Message from the President

Please save the dates Thursday, November 5 through Sunday November 8 for the biennial 2015 National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. As Vice President, Susan W.H. Rura is planning our gathering in this charming location. Although not all the arrangements are final, we typically have registration and hospitality on Thursday evening, with dinner on your own, and then we spend Friday touring historic sites. Saturday is the day for our formal business meeting in the morning, and banquet in the evening. Sunday morning is check out and good-byes to new family and friends. More information will be forthcoming soon.

In this newsletter, we get to hear from our favorite historical researcher, Sue Cliborn Forbes. Duain Claiborne once told me that Sue had information on Hay Close, and I wondered about it until the time came when I finally had another reason to correspond with her, and could take advantage of the situation to inquire. To my delight, she responded with the most wonderful details, which I have recorded here. She also sent me a marvelously detailed timeline which follows the report. This timeline is based on a research method that – when direct evidence is not available - uses corresponding information on family, associates and neighbors to reconstruct a life and create a historical biography. For those of you who, like me, let your imaginations wander back to what life might have been like for our ancestors in the middle ages, this is a rare treat!

Member Deb Peabody has sent us news of the dedication of a painting that touches on both our family and that of the late commentator William F. Buckley Jr. And our “Pearl of Great Price,” Jill Price of King’s Lynn, Norfolk, Great Britain, has sent us a new brochure that tells visitors about the warehouse built circa 1570 by Thomas Claiborne, grandfather of Colonel William Claiborne of Virginia. Please watch for upcoming notices from us as we get closer to the date of our reunion.

Patricia Clayborn, President claybornp@aol.com

Treasurer’s Report

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TOTAL ASSETS $26,003.04

Respectfully,
Diane Claiborne Clements, Treasurer

Patricia Clayborn, President
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Arms and Inscription, Cliburn Hall, Westmorland
THOMAS OF HAY CLOSE

By Patricia Clayborn

One of the Cleburnes of Cliburn Hall was named Thomas Clibborne, but he was known familiarly as "Thomas of Hay Close." He was probably born around 1535, and was the younger brother of the Richard Cliburne who rebuilt Cliburn Hall. He was also the older brother of the William Cliburne who was later mistakenly confused with Colonel William Claiborne of Virginia.

The residence of Thomas of Hay Close was a short distance from Cliburn Hall, at a farm and manor called "Hay Close." He inherited the land from the dowry of his grandmother Emma Kirkbride Cleburne, and it is the Kirkbride arms that Richard Cliburne quartered with his own when he designed the heraldic carving over the entrance at Cliburn Hall.

Hay Close is deep in the heart of what used to be the great Royal Forest of Inglewood. At the time of the Norman invasion, the Forest of Inglewood stretched from Penrith to Carlisle, and was about 60 miles in circumference. It is described in the Chronicle of Lanercost as having been "a goodly great forest, full of woods, red deer and fallow, wild swine, and all manner of wild beasts." It was a hotly contested prize in the tug of war with Scotland, and the site of numerous raids by Reivers because cattle were kept there to graze. Although Thomas served on the English side of the Border wars with Scotland, he was sympathetic to Mary Queen of Scots and was suspected of assisting in a plot to put her on the English throne in place of Elizabeth I.
Sue Cliborn Forbes, in her amazing research report entitled “Ancestral Lines of Cliburn,” 1 has given us almost all that we know about Thomas of Hay Close. Sue Forbes has visited Hay Close and in remembering her time there mentioned “it’s blooming Hawthorn verges and the smell of freshly cut hay.” “Hay Close is located in the parish of Heskett in the Forest, Cumberland, near Itonfield Township and in Leith Ward. It is west off the M6 south of Carlisle on a country farm road.” She stated that: “I thought it interesting how close Killerby and Hay Close are to the old Roman Road. Thomas hung out with the related movers and shakers in the political arena.”

She has sent documentation of this from the Calendar of Border Papers: Volumes I and II 2. These volumes cover the period of 1560-1603 (the years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I) and consist of papers relating to: 1) the disputed ownership of the Border, 2) English intelligence-gathering regarding Scottish activity, and 3) compliance with the “Statute for Defense of the Border” which required landowners to provide soldiers, horses, arms and armor for the battles against the Scots.

