

# Claiborne Clippings

National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants Reunion – Nashville, Tennessee 2017

## 16<sup>TH</sup> Reunion September 28, 29 30, 2017 Nashville, Tennessee

### Message from the President

From Susan W.H. Rura

It was the usual excitement and joy in anticipation of meeting new as well as long-lasting family connections at the Claiborne Society 2017 Reunion in Nashville, Tennessee. Our hosts were Donna and Bill Bissell, who planned a superb gathering for us. Not only were notable historic Tennessee landmarks, Andrew Jackson's Hermitage and the Carnton Plantation, which figured in the Battle of Franklin, on our schedule for touring, but our downtown hotel put us near to the spirit of Nashville and the "Nashville sound."

The thrust of this reunion was on solving the Archives problem. The Claiborne Archives, the generated papers, research, and memorabilia, collected since 1988, was a main topic at both the 2013 Richmond reunion and the 2015 Charleston reunion. Could we move forward with resolving this issue with a solution?

Individually, each of us might pursue and hope for a genealogical link, the missing puzzle piece, that would connect us personally to the ancestral family tree. But the larger view may be to ensure the continuance and succession of the organization. But if not, surely it would be the perpetuation of gleaned information and history of what our organization did for these past 30 years.

There was the story of the British mathematician who was always the candidate of choice for teaching a course in a higher level computer language. He could not move to other tasks, that is, until he wrote the manual or book that would instruct others. Maybe such a solution exists for us?

## Reunion Recollections

From Susan W.H. Rura

### Early Arrival: Wednesday, September 27

Sometimes an early arrival can have its benefits. Flying in on Wednesday, the plane flight, 3 hours door-to-door, Baltimore to Nashville, created an early p.m. arrival. The Hilton Garden Inn, a delightful hotel in downtown Nashville, put us in the heart of Country Music territory and the rich history that Nashville represents. We stored our suitcases, walked 2 ½ blocks to get a quick overview of downtown Nashville, and planned our events for the next day.

### Nashville Music: Thursday, September 28

Early morning Thursday, one person went on the Nashville City Tour. The others of us dashed to the Country Music Hall of Fame, a huge museum. Who knew there was so much to see: the Shania Twain exhibit with her jeweled petite performance clothes; very early recorded videos, from the 1920s, showing the origins of what culturally was 'country music'; a video of the jam session when "Bob Dylan came to Nashville" and made music with "the man in black", Johnny Cash; and even Elvis Presley's Cadillac.

There was something more, a tour of the near-by historic RCA Studio B, a special place not only for outstanding acoustics but for what happened here. This was the favorite recording studio for many notable performers: Connie Francis, Roy Orbison, Al Hirt, Chet Atkins, Floyd Cramer, and The Everly Brothers. This was where Elvis Presley recorded his Grammy-award winning hymn "How Great Thou Art" and Dolly Parton recorded her composition "I Will Always Love You". It was almost a reverential moment to be in this place.

We returned to the hotel to find the new arrivals, gathered our reunion program and 'goody bags', changed clothes, and met at 6:15 p.m. to walk to the Ryman Auditorium, the "Mother Church of Country Music". In fact, this place was a church, the Union Gospel Tabernacle built by Thomas Ryman in 1892. It has grown to be the home of the Grand Ole Opry [1943-1974], the venue where the Johnny Cash Show was recorded, and even tonight as we sat in this 125-year old building, we were part of a live-performance broadcast by radio station WSM at 650 AM.

### Trip to the Hermitage and to Carnton Plantation: Friday, September 29

We all gathered at 9 a.m. to begin our bus tour of Tennessee historic places. Our guide was Bill Bissell who mesmerized us with his informative chatter. Bill introduced himself as 'not a genealogist', as that was his mother's purview. His mother Lolita Bissell began her research as a project to keep herself busy when Bill went into the army. With her husband, Lolita visited

## OFFICERS 2017 - 2019

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Registrar	Frank Rura
Standing	Committees
Reunion	Clai Bachmann Eley
Research	Dr. Alex Waldrop
Archives	Vera "Curly" Moore/Susan Rura
Publications	Patricia Clayborn
Webmaster	Dan Boylin

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King's Lynn, England and entered her name in a book which later was found by Curly Moore of the Claiborne Society. Lolita's research was published in CLIBORN-CLAIBORNE RECORDS in 1986. It was the first recognition that there may be two different families.

