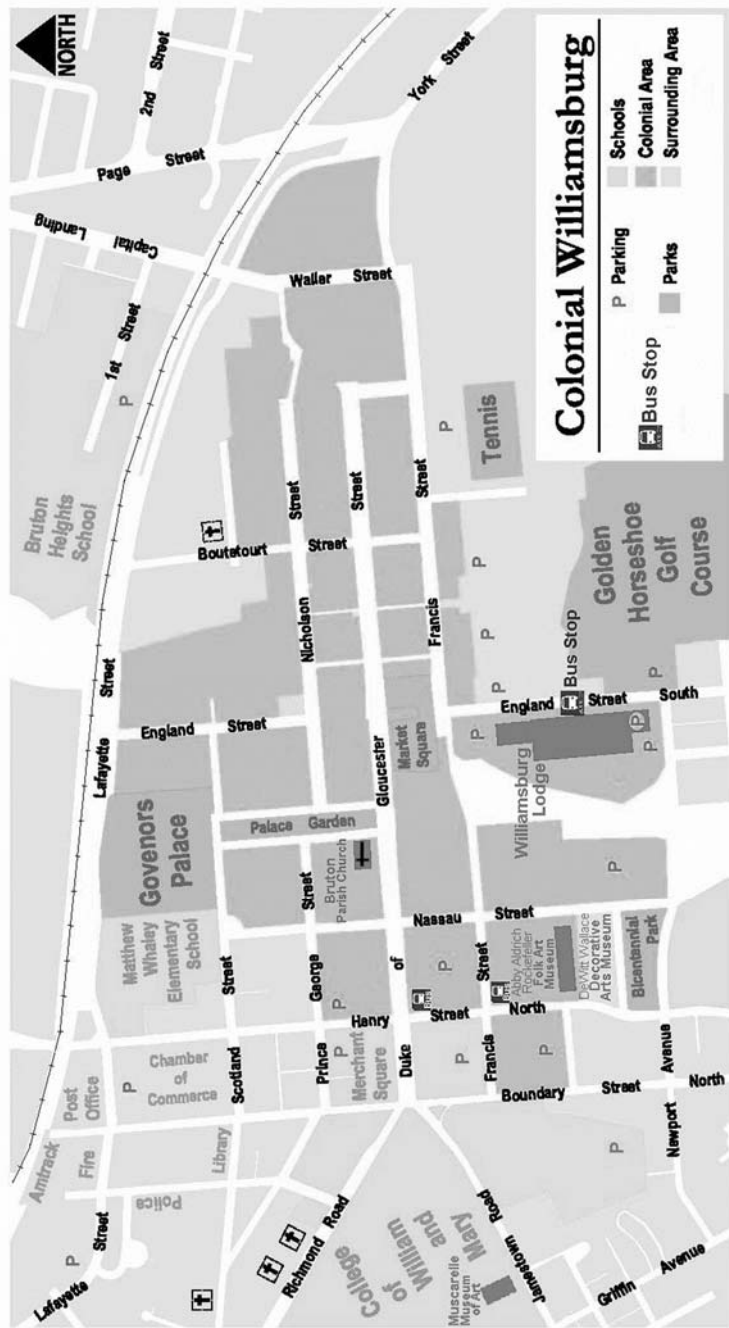
Entrepreneurial and Innovative Spirit of the Virginia Colony

A series of new laws passed in 1619 allowed Virginia's colonists to experiment with various industries, helping to set the groundwork for America's free enterprise system.

MAPS

Jamestown Settlement

Colonial Williamsburg



**NATIONAL SOCIETY CLAIBORNE FAMILY DESCENDANTS
REUNION IN WILLIAMSBURG
JULY 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2019
REGISTRATION FORM**

Name Claiborne Line/Anccestor.....

Street Address

City State Zipcode Telephone

E-Mail:

Names of additional guests:

1.....

2.....

3.....

☐ I would be interested in participating in room sharing/cost sharing with other Claiborne Clan members.

	Number of Attendees	Cost Each	TOTAL
Reunion Registration Fee: \$220 per person Includes admission to Historic Jamestown Island and Settlement, transportation and lunch on Sunday, and banquet on Monday.	# _____	x \$220 =	\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED			\$ _____

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LODGING:

Williamsburg Lodge, 310 South England Street, Williamsburg 1-800-261-9530

Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel, 105 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg 1-855-235-1675

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Send this form and your check to our Treasurer payable to *The Claiborne Society*:

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