

Claiborne Clippings

National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants Reunion – Richmond, Virginia 2024

19TH Reunion September 26 through September 28, 2024 Richmond, Virginia

**Message from the Reunion Chair:
Linda M. King, Vice President**

The Claiborne Society held their 19th reunion in Richmond, Virginia on September 26 through September 28, 2024. Richmond is a city where we reunite at least every second or third reunion. The theme was Claiborne Connections, celebrating how we all connect to one another.

Thursday, September 26th

Claibornes began arriving Thursday afternoon at the Omni Richmond Hotel. Registration was held on the Westham Porch of the hotel. Here they received nametags with a mini copy of the schedule and gift bag with a reunion folder with a matching sticker beautiful crafted by Jennene Norman-Vacha (a Claiborne friend), containing the program, a list of local restaurants, a book of available attractions, a copy of the summer letter from Secretary, Nicholas Cline, a Welcome introduction letter with the schedule, including last minute room changes for our meetings, a copy of Richmond: A Historical Perspective, by native Susan Williams Harrold Rura, a copy from the Friends of Hollywood newsletter about the grave of Thomas Claybourne, a list of the burial locations of the first five generations of Claibornes (courtesy of Patricia Clayborn), the Claiborne Reunion Prayer, and a copy of the Claiborne Society Bylaws. Included in the bag were refreshing teas, a notepad, and some local Virginia peanuts.

Linda began collecting sign-up information for those who were attending Sweet Hall on Saturday as carpooling would need to take place due to the remote location of the home. Final arrangements for rides would be made Saturday morning at breakfast.

Guests enjoyed visiting with one another while they could purchase drinks, view Claiborne-related books and displays, enjoy an appetizer and pick up current Society directories prepared by Frank Rura.

A large group went to The Tobacco Company for a light dinner and drinks.

Friday, September 27th

A breakfast buffet started at 8:00 a.m. and everyone enjoyed time visiting with one another before having to board the charter bus for St. John's Church. The Charter Bus left at 9:15 for St. John's Church for the "Liberty or Death Tour," re-enactment and to see the burial place of William Claiborne (1748-1809). The actor was very well rehearsed and did a wonderful job explaining his role and answering questions about the time and the rationale for/against taxation and why the colonists struggled to decide whether to support Patrick Henry's cause.

I found this to be the most interesting part of the tour, as I did not stop to think that most of the planters at the time had been given their land by the King of England, so to support Patrick Henry meant to risk everything they had been given in the new land (if they were unsuccessful in their cause for freedom.)

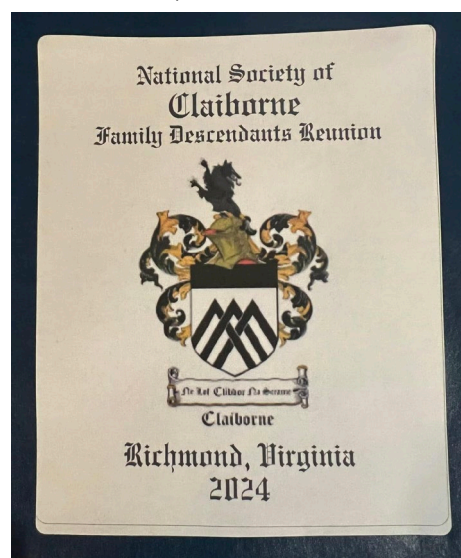
OFFICERS 2024 - 2025

President	Linda M. King
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Secretary	Nicholas J. Cline
Treasurer	Charles E. Claiborne
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We were within 5 (five) votes of voting to support liberty! He said if not for that we might be Canadians!! Ha! They never taught me that in high school or college history class even as late as the 1990's. There was discussion about the other settlement in Massachusetts and how things were going there as to the same concerns about taxes and representation.

The church is beautiful, but obviously has expanded over time, as it was originally a rectangular wooden box with simple pews, and then added onto over the centuries since 1741. There were lots of questions and he did a great job answering questions about the time period and the church building itself.

