



Claiborne Society Newsletter

The National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants



Spring 2016

Message from the President

Begin. A new term begins. On the heels of a successful reunion, we begin the march towards our next Claiborne family event. How we savor our Charleston memories of picturesque places, new historical insights, and discoveries of closely related family connections!

Reunion. The Charleston Reunion gathered together 25 people from 10 states: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, Kansas, Oregon, and Maine. Four were first-time reunion attendees: Elizabeth Glazebrook, Douglas Edgmon, Deborah Lugone, and Neoma "Mae" Damron.

Officers farewell. Serving the Claiborne Society diligently have been our outgoing officers. Patricia Clayborn, as both president and newsletter editor, showed adept managerial style and publishing artistry. Corinne Middleton, as secretary, produced interesting reports with masterful prose. Dede Clements, as treasurer, was a financial whiz who quickly and accurately handled finances for the reunion and membership. My personal thanks to them for their invaluable help as I undertook the Richmond and Charleston reunions. They were wonderful to work with.

New officers. The Claiborne Society's progress will continue as the newly elected officers take charge. Bill Bissell, son of Claiborne/Cliborn author and researcher Lolita Bissell, as incoming Vice-President, will plan for our next reunion in Nashville, Tennessee. Beverly Davis, world traveler and history guide, will be Secretary and Clai Bachmann Ely, planner of the Washington D.C. reunion, will become Treasurer. Frank Rura will assume the position of Registrar and membership chairman. As President my goal will be a new project, converting the archives, the cumulative history of the Claiborne Society, into a form that allows for distribution.

Standing Committees. Also vital to our continuing success are the standing board members who contribute unique capabilities to our organization. They oversee research, archives, publishing, and access to the Internet. These members are Alex Waldrop, Curly Moore, Patricia Clayborn, and Dan Boylin. Their respective skills continue to propel us to a higher level of accomplishment.

Every successful reunion becomes a springboard from which to leap forward. Let us begin.

Susan W. H. Rura, President, Claiborne Society

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New Members

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

- Doris Bryant Potter of St. Helena, California
- Patricia D.B. Redfearn of Mansfield, Texas
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2016 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 2017 Reunion in Nashville, Tennessee. 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: Clai Bachmann, 137 William Richmond, Williamsburg, VA, 23185

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Easter Decorations in St. Anne's Church in Catterick, North Yorkshire. Note Cleburne coat of arms on baptismal font

“Spice Islands” Response from Jill Price

We have received a response to our article on “Who Is the Thomas Clayborne Who Sailed to the Spice Islands?” that was published in the Fall 2015 Newsletter, from Jill Price, our wonderful King’s Lynn connection. She states:

“With regard to a Thomas, can you trace any descendants of William’s elder brother, Thomas? He came back to Lynn to claim his right as a Freeman, and I’m pretty certain that I have read somewhere that he went to America. Lynn as a Hanseatic town, now has very strong links with many of the Baltic cities, and we have visited a lot of them. It is also a member of the modern Hanseatic League. This summer I was in La Rochelle, another Hanse town. I don’t think there is any link with trade elsewhere. They were too busy whizzing across the North Sea! Please give my congratulations to Susan.”

Patricia Clayborn responded: “Thank you so much for your message. Alex Waldrop is among those to whom I am sending this message, and, of course, he is our best expert on this question. However, maybe I can take a stab at it.” As you know, Thomas Claiborne Jr. was born about 1557. He was the Mayor of King’s Lynn in 1592 and Alderman in 1591. He married Sara Smyth James, the widow of Roger James, on November 21, 1598 at St. Dunstan’s Parish, in Stepney, London, and it is my understanding that afterwards they took up permanent residence there.

An interesting site entitled “Our Southern Cousins” states that “Thomas and Sara Claiborne were the owners, among other assets, of “The Royal James,” a tavern that stood between Shakespeare’s Globe Theater and the River Thames” <<http://oursoutherncousins.com/claiborne.html>>. When I read about what St. Dunstan’s, Stepney was like at that time, it states: “The parish, situated on the northern bank of the Thames, is chiefly inhabited by persons connected with shipping, and contains extensive warehouses, especially in the Commercial-road, leading from Whitechapel to the East and West India Docks.”

I believe that Colonel William Claiborne’s older brother, Thomas III, was born around 1599 in St. Dunstan’s Parish, Stepney, after which Thomas and Sara moved to the Parish of Crayford in Kent. William was baptized on August 10, 1600 in Crayford and grew up there. Thomas Jr.’s will was probated in Crayford, Kent in 1607.

