

W. Claiborne

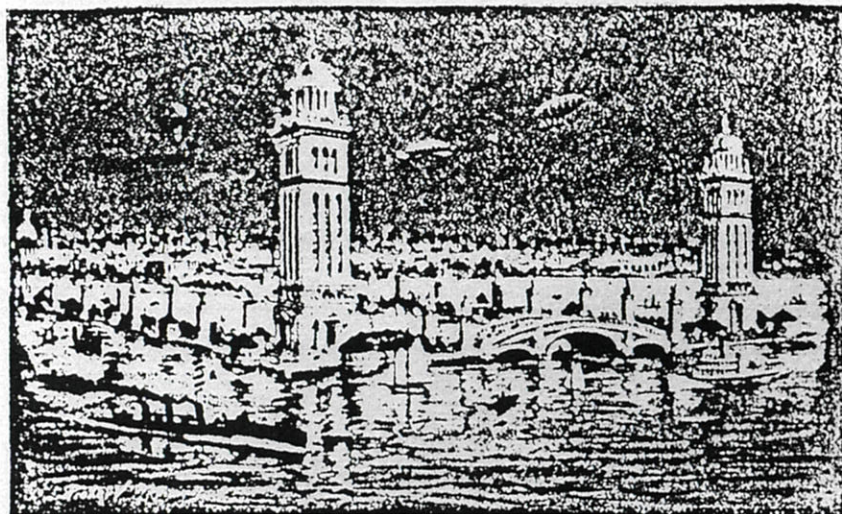
(1600-1677/78)



*Sixth Reunion
National Society of Claiborne Descendants
June 4 - 8, 1997*

*George Washington Inn
500 Merrimac Trail - Route 143
Williamsburg, VA 23185*

Mr. Webster says:
"Cousin- one related by descent
in a diverging line from a known
common ancestor-
a kinsman or kinswoman"



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PIER, JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION, 1907.

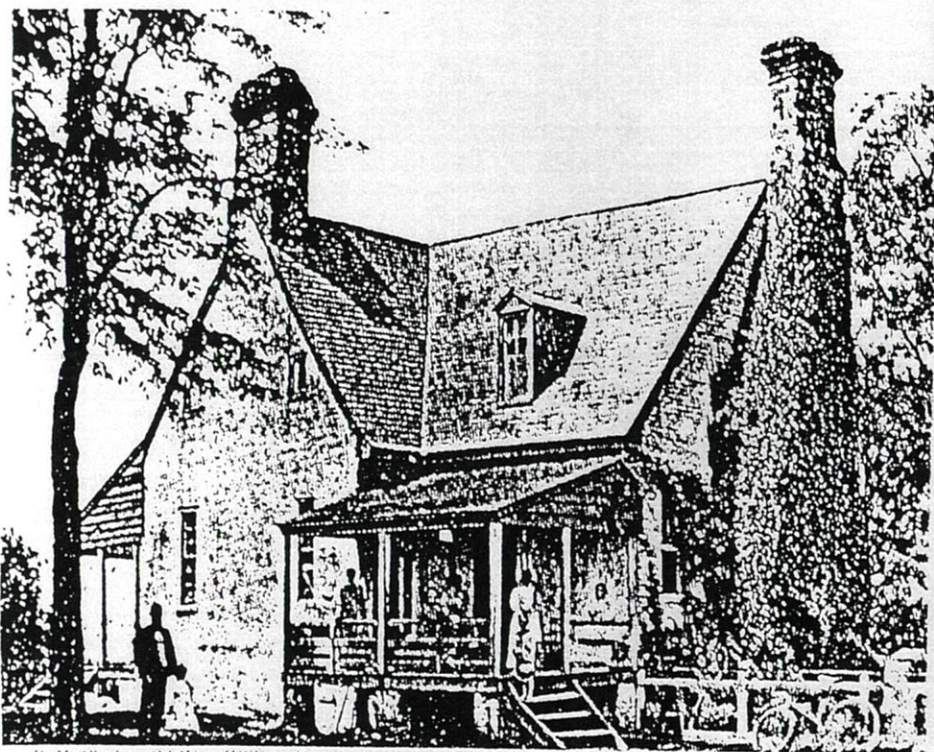
Scene of first meeting of
Claiborne Family cousins.