Because of the length of the new charter buses (Academy Charters), we were not able to go to Hollywood Cemetery. It was suggested that cousins attend that trip on their own should they wish to see the Claiborne plots.

The next stop was the Virginia Museum of History for a boxed lunch, a guided tour on the Story of Virginia and then a special rare book collection tour of Claiborne artifacts for our viewing by the Library Director, James Brookes, Ph.D.

Some of the special items we saw included:

- A Claiborne family genealogical chart, from an unknown compiler, ca. 1900. It contains our coat of arms and does seem to have earlier generations, including Thomas Claiborne with later generations including Herbert Augustine Claiborne.
- A manuscript family cookbook, ca. 1880, that belonged to Jane Charity Alston of Richmond, VA. Her daughter, Catherine Hamilton Cabell, married Herbert Augustine Claiborne, as his third wife.
- A letter from 1863 from Catharine Thom to Mary Anna (McGuire) Claiborne, regarding the destruction of buildings in Fredericksburg, VA caused by the recent civil war battle the past December.

The document that I spent the most time with that intrigued me the most was the diary of William Black of Stratford from 1744. This diary belonged to William Black of "Stratford", Westmoreland County, VA while he served as a secretary to a commission appointed to negotiate a treaty with the Six Nations. Dr. Brookes announced he would be very interested in learning what this diary was doing in a collection of Claiborne items, if any of us could tell him.

I did not know the answer until our past Vice President, Elizabeth Richardson, stated that the diary was in the Claiborne papers because Herbert Augustine Claiborne b. 1784 (6th generation from the first Wm. Claiborne) married Delia Hayes, who was a granddaughter of Wm. Black. It was probably donated by his grandson, Herbert Augustine Claiborne b. 1886 (my grandfather), as he donated all family papers he had inherited to the Virginia Historical Society.

The notation on the section of the diary I scanned with my phone references William Claiborne Sr. and Jr. were both aligned with Gov. Berkeley during Bacon's Rebellion. Another notation mentions Sr.'s age being too old to fight during this time, but that likely Jr. was the one involved and not Sr. It even includes a copy of Sr.'s signature during the time of his seventies. I shared a copy of this with Dr. King after her presentation, as I could not believe how everything tied together. She is planning a visit to look a little closer at this document.

Saturday, September 28th

While enjoying the breakfast buffet, final arrangements for carpooling to Sweet Hall were made for those opting in for the trip. Other options available were Bermuda Hundred, and Berkeley Plantation to name a couple.

For those heading to Sweet Hall, everyone paired off with their rides for the hour drive to the community of West Point.

The home was beautiful and the owner, Ms. Anastasiou, was very gracious. She introduced herself as a second generation American, coming from Richmond. I was so excited to finally be here. We had to all park on the gravel as there had been a lot of rain. She mowed the day before and cautioned us to watch for snakes. (Oh boy!) Since her mother lives with her and is in fragile health, we did not tour the inside of the home.

She talked about the work she had already done to restore original plaster that the former owner attempted to repair incorrectly, in addition to her goal to get all four fireplaces working. When viewing the main gravesites, she said she had cleaned up the vegetation and planned to place a dedication plaque. When I mentioned that the Society would be happy to contribute to such an endeavor, she said it would be her gift. She told us she considers herself a steward of the home, and I told her that we certainly appreciated the care she showed the home and property. We thanked her for her hospitality.

The Claiborne business meeting and banquet took place that afternoon and evening in the Magnolia Room. For details of the business meeting, see the minutes of the meeting which follow.

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That evening, we gathered for the highlight of the reunion, our banquet. We gathered in the lobby outside the banquet room on the hotel stairs for a group photograph of Claiborne attendees. Cocktails were available for purchase in an adjoining room. The banquet started with prayer and announcements. Linda King took a few minutes to share her story of her discovery of her father's Clayborn identity. Our speaker was Dr. Julia King, Professor of Anthropology, St. Mary's College of Maryland. She gave a very interesting presentation on her grant and study of the time of Bacon's Rebellion, and how the lives of the indigenous people were affected. The area she was studying was Dragon Swamp, which also included land owned by William Claiborne Sr. called Bestland. Her theory is that William Sr. allowed the head of the Indigenous tribes to hide from Nathaniel Bacon to avoid capture in his land. Also, early 20th century accounts of the tribes' activities during this time, place the Natives at Bestland.