Thomas III married Jane, and one source states his children were: Jane, baptized August 24, 1627 at St. Martin’s Within Ludgate, Thomas, baptized January 7, 1629 at St. Martin’s Within Ludgate, and George, baptized January 12, 1630 at St. Martin’s Within Ludgate, and then buried February 11 the next year.

When Colonel William Claiborne returned from Virginia to England and then went back to Virginia in May 1631, he brought his older brother Thomas with him, along with his brother’s wife Jane. He also brought Thomas Butler (brother of Elizabeth Butler Claiborne) and his wife Joan. Both families were among the first settlers on Kent Island. This reminds me that I would like to learn more about [Elizabeth Butler and her amazing Butler Family ancestry](#). My first draft attempt to reconstruct her family tree follows. After his time in Virginia, Thomas Claiborne III returned to England and died in London in approximately 1633. I would also like to learn more about what his life in London was like.



After leaving King’s Lynn, Thomas II lived in St. Dunstan’s Parish, Stepney and then Crayford, Kent. Thomas III lived at St. Martin Within Ludgate. The nearby Deptford Dockyards housed the ships of the British East India Company.

Edward Elliott (d. 1595) and his wife Jane Gedge Elliott of Newland Hall are memorialized along with their children in an elaborate monument in the All Saints Church in Writtle, Essex.



Church Memorial with figures of Edward Elliott and his family states:
 "Neere unto this place resteth in peace the body of Edward Elliott,
 late of Newland, in the countye of Essex, Esq., son of
 John Elliott, of Stortford, in the countye of Hertford. He tooke wife Jane,
 one of daughters of James Gedge, son and heire of Margaret Gedge,
 one of the daughters and heire of Thomas Barfield, of Shenfield;
 by whom he had yssue 4 sonnes and 6 daughters. They lived together in
 married estate 33 yeares, and he deceased the 22 day of Decemb.
 in the yere of our Lorde, 1595.

The Visitation of Essex 1612
 The Harleian Society Volume XIII

Elliott.

ARMS.—Quarterly—1 and 4. *Argent, a fess gules between two bars gemelles wavy azure, a martlet for difference.* [ELLIOT.] 2 and 3. *Argent, two chevrons sable, a bordure of the second* [SHEPEY], impaling quarterly—1 and 4. *Sable, on a bend or three cinquefoils gules.* [GEDGE.] 2. *Quarterly or and azure a bordure engrailed sable.* 3. *Gules, on a bend argent three fleurs de lis or, a bordure ermine.* []
 CREST.—An elephant's head argent, armed and eared or. [ELLIOT.]

Thomas Elliott one of the Masters of the Chauncery A° 7 of
 K. Henry the 7th A° 1491 borne in Wales.

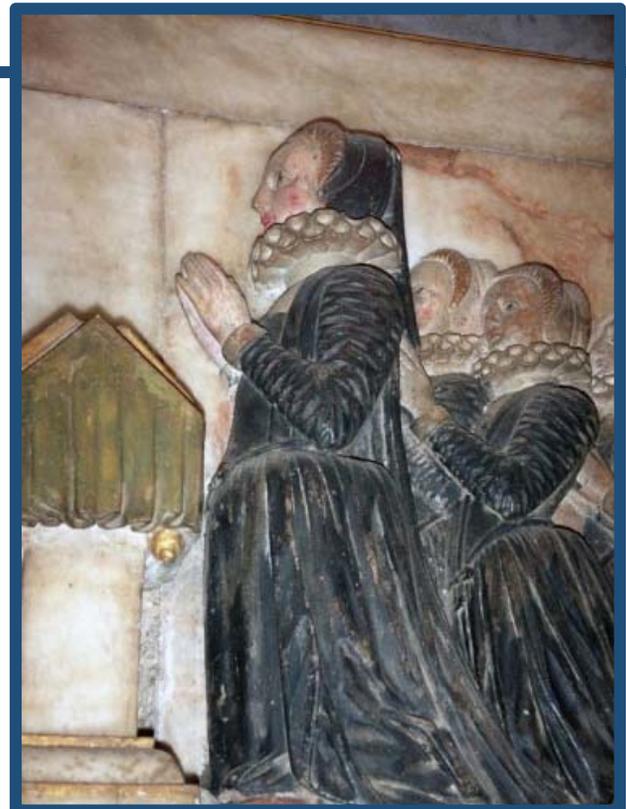
Richard Elliott of Devenshire Gentleman livinge A° 7 H. 7, 1491.

