



Claiborne Society Newsletter

The National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants



Fall 2013

14TH Reunion Richmond, Virginia “Old Richmond and the Civil War” October 3-6, 2013

Please join us in celebrating our ancestors, getting acquainted with our “cousins,” and discovering our DNA heritage. We will meet from Thursday, October 3rd through Sunday, October 6th at the Omni Richmond Hotel at 100 South 12th Street, at the corner of 12th and Cary Streets. Together we will tour the sites of old Richmond and Petersburg, and then meet at the hotel for education and conviviality. To register, you may complete the form on the final page, include your check and mail it to the following NEW corrected address:

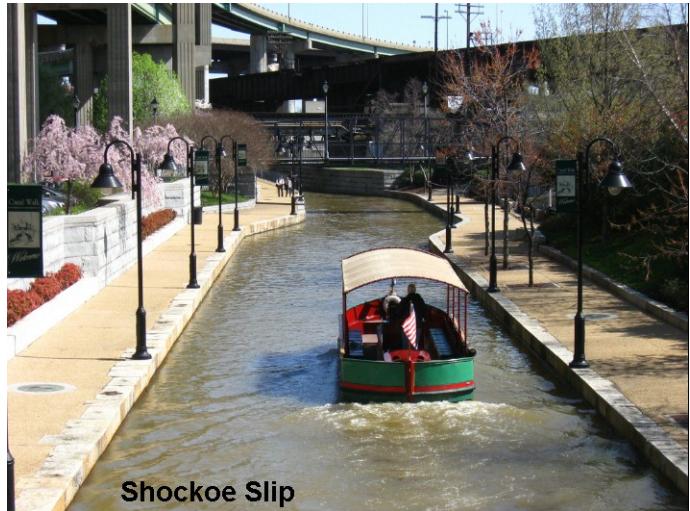
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Although the Omni Richmond Hotel has booked all its rooms, at the time this newsletter was going to press, lodging was available nearby at the Commonwealth Park Suites Hotel (804-343-7300).

Thursday, October 3rd – Arrival in Richmond and Registration

The Omni Hotel is central to the James River area and the cobblestone lanes of Shockoe Slip. "Shacquohocan" was the Indian word for the large, flat stones at the mouth of the creek, and "slip" refers

to the area's position on the canal basin where boats loaded their cargo. Founded as a small trading post by William Byrd in the early 1600s, Shockoe Slip was the commercial center of Richmond and most of the Western part of the State.



Shockoe Slip

A young George Washington surveyed The Kanawha Canal that ran west and became the super waterway for goods until the Civil War. What was once the only trading area in Richmond is now the city's most fashionable shopping and dining district. The Slip's restored warehouses and taverns house a unique assortment of exclusive apparel stores, galleries, restaurants and hotels.



Richmond at Night from the James River

Reunion registration will take place from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Omni in the Rappahannock Room. Claiborne

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Society archival documents will be available for viewing. Thursday evening is “on your own” in order to allow you to renew Claiborne friendships while you experience Richmond by night.

Friday, October 4th – City Tour

We will assemble to board our bus for a tour of “Old Richmond” sites narrated by Frank Williamson, who was recommended to us by the Historic Richmond Foundation. We will see the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Libby Hill, the Medical Museum at Chimborazo Park, St. John’s cemetery on Church Hill, the American Civil War Center at Tredegar Iron Works, and Hollywood Cemetery.

We will stop for lunch at TJ’s restaurant in the exquisite Jefferson Hotel, after which we will re-board our bus. Those who do not wish to continue on for the afternoon bus tour will be returned to the Omni.

We will then journey to Petersburg to see the Siege Museum, Blandford Cemetery and Church, Appomattox Plantation and City Point, General Grant’s Headquarters, and Bermuda Hundred.



Jefferson Hotel, Richmond

Once back at the Omni Hotel, Friday evening will be on your own to explore further and get better acquainted.

Saturday, October 5th – Business Meeting and Banquet

Our Saturday morning business meeting will begin at 9:00 am in the Shenandoah Room with presentations that will include an update by Alex Waldrop, PhD, on his ongoing Claiborne Family DNA research. Lunch will be provided at the close of the meeting.