Wednesday, June 4th, 1997

WELCOME COUSINS
to
"William Claiborne's Virginia"



- 3 pm - Check-in time at the George Washington Inn
- 4 pm - Registration - GW Inn Lobby
- 5-7 pm - Happy Hour, GW Inn Lounge - Cash Bar
(save any snacks for Hospitality Suite. BYOL
in Hospitality Suite for use after dinners. Due
to unexpected increase in attendance, location
of Happy Hour had to be changed)
- 7:30 pm - Smorgasbord Dinner - GW Inn



P. N. Clarke, Old King William Homes and Families

"SWEET HALL"—King William County

Home of Thomas Claiborne (1680-1732) and His Son Nathaniel
(Circa 1716-17; Circa 1756-7)

Thursday, June 5th, 1997



- 8 am - Coffee & Danish, Meeting Room
- 8:30 am - Opening Session - Meeting Room
Cousin President Tom Claiborne
Reunion Program - questions?
Cousin Mary Louise Briscoe
Review of N.C. Hale's Virginia Venturer
Cousin Jerry Maloney
Pamunkey River Tour - Lunch
Cousin Curly Moore
- 5 pm - Happy Hour, GW Inn Lounge - Cash Bar
***Dinner on your own.**
- 8:30 pm - Genealogy Workshop - meeting room
Cousin Sue Forbes in charge
New Genealogy from England.
Honorary member Jill Price.
Our Family Tree
Cousin Ann Overcash
Questions & Discussions about your
family research -

NOTES:

Friday, June 6th, 1997



Breakfast - On your own

9:15 am - Slide lecture - Hampton Dig Meeting Room, Dr. Donald Linebaugh, Co-director of the Center for Archeological Research, College of William and Mary and Mr. Thomas Higgins - Archaeologist at the site. Introduction - Cousin Curly Moore.

11:30 am - Early luncheon at the GW Inn

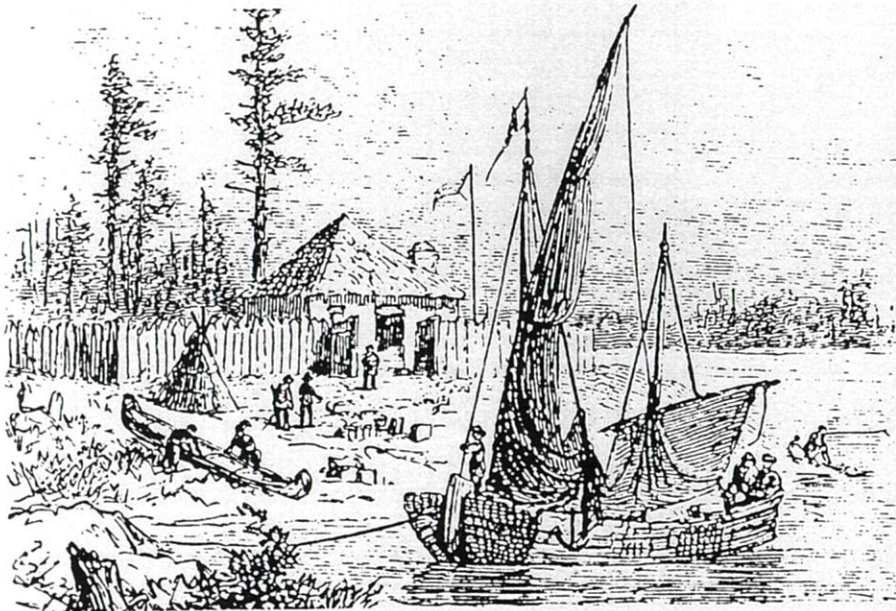
Afternoon - Jamestown Island. Allow sufficient time to be at the Jamestown Church at 3 pm. View Claiborne Memorial.

