

Claiborne Society Newsletter

The National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants



Fall 2022

Message from the Reunion Chair: Elizabeth Richardson, Vice President Claiborne Society: **Claiborne Reunion Annapolis Maryland** Thursday November 3 to Sunday November 6, 2022

Our first reunion in three years is fast approaching! Only a few hotel rooms are left. (See attached reservation form for how to reserve hotel rooms.) Our reunion hotel is in three historic buildings in old Annapolis, convenient to tourist attractions, shops, and restaurants. It is 30 minutes from the Baltimore-Washington International Airport. This reunion should be especially interesting, highlighting William Claiborne's 1631 settlement of Kent Island (just across the bay bridge from Annapolis). Following is a schedule of events, with a more details on the next page.

Thurs 11/3. 3-6:30. at Gov. Calvert House. Historic Inns of Annapolis: Claiborne welcome and registration includes nametags, gift bags, information on weekend events and tourist attractions. Hospitality room will feature Claiborne displays and cash drinks. Note that hotel check-in is not guaranteed before 4 pm. Dinner on own, but group restaurant visit may be arranged.

Fri. 11/4, 9 am to 5:30 pm: Narrated bus tour of Kent Island, viewing Claiborne related sites. A highlight will be visit to private beach and pier to view sites of archeological attempts to discover Claiborne's settlement, now mostly underwater. Other stops will include area where Claiborne's home is thought to have been, a Claiborne historical marker, visitors center/mini museum with some displays on Claiborne, Gothic Revival church thought to descend from Claiborne's 1631 church, old Romancoke ferry landing, driving tour of historic Stevensville. Lunch will be at a waterfront restaurant where you may order and pay for what you wish. Dinner on own, but group restaurant visit may be arranged.

Sat. 11/5, 9 am-1 pm, at Maryland Inn: Continental breakfast, business meeting, casual lunch. Afternoon free to explore Annapolis.

Sat. 11/5, 6-10 pm, at Maryland Inn: Cash bar, group photograph, banquet. Talk and powerpoint presentation by chief archeologist with Maryland Trust, who will tell us about Claiborne's Kent Island settlement, his struggles with Lord Baltimore to keep it, and archeological attempts to find evidence of it. He may bring some artifacts found during this archeology.

Sun. 11/6, 11 am: Check out of hotel. Information will be provided later on nearby restaurants serving brunch.

This newsletter includes a registration form that you may mail now. If you have any questions, you may e-mail to lizgric@gmail.com.

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NEW MEMBERS:

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to our Clan: Margaret Irby Clement, Richmond, Virginia Marty and Dana Restivo, Freeman Spur, Illinois Thomas A. Jacobs, DDS, San Francisco, California

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2022 Claiborne Reunion Annapolis, Maryland

November 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2022

Message from the Reunion Chair: Elizabeth Richardson, Vice President Claiborne Society

Deadline for hotel room reservations is October 3 (See attached registration form for details)

Registration forms requested by October 1

We are looking forward to seeing you in Annapolis on Thursday, November 3rd from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Historic Inns of Annapolis Governor Calvert House at 58 State Circle, Annapolis Maryland.

Thursday 11/3, 3 pm to 6:30 pm, Gov. Calvert House, Historic Inns of Annapolis: Claiborne registration and hospitality room with cash beverages. Dinner on own, but may be organized.

Friday 11/4, 9 am to 5:30 pm: Leave from Maryland Inn, Historic Inns of Annapolis. Narrated bus tour of nearby Kent Island, settled by William Claiborne in 1631. Dinner on own, but may be organized.

Saturday 11/5, Maryland Inn

9 am - 1 pm: Continental breakfast, business meeting, casual lunch.

1 pm - 5 pm: Afternoon free to explore Annapolis.

6 pm to 10 pm: Cash bar, group photo, banquet with powerpoint presentation on Claiborne and Kent Island by Chief Archeologist with Maryland Trust, followed by meeting of new Claiborne board.