Sunday, September 29th

Sunday morning marked the end of another reunion, and goodbye until the next reunion. Many thanks are due to speaker Dr. Julia King, Ms. A. H. Anastasiou, and to Nicholas Cline for setting up our visit to Sweet Hall, Jennene Norman-Vacha for her production of our name tags, reunion materials and registration assistance, and Claiborne members Frank and Susan Rura, and Patricia Clayborn.

Linda M. King
Reunion Chair, Claiborne Society



Dinner with Cousins at Tobacco Company Restaurant
L to R: Frank Rura, Mark Cleborne, Keith Cleborne,
Doug Edgmon, Edwin Allen Tuck, Nora Tuck,
David Keith Cliborne, Susan Rura,
Linda King, Deb Lugone



L to R: Linda King, Doug Edgmon and Frank Rura.
Linda and Doug share a common 3rd Great Grandfather,
George Clayborn, of Newton County, Arkansas (1812-1898)

Thursday, September 26th Arrival and Welcome



**Jennene Norman-Vacha and
Linda King with gift bags
welcoming Charles Claiborne**



**Arrival of Keith Cleborne, Deb Lugone,
David Keith Cliborne, Mark Cleborne,
Charles Claiborne**



**Edwin Allen Tuck, David Keith Cliborne, Susan Rura
examining Claiborne genealogy**



**Mark Cleborne, Nora Tuck, David Keith Cliborne,
Susan Rura and Linda King at the
Tobacco Company Restaurant**

Friday, September 27th St. John's Church



St. John's Church, Richmond, Virginia, long view



**Claibornes arriving at St. John's Church:
In front: Deborah Lugone, Karen Jacobs**



**At the doorway to St. John's Church:
Mark Cleborne and Doug Edgmon**



Claibornes gathered in front of St. John's Church, L to R: Richard Rose, Charles Claiborne, Keith Cleborne, Thomas Jacobs, Doug Edgmon, Mark Cleborne, Mary Ann Gillman, Nora Tuck, Linda King



**Claibornes seated to hear the Patrick Henry "Liberty or Death" speech:
Seated L to R: Thomas Jacobs, Keith Cleborne, Charles Claiborne, Richard Rose,
Linda King, Mary Ann Gillman, Nancy Cary Schwartz**



**The William Claiborne (1748-1809) grave marker,
with Mark Cleborne**



**On the sidewalk leaving St. John's Church:
Logan Weddle, Julie Claiborne Hare,
Sandi Claiborne Harrison**

Friday, September 27th Virginia Museum of History & Culture, Richmond



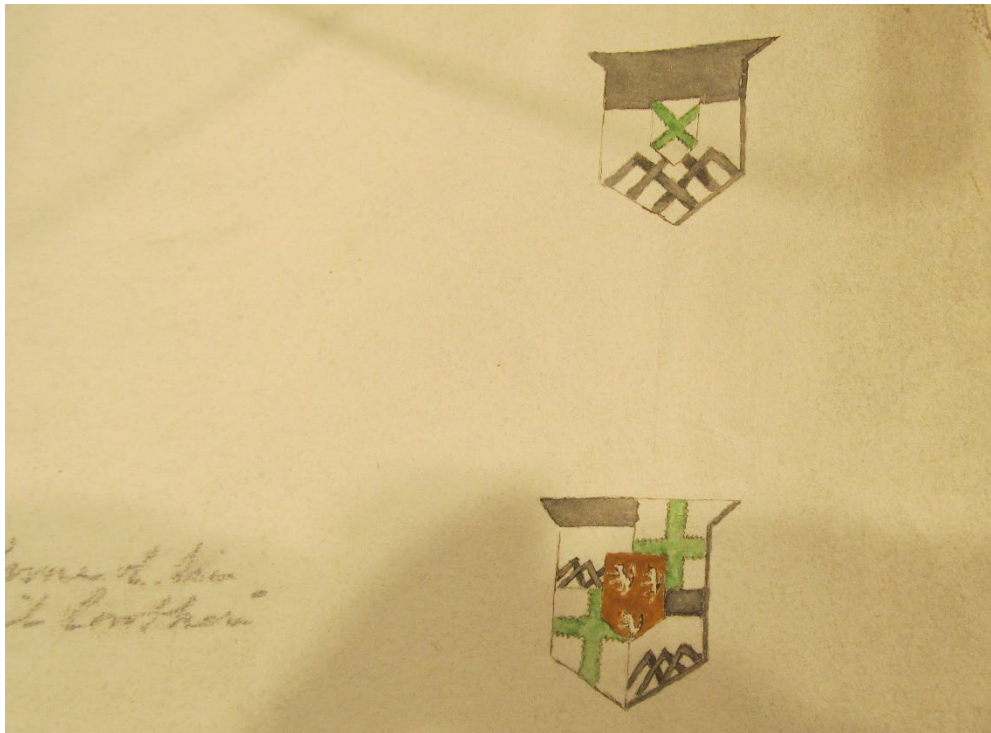
Karen and Dr. Thomas Jacobs look at an old carriage