Thomas Elliott of Honsdon in com. daugh. John Elliott
 Hartford esquier sonne and heire. to 2 sonne.

Elizabeth dan. John Elliott of Stortford Margaret dan. and coheire
 to Grave first wyfe. in com. Hartford esquier to Shepey Gent.
 sonne and heire. 2^d wyfe.

John Elliott of London esquier sonne and heire.	—Elinor dan. to Sr John Newton Knight.	George 2 ^d sonne.	Rowland 3 ^d sonne mar. Anne dan. to George Browne of White Rodinge in com. Essex esquire.	Edward Elliott of Newlande in com. Essex 4 th sonne.	—Janne dan. & coheire to James Gedge ar.	Blythe mar. to George Hayns. — Wynifrede mar. to Richard Pelleston.
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Sr Thomas Elliott of Stanford Ryvers in com. Essex knight sonne and heire.	Jayne dan. and coheire mar. to John Buttler of littel Burche in Essex esquier.	Dorathe daugh. and coheire.	Elizabeth mar. to John Yonge of Roxwell in Essex Gentle.
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91. THROCKMORTON, of COUGHTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

Created Baronet Sep. 3, 1642.

THROCKMERTONA, Throckmorton, or the Rockmoor-Town, from whence this family is denominated, is situated in the vale of Evesham, in the parish of Fladbury, anciently Flandenburgh, in Pershore hundred, in Warwickshire; a manor, containing two hamlets, Hull, alias Hill, and Moor.

1. John de Throckmorton, according to Sir William Dugdale, was lord of the manor of Throckmorton, in the vale of Evesham, about 60 years after the Norman conquest, 1130,* which leaves no room to doubt but that this family possessed it at the entrance of the Normans, or long before, the etymology of the name being either British, or Saxon. From this John descended

2. Henry de Throckemerton, who made a grant of a yard of land in Hulla, temp. Henry III. 1220.*

3. Robert de Throckemerton, his son (I presume) 1252:† had issue

4. Simon de Throckmorton, who, with Isabel, his wife, 1266, paid half a mark to have a writ of oyer and terminer ad bancum; and a mandage thereupon was directed to the sheriff of Worcestershire.‡ He had issue two sons, John and Giles, which last had an annual revenue out of the manor of Throckmorton, 1330.

5. John, the eldest, was possessed of Throckmorton, 1339, and married Agnes, or Anne, daughter and heiress of Sir Richard Abberbury, of Adderbury, in Oxon, and was succeeded in the lordship of Throckmorton, &c. by

6. Thomas, his son and heir, who was of the retinue of Thomas Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, 20 Rich. II. as also escheator for the county of Worcester, in 3 Henry IV. (in those days an office of great trust): he was constable of Elmley Castle, 6 Henry IV. and by Agnes, his wife, daughter and heiress of — Besford, was father of

7. Sir John Throckmorton,§ who was employed in the service of Earl Richard (son of Thomas, earl of Warwick) at Caen, in Normandy, 5 Henry V. and being brought up to the study of the law, was afterwards of his counsel.¶ He died April 12, 1415, leaving Eleanor, his wife, surviving, who was daughter and co-heiress of Sir Guy de la Spine, or Spineto (by the heir of Wyke) lord of Coughton, in Warwickshire, whose father, William, held notable employments in the said county, temp. Edw. II. and was grandson to another William de Spineto, by Johanna, his wife, daughter of Sir Simon de Cocton, Knt. the lineal heir male of Ralph, son of William de Cocton, lord of the manor of Coughton, before the reign of Henry II. John Throckmorton, left issue by Eleanor aforesaid, two sons and six daughters, 1, Thomas; 2, John, who married Isabel, daughter of Edward Bruges, of Lons,¶ in

Gloucestershire, Esq. (from whom descended Sir William Throckmorton, of Tortworth, in Gloucestershire, created baronet, 9 James I. which title is extinct). Of the six daughters, Eleanor was the wife of Richard Knightly, of Fawsley, in Northamptonshire, Esq. Maud, of Sir Thomas Green, of Greens Norton, in Northamptonshire, Knt. Margaret, of John Rous; Agnes, of John Winslow; Elizabeth, of Robert Russel, and according to some pedigrees another Elizabeth, of Robert Gifford, and by others, of — Seymour.