3:15 pm - Tour a recently discovered Jamestown Fort - Dr. Williams Kelso, Head of Jamestown Re discovery Program and Mr. Eric Deitz, Archaeologist at the site.
Introduction, Cousin Mary Louise Briscoe.

4:15 pm - Live - History Program. Tour of "William Claiborne's Jamestown"

5:30 pm - Happy Hour - GW inn Lounge - Cash Bar
***Dinner on your own**

8:30 pm - Meeting Room - Slide Lecture - "Underwater Search for Claiborne's Kent Island Settlement" Mr. Michael Pohuski - Introduction Cousin Harriet Gearhart. Memorabilia on display - Meeting Room - Genealogy get-together?



Virginia State Library Collection

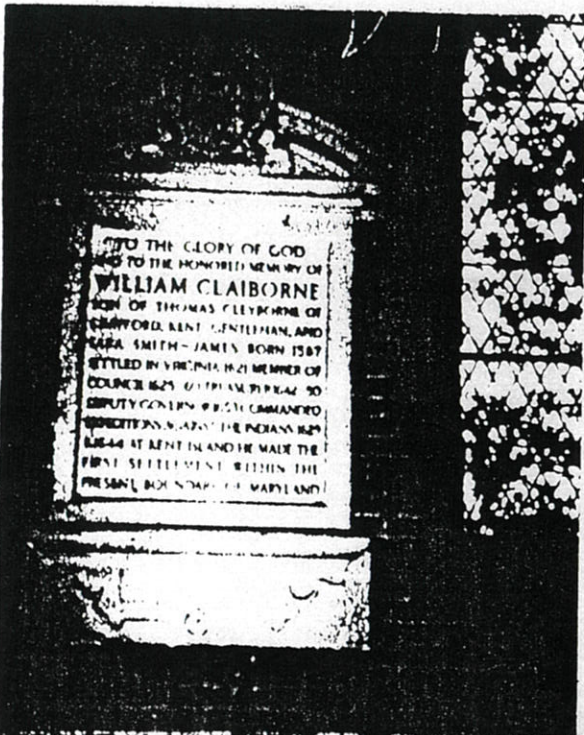
Travel by water was important on the seventeenth-century Eastern Shore and throughout the early Chesapeake colonies. Leaders such as William Claiborne, whose Kent Island trading post is shown in this nineteenth-century artist's conception, derived wealth and power from their dominance of water-borne trade.

Could the site of our Claiborne Historic Marker
have once looked like this?

Saturday, June 7th, 1997



- 8 am - Coffee & Donuts - Meeting Room
- 8:30 am - Business Meeting - Meeting Room, Cousin President Tom Claiborne in charge
- 10:45 am - Leave for Hampton, VA (see map)
- 12 pm - Luncheon - Radisson Hotel, Cousin Tom Sale, Master of Ceremonies
- 2 pm - Dedication ceremony of Claiborne Historic Marker. Mr. Allen McDonald of Hampton Heritage Foundation, Master of Ceremonies
- 6 pm - Happy Hour - GW inn Lounge - Cash Bar
- 7:30 pm - Farewell Banquet - GW Inn, President Tom Claiborne, Master of Ceremonies, Surprise Entertainment