Bill presented a wealth of useful facts. Nashville is growing rapidly with as many as 100 people a day moving here. The Cumberland River begins in Kentucky and flows west through Nashville, then to the Ohio River at Paducah, Kentucky. The river was named after the Duke of Cumberland, son of George II, who was at the Battle of Culloden [1745]. Or it was just named after the English county Cumberland, which changed names in 1974 to Cumbria, incorporating Cumberland, Westmorland, and part of Lancashire.

As our bus drove to the Hermitage, memories of the Claiborne 2005 reunion came flowing back to some of us. Would we see the Andrew Jackson impersonator who captured our attention before? Bill said that he was so good he got fired. Obviously, the impersonator was too much the replication of Andrew Jackson for "polite" company.

Bill continued his commentary. The Ladies Hermitage Association, in like fashion as the ladies of Mount Vernon in Virginia, formed in 1889 to oversee the care of the historic Hermitage property. Money troubles beset the Andrew Jackson heirs, until several people intervened, and the property is now run by the Andrew Jackson Society.

Our visit at the Hermitage included a movie, museum displays, viewing the house interior, roaming the garden, and lunch at the Springhouse. First was the movie and museum displays, new since our last visit, designed to fill in the story of Andrew Jackson's life. This was well done and gave glimpses of his life: orphaned at age 14 years; fighting in the Seminole Indian wars; a hero at the Battle of New Orleans; a failed Presidential election where result determined by Congress; a successful Presidential two terms; and controversy about his wife and his slave-holding.

Although the front view of the house is blocked by fully grown evergreens, the interior transports us to a different time. The garden has crepe myrtles along a path which leads us to a center dominated by a castor bean plant. The family burial plots and a domed pavilion lie just beyond the garden. To finish, we moved towards the Springhouse where a buffet lunch of barbeque and cole slaw was awaiting us.

We boarded the bus for our next stop at Carnton Plantation near Franklin, the site of a terrible battle of the Civil War, in which 6 Confederate generals perished, including General Patrick Cleburne. This house served as a field hospital for the wounded, with its story told in the book "The Widow of the South."

There were many changes since our last visit in 2005, changes for the better. There is now a gift shop, a picket-fenced area planted around the edge with perennial flowers, and the side garden of geometric design is filled with billowing hydrangeas, filled urns, rose-covered trellises, and exquisite metal-designed benches of some antiquity. The house had a completely refurbished interior with period furniture and full woven carpets, interspersed with original family antiques and memorabilia, such as the Bible of the McGavock family.

The Franklin battlefield has been secured with the removal of the Pizza Hut and the shopping center and is now protected with the The Battle of Franklin Trust. For the Southern army, there was the siege of Petersburg, the siege of Atlanta, Sherman's 'march to the sea', the Confederate foray to Gettysburg in the north, but none can match the emotional devastation of the Battle of Franklin, coming near the end of the war [November 30, 1864] when it was already clear the South could not win.

This indeed was a full day with many thoughts to consider.

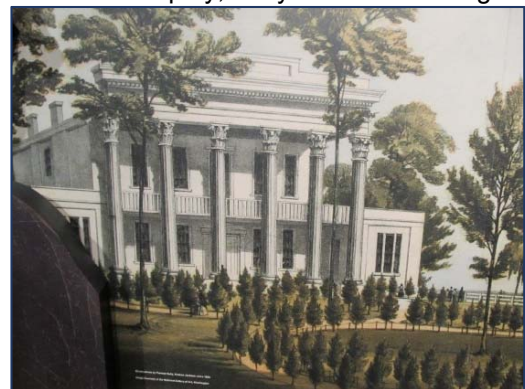
Museum display "Old Hickory"



Museum display "Rachel"



Museum display, early look of Hermitage



Front porch of the Hermitage



Burial plots of the Andrew Jackson family



Formal garden at Carnton, hydrangeas and urn



Garden arch showing side view of Carnton



View from Carnton porch into the garden



Donna & Bill Bissell



Group photo, on arrival at the Hermitage.



