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GROVES OF GREAT MULBERRYS
AND THE FAILURE OF SERICULTURE
IN THE JAMESTOWN COLONY

What Happened to the First British-America Settlement?

Series of ‘Roanoke Voyages’
Play a Role in Lost Colony Destiny
By Merry A. Outlaw, Senior Curator  
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Although not exclusively a human practice—think pack rats and bowerbirds—collecting has been part of the human experience since time immemorial. As new worlds began to be discovered in the Age of Exploration in the late 15th century, so did the formal assembly of Wunderkammer, or Chambers of Wonders. More commonly known as Cabinets of Curiosity, they were assembled by wealthy men, and a few women, from the highest ranks of society. Royalty, aristocracy, and wealthy intellectuals and merchants assembled collections that included exotic, unique, or rare geological or natural specimens, antiquities, relics, and works of art from the world over. Meant to display the collector’s knowledge, travels, and wealth, assemblages were showcased privately or publicly in a variety of ways, from a wooden cabinet for a small grouping, to a room or rooms that were especially built for large collections. Some have argued that Cabinets of Curiosity were the precursors of modern museums.

Known as the Vault, the collections storage room of the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation is a virtual “Cabinet of Curiosity” with items that represent the early 17th century British-American experience. The three million artifacts recovered over the past 25 years give us a glimpse of life at Jamestown from 1607 until 1624. Because every artifact tells a story, material culture curators closely examine all recovered objects to ascertain their material and form; where and how they were made; how they were used; and the habits of those who used, lost, or discarded them. Zooarchaeologists and archaeobotanists analyze faunal and plant remains to identify food sources and changes through time in diet, horticultural, agricultural, and animal husbandry practices. Systematically stored in archival materials and kept in perpetuity, this enormous assemblage will be studied for decades to come.

Although no written records document the physical presence of Cabinets of Curiosity at James Fort, many objects found during excavations are the sorts of things collected for them. In fact, a Roman oil lamp excavated at Jamestown is exactly the type of object that was collected as 17th-century Dutch and Flemish paintings of Cabinets of Curiosity illustrate. For example, in the 1636 painting Chamber of Art and Curiosities by Frans Francken the Younger, two oil lamps are portrayed; one of them looks remarkably like the Jamestown example! Made in Gaul in the 1st century A.D., the James Fort oil lamp was never used to burn oil. Its diminutive size and unused condition suggest that it was manufactured as an apotropaic object, and perhaps was placed in the grave of a Roman soldier. Whether it was excavated and purchased centuries later by a collector who came to Jamestown may never be determined. However, its possession unquestionably set its owner apart from most people who resided within the palisaded frontier fort.

A natural item that also frequently appears in 17th century Dutch and Flemish still life paintings is the West Indian Topshell, a large marine snail with a striking black and white shell. Along with many other types of exotic shells, they were collected in the West Indies by European explorers during their voyages to the Americas and sold in markets that catered to European collectors. Three Topshells have been recovered from 1610 contexts at Jamestown. Because they were found with artifacts brought by the Sea Venture shipwreck survivors from Bermuda to Virginia in May, 1610, it is conceivable that they were collected in Bermuda.

Porcelain objects from China also often appear in Dutch and Flemish still life paintings. Because of its rarity and expense, Chinese porcelain was available to only the upper echelons of English society in the late 16th and early 17th centuries. And yet, numerous Chinese porcelain vessels, ranging in size and form from large dishes to tiny, eggshell-thin wine cups, have been recovered during James Fort excavations. Chinese porcelain was in use at Jamestown as early as 1610 when some objects broke and were discarded. Whether or not they were intended only for display or were actually used for food and drink consumption, their presence undoubtedly distinguished their owners as extremely high status. Could they have belonged to your ancestor? More artifacts from Jamestown Rediscovery’s Cabinet of Curiosity, the Vault, will be revealed in the next Jamestowne Society Magazine issue.

Questions about this artifact or others in the collection at the Archaearium?
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Please note that in the “Secrets from the Vault” that appeared in the Jamestowne Society Magazine, Vol 43 No 2 Fall 2019, over ten-thousand—not ten-thousand—brown saltglazed stoneware vessels entered England between 1600 and 1640!
About the cover:
A Weroans or Chieftan of Virginia, a black and white line engraving (1590) by Theodore De Bry was based on a water color by John White (c 1585) Indian in Body Paint. De Bry’s work included the front and rear view of his perception of the Virginia Indian; this cover showcases, in detail, the frontal view of the subject.

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In the Atlas, as was his wont, John Ferrar underlined the text, sketched and wrote brief comments in the margins. There he also made comparisons of Virginian to European silkworms, pointing out differences.

This view of a Secotan Indian Village is extracted in detail from a 1585 watercolor by John White during his brief stay in the Roanoke Colony c 1585. In it is a first-hand account of the manner of mode of housing of the natives.

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Dear Jamestowners –

I want to thank you for entrusting the important Office of Lieutenant Governor to me. As your Lieutenant Governor, I will do all in my power to uphold our proud traditions, protect our legacies, and enhance our membership experiences.

I have the privilege of reporting to an enlightened and enthusiastic cohort, namely, Governor Tom Leitch, the Council, and you, the members. Please let any of the officers know what they can do to help you realize your expectations as a member of one of the nation’s preeminent lineage societies.

The Jamestowne Society is a going concern. Like any business, there are many things to do. Consequently, volunteers are needed. If you have any extra time, please let me know.