8. Thomas Throckmorton,* eldest son and heir, married Margaret, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Robert Olney, of Weston, in Bucks, Knt. (by Goditha, his wife, daughter and co-heiress of William Bosom, or Bosun) by whom he had four sons; 1, Robert; 2, John, who married Jane, daughter and co-heiress of Henry Baynard, of Spelsbull, in Suffolk; and was ancestor to the Throckmortons, of Claxton, and Southelman, &c. in Norfolk and Suffolk; 3, Richard, ancestor to those of Great Stoughton, in Huntingdonshire; and 4, William, LL.D. also four daughters; Goditha, the wife of Edward Peyto, of Chesterton, in Warwickshire; Mary, of Thomas Middlemore, of Edgbaston, in Warwickshire; Margaret, of William Tracy, of Tuddington, in Gloucestershire, Esqrs. and Elizabeth, the last abbess of Denny, who died Jan. 13, 1547, and lies buried at Coughton.

9. Robert Throckmorton, Esq. son and heir, 21 years old at his father's death,† was a justice of peace for Warwickshire, from 2 Rich. III. till towards his death. In 1 Henry VII. he was made of the king's privy council, and in 2 Henry VII. he made the park at Coughton,‡ inclosing therewith a certain common ground called Wikewood, whereunto he afterwards added Samburne Heath, and Spiney's Leys, lying within the said lordship of Samburne: and the same year was a commander in the king's army, at the battle of Stoke. In 10 Henry VII. he received summons, with divers other persons of quality, to appear before the king, in person, upon the feast day of All Saints, the same year, to receive the order of knight of the bath, upon advancement of Henry, the king's second son, to the dukedom of York.

He was a man of singular piety; the sundry bequests contained in his testament do sufficiently manifest; and of no less devotion, as may seem by his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which in 10 Henry VIII. (having settled his estate) he undertook; but died beyond sea in that journey.* He left issue by his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of — Baynham, only one daughter, Ursula, the wife of Sir Thomas Gifford, of Chillington, in Staffordshire, Knt. and by his second, Catharine, daughter of Sir William Marrow, Knt. alderman of London, he had four sons and seven daughters; 1, Sir George; 2, Anthony, killed in the battle of Pavia, in Italy; 3, Michael, who was of the retinue of Cardinal Pole, and died Nov. 1, 1558, and lies buried at Mantua; father to Francis Throckmorton, Esq. famous for his hospitality to the English travellers at Mantua, where he lived, notwithstanding his burial at Ullen Hall, 1617; 4, Richard, of Higham Ferrers, in Northamptonshire, who married Jane, daughter of Humphrey Beaufoe, of Edmundscot, in Warwickshire, and was ancestor to Sir George Throckmorton, serjeant of the hawks to Queen Elizabeth, and to those of Brampton and Ellington, in Huntingdonshire.

The Throckmortons were not-so-distantly related to relatives involved in the Throckmorton Plot and the Gunpowder Plot. With hindsight it is difficult to understand why a family like this, with so much at stake, would plot to overthrow Queen Elizabeth or King James. The fact that the family survived these calamities shows how well entrenched they were within the aristocracy.

Cresset St. John was the daughter of Sir John St. John of Bletsoe, Bedfordshire, and his wife, Anne Neville, daughter of Thomas Neville. Sir John St. John was Sheriff of Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire, Knight for the Shire of Bedfordshire, Knight for King Henry VIII, guardian to Princess Mary Tudor, and Chamberlain of the household to Princess Elizabeth Tudor – later Queen Elizabeth I. Cresset was also the granddaughter of the Sir John St. John who was made a Knight of the Bath by Henry VII in 1488.