Left to right: Donna Bissell, Linda King, Bill Bissell, Jennene Norman-Vachu, Clai Bachmann Eley, Fritz Eley, Thomas Wilby Claiborne II, Deb R. Lugone, Thomas W. Claiborne, Susan Rura, Lennie Middleton, Nancy Claiborne, Corinne Middleton, Frank Rura, Charles E. Claiborne.

## Claiborne Society Business Meeting

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Hilton Garden Inn, Nashville, Tennessee

From Donna Bissell

The meeting took place at 9am in the Skyline Junior Ballroom.

### 1. Call to order and Invocation

Attendees: Officers present at the business meeting were Susan W. H. Rura, President; William "Bill" Bissell, Vice-President and Reunion Chair; Jane "Clai" Bachmann Eley, Treasurer; Frank Rura, Registrar; and past President Jane Boylin.

Agenda: Susan Rura called the meeting to order, invoked a Common Prayer for Guidance, and announced the agenda. She also asked that we review the purpose of our organization by examining our By-Laws, and noted that all here may participate in lecture and discussions, however only members may vote.

### 2. Welcome by Vice President and Reunion Chair - Bill Bissell

Welcome to our city. Lunch will be provided in this room at noon. Our evening event will also be in this ballroom beginning at 6pm, group photo at 6:30, and dinner at 7pm. At 8pm our Speaker will be James Hoobler, Senior Curator for Art and Architecture for the Tennessee State Museum, presenting "Cities Under The Gun: Images of Occupied Nashville and Chattanooga." It was noted the facilities and staff of the Hilton Garden Inn were excellent.

### 3. Reports

a. Secretary Minutes of the 2015 Meeting, written by Bev Davis, were read by Deb Lugone and Approved.

b. Treasurer's Report – Clai Bachman reported a balance of \$15,469.70 as of September 5, 2017 before reconciliation of Reunion outstanding bills. The Suntrust CDs were renewed. Susan commented Clai has been a very good treasurer and we are in good shape. Treasurer's report Approved.

c. Registrar's Report – Frank Rura reported 16 new members since the Nov 2015 reunion; 24 life members (\$200 onetime fee); 227 members on roster from 34 States and England, 72 are paid up. Registrar's report Approved.

Roster/Directories are available at the business meeting. Mr. Rura stated that it is quite a job to update the roster because death and contact information changes are not received in a timely manner if at all. The Society does not remove names unless by death and we are reluctant to strike names when dues are in arrears. Thanks to past record keepers Dede Clements and Ann Starr for countless hours on the phone and emailing "lost" members to verify and update information. Thanks were also expressed to Clai Bachmann Eley for reporting dues payments, and to Patricia Clayborn for her work on the newsletter and her efforts to track down returned mail recipients.

d. Archives Report - Susan Rura

Curly Moore holds the boxes of 30 years of Claiborne Society archives beginning with our first reunion at Williamsburg, VA. 1988. During that time there have been mini reunions and biennial reunions. There has also been a generational shift in membership and attendees. A product of our success is that we are still getting new members. Our current project is to preserve our archives, which consist of Reunion calendar of events, photos, information on historical markers, and DNA research, contained in 15 notebooks each covering the two year period between reunions. Archives report Approved.

### 4. Officer Nominations

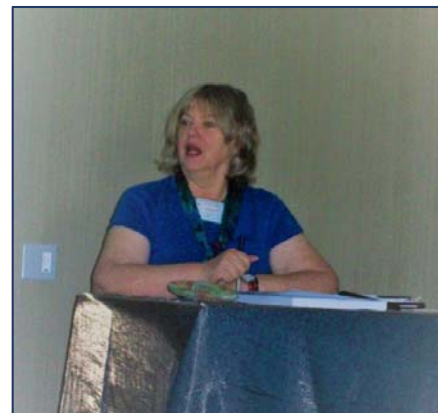
Susan Rura presented Committee recommendations followed by discussion. She stated that, although key positions should be held by Claiborne descendants, spouses may hold positions if no other descendants are available to serve. The position of Registrar is facilitated best with a knowledge of computer database management. Consequently, without other qualifying nominees, Frank Rura accepted the nomination.