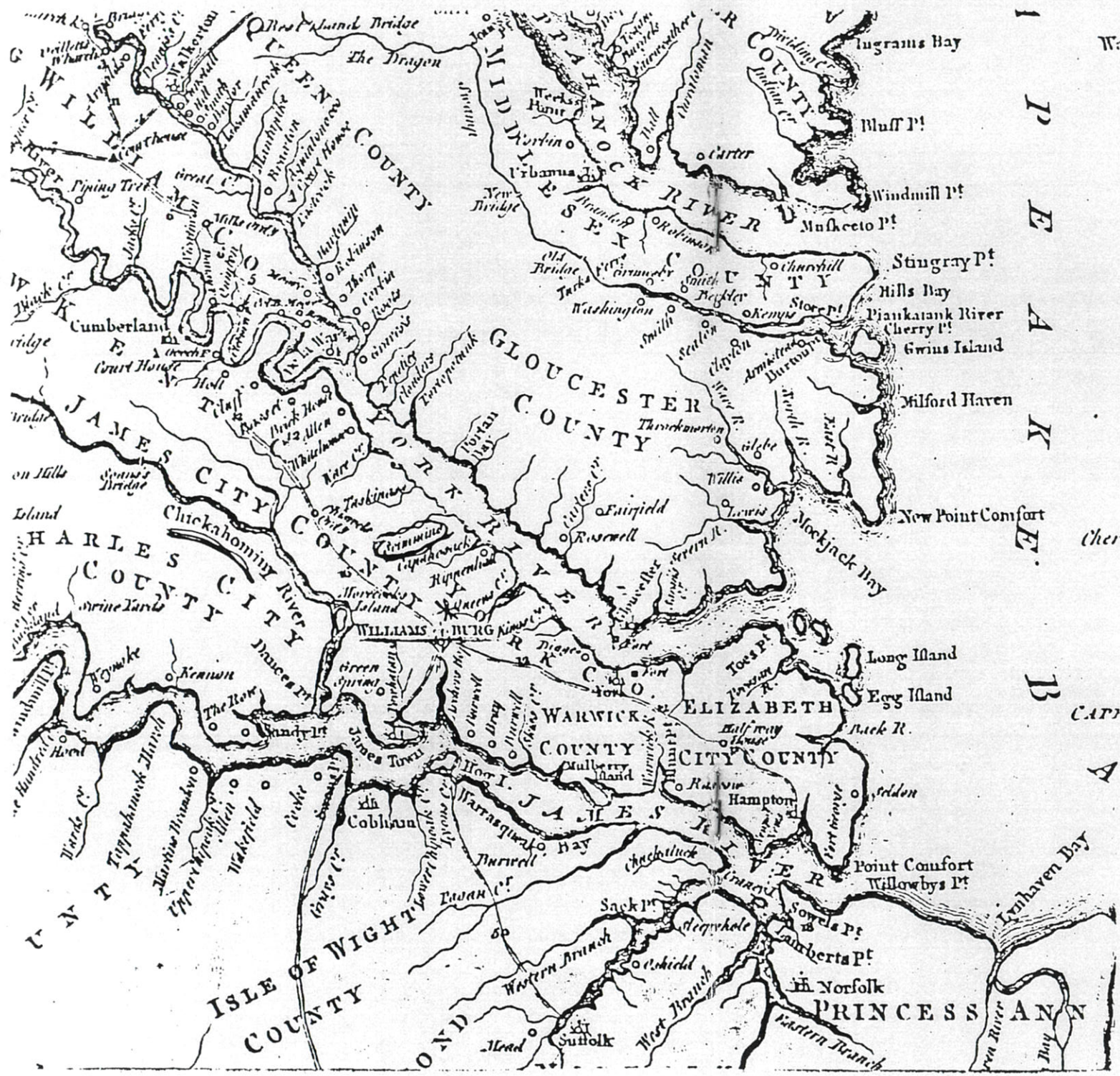
Memorial in
the Red
Brick Church at
Jamestown



Sunday, June 8th, 1997

11:00 am - Check out time - Hospitality Suite - open until noon - this suite is also for the Clan's use at any time during Thursday, Friday and Saturday - a place to lounge if you choose not to attend a scheduled activity. The key is at front desk.

This is a very full program. The choice of events to attend is up to each of you. We would appreciate everyone being prompt. Tours and meals will begin on time.



A portion of Henry's map of 1680 showing areas familiar to and many probably surveyed by William Claiborne.