Sunday 11 am: Hotel check-out. Info to be provided on nearby brunch sites.

The Historic Inns Hotel is comprised of three buildings:

- The Gov. Calvert House is said to have had its beginnings in 1694, rebuilt after a 1764 fire, and added to four times.
- The Maryland Inn was initially built in 1772 and subsequently expanded.

• The Robert Johnson House's middle section was built in 1773 and later incorporated the homes on each side.

In the 1970s, all three buildings came under one owner who renovated them into boutique hotels. They are in the old part of Annapolis, convenient to most attractions, many restaurants and small shops.



Here are some suggested Annapolis attractions:

- Electric car or van tours of historic Annapolis, standard or custom
- U.S. Naval Academy tour
 - Ornate 1770s State House, served as U.S. capitol 1783/4
- 1774 Hammond-Harwood House (outstanding architecture, furnishings)
- 1760s William Paca House, with two-acre reconstructed colonial garden
 - Historic and lively city docks, with views, marina, historic buildings
- Annapolis Maritime Museum



Take a Walking Tour of King's Lynn, Norfolk, England

As you know, Colonel William Claiborne's father and grandfather, Thomas Cleyborne, Senior, and Thomas Cleyborne, Junior, served as mayors of King's Lynn, Norfolk, England. Colonel William's merchant grandfather built a warehouse on the River Ouse in 1570 for the storage of coal, salt, corn and wine, as part of the Hanseatic League. Today, it is called Marriott's Warehouse and houses the Wash Discovery Center. Claiborne Clan founding member Jill Price lived in King's Lynn, was a King's Lynn Town Guide, and was the Claiborne Society's connection to King's Lynn for many years. Jill passed away a few years ago, and the empty space left has been painful.

Nevertheless, we can make a "virtual" visit to the warehouse owned by the Cleybornes at the following site: <u>https://www.marriottswarehousetrust.co.uk/</u> We can take a leisurely walking tour of the rest of the city: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrZNthwLzWY</u>

King's Lynn was the late Queen Elizabeth's first stop on her Diamond Jubilee tour in 2012.



Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee celebrations began on February 6, 2012 with a visit to King's Lynn town hall

Visit Lowther Castle in Cumbria

Here are postings about visiting Lowther Castle in Cumbria. The Cleburne family of Cliburn Westmorland intermarried with the Lowther family when Thomas Cleburne (1580-1640) married Frances Lowther (1578-) on March 10, 1594 in Lowther Parish.

As you can see, Thomas was only 14 years old and Frances was 16. Thomas's father Edmund Cleburne had died in 1590. The marriage was arranged by Frances's father Richard Lowther – the same Sir Richard Lowther, Sheriff of Cumberland, who escorted Mary Queen of Scots. Richard was the son of Sir Hugh Lowther, who married Dorothy, sole daughter and heir of Henry, 10th Lord Clifford, the "Shepherd Lord" of Wordsworth's famous poem.

- Visit Lowther Castle and Gardens with information from the following site: https://lowthercastle.org/
- Announcement of the new rose garden at Lowther Castle: https://www.gardensillustrated.com/news/rose-garden-lowther-castle/

After the Lowthers left Lowther Castle, they moved to Askham Hall.

• Their descendant Charles Lowther lives there still: <u>https://youtu.be/CWQC7HXITLc?t=1</u>



Claiborne Society Facebook Page

You may access our Society Facebook Page at the following site: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/165839180432914</u>

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National Society Claiborne Family Descendants Research

From: Matt Redman of Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland

We are happy to have recently received new research from Society member Matt Redman, who has already conducted extensive investigation regarding Colonel William Claiborne's brother Thomas and Thomas's daughter Jane and her family. Mr. Redman's 10th great-grandfather is William Brereton, the brother of Capt. Thomas Brereton, who married Jane Claiborne, the daughter of Colonel William Claiborne.