A painting of Pocahontas



Manuscript Room, sealed and locked; Seated: Cary Miller Schwartz and Edwin Allen Tuck waiting to enter



Heraldic emblems, attributed to Clebornes



Earliest map made of Virginia and the Chesapeake Bay

Virginia. Discovered and Described by Captayn John Smith, 1625

John Smith, William Hole

London, 1625

Vault Map F221 1625:1

The first detailed map of the Chesapeake Bay. Smith labels the locations of dozens of Indigenous settlements. Europeans in the region used this map for seven decades.

Map identification

Saturday, September 28th Visit to Sweet Hall



Sweet Hall early grave site: Examined by Sandi Claiborne Harrison, Linda King, Logan Weddle, Julie Claiborne Hare, and Berkeley Claiborne



Sweet Hall rear view: a house with many chimneys



Sweet Hall: Claibornes stand at the old grave site



View of the Pamunkey River



Front view of Sweet Hall which faces the water



Side view of Sweet Hall



The Claiborne Society stands in front of Sweet Hall

L to R: Keith Cleborne, Frank Rura, Susan Rura, David Keith Cliborne, Deb Lugone, Karen Jacobs, Dr. Thomas Jacobs, Evelyn Clyburne, Tom Gregory, Berkeley Claiborne, Nancy Cary Schwartz, Doug Edgmon, Cary Miller Schwartz, Charles E. Claiborne, Linda King, Mark Cleborne, Julie Claiborne Hare, Logan Weddle, Amy Claiborne Wisehart, Sandi Claiborne Harrison

Saturday, September 28th Reunion Banquet



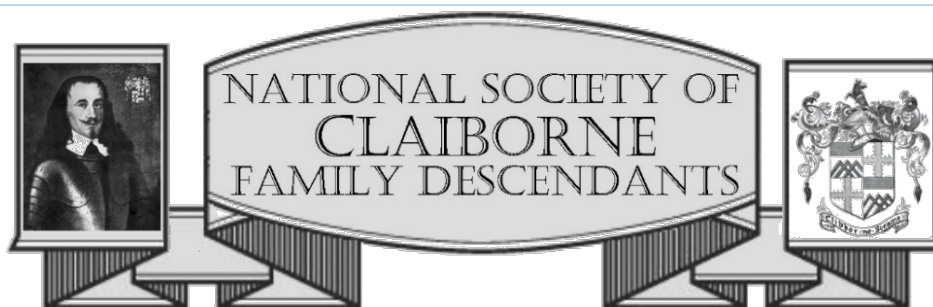
At the banquet: Tom Gregory and Evelyn Clyburne Gregory