Thomas of Hay Close is listed in the 1580-81 Leith Ward Musters as living in Itonfield, in the Head Forest of Inglewood, responsible for contributing “speares” (spearmen – foot soldiers outfitted with a spear and shield, as opposed to horsemen or bowmen/archers) for the defense of the border. Holders of castles or towers were required to furnish horses and armor for their lease holders. In order to be certain of the condition of the mounts and armor, musters were held twice each year.2

Thomas of Hay Close was a Page in the service of Sir Richard Lowther in 1568, when Lowther escorted Mary Queen of Scots from Workington to Carlisle Castle. Lowther was also sympathetic to Mary’s claims to the English throne, and it is likely that Thomas was involved in the intrigue that ensued. Thomas and Richard were third cousins once removed through their common ancestor, Christopher Curwen:

1 Christopher Curwen of Workington Hall, Workington, Cumberland married Anne Pennington
2 Thomas Curwen married Anne Huddleston
3 Lucy Curwen married John Lowther
4 Hugh Lowther married Dorothy Clifford
5 Richard Lowther
6 Isabel “Mabel” Curwen married William Sandford
3 Joan Johanna Sandford married Thomas Cleburne of Cliburn Hall, Cliburn, Westmorland
4 Robert Cleburne married Emma Kirkbride
5 Edmund Cleburne married Elinor Layton
6 Thomas Cleburne

Richard Lowther was a fascinating character: In 1560, while still in his twenties, he was appointed Deputy to Lord Henry Scrope, Warden on the British side of the border of England and Scotland. His principal duty as a Deputy Warden was to lead posse raids into the Scottish territory. Richard was knighted in 1565 at the age of 33 and was given the post of Sheriff of Cumberland. After escorting Mary, he became involved with his brother Gerard Lowther in clandestine attempts to release her from captivity and took part in the attempt to place Mary at the head of the “Rising of the North.” Richard Lowther married Frances, daughter of John Middleton of Middleton, Westmorland and Ann Tunstall, daughter of Bryan Tunstall of Thurland Castle. Sir Bryan Tunstall was a heroic soldier who died at the Battle of Flodden in 1513 and was called “The Stainless Knight of Flodden” by King Henry VII. Richard Lowther’s daughter Frances married the grand-nephew of Thomas of Hay Close – another Thomas Cleborne (1580-1640). 3

Thomas of Hay Close is mentioned in 1597 in a letter from Sir Henry Leigh to Lord Scrope regarding Sir Richard Lowther as follows:

“Nov. 30. Henry Leigh to Scrope. As promised in my last, Mr. Lowther has taken counsel to write, as is enclosed: whereby your lordship may recall the Deveil never wants "devyses to teache his disciples to dissemble"; for he was perfectly well yesterday, as Mr Thomas..."
Cleeborne swore to me, for his man was with him to receive money: "and then were all his counsellors convocated, and nowe tandem perturiunt montes." God forgive him for the evil which by his ambition he is like to draw on this poor country: "for the expected letters comeing upon Satterday beinge markett day, the contentes (were in conceyt) conceved of the wycked before they came to my handes, so as ther was, and hath bene since, such poastinge to Lowther, as yf Hell had bene broken loose! as the poore markett folkes which were comeing from Pereth, beinge pulled from ther horses found, as also Mr Clebome, and those of Highett, who had almost lost ther cattell (suche a swarme of waspes were scattered in those partes)." This I fear will be the fruit of alteration, in hope of favour as before, unless he be speedily unmasked, and roused with a whip from his dissembling to do his duty in the Queen's service."

Thomas of Hay Close is mentioned again in the court case called the Star Chamber Proceedings of 23 October 1602: 'Thomas Cleybourne, esquire complainant against Richard Lowther'. Thomas is identified as 'Thomas Cleborne, gentleman, of Hay Close in Cumberland'. It is said that the Star Chamber took its name from the decorative ceiling in the meeting room at the old palace of Edward the Confessor at Westminster. It was a court that evolved from the King's own Royal Council, and the officials of the Star Chamber were taken from the Lords of the Privy Council, the Barons of the Exchequer, and Lords of Parliament. It was not bound by Common Law, nor did it use a jury; rather it could proceed on rumor alone, and could apply imprisonment, torture and inflict any penalty but death.
In 1603, Lord Scrope wrote to Sir Robert Cecil, the Queen’s secretary, that: “I have your letters and thank you for your never failing friendship and good advice. But where you write that if due care were taken, these open roads are not needed, and displease her Majesty: I assure you that, while 40 of our men were watching 3 miles from Carlisle, 200 Scots came in, ‘and had taken them all, if by God’s will they had not gone about another purpose.’ The towns herabout still pay black mail to the Grames [Grahams] to do the Queen service, and that they have some cause to complain of me: ‘so God judge mee,’ since their last offers to him, they have murdered some of Mr Cliburnes tenants! And you say, if they were faithful, we should not need the solders: in my fathers’s time we had 100, for the Grahmes “will never war upon thire brethren, nevewes, and cozens” – and now we have but 50, without which true men cannot live herer. My letter to the King was not “unfittinge,” I only prayed him not to tax me of rashness without cause.”