Saturday afternoon will feature an optional opportunity to walk a half mile to Richmond’s historic Court End neighborhood, which includes the Library of Virginia, as well as nearby John Marshall House, Valentine

Richmond History Center, Wickham House, and the Museum of the Confederacy.



View of Richmond from the Omni Hotel

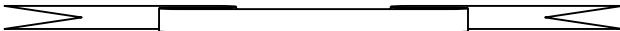
The Valentine History Center will have a special exhibit entitled “A History of Richmond in 50 Objects.” The exhibition’s curators selected objects that they feel define the history of Richmond, from an 1819 imprint of John Smith’s 1624 Map of Virginia to a map of the places, including Richmond, that Charles Dickens visited in America in March 1842.

The Museum of the Confederacy offers three floors of exhibitions showcasing hundreds of personal belongings from soldiers and civilians including uniforms, flags, military equipment from famous battles, the majority of General Lee’s campaign possessions, and some of the most important images, documents and artwork from the Confederate era. The Museum of the Confederacy is the ultimate experience for Civil War history buffs.

Saturday evening we will meet in the Shenandoah Room for the banquet. On Sunday, October 6th we will have the morning for final farewells, and the newly elected officers will meet in the Boardroom.



**Richmond from the
James River**



Killerby Hall

Killerby Hall, near Catterick and Richmond, North Yorkshire, England, was a secondary residence for the Cleburnes of Cliburn Hall. The oldest buildings on the site were probably the ones used by the Cleburnes. They consist of a defensive quadrangle with paved interior courtyard much like Thorntwaite and much like Cliburn Hall must have looked in the middle ages.



Killerby Hall Satellite View

Richard Cleburne took possession of Killerby Hall in 1569. The "History of the County of York North Riding" states that Richard still owned it when he died in 1588, and "was succeeded by his son Edmund. Thomas Cleburne was the son, heir and successor of Edmund."



Killerby Hall

"In 1617 what appears to have been a precautionary grant of the manor was made to Sir Timothy Hutton and Humphrey Wharton. Sir Timothy's daughter Elizabeth married Edmund Cleburne, son and heir of Thomas, and in 1634 Thomas and Edmund quit claimed to Thomas Savile lands and woods in Killerby, with warrant against the heirs of Thomas, Edmund and Elizabeth Cleburne, Timothy Hutton and Humphrey Wharton."



Killerby Hall

"Elizabeth Cleburne, widow of Edmund, was in possession in 1650, but Lewis Carr, who served in the Parliamentary army as major of Colonel Edward Popham's Horse, had a mortgage of £1,000 on the manor. On his death without issue the estate was sequestered on the ground that Lewis Carr was a bastard and therefore without heirs, but Elizabeth Cleburne was successful in obtaining its discharge by proving his legitimacy, and showing that he had left Killerby to his brother Robert Carr, who sold it to her. Timothy Cleburne, probably her son, was in joint possession with her in 1651, when they sold the manor to Francis Dodsworth."

The Huttons and the Whartons were relatives. As mentioned above, Elizabeth Hutton Cleburne was the daughter of Sir Timothy Hutton, 1st Lord of Marske and High Sheriff of Yorkshire, and his wife Elizabeth Bowes. Elizabeth Bowes was the daughter of Sir George Bowes, Marshal of Berwick, of Streatlam Castle, Durham. Sir George Bowes was an ancestor of the late Queen Mother (Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon).