Interesting Data -

(Excerpted from a story by Sue Leeman of Associated Press to *Washington Post* March 1997).

Near the town of Cheddar in southwestern England, 130 miles west of London, archaeologists have found the skeleton of a Stone Age hunter-gatherer who lived approximately 10,000 years ago. The network of caves at Cheddar is believed to have been home to a community of Stone Age people. Archaeologists believe these people lived by trapping wild bears, wolves, boars and red deer. Larry Barham, a Texas-born archaeologist at Bristol University, said the findings "add to the evidence that Britons came from a race of hunter-gathers who later turned to farming because they found it was to their advantage." (So much for the theory that William the Conqueror in 1150 AD brought Prussian soldiers/farmers to England and Britons are descended from them.)

TV station HTV commissioned a study for a documentary series in archaeology. Scientists from Oxford University's Institute of Molecular Medicine studied Cheddar Man's molar teeth. They compared the DNA extracted from one - which is inherited unchanged on the maternal line - with samples from the cheek cells of 15 pupils at the Kings of Wessex School, in Cheddar and five adults from old Cheddar families.

Brian Sykes, leader of the research team found an almost perfect match in Adrian Targett, a history teacher at Kings of Wessex School. Sykes says "They would have shared a common ancestor about 10,000 years ago so they are related..." (Researchers say it is the longest human lineage ever traced),

Claiborne Clan



The original purpose for the founding of the National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants was to trace, if possible, the English Ancestry of William Claiborne from County Kent, the scene of his birth, back to Cliburn Hall, the birthplace of his name. Through both research and archaeology, this link may yet be discovered.

VIRGINIA VENTURER

A HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY OF
WILLIAM CLAIBORNE

1600-1677

THE STORY OF THE MERCHANT VENTURERS
WHO FOUNDED VIRGINIA
AND
THE WAR IN THE CHESAPEAKE

By

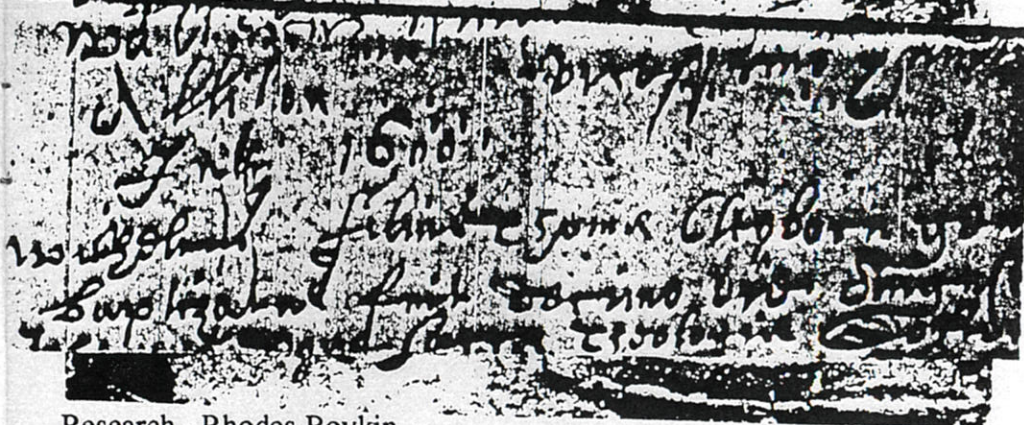
NATHANIEL C. HALE

PREFACE

WILLIAM CLAIBORNE, colonial Virginia's first Secretary of State by royal appointment, was a native of Kent England. He was baptized in the Parish of Crayford on August 10th of the year 1600.¹ In one of the strangest cases of mistaken identity in our colonial history this enterprising son of an English merchant family has been confused with a distant cousin of the same name, but of much greater estate, who was born some thirteen years earlier in the wind-swept uplands of the northern border country.