The Grahams were among the fiercest of the Border Clans on the Scottish side. They were true “Reivers,” known for their border raids into England. They held thirteen fortified towers and could raise, it was said, over 500 mounted troopers for any raid. In retaliation, Grahams were hanged, transported, banished, and imprisoned. The Thomas Cleburne who married the daughter of Sir Richard Lowther was asked to contribute to the costs of forcibly transporting most of the Graham Clan from their homes in Scotland to Roscommon, Ireland. Nevertheless, there are still a sizeable number of Grahams to be found today in Dumfriesshire and across the border in Cumbria.  

The Lowthers may have avoided execution thanks to the fact that Gerard Lowther’s wife was Lucy Dudley, second cousin once removed to Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester and Queen Elizabeth’s favorite. It is difficult to say how much his involvement with the Lowthers hurt Thomas of Hay Close and his extended family. The Cleburnes of Cliburn Hall remained relatively prominent and prosperous until approximately 1630, but a likely combination of factors, beginning with the cost of rebuilding Cliburn Hall in the 1580s and ending with the chaos brought by the Civil War in the 1640s, gradually reduced their wealth and influence. Timothy Cleburne and his mother Elizabeth Cleburne sold Killerby manor to Francis Dodsworth in 1651, and Timothy sold Cliburn Hall to Robert Collingwood in 1654. Today Hay Close Farm is known for an elaborate annual maze made of corn plants that is called the “Maize Maze.” Families come from great distances to wander through the maze, have tea in the café and buy crafts in the gift shop.  

References:

From the book “William Cliburn of Virginia, With Some Account of His Pedigree”  
By John Herbert Cleburne, MD, FACS 1917
Hay Close Tea Room

Take time to relax in the Hay Close Tea Room. Sample our home-made cooking at it's best. Where possible; your meal will be prepared using fresh, local ingredients.

How to Find Hay Close

For your Sat Nav use: CA11 9PX
From South: Exit M6 at Junction 41, follow the signs to Carlisle, follow the A7 from Carlisle, then follow the yellow signs for Hay Close Maze.
From East: Follow A69 to junction 40, then follow the signs for Hay Close Maze.
From West: Follow A69 to junction 40, then follow the signs for Hay Close Maze.
From North: Follow A69 to junction 40, then follow the signs for Hay Close Maze.

Opening Times
Hay Close Maze is open from Sunday July 18th - September 6th 2010
7 days: 10.30am - 5pm
Sept 7th - Mid Oct closed Tuesdays
Also open in evenings by arrangement for parties of 10 and over.
Adults £4.50
Children (4-10) £3.50
Senior Citizen £3.50
2 Adults + 2 Children £10.00
Under 4s Free of Charge

The Tea Room is open from March to December, 2010 10.30am - 5pm.
Closed Tuesdays except summer holidays.
The following information about Thomas of Hay Close, Cumberland, England, includes information about family, friends, associates and neighbors. This is the so called “FAN PRINCIPLE” used by the National Genealogical Society to assist in proving the identity of an individual. The timeline of events have been culled from various sources.

**Thomas of Hay Close**

**1505**

Hay Close

The Kirkbride property that came to Robert Cliburn through the marriage portion of Emma, Thomas’ grandmother.

**1532**

Birth

Of Richard (1532-1588), bro of Thomas (ca 1533-aft1602). Richard deposed at his father’s inquest he had been born on All Saints day 1515 bef.: Bissell p 32; Calendar of State Papers XIV part I

**1533/34**

Est. Birth

This estimate of Thomas of Hay Close b. date is based upon his brother Richard’s age, and his placement as 2nd son in the Herald’s Visitation of 1585, as seen at The College of Arms. Birth could be as late as 1538. See a discussion of this in Ancestral Lines of Cliburn p. 10

**1546**

D. of father

Edward (ca 1506-1546) died 26 Dec. Inquisition Post Mortem. Thos. est age 8/13

**1555**

Birth

Of Richard’s son Edmund (1555—1590). There is a possibility Richard might have been in France at this time.