The Society is a source of enjoyment. If you are not fully engaged, give some thought to joining a Jamestowne company in your area. If there is no nearby company, try to attend at least one of the two national meetings every year or every other year. Those meetings have something for everybody. They are memorable.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. If you see me, please stop and say hello. I will do the same.

Best wishes,

- Richard Holmes Knight, Jr., Lieutenant Governor
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I am really partial to the past. Don’t get me wrong, I enjoy experiencing all that life offers each day; however, to retreat to the past whether it be visiting a historic house, turning the pages of a fragile old document to uncover ‘ties that bind’ or just wandering the countryside in search of a final resting spot and hoping for a stone, my very being becomes involved with great passion for what has been.

Addicted to the past, I want more and look for it too so you may not be surprised to discover that I have already enjoyed a few AHA! moments during the production of this magazine issue thanks to some really thought provoking articles that caused me to “inquire” further.

I was introduced to members of the First Families of Surry through the writings of fellow Jamestowne Society member Gary Williams as he discussed some of the marriage bonds conserved by the Wingo Funds through your generous support. You might be surprised to learn that the oldest legible tombstone in Virginia, dated 1650, belongs to the wife of Colonel George Jordan, Alyce Myles, daughter of John Myles of Branton. That stone is at “Four Mile Tree.” Colonel George Jordan made his will in 1678 and in 1682, when he died, the most extensive estate recorded in Surry County appeared with more than 100 persons involved in its settlement and will probate. Check that out and while you are at it I invite you to learn a little more about George Jordan for his story is better than any reality television show now airing. Oh, did I mention he had a nephew named River Jordan?

I hope that you enjoy this issue of the Jamestowne Society magazine and will take an active role in discovering and honoring your rich heritage whether it be through financial contributions that support the archaeological investigation of Historic Jamestown, preservation of period documents and historic sites or the sharing of information to educate and showcase the multi-cultural historical narrative of the foundations of modern American society where your ancestor had a supporting role in a cast of many.

- Susan Evans McCrobie, Magazine Editor
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John Frederick Dorman Lyndon Hobbs Hart, III
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Surry Marriage Bonds Recall Early Leading Virginia Families

By Gary Murdock Williams, Jamestowne Society Restoration of Records Committee Chairman

After restoring numerous early colonial deed books, will books and order books surviving in the Old Dominion since its initial venture in 1979, the Jamestowne Society has in more recent years turned its attention to those loose, fragile and unquestionable crucial documents known as marriage bonds. Not quite as early as most of those 17th and 18th volumes, marriage bonds nevertheless provide the crucial links in the chain to prove descent from a Jamestown ancestor.

Those surviving in Surry County from 1768 through 1797 were restored in 2019, our 40th year of sponsoring the preservation of archival records, the bedrock of the Society’s existence. It would be hard to find records more relevant and worthy of our financial support than early marriage records. Indeed, dozens of these Surry marriages are cited in Frederick Dorman’s fourth edition of Adventures of Purse and Person Virginia 1607-1624/5.

Surry County was cut off from James City County in 1653. It is not surprising that these bonds, entered into by the groom, with a friend or relative as his surety to insure there be no lawful obstruction to the marriage, include individuals who left their mark in history. However, from colonial times up to 1977 in Virginia, the law directed that the bond (or the license after 1850) be executed in the county of the bride’s residence. The names which appear on these bonds appear also in other contexts, weaving the story of a vanished society, providing some insight into the lives of those who came before us, and reminding us of their contributions in the building of our country.

It will be remembered that Surry County was the original seat of the Harrison family in America. Their antecedents trace back to a place called “Wakefield” at Sunken Meadow on the James River. This was the home of Benjamin Harrison I (d. ca. 1648), who acquired a nucleus of 600 acres there in 1635, represented Surry in the House of Burgesses in 1642 and served as Clerk of the General Court at Jamestown. “Wakefield” was also the home of his son, Benjamin Harrison II (1645-1713), who also represented Surry in the House of Burgesses (as did his two sons and a grandson), and on the Governor’s Council, 1698-1713, was actively involved in the establishment of the College of William and Mary in 1693, and whose daughter, Sarah (1670-1713) was the wife of the college’s first president, the Reverend James Blair. Several of the recently restored bonds relate to this first family of Surry.

It was Benjamin Harrison III (ca. 1673-1710) who established his branch of the family at “Berkeley” in Charles City County in 1726. Benjamin Harrison V (1726-1791), the grandson, was, like his forebears, also a member of the House of Burgesses, but he was also a signer of the Declaration of Independence, member of the Continental Congress, member of the Virginia House of Delegates, serving as speaker, and as governor of Virginia. Among his children were William Henry Harrison (1773-1841), the president, and Carter Bassett Harrison (ca. 1766-1808.) Carter Bassett Harrison’s 1787 bond to marry Mary Howell Allen, daughter of William Allen of “Claremont” in Surry is one of over one thousand bonds included and restored in this project. Carter Bassett Harrison, though born at “Berkeley,” had settled in Surry, representing the county in the Virginia House of Delegates, 1784-86. He remained in Surry for several years after his marriage, living there when he was elected to the United States Congress in 1793, and serving until 1799. After 1800 he removed to “Maycox” in the James River in Prince George County. He represented Prince George in the House of Delegates, serving from 1805 until his death. After the death of his wife Mary he married Jane Byrd, daughter of Colonel William Byrd of “Westover.” They had no children, but he left two sons by the first marriage, William Allen Harrison and Benjamin Carter Harrison.