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"Register of the Parish of Crayford in the County of Kent -
1558-1629 Baptisms, Burials, Marriages"



Research - Rhodes Bovkin

Wording of the William Claiborne Historical Marker -
Research, Gene Williamson

WILLIAM CLAIBORNE W-99

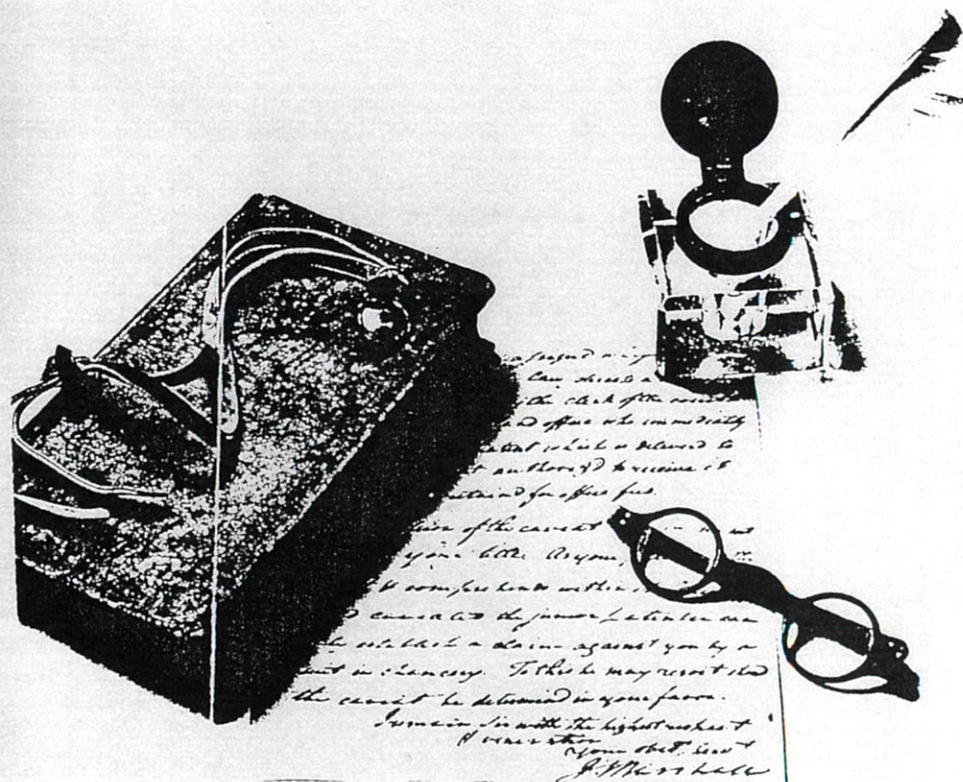
Nearby, William Claiborne (1600-1677) built a warehouse about 1631 to support his trading post on Kent Island in Chesapeake Bay. When Maryland seized the island in 1632, Claiborne fought an unsuccessful "naval war." Born in Kent County, England, he had arrived in Virginia in 1621 as the colony's surveyor. He served on the governor's Council (1625-1638), as secretary of state (1626-1637, 1652-1660) and treasurer (1642-1677), as commander of military forces (1644-1645), and, during the Commonwealth period, as a parliamentary commissioner (1652) to secure the surrenders of Virginia and Maryland. In 1680, an act of assembly established Hampton on land he originally owned.