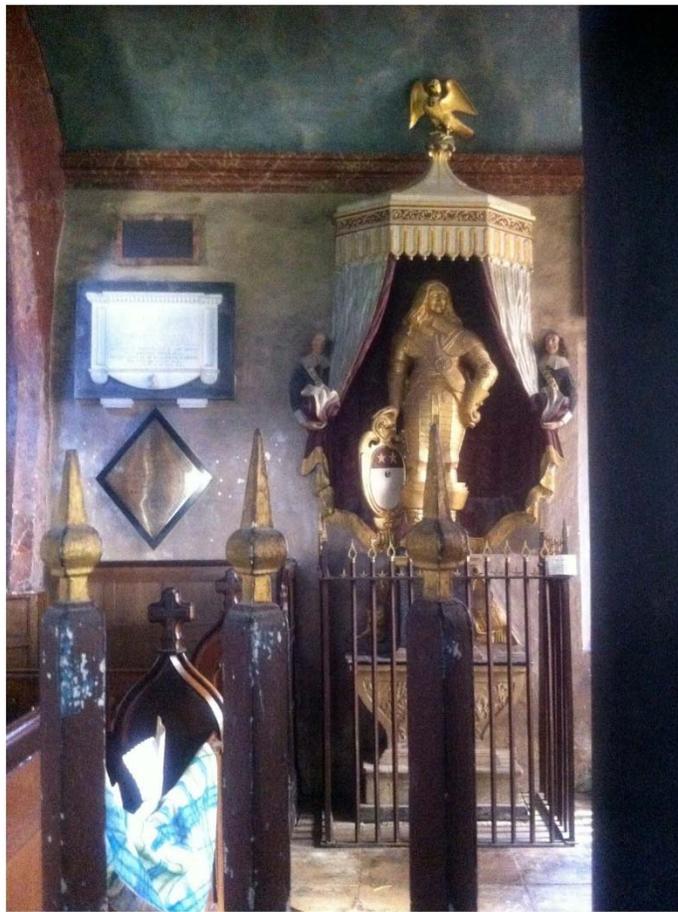
Cresset's great-great-grandmother was Margaret de Beauchamp, daughter of John de Beauchamp, 3rd Lord of Bletsoe. His grandfather, Roger de Beauchamp, was Lord Chamberlain of the Household to King Edward III. He owned Bletsoe manor till his death in 1379, when his son Roger Beauchamp succeeded, being followed in 1406 by his son Sir John. This John died in 1412, leaving a son John, who was still under age at his death in 1420, when Bletsoe Manor passed to his sister and heir Margaret, then aged eleven.

Margaret's first husband was Sir Oliver St. John and she had seven children by him before he died in 1437. She later married John Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, and had a daughter: Lady Margaret Beaufort.

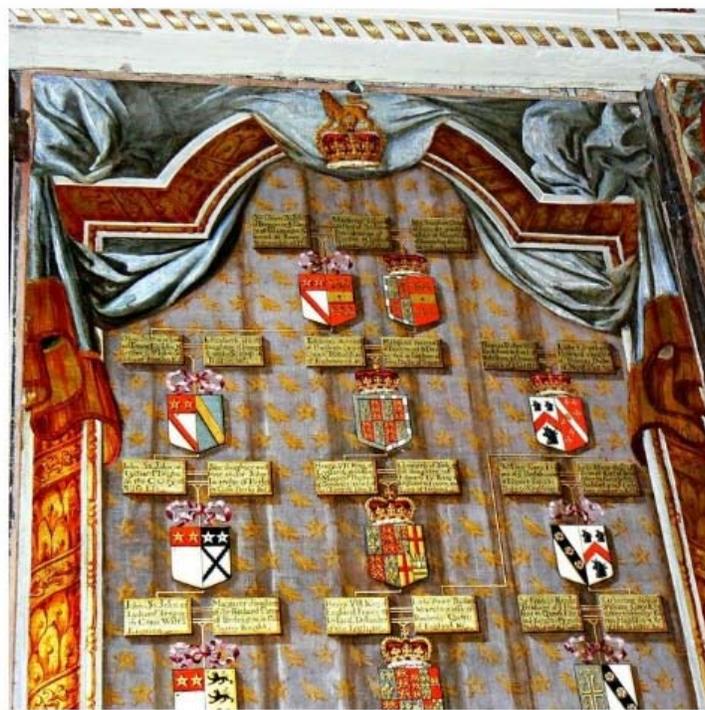
Lady Margaret was married to Edmund Tudor when she was only 12 years old. She eventually became the matriarch of the Tudor dynasty, as mother of King Henry VII and grandmother of King Henry VIII. However, Lady Margaret remained close to her seven St. John step siblings throughout her life.

The St. John Family is memorialized in an extravagant monument in St. Mary's Church in the village of Lydiard Tregoze in Wiltshire, and includes a pediment featuring Margaret de Beauchamp. The St. John Family was originally from the Castle St. Jean le Thomas, near Mont Saint-Michel in Normandy. Sir John St. John, son of Oliver St. John, was educated alongside Henry VIII. He served as Margaret Beaufort's chamberlain, and was an executor of her will. In addition, as mentioned above, he was appointed by Henry VIII to be guardian and chamberlain to princesses Mary and Elizabeth and chosen chamberlain elect to Elizabeth when she became Queen Elizabeth I.

These are only a few stories from Elizabeth Butler's ancestry. Can you help me find more?



Church Memorial to the St. John Family



Church Memorial to the St. John Family

Visitations of Bedfordshire,

ANNIS DOMINI 1566, 1582, AND 1634.

St. John
[of Bletshoe].