Captain Henry Harrison (1734-1772) of “Hunting Quarter,” which fell into that part of Surry which became Sussex County in 1754, and a brother of Benjamin Harrison V, the Signer, had three children whose marriages appear among the Surry Bonds. His son, Henry (1762-1798), married Mary (“Polly”) Starke Cocke (1760-1807), daughter of Colonel John Cocke and Rebecca Starke. Harrison III married Elizabeth Burwell (ca. 1677-1734), daughter of her grandmother, wife of Benjamin Harrison IV, married Walter Cocke, son of the said Colonel John and Rebecca Cocke of “Montpelier,” in Surry in 1785. (“Montpelier” has earlier been in the possession of Benjamin Harrison II.) Captain Harrison’s daughter, Ann Carter Harrison (ca. 1764-1805), named for her grandmother, wife of Benjamin Harrison IV, married Walter Cocke, son of the said Colonel John and Rebecca Cocke of “Montpelier,” in 1788. Captain Harrison’s daughter, Elizabeth Harrison (1759-1824), married, as his second wife, Colonel Lewis Burwell (1745-1800) of “Stoneland,” Mecklenburg County, Virginia, in 1789. Colonel Burwell was her distant cousin, as Benjamin Harrison III married Elizabeth Burwell (ca. 1677-1734), daughter of Lewis Burwell of “Fairfield” in Gloucester County. When “Stoneland” burned on New Year’s Eve in 1815, Elizabeth Harrison Burwell was away, but she lost a son Henry, named for her father.
Henry’s wife and two grandchildren in the tragedy. The mother of Henry Harrison’s three children, Elizabeth Avery Harrison, married their father in 1758. After her death, their father subsequently married Mary Minge of Charles City County late in life. When Captain Harrison died in 1772, the following year his widow married Captain Michael Wall of Brunswick County. These orphaned stepchildren then went to live with their Harrison relatives in Surry, which explains why the marriage bonds for the two daughters were executed there by their grooms.

It was Nathaniel Harrison I (1677-1727), brother of Benjamin Harrison III, who established a branch of the family at “Brandon” in Prince George County, but he returned to “Wakefield” in his later years and his will was probated in Surry. Among his children were two sons, Nathaniel Harrison II (ca. 1713-1791) of “Brandon,” and Major Benjamin Harrison (?-1759) of “Wakefield,” both of whom married daughters of Cole Diggs (d. 1744) of Warwick County on the same day: 23 August 1739. Among Major Benjamin Harrison’s children was a son, Nathaniel Harrison III (b. 1744), of “Wakefield” and a daughter, Susanna Harrison (b. 1745), who married Robert Walker (d. 1780) of Charles City County in 1774. Walker’s marriage bond is among those recently conserved. In his will he named both Benjamin Harrisons of “Berkeley” (V and VI), as well as one of the Nathaniel Harrisons of “Wakefield” as his executors. There were four children from this union: Sarah, Robert, Benjamin and Thomas Walker, The widow, Susanna Harrison Walker, married Hugh Lyle of Charles City County in December 1785.

The 1772 marriage of two orphaned minors, William Randolph, son of Henry and Tabitha Poythress Randolph of “Timsberry” in Chesterfield County, to Mary Kennon, daughter of Richard and Ann Hunt Kennon of Charles City County, required that the bond be executed in Surry County, where the bride was the ward of William Ruffin of “Richneck.” When William Randolph chose John Ruffin to be his guardian in November 1771 at the Chesterfield County Court, he was undoubtedly the same John Ruffin of “Richneck,” William Ruffin’s father, who was still the head of the household until his death in 1774. The surety on the bond was Allen Cocks (d. 1802) of “Bacon’s Castle,” who had married Ann Kennon, sister of the bride.

The Browne family of “Four Mile Tree” on the James River in Surry had been established there since 1637, when Captain Henry Browne patented the original 2,230 acres. Browne, who died in 1661, was a member of the Governor’s Council under Sir William Berkeley. The place was passed down to William Browne I (d. 1705) and William Browne II (1671-1747), father and son; William Browne IV (1739-1786) and William Browne V (1759-1799), father and son. The 1792 marriage bond of William Browne V to Elizabeth Ruffin (1771-1799) of “Richneck” is among the recently restored documents.

Young Scottish merchants of the Belsches family, who came to Virginia in the mid-18th century, left a trail, too. In 1773, Samuel Kello of Southampton County, who succeeded his father as the Clerk of the County Court there the same year, entered into a bond to marry Margaret, or Peggy, Belsches, the orphaned daughter of Patrick Belsches. Patrick Belsches had made his home and business in Louisa County, where he died in 1764, and his daughter went to live with her uncle, James Belsches, at “Invermay” near Cabin Point in Surry. James also had a daughter named Margaret, who in 1788 married Hamlin Harris of Surry. Both bonds are among those included in this project. James Belsches was one of the leading merchants in the sale of European goods at his store in Cabin Point from 1748 until his death around 1800. In the 18th century Cabin Point surpassed Norfolk in commercial importance, due to the quantity of tobacco received for export at the Low Point Landing warehouses on Chippokes Creek near Cabin Point. James Belsches and his sons fought with their fellow Americans in the Revolutionary War.