At the banquet: Edwin Allen and Nora Tuck, speaker Dr. Julia A. King



At the banquet: Frank Rura, Jennene Norman-Vacha and Linda King



**19TH Reunion Banquet
Saturday, September 28, 2024**



The Claiborne Society dressed for the banquet: L to R, up & down: Cary Miller Schwartz, Mary Ann Gillman, Linda M. King, Jane Boylin, David Keith Cliborne, Charles E. Claiborne, Frank Rura, Keith Cleborne, Nancy Cary Schwartz, Susan Rura, Logan Weddle, Tom Gregory, Doug Edgmon, Mark D. Cleborne, Sandi Claiborne Harrison, Julie Claiborne Hare, Nora Tuck, Dr. Thomas Jacobs, Berkeley Claiborne, Edwin Allen Tuck, Deb R. Lugone, Amy Claiborne Wisheart, Karen Jacobs, Evelyn Clyburne Gregory

Reunion Program:

Keynote Speaker

Julia King



Julia A. King, PhD, has 30 years' experience studying, writing, and teaching about historical archaeology and Chesapeake history and culture. She has held fellowships with Harvard University's Dumbarton Oaks, the Virginia Historical Society, and Winterthur Museum and has received six major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities. From 2003 until 2011, King served as an Expert Member on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, a federal agency that advises the president and Congress on matters of national historic preservation policy. Her book, *Archaeology, Narrative, and the Politics of the Past: The View from Southern Maryland*, received a Book Award from the American Association of State and Local History in 2013. In 2018, the Society for Historical Archaeology presented King with the J.C. Harrington Award in recognition of her scholarly contributions to the discipline. King is one of the youngest members to have received the Harrington. She has also received awards from the Register for Professional Archaeologists and the Archaeological Society of Virginia. Her current research focus includes Indigenous history and colonialism in the Chesapeake region.

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Claiborne Connections

September 26 –
September 29, 2024
Omni Richmond Hotel
Richmond, Virginia

Claiborne Connections

Thursday, September 26th

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Check-in and registration

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm: Reception and cash bar on the Westham Porch of the Omni Richmond Hotel

Thursday evening: Dinner and evening on your own or Cousins may group together for dinner

Friday, September 27th

8:00 am: Breakfast buffet in the Shenandoah Room of the Omni Richmond Hotel

9:15 am: Charter Bus provided by Academy Transportation departs outside hotel lobby

9:30 am: Charter Bus arrival at St. John's Church, burial place of William Claiborne (1748-1809). "Liberty or Death Tour" and then on to Hollywood Cemetery

Noon: Museum of Virginia History and Culture Richmond. Box lunch and presentation on Virginia History, as well as information on items in the collection related to the Claiborne Family. Charter Bus returns to the hotel lobby.

Friday late afternoon and evening: Dinner and evening on your own

Saturday, September 28th

9:00 am: Breakfast buffet in the Shenandoah Room of the Omni Richmond Hotel

10:00 am to Noon: Morning on your own or optional trip to Sweet Hall Plantation and Cemetery

Noon to 3:00 pm: Lunch on your own and free afternoon. Optional areas to visit on your own:
• Berkley Plantation – Site of the First Thanksgiving (804) 829 6018 www.berkleyplantation.com
• Appomattox Plantation – General Grant's HQ at City Point
• Bermuda Hundred

3:00 to 5:00 pm: Claiborne Society Business Meeting, Magnolia Room of the Omni Richmond Hotel:

Call To Order
Invocation: 1907 Claiborne Society
Prayer
Welcome
Minutes of the last Reunion
Treasurer's Report
Registrar's Report
Nominating Committee
Recommendations
Election
New Business
Discussion of Location for Next Reunion
Presentation: Claiborne/Clyburn DNA Research (presentation by Johnathan Clayborn)
Surname Project Administrator
Benediction
Adjournment

Saturday evening:

5:30 pm: Group photograph (stairs near Magnolia Room of the Omni Richmond Hotel)

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Banquet in the Magnolia Room of the of the Omni Richmond Hotel

Invocation: 1907 Claiborne Society prayer,
Installation of New Officers,
Remarks by new President

7:00 pm: Keynote Speaker: Julia A. King, PhD

Dr. King will talk about her current research on indigenous history and colonialism in the Chesapeake region.