ARMS.—Quarterly of nine—1, Argent, on a chief gules two mullets pierced or, ST. JOHN; 2, Argent, a fesse between six cinquefoils gules, UHERVILLE; 3, Azure, a bend argent coliced or, between six martlets of the second, DELABERE; 4, Ermine, on a fesse azure three crosses pattée or, PAVELEY; 5, Argent, a lion rampant queue fourché purple, charged with a cross pattée or, STURREY; 6, Gules, a fesse between six martlets or, a mullet sable for difference, BEAUCHAMP; 7, Argent, a fesse sable between three crescents gules, PATESHULL; 8, Ermine, a lion rampant purple, ducally crowned or, BROYE; 9, Paley of six argent and azure, on a bend gules three eagles displayed or, BRADSHAW: impaling, Quarterly of four—1, Argent, on a chevron between three deustons rampant gules as many plates, FISHER; 2, Azure, a chevron between three leopard's faces or, FROWYKE; 3, Azure, three sturgeons naiant in pale or, fretly gules, STURGON; 4, Argent, on a bend gules three martlets vert, legged or, DANVERS.

SUPPORTERS.—Dexter: A monkey or. Sinister: An asprey argent, armed or.
CREST.—On a wreath argent and gules a mount vert, on which a falcon rising or, belted of the last, ducally gorged gules.

Will'm Seint John of ffannon in com. . . . daughter of . . .
Glamorgan in Wales Knight.

Henry Seint John eldest sonne sans issue. S^r John Saint John of ffannon Knight=Beatrix daughter second sonne and heire to his brother. of [Jo. Broye=Isham MS.]

Alexander Seint John of ffannon=Elizabeth daughter and one of the heires of ar. sonne and heire. S^r Henry Humfrevyle of Penmarke in com. Glamorgan Knight.

S^r John S^r John of ffannon in com.=Isabell daughter and heire of John Paveley of Glamorgan K. sonne and heire. Paveleys Pury in com. Northchampt. Knight.

S^r Olyver Saint John of ffannon in com.=Elizabeth daughter and one of the heires of Glamorgan K. sonne and heire. of S^r John Delabere Knight.

S^r John Saint John of ffannon K. sonne and heire.=Elizabeth daughter of . . .

Brauchamp.

Patisgull.

[Wm=Isham MS.] Beauchamp baron= John Patyshull=Mabill one of the of Emley father to the Erle of War- de com. Bedford sisters and heires of wyke and to S^r Walter [William= Harl. MS. 5867] Beauchamp of Powyke. ar. Otho Lord Grandson.

S^r Walter Beauchampe of Powyke= Will'm Patyshull= third sonne and brother to the Erle of Warwyke. sonne and heire.

S^r Roger Beauchampe third sonne to S^r Walter of Powyke and=Sibell daughter chamBerleyn to King Edward the thirde. and heire.

S^r Roger Beauchampe sonne and heire.=

S^r John Beauchamp of Bletneshoe in com. Bedford K.=Edyth daughter of John sonne and heire. Lord Stourton.

S^r Olyver Saint John of Bletneshoe=Margaret daughter= [John Beauford, Duke of in com. Bedf. Knight sonne and heire. Somersett 2 husband.] heire.

S^r John Saint John of Bletneshoe in com. Bedf. K. sonne and heire.=Alice daughter of S^r Olyver Saint John [Agnes ux. (S^r) Thomas Bradshawe of Wiltshire David Malpas.] and of Have in com. Lanc. K. second sonne.

[Mary ux. Edyth married to S^r Geoffrey Poole Elizabeth first married to (S^r) Richard Knight. William Lord Zouche, Tregonnell.] after to the Lord Scroope.

S^r Richard Poole Knight married Margaret daughter and heire of George Duke of Clarence.

Anne married to Henry Lord Clifforde. Eleanor married to S^r John Southe [Zowche] of Codnore. Margaret Abbesse of Shaftesbury 1469.

S^r John Saint John of Bletneshoe=K. sonne and heire.*=Sibell daughter of [Rice ap] Morgan Morys ap Jenkyn ap Philippe. second sonne.

Alice [Anne] second daughter married to S^r Thomas Henry Parker Lord Morley. Margaret third daughter married to S^r Thomas Garage of Coyte in Wales Knight. Elizabeth fourth daughter married to S^r Thomas Rotherham of Someries in com. Bedf. K. Sibill married to Sir Robert Kirkham of Warmington in com. Northampt. Knight.