You may read his previous research posted to our Society website as "Rev. Henry Brereton, Father-in-Law of Jane Claiborne" at the following link: <u>https://www.claibornesociety.org/research/</u>

Matt contacted us recently with new findings:

"I heard back from Ms. Penny Fussell, Archivist at the Drapers' Hall in London, and she sent me two scans about the apprenticeship of Thomas Claiborne, the brother of Col. William Claiborne, to Abraham Redman. He is recorded as apprenticing to Abraham Redborne. This is a mistake as the release record, marking when Thomas "Claborne" officially becomes a new freeman and draper, clearly shows that he was apprenticed to Abraham Redman (see second attachment dated 5 March 1622).

The Drapers' Co. is located at Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2N 2DQ. Elizabeth, the late Queen of England was a Draper of longstanding (75 years). This is the archives link: <u>https://thedrapers.co.uk/archives/</u>"

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The first scan is from 10 May 1615:

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The record shows that Thomas is the son of Thomas Clayborne from Crayford.

Second scan dated 5 March 1622 marking when Thomas "Claborne" officially becomes a new freeman and draper, clearly shows that he was apprenticed to Abraham Redman.

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From: David Cliborne, Tampa, Florida

We were happy to receive notice from Claiborne Clan member David Cliborne of the ceremony honoring his ancestor Jonas Clyburn. Jonas was the grandson of John Cliborne of Dale Parish/Chesterfield County, Virginia. Here is the article that appeared in the La Porte County Herald-Dispatch:

Herald-Dispatch

Early county settler gets his due

New grave marker and military honors for Jonas Clyburn at historic cemetery with family ties

By JEFF MAYES Staff Writer

WESTVILLE — One of the early pioneers of La Porte County got some long overdue acknowledgement last week, and it happened in a fitting place – a historic cemetery with a direct tie-in to him and his family.

On Sept. 7, a bronze foot marker was placed in the Miriam Benedict Cemetery near Westville, the final resting place of Pvt. Jonas Clyburn, a veteran of the War of 1812.

The Clyburn and Benedict families were among the first to settle in La Porte County, with Miriam Benedict, who came to the area in 1829, acknowledged as the "First White Settler in La Porte County" by historians. She actually named New Durham Township after her home in the Nativity of Durham in Green County, New York, and was recently honored by having a bridge named in her honor on Wozniak Road over the Indiana Toll Road.

But last week was about Clyburn, born in 1770 in Bedford County, Virginia, and several eighth- and ninth-generation family members were on hand for the solemn ceremony, including David Cliborne, U.S. Army-retired, who organized the entire event. He noted that there are three different spellings of the name in the family.

After serving in the war, Jonas and his wife, the former Elizabeth McKenzie, moved from Virginia to what became the Chicago area in Illinois with their sons, Archibald and Henley. While in Illinois, Henley married Sarah Benedict, Miriam's daughter, David said.

When Sarah's father died in 1828, she and her husband moved to La Porte County, along with her mother, and Jonas and Elizabeth Clyburn. Henley and Sarah's daughter, Elizabeth Miriam Clyburn, was the first white child born in the county.

Except for Henley, who is buried in Westville Cemetery, all were laid to rest in the Miriam Benedict Cemetery, located on U.S. 6, about a mile east of the south junction of U.S. 421. In all there are seven Clyburns and two Benedicts laid to rest there.

Archibald Clyburn would remain in Illinois as one of the three permanent settlers to found the city of Chicago. It was while researching a book on Archibald that David Cliborne, a resident of Tampa, Florida, first visited the Miriam Benedict Cemetery, and thought it appropriate to place a new grave marker for Jonas and his wife. While the book took years to write, David – a cousin of Jonas – said he also spent a year getting everything organized for the markers and ceremony.

From: David Cliborne, Tampa, Florida (continued)

"When the call of duty was heard, comrade Jonas answered ... the red of our flag was made redder by his service," said Bob Hough of American Legion Post 83 while giving the invocation.