Closing Remarks

Sunday, September 29th

Morning: Departure: Hotel check out

Possible Board Meeting with New Officers

Minutes of the Business Meeting
National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants
Saturday, September 28, 2024
Richmond, Virginia
Respectfully Submitted: Linda M. King, Vice President

Officers Present – Linda M. King, Vice President, Frank Rura, Registrar, Charles Claiborne, Treasurer

Invocation & Opening Remarks:

Linda King welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Linda was pleased to see so many new faces, and new members and of course, to welcome those cousins returning for another reunion. President Deborah Peabody was unable to make it, and Secretary Nicholas Cline was also unable to attend, so Linda would be chairing the meeting and asking for volunteers to assist.

Charles Claiborne recognized Linda for her hard work on putting together an excellent reunion.

Linda asked for a volunteer to read the invocation: Berkeley Claiborne read the 1907 Claiborne Society Prayer.

Minutes from 2022 Reunion:

Linda asked for a volunteer to read the minutes of the 2022 reunion from Annapolis, Maryland. Deborah Lugone volunteered. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Julie Claiborne Hare and seconded by David Keith Cliborne. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Charles Claiborne shared the treasurer's financial report with those in attendance. Charles mentioned that the Society's 401c3 filing was prepared and sent to the IRS. David made a motion to accept the report and Keith Cleborne seconded the motion. The report was unanimously accepted. Charles did state he would serve one more year as Treasurer and would then like someone else to take on the role.

Registrar's Report:

Frank Rura gave the registrar's report. The membership remains healthy. We have three (3) new members for a total of 299 active members, 110 past members and forty deceased members. Members are present in thirty-four states. Frank stated that this was his final year as registrar, and it has been an honor to serve the society as registrar for 10 years. Linda thanked him for his service to Society and for his work. Everyone joined in a round of applause to recognize Frank.

Nominating Committee Recommendations:

Doug Edgmon was nominated by Charles Claiborne for Registrar and Frank Rura seconded the nomination. No further nominations were made. Doug accepted the nomination and the membership unanimously accepted Doug Edgmon as Registrar. No other members were nominated for Vice President. Linda King volunteered to serve in her current role, as well as President, seeking assistance from other members to coordinate the next reunion,

Election of New Officers:

The following slate of officers were voted on and accepted unanimously by the present membership: President: Linda King, Secretary: Nicholas J. Cline, Treasurer: Charles Claiborne, Registrar: Doug Edgmon.

As no one else volunteered for office, the role of Vice President will remain open. Linda will seek volunteers to assist with the next reunion, and she will lead the planning.

Discussion of Location for Next Reunion:

Several locations were discussed for the next reunion. Susan Rura mentioned that Julie Claiborne Hare had just visited Hampton Roads, Virginia, recently. Julie added that she was able to see all of the items at the Historical Society that were found based on an excavation of the original area where William Claiborne's trading post existed, and she enjoyed her visit. She did say the historical marker was missing. Other areas mentioned were Clarksville, Virginia, Chattanooga, TN, Nashville, TN, and New Orleans, LA.

It is likely that a survey will be sent out to solicit input from the membership.

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Minutes of the Business Meeting (Continued)

DNA Project (Jonathan Clayborn):

Linda shared that Johanthan Clayborn had a family emergency that prevented him from attending the reunion in person, so he sent his regrets. He did prepare an update for the reunion and asked that I share it with the group.

A YouTube Video was played for the group and is an available publication for those interested in the Surname project. For others that could not attend, the YouTube video may be found at:

https://youtu.be/WKK_Sv4Ft5A

Linda encouraged everyone to reach out to Jonathan with questions about the project, or about DNA testing in general. She also encouraged those who are in William's direct line to inquire about upgrading their test subject's sample to the Big-Y. Upgrading the test allows more information to be available than was available back when the project first began over a decade ago.

Other Committees: Archives Committee (Susan W.H. Rura):

Susan said she had ten copies of the Claiborne of Virginia book (\$30 each), the Newsletter compendium that has some of the information on the early reunions (clippings issues), and The Claiborne Family Journal compiled by Dr. Christopher J. Cleborne, Rear Admiral, USN. She also encouraged everyone to see David Cliborne as he brought copies of his book on Archibald Clybourn, Chicago Pioneer 1823-1872.