**1568**

Sir Richard Lowther was sheriff of county Cumberland & Deputy Warden of the West Marches[the border] when Queen Mary landed at Workington

**1568**

Mary

Queen of Scots stays at Lowther Castle, then moved to Bolton Castle

**1570**

Letter from Newark Castle

28 Jan from Sir Frances Leek to Cecil: Before receipt of yours for apprehension of Gerald Lowther [1537-1597, bro of Richard Lowther], Rich. Clyburne of Clyburne, gentleman, Thos. Turner & Lawrence Busher, servants of the Duke of Norfolk, & Thos. Clyburne & John Craggs, servants of Rich Lowther came to this town & brought 3 geldings...marriage concluded betw. Lord Wharton’s dau & R. Lowther’s son. Thos. est age 33/38. This is prob. Thos. of HC. O’Hart in his Irish Pedigrees states Thomas was a “page” of Richard Lowther but gives us no source, Forbes has never found one, servant does not necessarily equate to page. Servant could have had a multitude of meanings at this time period in Cumbria. With the horses they could have been grooms. Would a gentleman be a page or groom? Calendar of State Papers, Addenda, Elizabeth 1566-79

**1572**

Death

Duke of Norfolk beheaded

**1573**

Deed of transfer

Richard to son Edmund (1555-1590). See inquisition post mortem of Richard 1588. Richard was evidently trying to protect his property.

**1572/74**

? Wife of Thos of H C


**1579**

Lawsuit


**1576**

Marriage

Edmund Cliburn & Grace Bellingham

**1580**

Skelton

Parish Rec. start

**1580**

Birth

Richard’s grandson, Thomas Cleburne [of Killery] (1580-1640)

**1580/81**

Muster

Leith Ward Muster. Thos. able to provide spears (and men to go with them?). Was living in Head Forest of Inglewood, Infield. Est. age 47/52

**1582**

Birth

William, Vicar of Nidd, son of Edmund Cliburn & Grace Bellingham, grandson of Richard

**1584**

Examination

By Lord Scrope & the Bishop of Carlisle, of James Harrington, husband of one of Richard Cleburne’s wife’s sisters. He had not seen him or had a letter in 3 years

**1584**

Letter

7 Feb. “Henry Lord Scrope & John Bishop: ...We have also apprehended Richard Kirkbride of Ellerton, brother-in-law to Cliburne” (Richard)... [Elinor Cleburne wife of Richard Kirkbride]. Calendar Papers-Addenda, Elizabeth p. 105

**1585**

Visitation

Official Visitation of Richmondshire, College of Heralds. Thomas Cleburne was identified as 2nd son of Edward Clyburne and [Elinor] dau. of Layton of Dalemain. His great nephew, Thomas Cleburne was identified as age 5, Est. Age 52/57

**1587**

Mary

Queen of Scots beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle

**1588**

Will /Inquisition


**1588**

Cliburn property

“Richard Cliburne held at his death...and that so seized , in consideration of a marriage had and solemnized between Edward his son & heir apparent, with Grace one of the daughters of Alan Bellingham

**THOMAS of HAY CLOSE**

By Sue Cliborn Forbes

Spring 2015
of Fawcet Forest... by his deed dated 1 Oct., in the 18th year (1573) of the said...Queen, he gave & granted by the same deed confirmed to the following that is to say, Richard Sandforthe of Howgill Castel in the same co., armiger, Christopher Conyers of ( ) in York, armiger, John Doddesworth of Thornton Watles in Yorks & Thomas Clibburne of Hay Close in Cumberland, generous, the aforesaid manor of Clibburne with its belongings and its revenues and reversions all of them to be had & held by them for the use & service if Edmund Clibburne, son & heir of the aforesaid Richard, & the male heirs of Edmund ...(&) Grace his wife.” See sources above.

1590 Inq post mortem
of Grace Bellingham, widow of Edmund & wife of Gerald Lowther. Memorial at Killerby Church. Note: Records of Cliburn parish say burial of Grace wife of Edmund Cliburne 13 Apr 1630, but the church memorial is the more likely date for Grace Bellingham. Question: did Gerald Lowther have control of Grace’s dower property until her death? After her death?

1594 Death
of Thomas Cliburne of Killerby to Frances Lowther [b. 1578] 10 Mar. in parish of Lowther, Cumb. He was age 14. Did this allow his Step-father/ Bro-in-law, Gerald Lowther[1561-1624], & Gerald’s father, Richard to control the Cliburn properties? Bissell said Grace & Gerald held the “wardship” of Thomas but gave no source.

1594 Marriage
Thomas Cleborne of Hillock to Frances Lowther. Certainly not impossible, but there were other Thomas [Cliburn et al] in the area.

1597 Letter
From Henry Leigh to Cecil: Thomas Cleborne [of Heskett] was giving evidence against Richard Lowther. Est. Age 64/69. Calendar Papers- Borders p. 468. Comment: I’ve always questioned Leigh’s veracity, as did Scrope in 1602. He appeared to play both sides.

1597 baptism
Of Grace, Thomas & Frances child at Lowther parish [1st child?]