The Honorable Gail Clayton, current Clerk of the Circuit Court of Surry County, has expressed her gratitude to the Jamestowne Society for its sponsorship in the conservation of these records of lasting importance and intends to provide eventually an index of the same. Unlike the early marriage bonds for most Virginia counties, those for Surry were never transported to the archives of the Library of Virginia, which for those counties led to a handwritten index provided by a photostatic copy for the various Clerk’s offices across the state. The Jamestowne Society has also appropriated funds to cover a digital backup of the Surry marriage bonds, 1768-1797.
In May of 1607, the English at Jamestown begun to record what the “new world” had to offer and report back to their King and investors. Captain John Smith included in his notes, “By the dwellings of the savages are some great mulberry trees, and in some parts of the country, they are found growing naturally in pretty groves.” Virginia’s native mulberry, a red mulberry, was excellent news for King James I of England and the Virginia Company Investors. The Stuart King had a strong interest in silk production and had set up silk production at his estates at Westminster, Whitehall and Greenwich, employed gardeners to grow silkworms and built structures to nurture and produce silk.

In letters of 1607/08 written to the nobility, the King called for support of an English silk industry to rival that of the continent and urged the planting of 100,000 mulberry trees in England to feed his silkworms and the growing silk industry. In 1609/10 the English aristocracy began to indulge their King with the plantings. In order to further expand the local sericulture, King James promoted it and his “Groom of Chamber” traveled with silkworms “Wherever” the king went. However, the climate in England was cool and damp, most of the year, and not especially conducive to a productive silk culture. But the new colony of Jamestown offered unlimited potential for the profitable growing of silk in a warmer climate, or at least this was the lure that was used to entice investment in the new colony and the hopes of boosting the economy with production to rival France and Italy. Silkworms were sent over possibly in the first and second re-supply, in the winter of 1614 and several other times in the history of early Jamestown, according to Charles Hatch, the noted Virginia Historian.

The first efforts at silk production in the Virginia Colony would fail due to internal difficulties. Smith wrote, “There was an assay(effort) to make silke, and surely the wormes prospered excellent well, till the master workeman fell sick: during which time, they were eaten by rats.” Although silk production got off to a rocky start at Jamestown, settlers nor the investors were deterred from their efforts to build a silk trade at Jamestown.

Orders and instructions were repeatedly given to the Jamestown settlers during the early history of Jamestown to encourage silk production. Those orders did have a positive impact with the planting of many mulberry trees, including the imported white mulberry, the building of houses to shelter the silkworms and the training of silk workers. In 1620, John Pory wrote to Sir Edwin Sandys that “Silk is a marvelous hopeful commodity in this country.” It was reported that silkworms flourished on the mulberry leaf in Virginia, and it was confidently expected that silk making would become one of the most important industries of the Colony. To further encourage silk production among the Jamestown farmers and ancient planters, there was an instruction given that placed restrictions on the wearing of “excess in clothes’ in Virginia. It was specified that only the council and heads of Hundreds” could wear gold in their clothes or silk “until they made it themselves”. To motivate settlers to make silk, in 1621, Governor Sir Francis Watt required that, “next to corn, plant mulberry trees, and make silk and take care of the frenchmen” (who cultivated the silkworms).

With a view to promoting an interest in silk culture, the Virginia Company was at pains to have the most approved works on the silkworm translated into English and forwarded to the Colony for general distribution. Mr. Bonoel, the superintendent of the Royal Silk Establishment, composed a special treatise at their suggestion, in which he pointed out the proper manner of constructing rooms for silkworms, as well as of planting mulberry trees. The treatise was published, and many copies sent to Virginia, to which a large quantity of silkworms was also dispatched from the royal collection in England. In 1620, a store of silkworms was procured from Italy and Spain, and steps were also taken to obtain a supply from France.

The Company secured an expert who had been an apprentice of one of the men employed in the Royal Silk Establishment, where his master had carefully trained him. The latter was allowed twenty pounds sterling in consideration of the release of this apprentice with a view to his transportation to Virginia, and in further return for so large a sum, the master bound himself to instruct other apprentices in
the art of silk culture in order that the Company might in the future have the benefit of their knowledge. Provision was also made for obtaining a large supply of silkworm seed from St. Valencia, which enjoyed the reputation of producing worms that prospered in other climates besides their own.

The massacre by the Indians had as disastrous an influence upon silk culture as it had upon the other industries of the Colony. The main uprising was in 1622 when the natives killed 347 colonists, but the conflict endured until 1644. So far as can be discovered, the actual production of silk previous to that event had amounted practically to very little, but this might well be due, as was claimed, to the fact that silk culture in Virginia had not yet passed the first stage of development.

After the massacre, George Sandys, the Virginia Colony Treasurer and brother of Sir Edwin Sandys, was required to see to the enforcement of the Company’s instructions as to the staple commodities. He earnestly strove to restore the culture of silk to the footing that it had occupied when it was so suddenly interrupted. He placed the silk-men at Elizabeth City, a place considered safe, and compelled them to confine their attention to silk husbandry. A room for the worms was prepared at Lieutenant Pierce’s, which was considered to be the most suitable for this purpose to be found in the Colony. The period of service for which some of the silk-men were bound expiring, Sandys addressed a letter to Mr. Wrote in England, urging him to obtain from the superintendent of the Royal Silk Establishment two Frenchmen who were trained in the art of silk-making. He offered to pay such experts as annual wages, either twenty marks in coin, or tobacco to the value of twenty pounds sterling, and in addition, furnish all of their meals.