Nominations were as follows:

- a. President – Susan Rura to continue as President
- b. Vice-President – Clai Bachmann Eley
- c. Treasurer – Charles E. Claiborne
- d. Secretary – Linda King
- e. Publications – Patricia Claiborne to continue
- f. Registrar – Frank Rura to continue

All nominations for the 2017-2019 slate of officers were discussed and Approved by voting members of the Society. The Officers stand as noted above.

President Susan Rura speaking



## 5. New Business –

Susan Rura presented her report on Digitizing the archives [report follows]. As a test case of digitizing software, Susan and Frank Rura scanned early issues of the Society newsletters. They scanned the Society newsletters from Feb. 1989 – Oct. 2009. This was then transformed into a soft cover book of newsletters covering the first 20 years of the Society. The book gives a concise historical record of both the Claiborne Society's social and research activities in a form useable by new and old members alike.

The Society has other data such as Reunion programs, specialty projects, and photos that could be made available for future reference. The contracted cost to scan or digitize each picture is \$1 and this test volume is 310 pages. A question was posed as to what is the best format to save digitized materials. A lengthy discussion followed on the merits of cloud based electronic data, CD/DVD, flashdrives, online searchable indexes, and paper publications. Self publishing software and the availability of "how to" courses now offered are making digital projects available to the lay person. The first question to be answered is the cost of in-house data entry vs Professional Digital Product. Many companies also offer this service. Amazon offers a Make on Demand for out of print books and CDs. Once the data is "saved" how do we distribute the information? Historical data can be posted on the Society website and password protected if meant for members only. The discussion was robust and the most important feature discussed was a searchable index for any digital copies of the archives. A motion was made to approve the continuance of this project.

## 6. DNA Project

Dr. Alex Waldrop, PhD was unable to attend this reunion.

## 7. Reunion site 2019

Clai Bachmann Eley as the new Vice-President has tentatively agreed to be the Reunion chair for 2019 with the caveat that she must have considerable help from other members. There was a consensus that the next reunion should be held in Virginia, within the Williamsburg/ Jamestown/Yorktown triangle. The exact location is to be determined. Further discussions included polling the membership to determine what dates, topics, and possible venues might be included. Corrine Middleton made the motion to accept the Virginia triangle as the next 2019 reunion location. Motion was approved and a motion to adjourn was accepted.

Submitted by Donna Bissell,

Approved by President Susan W.H. Rura

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## By the Cumberland River

From Susan W.H. Rura

### Saturday Afternoon: September 30

After a delicious hotel group lunch, with energetic conversation and a chance to examine the new book, we were on our own to explore Nashville. Where to go? It was a beautiful day with the sun shining brightly. Our hotel was in Downtown SoBro [South of Broad] near interesting places. We walked 4-5 blocks to the Pedestrian Bridge overlooking the Cumberland River. How splendid the view and a chance for people watching, including the photographer with the wedding party.

Who knew that just off the bridge on 3rd Avenue South was The Johnny Cash Museum? It was a worthy museum with 32 themed displays: his time in the Air Force, with the Carter Family, the Prison Shows, the 1960s, and more. We had to rush to the hotel to get ready for the Banquet.

Cumberland River view



# PRESERVING ARCHIVES

## Solving the Archives Problem: A Solution

By Susan W.H. Rura

Report presented at the Claiborne Society Reunion Saturday, September 30, 2017

1. Long era. The first reunion was in 1988, in Williamsburg. Here we are 30 years later, at another reunion. This is our 20th if we count mini-reunions, which were small group visits to Europe. We can look back, and say, we have a history. Some of us know our history well, those who were here at the beginning, Curly Moore, myself, and some others. Now we are experiencing a generational shift, a product of our own success. We are still getting new members.

2. Now what. For newcomers, how are they to know our past accomplishments? And so, we are confronted with preserving our archives. Or as is being said "digitizing our archives". Quite a challenge. Digitizing our archives is not like hiring someone to paint the house! There are more questions to be answered before starting than choosing paint colors.