The Legion Post and VFW Post 1130 also sent an Honor Guard to deliver a gun salute and play taps during the service.

David said the military honors were fitting as Jonas served as a private in the War of 1812 with the 86th Regiment Virginia Militia from February to March of 1815.

Hough also presented a U.S. flag to Scott Clybourne, a fourth-great-grandson of Jonas and Elizabeth. The Winnetka, Illinois, resident said it was an honor to accept.

"Many of us, in the seventh and eighth generations of the family since Jonas and Elizabeth passed away, are privileged to be here today, thanks to the work of my cousin, David, who made it possible to appropriately mark their graves."

He said he was "so proud of the Chicago connection to the Clyburns" and the "ties to Mirian Benedict, and the Benedict and Clyburn families that also go back nine generations in Indiana and Chicago."

David Cliborne said it would not have been possible without the help of Chris Richardson of Kovenz Memorials, the members of the Pioneer Cemetery Commission, La Porte County Historian Bruce Johnson, and his brother, Lewis Clibourne, a Newton County resident "who helped in many, many ways."

He said the work was a "long labor of love" to earn proper recognition for one of his historic ancestors.

The Harrowing Tale of Elizabeth Clyburn

Jonas Clyburn received long-overdue honors last week at the cemetery where he and many of his family are buried. But the history of the family would not be complete without the story of his wife, Elizabeth McKenzie Clyburn, whose life could be the script of a movie, which many would find hard to believe.

Residents of Michigan, Elizabeth was 10 years old when her home was attacked by Indians. Her mother and three siblings were killed, while Elizabeth and her sister, Margaret, were taken captive and held in the Great Lakes area for many years.

John Clark, a trader, was involved in obtaining her release, and they would soon after marry and have four children: Sarah, John, and twins Andrew and Mary.

Moredock McKenzie rushed to Detroit when he learned that his daughters were alive, and on his return to Virginia, both daughters left their husbands and returned to their father's home in Giles County.

Three of Elizabeth's children accompanied her to Virginia, while Andrew stayed with his father.

She would later marry Jonas Clyburn and have two sons: Archibald and Henley. Archibald left Virginia in 1823 to visit a trading post owned by John Kinzie, his aunt's first husband. He was employed by John Kinzie and is considered the second civilian settler of Chicago.

His parents would soon follow, coming to Chicago in 1824, before later moving to La Porte County.

Elizabeth died in LaPorte County, in 1838 at the age of 70 years. Jonas died in 1842 at the age of 72.

From: David Cliborne, Tampa, Florida (continued)

Photos by Staff Writer JEFF MAYES



Bob Hough of American Legion Post 83 presents a flag to Scott Clybourne Smith, a fourth-great-grandson of Jonas Clyburn, who was honored with a grave marker dedication on September 7, 2022 at the Miriam Benedict Cemetery near Westville.

The new grave markers honor Jonas and Elizabeth Clyburn, who left Virginia for Illinois before becoming two of the earliest settlers of La Porte County in 1828.





Four direct descendants of Jonas Clyburn were present for the ceremony. From left are Todd Cliborne of Newton County; David Cliborne of Tampa, Florida, who organized the event; Scott Clybourn Smith of Winnetka, Illinois; and his son, Scott Clybourn Smith of Wilmette, Illinois.

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From: David Cliborne, Tampa, Florida (continued)



The Honor Guard from American Legion Post 83 and VFW Post 1130 presented a gun salute in honor of Jonas Clyburn's service in the War of 1812.

David Cliborne bows his head as Hough delivers the invocation to begin the ceremony in the historic cemetery on U.S. 6, just east of U.S. 421.