In 1624, the legislature of Virginia required every male resident to plant at least four white mulberry trees to promote the Virginia silk industry. The same General Assembly order also called for the planting of 20 vines for wines in persistent government promotion of industries.

Sandy admitted with evident regret that the planters in Virginia were so much absorbed in erecting houses and planting tobacco, that they showed no interest in silk culture. Tobacco could be used like money in bartering, thus increasing its value and it was more easily produced than silk. It seemed that silk production was also a laborious and tedious process that workers choose to avoid when possible.

Although Stuart monarchs encouraged the production of silk in Virginia, the specialized labor force required, limited diet of the silkworm (the larvae did not relish the native red mulberry trees) and the development of tobacco as a more successful cash crop ensured sericulture’s failure in the colony.

But the dream of money to be made in the silk industry still later enticed investors in other American colonies, such as Georgia and South Carolina. The lessons learned in Virginia were well applied in Georgia and the Salzburgers, an immigrant group from Austria who settled in Georgia, produced 1,250 pounds of raw silk in 1766 that was shipped to England. But the economic situation was altered in 1750 when the prohibition against slavery was abandoned. The availability of cheap labor and abundant land eventually turned farmers to more profitable crops like cotton, tobacco, rice and indigo. This caused the silk industry to fade into Georgia’s history, just as it had in Virginia.

Jamestown was the first English colony to attempt silk culture and Georgia was the last. Today, most silk is produced in China, Japan or Korea, however the demand for silk has been decreased by the advent of synthetic fibers such as nylon, polyester and rayon. But the dream of silk production in Jamestown gave settlers and investors hope for a brighter future and hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things.

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In 1585, Thomas Harriot accompanied an expedition, from Plymouth, England under the command of Sir Richard Grenville, to England’s first colony in America at Roanoke Island. Harriot’s interest was purely scientific and he was commissioned by Grenville’s cousin, Sir Walter Raleigh, to report upon the natural products of the region.

Harriot was impressed with the natural resources of the region in the short time he was at the colony. His findings of the new country was published in London in 1588 under the title A Briefe and True Report of the New Found Land of Virginia. In his treatise, Harriot described the Indians, their customs, the fruits, the roots, the birds, mammals, fishes, and alluded to the trees and shrubs. His views on the future of the commerce and industries of the region were broad and advanced. But of more immediate interest are his remarks upon the silkworm and its culture, which are quoted in full, “Worme Silke: In manie of our iourneyes we found silke wormes fayre and great; as bigge as our ordinary walnuts. Although it hath not beene our happe to have found such plente as elsewhere to be in the countrye we haue heard of; yet seeing that the countrye doth naturally breathe and nourish them, there is no doubt but are be adde in planting of mulberry trees and others fitte for them in commodious places, for their feeding and nourishing; and some of them carefully gathered and husbunded in that sort as by men of skill is knoue to be necessarie; there will rise as great profite in time to the Virginians, as ofeth doth now to the Persians, Turkes, Italians and Spaniards.”

A few years later, Ralphe Hamor, Secretary of the Virginia Colony, in his book A True Discourse of the Present State of Virginia and the success of the affaires there till 18 of June, 1614, told about the successful introduction of mulberry leaves in the neighborhood of his plantation and of the falling off, due thereto, of his production to but 400 pounds of silk eggs. He wrote, “The silke wormes sent theer from England, in seeds the last winter, came foorth many of them the beginning of March, others in Aprill, Maye, and lune, thousands of them grown to great bigness, and a spinning, and the rest well thriuing of their increase, and commodity well knowne to be reaped by them, we haue all most assurance (since sure I am) no Country affordeth more store of Mulberry trees, or a kind with whose leafe they move delight, or thrive better.”

Virginia planters were advised to grow silkworms and in one such letter, dated June 21, 1654, from Edward Diggs of Virginia to his friend John Ferrar of Huntingtonshire, back home in England Diggs speaks of the difficulty of collecting enough mulberry leaves in the neighborhood of his plantation and of the falling off, due thereto, of his production to but 400 pounds of silk “bottomes” which yielded 7 or 8 pounds of silk in a day. Diggs wrote that he approved of Ferrar’s last communication to the colony, advising a trial of the natural silkworm, but he said he could not find any such cocoons. Diggs thought that such culture would not interfere too much with the planters’ “too much beloved Tobacco” and that they could proceed with both.

The hopes of an economic boom for the colony of Virginia based on silk would fade into history as the land was settled and tobacco became king.
The Outer Banks of North Carolina welcomes vacationers every year to its beautiful shores beckoning stories of pirates, natives, and the Lost Colony. It’s long been a favorite destination for my family as we have visited countless times since my teenage years. The area is sprinkled with quaint fishing villages, nautical cottages, and was the location of the First English Settlement in 1587. Twenty years before Jamestown, 118 people landed on Roanoke Island. But what happened to those settlers is one of the most intriguing unanswered mysteries today.

Before I talk about the Lost Colony, we need to know about a series of “Roanoke Voyages”, to borrow a phrase from David Beers Quinn. Each voyage in part would play a role in the destiny of the Roanoke Colony. These first hand accounts detail the voyages, the land, and encounters with the Algonquians, the Native tribes living in this area.
Walter Raleigh convinces Queen Elizabeth I to allow an English settlement in the New World. The Spanish already had established St. Augustine in 1565, and the English needed to secure a port. Raleigh dispatches an exploratory voyage to North America. Philip Amadas and Arthur Barlow discover the Outer Banks and Roanoke Island. They return to London in September with Manteo, the son of the chief of the Croatoans, and Wanchese- a Secotan. These two Native men were the first to visit England and resided there for over a year. The land is named “Virginia” in honor of the Virgin Queen Elizabeth I. Plans for a permanent settlement begin.