Benediction: A benediction was read by Deborah Lugone, and the meeting was Adjourned, with a reminder that the Group Photograph would be at 6:30 and Banquet at 7:00 p.m.

DNA STUDY REPORT

Please view the Reunion DNA Study Report from Johnathan Clayborn, MS, at the following site:

https://youtu.be/WKK_Sv4Ft5A

Sample slides from the presentation:



“CLAIBORNE CONNECTIONS HOW WE ARE RELATED”

Susan W.H. Rura
November 4, 2024

Arrival. The Claiborne Society met for its biennial meeting, September 26-29, 2024 at the OMNI Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. As we arrived Thursday afternoon, the feeling was friendly, exciting, and then, was downright thrilling. There were new faces as well as familiar ones. But here were the Claibornes, the Cliborns, and even the Cleburnes, gathered together to help unravel their family history, many not knowing how they fit into the family puzzle.

The Family Groups. Who are we? The Claibornes' ancestry derives from Norfolk, England, from King's Lynn, on the East coast. The Cliborns claim old Henrico County, the county that surrounds Richmond, Virginia as their home place. The Cleburnes ancestry hearkens to an ancestral home in Cliburn, England, in the shire of Cumbria.

Recent History. Are we related? The recent history begins in 1988 when an invitation was issued to the Claibornes and relations to meet for a Reunion in Williamsburg. Each of us had been to England to either King's Lynn or to St. Cuthbert's Church in Cliburn and stated that we were related to William Claiborne, the surveyor of Jamestown. We all knew some of the story and part of the history of our family, so were conversant as we searched our family genealogy.

We had learned the history from two sources: the John Herbert Claiborne book, published 1917, and two Genealogy articles in the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, printed July 1948 and October 1948. The John Herbert Claiborne book was titled WILLIAM CLAIBORNE OF VIRGINIA, with some account of his pedigree. The magazine articles by Clayton Torrence were "The English Ancestry of William Claiborne of Virginia", Part I (pp. 328--343) and Part II (pp. 431--460).

This bundle of information spurred our joint interest in genealogy, another reunion, and finding the connection of our family groups. This had been hypothesized for decades, the definitive clue that connects William Claiborne to the ancient family in Westmorland [now Cumbria shire] whose genealogy was collected during Heraldic Visitations under Henry VIII. Each speculation was always met with "will need proof" or a same-named person "was most probably" the connecting link.

New books. The Claiborne Society continued with 2 year reunions, searches, and discovered new books and documents. The book Cliborn--Claiborne RECORDS (1986, Nashville) was written by Lolita Bissell as she researched the Claiborne facts and sketched a Cliborn family tree from the early Colonial records of Henrico County, Virginia and also delineated numerous East Tennessee relations. Additionally an unexpected discovery was an old thick handwritten Journal found in a discarded piece of furniture, a secretary, in Georgia. This Journal was filled with numerous drawings, notations, prose paragraphs of many early Claiborne individuals. The transcription of its contents into a readable indexed book about Claibornes became a project of the Claiborne Society. [The Claiborne Family Journal, S. Forbes, E. Diamond, 2003]

What we learned from Bissell's book was the likelihood that we were unrelated family lines. And then, during the process of transcribing the Journal, we deduced who the author was. It was Dr. Christopher J. Cleborne, Rear Admiral USN, who lived 1838 to 1909, the earliest researcher of the Claiborne family history and tree.

DNA testing. We had accumulated extensive information about our families but still could not prove a connection. At the October business meeting of the 2001 Richmond Reunion, Dr. Alex A. Waldrop, III proposed we pursue DNA testing. He selected "FamilyTreeDNA" (Texas) because they use more markers, offer secure storage, and are genealogy specialists [Claiborne Clippings, Jan 2002].