3. Archives. What are our archives? From the beginning, at the first reunion, we always had a 3-4 day planned calendar of events, took photos, recorded history of each day's happenings, had financial and research reports. Later came bylaws, regular newsletters, project undertakings such as erection of historical markers or genealogical mapping and DNA studies. Our archives are not voluminous, existing in 3-4 brown boxes. Except for some loose papers, the bulk is organized into 15 notebooks according to the 2-year period culminating in a reunion.

4. Digitize. Why digitize? Everyone is doing it. What is digitizing? As we learned from Katie Gray, librarian archivist, at our Charleston reunion, it is reproduction of a paper's surface markings by scanning into a TIFF or JPEG format for storage on a computer. There are notable projects being digitized. In Mozart's Words, digitized, will present the abundant correspondence of Mozart and his family, approximately 1400 letters, giving references to people, places, and musical works contained therein. Another scanning effort is Project PHAEDRA: Preserving Harvard's Early Data and Research in Astronomy, which is Harvard's women in science late 19th century observatory data, existing as glass plates, in 108 boxes. Another exceptional digitization is of the books of the Harleian Society, formed in 1869 to transcribe, print and publish the ancestral charts and genealogy gleaned from "heraldic visitations of counties" which began during Henry VIII's reign. "The project of gathering pedigrees began because of rampant misuse of coats of arms and false declarations of nobility." The Confederate Veteran magazine was established in 1893 in Nashville, Tennessee, had a readership of 20,000 by 1900, but ceased publication in 1932. These early magazines, digitized, exist on the Internet, with simulated turning pages. FamilySearch, of the Mormon church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is digitizing its holdings. What existed as microfilm for many decades is now being scanned to allow for quick searches on the computer. Even the Library of Virginia ran a seminar [April 29, 2016] showcasing its paper collections of death records, newspapers [Virginia Chronicle Newspaper], militia records, and African-American digital collection. Why did they present this seminar? They need volunteers to help with the massive record scanning process.

5. What form? If we digitize our archives, what form should it take? Do we produce a book, a CD-ROM, or put it on a thumb-drive? What we know is that technology is always changing. Data has been stored on 9-track tapes, diskettes, CD-ROMs, DVDs, and thumb drives, the latter for distribution and short-term storage. On the other hand, books need no conversion, are read by all, and paper can exist for a hundred years. Some would even wish for easily searchable data, but that exists already with the Google search engine for the Claiborne newsletters on the Web.

6. Our Purpose. To determine the form, we must determine our purpose. Probably like most genealogists, we want our family data and reunion information to survive into the future. Some genealogists have boxes of family history, some produce books, and others are contemplating storage on the Cloud.

7. Publishing a book. It seems that a medium that can be widely distributed, easily read, has the best chance of surviving into the future. This means publishing in book form. Thus began our attendance at 'Meet the Author' forums. After many questions, the most suitable direction seemed "self-publishing" software. How do we do this? We try it. We create a "toy", a "test case" or prototype, and begin. Suddenly, in May 2017, everything came into immediate focus. The "ransomware" computer hacking attack occurred, creating fear for many computer users. Luckily, a young British researcher analyzed the malware, made a change, which stopped the attack.

8. Newsletters. What if we lost our Claiborne newsletters on the Web? How easy would it be to reassemble our data? This mishap also characterized a president's problem as senior membership moves on. What is left behind? The first test of the "self-publishing" software would be to digitize the Claiborne newsletters into a book. A complete collection of mailed newsletters were assembled, half were scanned, each page creating a computer file. The 309 computer files, with embellishments, were sent for publishing, and soon the book was received in the mail.

9. Cost. How do we evaluate the cost for our digitization project? Reference LEGACYBOX, a well-known company that is offering kits to "digitize your home movies and photos". Sample pricing for 3 tapes or 3 films or 3 sets of 25 pictures is \$74.95. Similar phrasing is 3 sets of 25, or 75 pictures, cost \$75 minus a nickel. Therefore, 10 sets of 25, or 250 pictures, cost \$249.95. If 20 sets of 25, or 500 pictures, the cost is \$499.95. The "trunk" size of 40 sets of 25, or 1000 pictures, is \$999.95. In other words, one picture scanned or digitized is \$1. Therefore the digitization of the book's 309 pages could be valued at \$309. The work was done on a HP multi-core processor, 3.4 gigabytes clock speed, with a FIOS Internet connection. The scanner was a consumer-grade, 3-in-one printer.