Sir Walter Raleigh was needed in England and had to send others in his place to establish a colony. The men Raleigh sent were interested more in privateering and lining their own pockets than Raleigh’s colony.

Sir Richard Grenville departed for Roanoke Island with seven ships and 600 men including John White to establish a settlement. They encountered violent storms and lose one ship. Only the smaller boats are able to enter the sound, a narrow stretch of water, in June. John White, who was a painter, was commissioned to draw the people and landscape of this new world. His drawings were the first glimpse the English had of Virginia and its inhabitants. Grenville scouts out for a more favorable location, leaving Ralph Lane and 100 men to build temporary housing. Grenville sails back to England in July with some of the men agreeing to return in a year with colonists and supplies. It was too late in the year to plant so the settlers relied heavily on the Algonquians to supply food. This created a growing tension between the Natives and the English. Wingina, Chief of the Secoton’s began feuding with the English over the food supply. Wingina was killed by the English ending any possible friendly relationship between the two.

Not wanting to abandon his dream of an English settlement Raleigh agrees to send some families along with men to establish a colony. John White is appointed Governor of Roanoke and departed England in April with 118 men, women, children, including Manteo and Towaye, two natives. They arrived in July where the garrison of settlers had been left a year ago. White found the place deserted with no signs of the men except the bones of one man. The next day the settlers traveled to the north end of the island where Robert Lane had built a temporary fort and found the palisade collapsed but the dwellings intact but uninhabited. The fort was overgrown with melons that deer were feasting on. With no clues as to where the 15 men were, they would shelter here for now. They began repairing the fort and building new cottages.

A few days after their arrival George Howe ventured a few miles from the fort to go crabbing. While he was alone he was killed by a group of Secotan warriors. His body was discovered later that day, unarmed, half clothed, with sixteen arrow wounds. White was gravely concerned that Indians had attacked unprovoked.

Manteo and twenty of the colonists traveled to Croatoan to see if there was news concerning the fifteen missing men. They were told thirty Natives from the Secota, Aquascogos, and Dasamongueponke villages had attacked the settlement. Some of the Englishmen had been killed. The rest were able to escape in a boat leaving Roanoke Island for another island where they remained briefly. It was not known where they went next.

Sir Walter Raleigh had instructed that Manteo be christened and given the title Lord of Roanoke and Dasamongueponke. On August 13th Manteo became the first Native convert on “Virginia soil”. Raleigh hoped he would be influential in converting his people to Christianity.

The colony rejoiced in the birth of the first English child on August 18th. John White’s daughter Eleanor was pregnant during the voyage. Her daughter was named Virginia, after this new land. Virginia Dare was christened on August 24th with her parents, and grandfather thankful for her safe delivery.

Once the colony was settled the plan was two of the colonists would return to England and have Raleigh send more supplies and colonists. The settlers unanimously decided White should return to England because their supplies had run out. Ironically Grenville was already in route and would arrive two weeks later in July with a resupply of six ships and 200 settlers. Finding Roanoke Island deserted they returned to England leaving a small garrison of 15 men.
England. With his previous association with Raleigh they thought White would be the strongest influence and could convince him to send more supplies and settlers to stabilize the colony. As Governor, John White did not want to go. He felt his departure would be seen as an abandonment of the colony. After much deliberation he reluctantly agreed to go. They needed ships and supplies to move the colony to the Chesapeake Bay, as they were still living at the temporary fort.

White made arrangements with his “assistants” whom he left in charge. They agreed the colonists would move inland near friendly Indians who could help them until White could return. Moving inland would provide better access to fresh water and wild game. The colonists had a few months’ supplies, but they would need more food. The Natives could provide corn and other goods to the colonists.

White decided to leave the pinnace and a few boats so they could scout out the area and move to a new location. White had been to Chowanoc in an earlier expedition. They had been “allies” to the English the year before.

Since an exact location had not been selected by the time White needed to return to England, they agreed a small group would remain at Roanoke Island. The larger group would move inland while keeping contact with the smaller group. Once White returned he would know where to find the new settlement of colonists. If for some reason their plans changed unexpectedly they were to carve on a prominent tree the name of the place they were moving to. If they were attacked or forced to leave they were to put a cross over the letters.

John White departed on August 27th for England. He said goodbye to his daughter Eleanor, her husband Ananias, and his granddaughter Virginia. He promised to return in six months. His decision to leave must have weighed heavily on him. The colony was not well established. The threat of Native and Spanish attacks were ever present on their minds. Supplies would only last six months. White must convince Raleigh to send ships, supplies, and more settlers as soon as possible.

White’s return to England couldn’t have come at a worse time. England was preparing for war with Spain. Mere weeks before White’s arrival, the Privy Council had ordered all ships to remain in England so they could aid in defense of her shores if needed. John White was trapped in England waiting for peace so a resupply mission could depart.

Finally on August 11th John White arrived off the coast of the Outer Banks but bad weather and rough seas delayed the ships landing by almost a week. On August 15th he saw a “great smoke rise in the air”. He thought this might be the colonists signaling to him.

On August 18th White headed for Roanoke Island on the third birthday of his granddaughter Virginia. It had taken him three years to return. The voyage itself had taken 5 months as John Watts ships went first to the West Indies to trade and engage in some privateering.