Department of Historic Resources, 1997

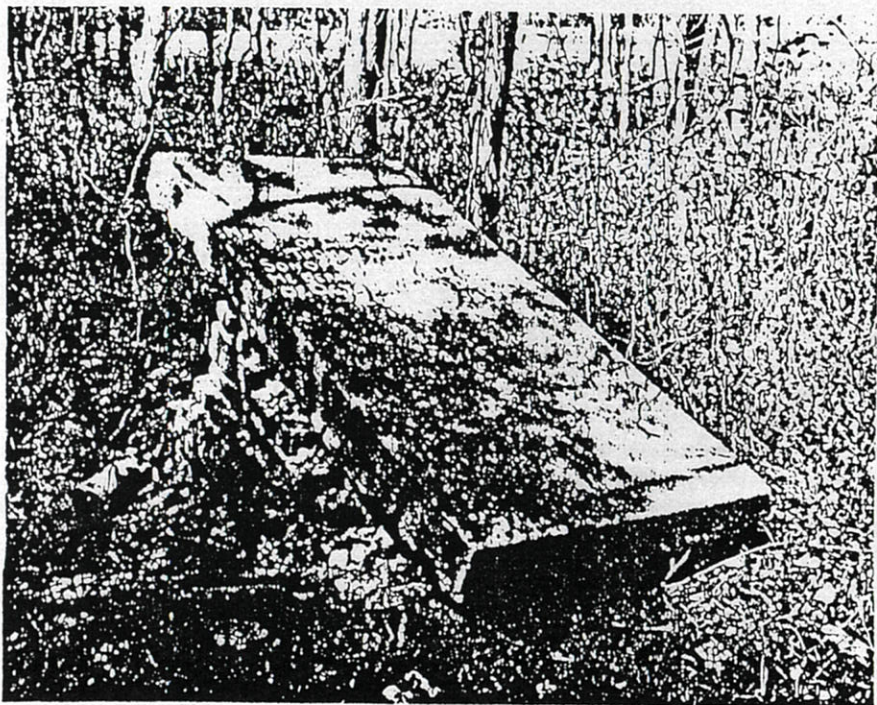
During & After the Reunion
and via mail -

The Swem Library
of
The College of William and Mary

This library is famous for its collections of data
relating to Virginia genealogy.
It is open weekdays and will welcome and
assist our members.



W. Claiborne



Courtesy of Virginia Historical Society.

TOMB OF THOMAS CLAIBORNE (1647-1683)—"Romancoke"
King William (formerly New Kent) County

FACSIMILE of signature and seal of the Honorable William Claiborne (1600-circa 1677-8) of Virginia, as they appear on a pass, dated May 10, 1652, given to Colonel Francis Lovelace by Richard Bennett and William Claiborne "Commissioners on behalfe of ye Commonwealth of England for reducing the Colony of Virginia to her due Obedience." Lovelace was authorized to carry word of the proceedings to "the late Kinge of Scotts [as Charles II was described] wheresoever he were." Signature and seal from original of the pass in Public Record Office, London: Colonial Office, General Series (C.O. 1) Vol. II, No. 52. The coat of arms on this seal is the arms of the Westmoreland family of Cliburne (later spelled Cleborne, Clayborne and finally, in Virginia, Claiborne).

The next so far discovered use of arms by the Claibornes of Virginia was in 1683. The tombstone over the grave of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Claiborne (1647-1683), son of the Honorable William Claiborne (1600-1677/8), originally carried arms described as *Argent, 3 chevronels interlaced in base, a chief of the last* (*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. I, page 317). This tombstone originally at Romancoke, King William County, was removed many years ago and placed in the Claiborne family lot, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, where it remains at this present time (October 1948). The cutting of the arms has been obliterated by the passing of the years though some very faint markings are yet traceable where the arms originally appeared. The coat of arms on this tomb was identical with the arms on the seal of William Claiborne (1600-1677/8) May 10, 1652.



Original Engraving -
Battmann Archives
New York, NY

REUNION COMMITTEE

Cousins:

Tom Claiborne, President
Mary Louise Briscoe, VP
Elsa Diamond
Harriet Gearhart
Jerry Maloney
Curly Moore
Tom Sale
Adele Tallman
Millie Johnson, Emeritus

Your committee wishes to thank each of you and your outlaw for attending and helping with this reunion. It is the gathering together of the cousins which makes it all worthwhile.

To be a Virginian,
either by birth, marriage,
adoption, or even
on one's mother's side,
is an introduction
to any state in the Union,
a passport
to any foreign country,
and a benediction from
the Almighty God. -Anonymous