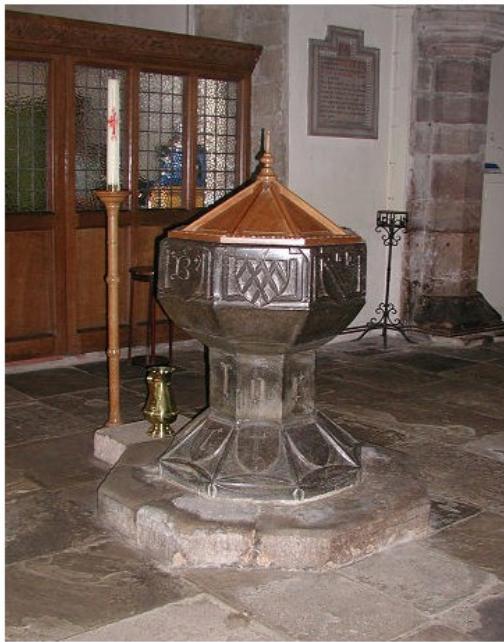


Cleburne of Killerby. Argent fretty and a chief sable.
Source: "A History of the County of York North Riding"

Agnes Cleburne, daughter of Richard Cleburne and sister of Edmund Cleburne, married Humphrey Wharton of Gillingwood Hall, near Richmond, Yorkshire and of Kirkby Thore, Westmorland. Kirkby Thore is directly across the Eden River from Cliburn.

When at Killerby, the Cleburnes worshipped at nearby St. Anne's Church in Catterick. Grace

Bellingham Cleburne Lowther, daughter of Alan Bellingham of Levens Hall and widow of Edmund Cleburne, is buried in St. Anne's inside the communion rail. A brass plate dedicated to her states that she was "so mindful of death that, for the last seven years of her pilgrimage, she would never go a journey without taking her winding sheet about with her."



Cleburne Arms in St. Anne's Church, Catterick

References:

- "A History of the County of York North Riding: Volume 1: Catterick" (1914)
- "Bulmer's History and Directory of North Yorkshire: Catterick" (1890)



Lindy Claiborne Boggs 1916 - 2013

The Claiborne Clan has lost beloved member Lindy Boggs, who died at her Chevy Chase, Maryland home in July. She was 97 years old.

Marie Corinne Morrison Claiborne was born in the house her great-grandfather built on his sugar plantation in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana. She was the product of a long line of southern planters who had sent one of their sons into public life in every generation. Her father was Roland Claiborne, and she was nicknamed "Lindy" in his honor. When

she was only two years old he died in the worldwide influenza epidemic, and Lindy and her mother went back to live on the plantation.

Lindy attended Sophie Newcomb College at Tulane University, and, among her many beaus was Hale Boggs, who later became her husband as well as one of the youngest congressmen in Washington history. Lindy spent the next 30 years campaigning for Hale, and, when she lost him in 1972, she carried on to be reelected seven times. She retired to become United States Ambassador to the Vatican.

In 2009, at our Washington DC Reunion, Lindy arranged for the Clan to have a private tour of the exquisite Lindy Claiborne Boggs Congressional Women's Reading Room, which is otherwise never open to the public.



2009 Claiborne Society Reunion in Washington, DC
Will Claiborne and Lindy Boggs pose for photographs

Lindy attended the Reunion Banquet along with her daughter Cokie Roberts, who spoke to us about the roles of Claibornes in the Revolutionary War and in Congress. We followed Cokie's advice to hold our next reunion in New Orleans.

As family, friends and a whole galaxy of the political elite gathered in St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans to celebrate the life of Louisiana's first congresswoman, no theme came across more strongly than the powerful mix of Southern gentility and political agility that made Lindy Boggs a revered figure over decades in public life.

Welcome to Our New Members:

- Elizabeth Gentry Sayad - St. Louis, Mo.
- Gayle H. Van Horn - Brasstown, N. C.
- Raleigh Elroy Worsham - Lakeland, Fl.

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"Old Richmond & the Civil War"

REGISTRATION FORM

Name Ancestor

Street Address.....

City State Zipcode Telephone

Names of guests

1.....

2.....

3.....

Registration Fee—per person. # x \$150. =
[includes Saturday lunch and
Banquet]

Friday Tour and Lunch # x \$60. =
[includes Old Richmond, Civil War tour,
lunch at The Jefferson Hotel]

Total enclosed

I have made a reservation at the OMNI RICHMOND hotel Y/N

I am not making a reservation at the Omni Richmond hotel, but am staying in the area. Y/N

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