The waters were still treacherous and the landing party had one of its boats overturned. Captain Spicer and six of his men were drowned. Their was an ominous mood as the remaining men headed to the settlement where White had last left the colonists. As he approached he saw a tree that had the letters “C R O” carved without the presence of a cross. When he entered the settlement he found the original houses and new cottages had been “taken down”. The palisades remained but held only heavy debris, and four cannons. The settlement was overgrown with weeds and grass. On a post inside the fort was carved “CROATOAN” without the markings of a cross. When White found that their boats and pinnace were gone, he felt the settlers had moved to Croatoan Island where Manteo and his people lived. With no signs of distress he thought these items had been left behind because the settlers did not have adequate ships to move them. Some of John White’s trunks were discovered that held his drawings, maps, and personal effects that he had left at the settlement. They had been left behind and the elements had destroyed them.

Finding no other signs they headed back to their ship as the weather was growing increasingly worse. The next day they planned to travel to Croatoan but the weather continued to batter the ships and they lost two anchors trying to hold their position. With supplies running low, loss of life, and not being able to bring fresh water on board they decided to leave the coast of Virginia and resupply in the West Indies.

John White left very reluctantly and planned to return to Virginia to look for his daughter, granddaughter and remaining colonists, but no more expeditions would travel to Virginia until the 1600’s. I imagine John White’s dreams were haunted with the cries of the colonists he promised to return to within six months. He died never knowing what happened to the colonists he had left behind.

What did happen to that first settlement? Join us for the Fall Membership meeting on November 7, 2020 in Richmond, VA. Nicholas Lucccketti will talk to us about archaeological efforts to find where the colonists went and what possibly became of them.

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Partner, James River Institute for Archaeology
The following criteria are used to determine whether an early settler may be included as a qualifying ancestor for purposes of membership in the Jamestowne Society. The individual:

(1) was a stockholder in the London Company or the Virginia Company; or was a current member of one of the Guilds owning stock in the aforesaid companies during the period of investment; or was a signer of one of the three Charters of the Virginia Company of London during the joint-stock company period of 10 April 1606 to 24 May 1624.

(2) owned land on Jamestown Island or lived on the Island prior to 1700 (owning land in a neighboring area, such as James City County, or neighboring county does not of itself qualify an individual);

(3) was a resident in Virginia at the time of the 1624/25 Muster or earlier;

(4) served as Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, Clerk of the General Court, Member of the Council or House of Burgesses prior to 1700; these persons shall be conclusively presumed to have had their domiciles on Jamestown Island during their terms of office;

(5) was an Anglican Church [Church of England] minister in Virginia prior to 1700; or

(6) served as an Official Indian Interpreter in Virginia prior to 1700.

If you are trying to establish a new ancestor for the Society, the following books are recommended for research in proving their qualifying criteria.

**Jamestown Residence** is found in *Documentary History of Jamestowne Island Vol. III: Biographies of Owners and Residents* by Martha W. McCartney.

**Qualifying Service** for Jamestowne is found in *The General Assembly of Virginia 1619-1978* by Cynthia Leonard and Colonial Virginia Register by William & Mary Stanard.

A list of **Stockholders** in the Virginia Company is found in *The Records of the Virginia Company of London*, volume III, by Susan Kingsbury.

**Signers of the Charters** are found in *The Three Charters of the Virginia Company of London* by Samuel Bemiss.

A list of **Anglican Ministers** is found in *Empire, Religion and Revolution in Early Virginia, 1607-1786* by James Bell and *The Colonial Clergy of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina* by Frederick Lewis Weis.

The **1624/5 Muster** is found in *Adventurers of Purse and Person Virginia 1607-1624/5*, 4th edition, volume 1, by John Frederick Dorman. This work is referred to as APP.

The **Lists of the Living and Dead in Virginia 1623** is found in *The Original Lists of Persons of Quality: Emigrants, Religious Exiles, Political Rebels, Serving Men Sold for a Term of Years, Apprentices, Children Stolen, Maidens Pressed, and Others, who Went from Great Britain to the American Plantations, 1600-1700* by John Camden Hotten.

John Frederick Dorman’s three-volume work *Adventurers of Purse and Person Virginia* (APP) traces the lines of many early Virginia settlers through six generations and is particularly useful as a reference in proving the earlier generations in one’s own lineage. Applicants must use the 4th edition published between 2005 - 2007.

**Mayflower Families Through Five Generations** for Isaac Allerton (through the son Isaac II), Stephen Hopkins, and William White (through daughter-in-law Judith Vassall).

The following books although helpful are considered secondary sources by the Jamestowne Society:

**Virginia Immigrants and Adventurers 1607-1635**, by Martha W. McCartney.

**Jamestowne People to 1800**, by Martha W. McCartney.

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**THOMAS ROLFE**

born 1615

Jamestown Resident

living 1670

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A HERITAGE WEEK EVENT
at
THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB
901 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006
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Social Hour - 11:30  Lunch Served - 12:30 with program to follow
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Enter number of lunches:______ @ $80 each. Enter number of drink tickets:______ @ $10 each.
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OPEN TO ALL JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Friday, May 8, 2020 - 9:15 AM

Meet at Kingsmill Conference Center Entrance at 9:15 A.M.
Departs 9:35 A.M. and Returns 2:30 P.M.

Motor coach drops off inside James Fort.

In 1607, John Smith declared the colony’s “best commoditie was Iron which we made into little chisels.”