Olyver Saint John of Shernbroke second sonne (see p. 54). Alexander Sain^t John of Thurley in com. Herf. third sonne (see p. 55). Catherine eldest daughter first married to S^r Gryffith Ryoe of Wales K., after to S^r Richard [Peter] Edgescombe of Mount Edgescombe in com. Devon K.

[Anne d. of Thomas Nevell= S^r John Saint=Margaret daughter of S^r W^m Walgrave of Cotterstock in com. neshoe K. com. Suff. Knight. John of Blet- (Buers S^r Maryes) in Northampton 2 sonn of sonne and heire. Will'm Nevell of Holte in com. Lester.]

[Charles S^r John.] [Cressyd ux. John Boteler of Sharnbrooke in com. Bedford.] [Jane ux. John Gascoigne of Carington in com. Bedford.] [Mary ux. John Harvy of Thirlye in com. Bedford.] [. . . a daughter.]

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Margaret de Beauchamp, daughter of John de Beauchamp, 3rd Lord of Bletsoe. Margaret was 4th Great Grandmother to Elizabeth Butler Claiborne.



Church Memorial to the St. John Family. Margaret de Beauchamp in pediment.

All this makes the curse intelligible, double curse as it is. First the Killerby complication:

*'Curst be the race, when Clyburn sells his owne
And Killerbie another lord shall own,
Bampton they've held full long and should not be connect
With heresy's with which they've been infect."
"Accurst the race—an outcast it shall be
When Clyburn's lands are sold awaie,
When Killerbie another lord shall own
Then Cleburne's race shall be o'erthrown.'*

However, it was at the cost of selling Bampton Cundale that Richard bought Killerby. One does not expect to find more than doggerel verse in such legends. But this part was only one half of the curse; the other half concerns the drowning of a fair damsel who afterwards haunted the hall as the White Lady. This drowning took place in the Lyvennet, and it is not tradition confined to the Cliburn family only. The spot is still known in the country-side and I was shown it...

The manor of Killerby was conveyed by Final Concord to Robert Bowes of Yorkshire by William Cecil, Queen Elizabeth's secretary, in 1564 (6 Eliz.), and by Robert Bowes and Sir George Bowes in 1569 (II Elizab.), with a cottage and lands to Richard Cleybourne.

The unhappy Mary Queen of Scots, dealt with by Tudor meanness very characteristically emphasized when she had escaped from Langside and landed at Workington, was conducted as practically a prisoner by Richard Lowther, unwillingly enough I gather, in May 1568. But he was Sheriff of Cumberland and under command. Q. Mary was taken from Carlisle, to which place he conducted her, by Henry baron le Scrope, Warden of the West Marches, who apparently told Richard Lowther that he had exceeded his powers. Scrope's Castle was at Bolton (Yorks.) and thither he removed Q. Mary in July that year.

Afterwards she was removed to Tutbury (3 Feb., 1560). With Q. Mary there was great sympathy in Cumberland and North Westmorland as well as elsewhere in the North. The "old religion" was not played out, and Tudor methods were alien even to the Borderland of England and Scotland. There was a scheme to release her which, so far as we can judge, was joined by Richard Lowther himself (no blame to him) as well as Gerard Lowther, Lord Wharton, the Earl of Northumberland, Richard Clyburne of Clyburne and Thomas Clyburne and John Craggs. I do not know which Thomas Clyburne this was [but we surmise it was Thomas of Hay Close]. Gerard Lowther got as far south as Royston and then disappeared for a time. Richard Lowther and Richard Clyburne were arrested. Richard Lowther was in the Tower, incarcerated in 1569; this was because he was in office as Sheriff when he affronted the powers that were.

Another attempt to release Q. Mary took place in 1572 when Richard Lowther was again placed in the Tower. Q. Mary was removed to Coventry, and then taken back to Tutbury. [Thomas Howard, 4th Duke of] Norfolk was tried and beheaded on 2 June and [Sir Thomas Percy, 7th Earl of] Northumberland seized by guile and beheaded at York without trial in July. Richard Clyburne was imprisoned in the Clink in 1559 and 1577, and petitioned for license to spend six months at "The Bath" for his health. The Clink (or Clinch) in St. Saviour's, Southwark, an old liberty where the bishops of Winchester through their stewards held pleas for debts, damages, etc., close to 'deadman's' place, was no doubt a right sort of locality for rheumatism.