1600/1601 Letter
1 Feb. From Thomas Lord Scrope to Richard Lowther: money to be levied to assist in making provision for defense of the border after the arrest & punishment of 2 Armstrongs. Copies to: Thomas Pickering, Christopher Lowther, Thomas Cleburne, John Rigg. Thomas Bellingham, Thomas Lancaster. Est age 68/73

1601 Death of
Eleanor Lancaster, Richard Cliburne’s wife. This would have put 1/3rd of the Cliburn estate into play- her dower rights! They certainly would have stirred up the “cats & pigeons”.

1602 Star Chamber
Star Chamber proceedings, London. 23 Oct. 1601. Tho. Clebourne, esquire, grandson of Richard, complainant against Richard Lowther. Thos. of HC identified as Thomas Cleborne, gent. of Hay Close Cumberland. Est. age 69/74. If Thomas was born in 1580 he would have turned 21 at this time and finally have standing to go to court.

Richard Lowther, Thomas’ father-in-law: "To the 2nd Interrog. He sayeth that about 10 months ago now last paste the said Tho. Cleborn being then of full age did by mo... and consents had the said Tho. Cleburne and this defendant make a lease unto this defendant of all the said Cleburnes lands for the terme of 21 yeares for ... consideracones expressed in the same lease & thereby to avoid the states formerly made by the said Tho. Cleborne which he was under against Tho. Cleborne & Robert Bellingham his uncles..." Ragg p. 225-6.

Refer to his son Edmund’s marriage contract of 1624 where Thomas had put his property in trust. Was this the end of the 21 years? Humphrey Wharton named in proceedings [Ragg p. 223] was the husband of his aunt Agnes Cleborne, so it looks like the family had gone to court against the Lowthers about the return of their property & to negate the 21 year lease Thomas gave Richard Lowther.

1602 Letter
Dec. letter from Scrope to Cecil. Henry Leigh had told him that the Queen had appointed him (Henry Leigh) as a spy. Scrope wanted to know if this was true

1602/3 Letter
Jan. 2. From Henry, Lord Scrope to Cecil: 200 Scots thru Carlisle, bent on blackmail & murdered some of Thos. Cleburne’s tenants [the Graeme clan were reivers stealing cattle, etc.]

1604 Pardon
General pardon by James I to Thomas Cleburne of Cleburne, esq. 12 May. Is this the grandson of Richard? There is no explanation in the file in which this record is found: Ref. D258/32/S2. Gell Family of Hopton Hall, Derbyshire. Which Thomas is this? Someone entirely different than the Cleburn Hall group?

1605 Birth
Of Edmund (1605-1649), Thomas 1st son

1612 Visitation
Of Yorkshire 1584/5 & 1612 p.255. 1612 version adds of Hay Close... to Thomas but does not state that he is still living as it does Thomas Cleburne of Killerby. There is no further record for Thos. of HC.