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Scott Clybourn Smith holds a cane given to Archibald Clyburn, one of the founders of Chicago, by friends in 1863, while his cousin, David Cliborne, holds the book he wrote about the son of Jonas, "Archibald Clyburn Chicago Pioneer." Writing the book brought him to La Porte County, and started the process of properly honoring his ancestor.

Castle Sowerby in Cumberland, Temple Sowerby in Westmorland, and the Manor of Soureby in Scotland By Patricia Clayborn

We know that the Cleburnes of Cliburn Hall Westmorland were descended from the le Franceys family, but we have little information on the origins of the le Franceys family.

Reverend F. W. Ragg, who was an expert historian for the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society, stated that: "The le Franceys family played no inconsiderable part in Westmorland affairs in the thirteenth century, and gave promise, later unfulfilled, of taking a leading share. A little before the close of that century different members of it had possessions in Mauds Meaburn, Newby, Great and Little Strickland, Cliburn, Askham, Bampton, Thrimby, Whale, Wickerslack, and Crosby Ravensworth; and in Penrith and Caldbeck, Rockcliff and **Castle Sowerby in Cumberland** – to say nothing for the moment of other counties; and their history is mixed up with that of others of the owning families of the period." (Ragg)

I had never heard of Castle Sowerby in Cumberland and wanted to know more. I had come across a place called Temple Sowerby when studying the Cleburnes, and a manor called Sourby when studying the le Franceys family, and wondered if the three sites had any relation to each other.

Castle Sowerby in Cumberland

I found that Castle Sowerby in Cumberland (now called Cumbria) was situated between Inglewood Forest and Carlisle, Coordinates: Latitude: 54.74432790185663, Longitude: -2.976144792482956. All that is left now of Castle Sowerby is a stepped hill overlooking a farm. The "keep" was probably made of timber, situated on a raised, stepped area of ground, accompanied by a walled courtyard, or bailey, surrounded by a palisade and moat. The Kings of Scotland had received the manor of Castle Sowerby in compensation for their claims to Northumberland. But, by the time of his death in 1278, probate of his estate showed that Gilbert le Franceys (circa 1235 – 1278) grandson of Hugh le Franceys and Johanna de Veteripont (aka de Vipont/Vieuxpont) held Castle Sowerby and Newland, the surrounding pasture, and the manors of Rothcliffe and Caldbeck, among other holdings.





How Castle Sowerby in Cumberland might have looked in the time of the le Franceys family

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Castle Sowerby in Cumberland, Temple Sowerby in Westmorland, and the Manor of Soureby in Scotland (continued)



Temple Sowerby in Westmorland

The manor of Temple Sowerby is immediately north east of Cliburn in Westmorland (now called Cumbria). The Knights Templar of Jerusalem obtained the manor around 1228, when the name changed from simply "Sowerby" to "Temple Sowerby." The National Trust property and red sandstone house called "Acorn Bank" were once the local base for the Knights Templar, and have recently undergone renovation, with the west wing being converted to National Trust vacation accommodations: https://www.visitlakedistrict.com/things-to-do/acorn-bank-p1211901

The mostly seventeenth century house is built on the site of the former monastic building with links back to the Knights Templar. In 1323 the property passed to the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, otherwise known as the Knights Hospitallers. The manor remained under the Hospitaller's control until 1544, when it was sold to the Dalston family by King Henry VIII. Therefore, the Knights Templar and the Knights Hospitallers were neighbors to the le Franceys and Cleburne family for over 300 years!



Soureby Manor in Scotland

There was a third Soureby related to the le Franceys family to wonder about, in Galloway Scotland, described by Aaron French as follows: "In 1251, Robert, son of Ivo de Veteripont, acknowledged in court that he had granted to John de Balliol (died 1268) and his heirs the homage and service of John le Fraunceys, Baron of the English Exchequer, for the moiety of the **manor of Soureby** in Farnes in Galloway." Soureby in Farnes was the modern Sorbie in Wigtonshire. The medieval deanery of Farnes is recorded in the thirteenth century as containing the parish of Sorbie. It must have been a large manor, because it held two churches: Soureby Major, dedicated to St. Fillan and Soureby Minor, dedicated to St. Michael. The current town of Sorbie is a small rural village 14 miles south of Newton Stewart on the Galloway coast in south west Scotland. There is nothing left of the manor house, which was a timber structure just like Castle Sowerby. All that is left is the tall mound now known as **"Sorbie Motte"** next to the site of the more modern Sorbie Tower, Coordinates: Latitude: 54.7935310, Longitude: -4.4111495.