We had traced significant genealogy for 3 surname family groups, the Claibornes, Cliborns, and Cleburnes, and another group, Clibborn, that came through Ireland. FamilyTreeDNA offered the Y-chromosome test which follows the heredity male line. We wanted 2 donors for each of the 4 family groups. Candidates were accepted and tested. And in time the surprising results were revealed.

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DNA Results for Family Groups of the Claiborne Society As Published in March 2003 Newsletter Vol 4 Issue 1

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DNA Study Report.....continued

Table of Results for 12-Marker Test

A table (design courtesy of John and Sue Forbes) of the 12-marker results so far is given below. To protect the privacy of the donors the actual numbers have been converted to letters. Sites where there is a match with family 2 (Cliburn Hall) have been put in **bold** and sites with a match to family 1 (William Claiborne) have been *italicized* except for site 6, which matches family 2. Where there is a close match with one of the other families, the site of a mismatch has been underlined.

Site number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Initial Families:												
1. Claiborne of Norfolk, Eng.	<i>D</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>
2. Cleborne of Cliburn, Westmorland	A	B	A	C	D	E	A	D	D	A	B	A
3. Cliborn of Old Henrico Co., Virginia	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>
4. Clibborn of Durham, Eng. and Moate Ire.	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>
Other donors/families:												
5. Clayburn of Yorkshire, Eng.	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>
6. Control	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>
7. Richard Claiborne descendant	<i>D</i>	<i>C</i>	<u><i>C</i></u>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>
8. Cliburn of Sussex, Eng.	<i>A</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>
9. Clyburn of South Carolina	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>
10. Claborn of Alabama	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>
11. Clayburn of Manchester, Eng.	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>	<u><i>C</i></u>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>

Families 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 11 are close to the Atlantic Modal Haplotype. To determine if the 12-marker match between families 2 and 3 was indicative of relatedness or was a chance match, permission from two donors in family 3, from the family 2 donor and from one donor in family 4 was obtained and their tests were expanded to 25 markers. All 3 of these donors in families 2 and 3 matched at all 25 markers. As shown in the table, the family 4 donors differ from the family 2 motif at 4 sites in the 12-marker test; for the donor with the expanded test six additional mismatches were found for a total of 10 mismatches out of the 25 markers included in the tests.

1. and 7. William Claiborne Descendants

We currently have 3 donors participating in the study with a well-documented genealogy to William Claiborne who immigrated to Virginia in 1621. All three of these donors are descendants of Thomas Claiborne (1681-1732) of Sweet Hall, (grandson of William) and his wife Ann(e) Fox. The first two donors are descendants of his son, Augustine (1721-1787). The third donor is a descendant of his son, Nathaniel (c.1716-1756). All three of these donors match at all 12 markers. The donor listed as being in family 7 in the table is a known descendant of Richard Claiborne (1755-1819) and his first wife, Ann Cole. Before this study Richard was thought to be a descendant of William Claiborne, but his ancestry has not yet been established by regular genealogy because of the loss of records in many Virginia counties. This donor matches the 3 proved descendants of William at 11 of 12 markers. The William Claiborne motif is a very rare motif. Therefore it is not likely that this close match is a coincidence. In other words, there is now strong evidence that Richard Claiborne and his descendants are descendants of William Claiborne.

2. Cliburn Hall Descendants

We have one donor with a proved genealogy connecting to the manor at Cliburn Hall near Penrith in Cumbria, England. He is a descendant of Dr. Christopher James Cleborne, Rear Admiral, USN (1838-1909). Dr. Cleborne's ggggggrandfather was Thomas Cleborne (1580-1640) of Cliburn Hall. Thomas' s wife was Frances Lowther. The DNA results show that Family 3 is related to this family by direct male descent.

3. John Cliborn/Clyborn Descendants

We have four donors with a proved genealogy to John Cliborn (c. 1712-1766) whose wife was Jane/Jean (not Robertson); this John Cliborn is often referred to as John of Dale Parish or John of Old Henrico. One donor is a descendant of John's elder son, Jonas (c. 1733- c. 1795) whose wife was Edith Folkes. Three of the donors are descendants of this John's son John (1735-1782) who married Elizabeth Robertson.



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