In 1584, fifteen years later, and on 12 Oct. of that year, Ralf Rokeby writes to Walsingham. He had taken examination of Richard Cliborne but could learn nothing of any importance from him except that he was a recusant without either learning or knowledge, carried away with a blind zeal towards the Romish Church, and has been often indicted and is aged and sickly. No wonder. But this looks as if he had not been in the Clink all the time and had been arrested over and over again.

In the Acts of the Privy Council, April 27, 1586, we find that his leave of absence at Bath had been extended till the 1st of August next following and he was bound to present himself at the Clink by that day; this leave was again prolonged to the beginning of the next Michaelmas term. There was no special charge made against him except recusancy and no doubt the sympathy in the North made it difficult to get any clear evidence of his joining an actual conspiracy on behalf of Mary of Scots...

I find from the tradition at Killerby which the Vicar of Catterick, the Rev. W. Kerr-Smith, has told me of, that the Killerby Cleburnes mortgaged their property to get money for Charles I and Charles II... In the time of this Edmund and of his son Timothy who married Mary, 4th daughter of John Talbot of Thornton-le-Street, the estate of Killerby had to be parted with, portion by portion, to keep up the royalist cause."

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Remembrance of Anne Claiborne Overcash

Submitted by Susan and Frank Rura

The Claiborne Society is sad to hear of the recent death of one of our members, Anne Claiborne Overcash. She was at the first Claiborne Reunion (1988) and spent many years pursuing her interest in genealogy. We shall miss her immensely but are left with many warm memories.

From Frank Rura: Very sad news. Anne's lifelong effort to discover the roots of the family, and document her findings, served as a foundation of the society. I met her long ago at a Williamsburg reunion, and I was struck by her enthusiasm and appreciation for all her cousins in the organization. She gladly shared information and provided many helpful leads which helped push Susan's research forward.

God bless you Anne! ~FrankRura

From: Susan Rura: At Reunion 1992 (Williamsburg, Va.), Anne Overcash and I discovered each other while enjoying a visit to ELSING GREEN, an old magnificent house on the Pamunkey River in King William County, Virginia. I was doing genealogy; she was doing genealogy. Our conversation intensified at Reunion 1995 (LaFollette, Tennessee). We were both searching in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, but she was way ahead of me. I can still hear her running through my lineage of George, William, George, William. I could barely keep the Georges and Williams straight so she recited the lineage again, quoting dates, spouses, etc. She graciously mailed me a map of the Clarksville cemetery and a copy of tombstone inscriptions showing indeed William and Margaret Clyborne were buried there. Later my husband and I visited OAKHURST

cemetery and found the graves of my great-great-grandparents. Then at Reunion 2013 (Richmond, Virginia), Curly Moore brought a notebook of Anne's genealogy research. It was much, much more than I had envisioned! There were hundreds and hundreds of names collected into a Cliborn family tree, a life's work.

Anne Claiborne Overcash, we will truly miss you, but thank you for leaving us your legacy.
Sincerely, Susan W.H. Rura

Anne Claiborne Overcash ~ ~ Obituary

Monroe, North Carolina – Anne Claiborne Overcash, 87, died in her sleep Thursday, January 7th, after several years of declining health. During that time she was cared for by her son Richard Overcash and his wife Robin.

Mrs. Overcash was born August 18, 1928, the fourth of six children of Henry and Minnie Claiborne of Mecklenburg County. She grew up in Charlotte, attending Elizabeth, Piedmont and Central High graduating in the class of 1947.

She married Lloyd W. Overcash in 1949 and they had three children, Barbara Brisco (Gerald) of Odessa, Florida, Richard Overcash (Robin) of Monroe, and Laurie Linn of Salem, Alabama. Mrs. Brisco is a high school economics and history teacher; Mrs. Linn, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, teaches large-animal veterinary science at Tuskegee Institute.

Mrs. Overcash was an avid genealogist who traced the Claiborne family history back to Westmoreland County, England and the Doomsday Book. She was also a committed do-it-yourselfer who laid brick, hewed lumber, set tiles, hung wallpaper, smoothed plaster, made curtains, slipcovers and her daughters' wedding dresses.

In addition to her children, she is survived by her brother Jack Claiborne (Anne Marie) of Charlotte, a sister in law JoAnn Bailey Claiborne of Charlotte and by four grandchildren Wesley Brisco, Joe Brisco, Jean Anne Linn, and Barbara Renate Linn.



Virginia Historical Society,
Richmond, Virginia
October 16, 1992
Left to Right: Anne Overcash, Frank Rura



ELSING GREEN, King William County,
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October 15, 1992
Left to Right: Susan Rura,
Elizabeth "Tiny" Riddle, Anne Overcash

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