10. Next. Other questions need to be evaluated. Does a book of chronological newsletters need an Index? What would be the cost for a newsletter book in color?

Submitted by: Susan W. H Rura

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## Claiborne Society Banquet

From Susan W.H. Rura

### Saturday Evening: September 30, 2017

Our group began to assemble in the Skyline Junior Ballroom of the Hilton Garden Inn at 6 p.m. By 6:30 we stood smiling, all 23 of us, for our biennial group photo. As dinner was served at 7 p.m., Frank Rura offered the Claiborne Reunion Prayer, first prayed at the June 18, 1907 Exposition by D. Gregory Claiborne Butts of Richmond.

The first words, "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, ...", those first words, drew our thoughts to the daring and fortitude required so that now we could be joined together at this meal.

Before dessert, President Susan Rura stood to announce the recipients of the Claiborne T. Smith Jr. Award for significant contribution to our Society. In this case, the benefit to us has been those publishers of our Reunion booklets and our yearly newsletters. Those named are: David Claiborne, Mrs. Dorothy C. Duke, Lucy Claiborne Ritter Skeen, Sam & Maria Claiborne, Glen Claiborne, Catherine Poore, Duain Claiborne, Sue Forbes, Dan Boylin, Ann Claiborne Case, and Patricia Clayborn. Unfortunately some of them have passed away and others are not in attendance here. But one framed certificate was presented to Jane Boylin who could present it to her son Dan Boylin. The others will be sent by mail.

Now we sat back to enjoy tonight's speaker, Jim Hoobler, the Senior Curator for Art and Architecture at the Tennessee State Museum, who donated a significant photograph collection to the Tennessee Historical Society in 1989. His topic tonight is "*Cities Under the Gun: Images of Occupied Nashville and Chattanooga*".



Claiborne Society Banquet (left to right)

1. Jerry Keathley, guest of Corinne Middleton
2. Frank Rura
3. Susan Rura
4. Charles E. Claiborne
5. Nancy Claiborne
6. Lennie Middleton
7. Corinne Middleton
8. Deb R. Lugone,
9. Clai Bachmann Eley
10. Thomas Wilby Claiborne II
11. Fritz Eley
12. Thomas W. Claiborne
13. Mary Louise Keathley, guest of Corinne Middleton
14. Linda M. King
15. Donna Bissell



Mary Lou & Jerry Keathley, Corinne & Lennie Middleton



Dede Claiborne Clements, Charles E. & Nancy Claiborne



Claiborne T. Smith Award - Susan Rura gives to Jane Boylin for presentation to Dan Boylin





## Claiborne T. Smith, Jr. Award

Dr. Claiborne T. Smith, Jr. was a beloved member of our Claiborne Clan who collaborated with John Fredrick Dorman to publish the book Claiborne of Virginia: Colonel William Claiborne and His Descendants, The First Eight Generations. The Clan has honored his memory by naming its award after him, and presenting the award at each reunion.

What follows is the text of the presentation speech by Susan Rura at the Reunion:

### CLAIBORNE T. SMITH JR. AWARD

From the beginning, there was a written record. It may be because of the very unusual nature of the encounter. The coming together of individuals, from diverse geographic regions, because of a thin thread of a presumed connection to the same forebear, certainly merited documentation. At the least, as we walked the same path as our ancestor or rubbed shoulders with a distant cousin, it seemed it would be worth a second remembering.

And so began the summary telling of our first reunion, a Claiborne Clippings put together by David Claiborne, of [Old Squaw Lane], Chesterfield, Virginia “commemorating” our Williamsburg Reunion [1988]. And again, another summary of the England reunion 1990 and a summary of Williamsburg 1992. At this point Mrs. Dorothy C. Duke of [New Braunfels] Texas presented a ‘first’ newsletter with collected family stories from members.