1615 Visitation
Of Cumberland, Cleburne of Hay Close shows Thomas’ father, Edmund, as having an unnamed sister married to a Kirkbride, whereas the Kirkbride Visitation of Yorkshire p. 179 shows a sister of Richard, dau. of Edmond Clyborne as having married Richard Kirkbride. She was not named. This visitation does not take the family down from any of Richard & Thomas’ generation. I asked about this at the College of Heralds when I was there. Their response was that the families lost track of each other.
| 1616 | 2nd marriage | Thomas to Susan Washbourne 1616 in Ripon. No children with her. |
| 1624 | Property transfer | On Nov. 22, 1624, Richard Salkeld releases his rights in Cleburne, Bampton and Killerbie to Edmund Cleburne on these conditions: Thomas Cleburne in 43 Eliz. (1600/01) had conveyed all his lands in these to Richard Salkeld of Thirmyb and John Dodsworth of Walles in York. In trust for his own life….Richard Salkeld is to surrender his right and title to Edmund so that Edmund may fulfill the conditions of the marriage agreement... Ragg p. 225 |
| 1625/26 | Marriage | Of Edmund to Elizabeth Hutton. It is recorded that Thomas got a loan from Elizabeth’s father, Sir Timothy Hutton. Mortgage of Cliburn property. |
| 1640 | Burial | 24 Feb at Cliburn of Thomas Cleborne (1580-1640) |
| 1662 | Hesket parish | Birth, death, marriage records start. Many parish records were destroyed during the Cromwellian period. |
| 1691 | Colt Parke | Aldingham—Constableship of Thomas Cliborne of Colt Parke, yeoman. Colt Park is near Hay Close. Lancashire Quarter sessions: Petition from Lancaster, Epiphany. |
| 1694 | Colt park | Lease for 14 years 37.0 rent: Thomas Preston of Holker, Esq. to Thomas Clybourn of Colt Park, yeoman: messuage called Colt Park... Cavendish of Holker, Cavendish family, Dukes of Devonshire. Lancashire Rec. Office. |
| 1710 | Colt Park | Lease for 3 years at 37.10 rent: Madam Elizabeth Preston of Holker, widow to Thomas Clyburn: messuage called Colt Park. Ref. same as above. We have no identity for this Thomas or where he fits into the family. |
| 1715 | Hay Close | Hay Close leasehold and Cliburn were in a listing of an abstract of the estate of Henry Vicount Lonsdale from the Acct. of John Lowther’s Executors. Cumbria Rec. Office, Lowther Family Rec., Cat. Ref: D Lons/L3 Mid 1700’s | Stone house Built; now in cow pasture on property |
| 1793 | Sale of Hay Close | “The commons of this parish (Heskett) have been enclosed under the act of parliament passed in 1803, for enclosing the forest of Inglewood. The tenants are chiefly copyholders under the Duke of Devonshire, (who has all the royalties & soccage,) although there are some mesne manors within the parish. The Duke’s tenants are nearly 200, who pay a yearly copyhold rent, & a single year’s rent on change of tenant; but nothing on death of the lord...The Duke of Devonshire sold his principal estates in the parish (Heskett) to different persons, viz:...Cot Close, Hay-Close, & Itonfield in 1793 to Mr. Oliphant;...” History of Leath Ward in the Co. of Cumberland, Samuel Jefferson, 1840. P. 208. Library at Penrith |
| 1793 | Owner | Hay Close purchased by Mr Oliphant from the estate formerly in possession of the Duke of Devonshire. This would be the Cavendish family of Holker, Lancashire. See the Ref. above to Colt Park. How did it get from the Lowthers to the Cavendish? [Thomas Olyvant, Richard & Phillip were listed in the Itonfield Rec. (Leath Ward) muster of 1580/1581]. |
| Aft WWII | Hay Close | George Sheffield inherited it from his great aunt Oliphant-Sheffield |
| 1994/96 | Hay Close | Owned by Mr. Field |

Record of the estate of Richard Cliborne at his Inq. post mortem 1588: “his desmesne as of fee the manor of Killerby with all its members rights & liberties together with a knight’s fee & the advowson of the church which appertained thereto; the manor of Bampton in Westmorland…, rents there, & also died so seised…and long before his death was possessed of the manor of Clibburne with all its belongings in fee & of 20 messuages or cottages, 200 acres of arable land, 40 acres of pasture and 180 acres of meadow and 100 acres of woodlands, 1000 acres of common lands and 200 acres of scrub & heather & of one watermill for corn & their appurtenances in the hamlet of Cliburn or in its territory and precincts in Westmorland, & so seised, inconsideration of a marriage had …” [ I think he transferred the land-interim feoffees to form an entail- to set up an entail of the property at the time of his son Edmund’s marriage contract with Grace Bellingham; a deed dated 1 Oct 1573.] Ragg p. 215

One last comment from Ragg p. 208: “There are details given in O’Hart’s “history” that I have failed to verify. In that “history” there is much confusion as well as what I am obliged to call mere rubbish as regards the earlier history & origin of the Cliburn family which has been exploded & exposed & ought never now to appear in any printed book…” I would love to know what he is referring to!

One last comment from Forbes: The truth is hard to find, but “historical rubbish” is immortal!

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Portrait of Reverend William Sterling Claiborne of Otey Memorial Parish Church

We received this story from member Deb Peabody, who tells us that the artist who painted the portrait described below, Claude Buckley, is the son of Reid Buckley and the nephew of the famous late author and commentator William F. Buckley, Jr.

The University of the South was founded in Sewanee, Tennessee in 1857, and the first Episcopal service took place on the grounds the next year. Following the Civil War, services were held in Otey Hall, the first formal building of the University (named for the Rt. Rev. James Hervey Otey, first Bishop of Tennessee). By 1868, services had been moved to the University’s newly completed St. Augustine’s Chapel. Not long after, Bishop Charles T. Quintard founded nearby Otey Memorial Parish.

On November 15, 2014, Otey Memorial Parish Episcopal Church celebrated the completion and dedication of a new building called “Claiborne House”, which includes Saint Mark’s Hall and St. Paul’s on the Mountain Chapel. Claiborne House is named for Reverend William Sterling Claiborne, who was Rector in the early 20th century, and whose lifetime of service included providing education and health care in the areas surrounding Sewanee. Ordained as an Episcopal priest in Sewanee in 1901, he was instrumental in the founding of St. Andrew's School, St. Mary's School and the first infirmary and hospital. Claude Buckley was commissioned to paint a portrait of Reverend Claiborne, and it was presented at the dedication.