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Castle Sowerby in Cumberland, Temple Sowerby in Westmorland, and the Manor of Soureby in Scotland (continued)

Hugh le Fraunceys, born circa 1190, son of Adam le Fraunceys, married Johanna de Veteripont. Johanna was the daughter of Ivo de Veteripont, who held the manors of Great and Little Soureby from the Lords of Galloway in the time of William I "the Lion" King of Scotland, between 1165 and 1214. Ivo also held the manor of Mauds Meaburn and gave it to Johanna upon her marriage to Hugh. In 1251, Ivo's son Robert de Veteriponte also confirmed in court that the manor of Mauds Meaburn belonged to Hugh's son John le Franceys, Baron of the English Exchequer.

I was not able to find any connection between Castle Sowerby in Cumberland, Temple Sowerby in Westmorland, or the Manor of Soureby in Scotland - except for the fact that the le Franceys family was linked in different ways to all three.

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Descendants of Adam le Franceys

First 10 generations. Number denotes generation. Early dates are approximate.

1 Adam le Franceys 1170 - 1210 2 Thomas le Franceys 1185 -...... 3 Adam le Franceys 1200 -...... 3 Robert le Franceys 1205 -..... 2 Hugh le Franceys 1190 -.....+Johanna de Veteripont / Vipont 1190 - (Johanna was given Mauds Meaburn by her father Ivo. Ivo also held 3 Adam le Franceys 1215 -.....and the manors of Rothcliffe and Caldbeck, among others.) +Hawys de Vernon 1235 -...... +Isabel de Harcla 1265 - 1342 6 Richard de Vernon 1285 -..... +Maud de Camville 1290 -(Held the manors of Mauds Meaburn in Westmorland and Soureby in Galloway, Scotland, among others.) +Elizabeth De Tailbois 1219 -.....+Alice de Quitlawe (aka Whitley)1260 -...... 6 Robert le Franceys 1295 -...... 6 John le Franceys 1297 -ORBIETOWER +Margaret de Bolton 1340 -+Margaret de Cundale 1360 -..... +Margaret Salkeld 1375 -...... 6 Richard le Franceys 1299 -...... 4 Grimbald le Franceys 1245 -

Sorbie Motte in Scotland

NATIONAL SOCIETY CLAIBORNE FAMILY DESCENDANTS REUNION IN ANNAPOLIS NOVEMBER 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2022 REGISTRATION FORM

Name
Claiborne Line/Ancestor
First Name, Last Name and Hometown as you would like it on the name tag:
Street Address
City State Zipcode
Telephone E-Mail:
Additional Guests: Name, Hometown, State
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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 (\$220 cost includes hospitality room, name tags, gift bags, info folder, bus, tour guides, bus driver tip, meeting room, Saturday continental breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, and speaker.)	#	x \$220 =	\$

LODGING: Check in, Registration, Hospitality will be at The Gov. Calvert building, 58 State Circle (valet parking). Reserve rooms by calling 900-847-8882, and giving discount code 1050OA. Rooms with 1 king or 2 double beds: Thurs. night \$195, Fri. and Sat. nights \$290 each. It is important to book rooms as soon as possible. First block of discounted rooms has already sold out. The current block available is at a higher rate (but still discounted), and limited in number. The hotel has said that as their capacity shrinks, their rates go up; when these rooms are gone, subsequent block rates may be higher, if available.

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