Another trip to Kings’ Lynn, England in 1994 was summarized by Lucy Claiborne Ritter Skeen, of Baltimore, Maryland, in a manuscript look-alike form. The next publication, by Sam & Maria Claiborne, came from Deerfield Resort, LaFollette, Tennessee, the site of the 1995 reunion. Glen R. Claiborne, of Knoxville, Tennessee, who helped facilitate the digging of 1600s artifacts at Hampton, Virginia published the next newsletter [1996] of family stories. Yet one more Claiborne Clippings summary of the sixth reunion in Williamsburg [1997] was published and sent to membership.

After ten years it was clear that our communications documents were well received and were growing our membership. And thus Publications became an official committee led by Catherine Poore who published 1998, 1999, and into 2000. Duain Claiborne waded in and introduced us to newsletters in color and multiple issues per year, filled with exciting historical topics. His outstanding issue had to be the Claiborne Clippings report of the 2001 Richmond reunion [January 2002]. His voluminous output, with wife Irma, continued through 2002 and to the end of 2003 with the Baltimore reunion.

Next was Sue Forbes, noted researcher, who pursued historical topics aplenty through 2004 until the winter [Feb] of 2005. Dan Boylin showed his talents with 9 newsletters or Clippings published until the end of 2008. Ann Claiborne Case began with a Clippings of our Washington D.C. reunion in 2009 and also a Clippings of the 2011 New Orleans reunion with numerous newsletters between and until the Autumn of 2013. Patricia Clayborn, in charge of Publications, led with the Clippings of the Richmond reunion 2013, through the Charleston reunion 2015, and even until Fall 2017 with the Nashville reunion. Her newsletters have delved into medieval English genealogy, with the Harleian Society, and medieval places, with the stash of gold coins of antiquity, found in Cumbria, England.

The newsletters will continue, and our Society will be the beneficiary. And so in the spirit of the Claiborne T. Smith award, to those that have made outstanding contribution to the Claiborne Society, we recognize our Newsletter publishers:

**David Claiborne, Mrs. Dorothy C. Duke, Lucy Claiborne Ritter Skeen, Sam & Maria Claiborne, Glen Claiborne, Catherine Poore, Duain Claiborne, Sue Forbes, Dan Boylin, Ann Claiborne Case, and Patricia Clayborn.**

Signed *Susan W H Rura*  
President, Claiborne Society

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## CONTRIBUTIONS:

Many thanks go to Susan and Frank Rura for their help and contributions to this edition of the Clippings. We are grateful to our hosts Bill and Donna Bissell for planning and leading this reunion so brilliantly. Photos were compliments of Susan and Frank Rura.

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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. In addition, a lifetime membership is available for \$200 for current members. Plans are under way for our 2019 Reunion in Virginia within the historic triangle of Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown. 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:

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## **New Members**

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

Barbara Fredholm, Lee's Summit, Missouri  
Jerry Winfred Keathley, Brentwood, Tennessee  
Donna Meyer, Murfreesboro, Tennessee  
LaRae Marie Park, Montgomery, Texas  
Timothy E. Parker, Baltimore, Maryland  
Kathenne "Kate" Beauclerk Schindler, Pineville, Missouri  
Thomas Wixon, Pascagoula, Mississippi

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## **2019 Claiborne Society Reunion in Virginia**

The next reunion will be held in Virginia, within the Williamsburg/Jamestown/Yorktown triangle. The exact location is still to be determined. Please volunteer now to help on the Reunion Committee, which will be chaired by Clai Bachmann. Help is needed with tasks such as collecting and assembling welcome bags, contacting transportation vendors, acting as hosts at the first evening gathering, leading tours, and assisting with audio/visual support.

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## **The life of Colonel William Claiborne:**

### **Call for Articles for the Fall 2018 Society Newsletter**

The life of Colonel William Claiborne will be the subject of our upcoming Fall 2018 Claiborne Society Newsletter as well as the focus of our upcoming 2019 Virginia Reunion. Please send us your own thoughts about the life and accomplishments of Colonel William Claiborne. We wish to hear about your personal outlook on the many aspects of his remarkable career. Your contributions will be used to help design our reunion agenda. Please also consider becoming a member of our Reunion Committee.

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