Reverend Claiborne was born in 1872 to William Royall Claiborne (1836-1899) and Alice Watkins Clay (1842-1915) of Amherst, Virginia. William Royall Claiborne enlisted in 1861 in Company H, 19th Virginia Infantry, C.S.A., and advanced from 2nd Corporal to 3rd Sergeant. In Dec 1861 he transferred to Company E, 2nd Virginia Cavalry, was promoted to 1st Sergeant and served until the end of the Civil War. His parents were Colonel William Sterling Claiborne (1810-1886) and Cornelia Roane (1817-1888) of Amherst, Virginia. Colonel Claiborne was a physician and served as Colonel in the Mexican War. Colonel Claiborne’s parents were Sterling Claiborne (1785-1856) and Jane Maria Rose (1788-1871), also of Amherst, Virginia. Sterling Claiborne’s parents were Major Buller Claiborne (1755-1804) and Martha Ruffin (c1765- ). Major Buller Claiborne served in the Revolutionary War as Captain of the 2nd Virginia Regiment until 1777, and then was Brigade Major and Aide-De-Camp to General Benjamin Lincoln until 1780. He was appointed Justice of Dinwiddie County, Virginia in 1789, and Sheriff in 1802. His parents were Colonel Augustine Claiborne (1721-1787), who was born at Sweet Hall, and Mary Herbert (1726-1799).
Kings Lynn Update from Jill Price

We have received news from Jill Price, our wonderful King’s Lynn connection. She is sorry that she will not be able to attend the Reunion, since she had hoped to see everyone again, but sends her best wishes for a happy and successful gathering. Although she has retired from Town Guiding on a regular basis, she has offered to still do tours for VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE; so if anyone is thinking of going to Lynn, please let her know. Jill also sent us a new leaflet on what was The Green Quay, and is now known as Marriott’s Warehouse Trust, with the comment that she is happy to see the Claybornes getting official recognition. You may read more about the Trust at the following site: http://www.marriottswarehousetrust.co.uk/#
The wealth generated by Lynn's trade was being invested in houses, warehouses, maltings and ships. It seems certain that the Claybornes built the warehouse on the South Quay which is now known as Marriott's Warehouse, using stone from the demolished friaries in Lynn as well as brick from local kilns. The building was erected or enlarged in the 1580s due west of their house facing St. Margaret's Church. In this spacious warehouse, with cellar, the Claybornes would have stored their corn, salt and wine, with the coal in the yard.

The Millennium Project undertaken by the Borough Council in the late 1990s involved the enhancement of the South Quay and the restoration of this Tudor warehouse which is now the home of Marriott's Warehouse Trust and Marriott's Warehouse Limited. It is listed grade 2* and therefore of more than local architectural and historical significance. Lynn has an exceptional series of brick warehouses by the Great Ouse spanning the 15th to 18th centuries.

The Marriott's Warehouse Trust

The Trust was set up in September 2013 when the Charity Commission approved plans "to advance the education of the public by establishing an exhibition and interpretation centre based in Marriott's Warehouse. To promote knowledge and appreciation of Lynn's remarkable historic built environment is the priority for the trustees. The restaurant is run independently on a licence from the Trust by Marriott's Warehouse Ltd.

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Marriott's Warehouse from West Lynn. Courtesy: Richard Flowers.

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Notice of the Deaths of Nellie Richardson and Alvis Starr

Our hearts go out to our Claiborne Clan Registrar, Ann Starr, who has recently lost both her husband, Alvis Starr, and her mother, Nellie Richardson.

Longtime active Claiborne Clan member Nellie Carolyn Harwell Richardson departed this life on September 20th, 2014. She was born in Pachuta, Mississippi on April 18, 1929, the daughter of James Emerson and Jeanette Campbell Harwell. She was a member of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters, Descendants of Officers and Men at Valley Forge, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, Virginia Historical Society, and the National Huguenot Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Dr. Jasper Edgar Richardson; and her daughter Ellen Diltz. In addition to Ann, she is survived by her daughters Janet Frey, Susan Randle (David), and Patricia Nabours (David); her grandsons Glenn Richardson Drake, James Seth Randle, Harris Webster "Trey" Jones III, Phillip Emerson Jones, William Dalton Randle, Christopher David Nabours, and Michael Paul Diltz, Jr; her granddaughters Kimarie Drake Eckstein, Mary Katherine Diltz Woolsey, Elizabeth Christiane Diltz Menking, Kristen Michelle Starr Taylor; and fifteen great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Ann Gay, Mary Scott and Sarah Hunt. Nellie left a little prayer to her descendants:

*I ask you God  
Who gave me breath  
For a quiet life and gentle death  
With each day spent within your care  
Your love enough for all to share*

Alvis Tremon Starr (Al, as his friends and family knew him) departed this life on Saturday, December 7, 2013. He was born in Goose Creek, Texas on December 9, 1934. He graduated with the class of 1952 in Luling, Texas where he played clarinet in the band, tackle for the football team and was an exceptional pitcher on the baseball team. He attended Texas Christian University and graduated from the University of Houston. Al was an avid softball player and coach, playing for more than 40 years and coaching his daughters. He also enjoyed birding, creating lampwork glass beads, and caring for his animals. There was nothing Al wouldn't do to help his friends and family, and no one was more dependable. He is survived by his wife Ann Starr; children Bryan Starr, Lynn Starr, Susan Starr, and Kristen Taylor; step children H.W. Trey Jones and Phillip Jones; grandchildren Justin Kugler, Brittney Kugler, Max Starr, Zane Starr, Emerson Jones, Everly Jones, and Gavin Taylor; great-grandchild Ellie Kugler; his brother Howard Starr and sister Kathy Starr Albers.

Notice of the Death of Betty Sale

We are sad to report the death of Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Woodward Sale. She was the widow of our Claiborne Clan past president and active member, Dr. Thomas Sale Jr. Betty and Tom were married for 63 years. Betty died on January 7, 2015 at the Hermitage in Richmond.

She was born on April 4, 1925 in Richmond to the late Overton Sidney Woodward and Gretchen Clement Woodward. She is survived by her sons, Thomas W. Sale III and wife, Daphne, Carter Woodward Sale and wife, Karen, John Cabell Sale and wife, Melissa, and daughter, Sidney Sale Bland and husband, Richard; and her grandchildren: Thomas Wirt Sale IV, Wesley Bland, Anne Carter Bland, and Susan Sale. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Betty H. Woodward and nephew, William Woodward. A 1942 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School and a 1946 graduate of the Richmond Professional Institute (now Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia), Betty worked as a medical technologist at McGuire Veteran's Hospital in Richmond until her children were born. A Hampton resident from 1957 to 2012, she was a longtime member of St. John's Episcopal Church and its Bracket Club. For many years, she was a faithful volunteer each week at Sentara Hampton General Hospital's recovery room and at the Hampton Library Friends' Gift Shop. She also served on the board of the Peninsula SPCA for a number of years. She was a member of many genealogical societies, including: the Mayflower Society, the Society of the Lees of Virginia, the Jamestowne Society (James Citty Company), the National Society of Colonial Dames of America (Susan Constant Committee), and the Daughters of the American Revolution.
Women of Washington, DC

We have received word of the publication of a new book by Cokie Roberts about women in Washington during the Civil War era. The book is entitled: “Capital Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington, 1848 – 1868.”

Cokie is a commentator for ABC News and a contributor to NPR’s Morning Edition, with more than 40 years of broadcast experience. She is also the daughter of the late Congresswoman from Louisiana and representative to the Vatican, Lindy Claiborne Boggs (Marie Corinne Morrison Claiborne Boggs) and the late Congressional House Majority Leader Hale Boggs. Lindy Claiborne Boggs was the great, great granddaughter of John Francis Hamtramck Claiborne, great, great, great granddaughter of Nathaniel Herbert Claiborne and William Charles Cole Claiborne, and great, great, great, great granddaughter of Thomas Claiborne (1749-1812).

2015 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 2015 Reunion. 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 as follows:

Diane Claiborne Clements
232 Cherokee Station Drive
Nashville, TN 37209

Please also include an updated home address and e-mail address that we may use for the mailings, as well as any other new contact information you may have.

New Members

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

Brenda Brown   Moline, IL                                        Zelda K. Deatrick   San Diego, CA
Elizabeth Glazebrook   Columbia, SC                       Janelle V. McKown   Bartlett, TX
Laverne Raisch   Holmes Beach, FL                         Harry M. Sullivan   Chattanooga, TN

Admiral Christopher James Cleburne, M.D. (1838-1909) was a Rear Admiral, Surgeon and Medical Director in the United States Navy who had a lifelong passion for genealogy. He was first cousin to Major General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne, and it was the Admiral who had a plaque and stained glass window honoring the General mounted in St. Cuthbert’s Church in Cliburn, even though the cousins fought on opposite sides during the Civil War. The Admiral’s painstaking efforts to document his family’s ancestry, as well as that of others with the name, makes amazing reading.
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