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Includes Transportation and Guided Tour of Blacksmith Shop, Memorial Church, Barracks and Archaeology update at Hunt Shrine

BOX LUNCH PROVIDED
Please specify choice of Turkey, Ham, Veggie.
All are served with Potato Salad and a Brownie.
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1 1/2 hours to explore Jamestowne Island and visit gift shop on your own!

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**Friday, May 8, 2020**

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1010 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, Virginia

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**Please print your name as you wish it to appear on your name tag along with your guests.**

Mail reservation form and check, payable to Jamestowne Society to P.O. Box 6845, Richmond, VA 23230

Enter number of dinners: _____ @ $80 each.

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No name tags, tickets or confirmations will be mailed.

Your cancelled check is your receipt.

Registration packets can be picked up at the dinner.

We will notify you only if reservations exceed capacity.

Make your reservations early!

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**The cocktail social begins at 6:15 pm with dinner service a 7:00 pm**

~CASH BAR~

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF**

“Maids to Virginia”

in a dinner theatre in the round

$80.00 per person.

No Refunds or Changes after April 20, 2020.

*Space is limited. Make your reservations early. No late reservations or walk-ins. Sorry, No Menu Substitutions*

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### ~MENU CHOICES~

**Herb Crusted Pork Tenderloin**

caramelized onions & apple savory bread pudding, mustard demi-glace

OR

**Fried Chesapeake Crab Cakes**

pickled fennel slaw & citrus butter sauce basil risotto

**ALL SELECTIONS INCLUDE**

Corn & Crab Chowder, Rolls, Coffee and Tea.

**DESSERT**

Fruit Feuilletage

flakey puff pastry, diplomat cream topped with seasonal fruit

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**GOVERNOR’S DINNER IS OPEN TO ALL JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS**
JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY
SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LUNCHEON
Saturday, May 9, 2020
KINGSMILL RESORT
1010 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, Virginia
The resort is a gated community. Please identify yourself as being with the Jamestowne Society so you can admittance.

FEATURED SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE
Dr. Warren M. Billings
Distinguished Professor of History, Emeritus, University of New Orleans
PRESENTING
“Governor Gooch’s Gifts”
$65.00 per person.
No Refunds or Changes after April 20, 2020.
Space is limited. Make your reservations early.
No late reservations or walk-ins.

Eleven AM Reception
Twelve Noon Luncheon

~MENU CHOICES~
Grilled Medallions of Atlantic Salmon
riesling butter sauce, parsley fingerling potatoes

Sauteed Chicken & Shrimp Brochette
white wine & smoky cheese risotto parsley, garlic butter sauce

ABOVE ENTREES SERVED WITH

DESSERT
Praline Chocolate Truffle Cheesecake
Mixed Berry Compote
Vegetarian option available upon request.

2020 SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LUNCHEON
Please specify choice of entree.

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No name tags, tickets or confirmations will be mailed.
Your cancelled check is your receipt. Preprinted name tags will be available at the hospitality table beginning at 10:30 am.
We will notify you only if reservations exceed capacity.
Make your reservations early!

Jamestowne Society Shoppe will be open only from 10:30 - 11:30 am

Kingsmill Resort is the headquarters hotel for the May meeting. They have reserved a block of rooms for this event at the rate of $189 for Resort guestrooms, $209 for Deluxe and $229 for River guestrooms, plus tax. To take advantage of this rate, make your reservations directly with Kingsmill no later than April 16, 2020. The room block usually sells out prior to reserve date. For room reservations call 1-800-832-5665 and reference the Jamestowne Society.
Four hundred years ago, a group of Englishmen gathered in the James Fort church to begin the arduous task of self-governance with their own limited political and legislative skills that marked English-speaking America's First Legislative Assembly and structured civil society without the presence of Royal Rule.

**Jamestown First Legislative Assembly - 400th Anniversary**

*Great for school and civic group programs.*

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**LIMITED RELEASE**

This collection of photos and video of the historic commemoration events is a keepsake to share and treasure.

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**DVD:** This historic event has been captured in video so that you can relive the inspirational ringing of the Jamestown Bell and call to prayer, a laudable form of government in session in the setting of the James Fort with historic reenactors as the 400 year-old session is brought to life over and over again and celebrated for prosperity. Also included is a tour of the Archaearium and wreath laying at the Angela site commemorating the 1619 arrival of the First Africans at Jamestown Island.

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**Act now, and you too can be a part of the awe-inspiring fundamental building of this great nation’s formation from the very cradle. Enjoy still photography and video captured during this 400th Anniversary of America’s First Legislative Assembly from the very spot where history was made and by the men who made it all possible in full historic dress and dialect of the day. Celebrate this pivotal moment in history over and over again; share it with friends and family courtesy of this limited release DVD. Don’t miss out. Order now!**
**BAY OF NAPLES COMPANY** - The Bay of Naples Company held its fall meeting on November 12, 2019 at the Capital Grille in Naples, FL. The program, entitled *Why Jamestown Matters* was presented by Mr. Art Caccese, former Chief Development Officer of the Jamestown Yorktown Foundation.

In the spring we were fortunate to have Mr. Caccese’s son, Father Nicholas Caccese, Rector at Trinity by the Episcopal Church of Naples present our program. “Exciting times for Bay of Naples Company,” stated John Bond Gillam, III, Governor. “Our company is only two years old and we have twenty-four members with four candidates waiting for approval.”

**NEW MEMBERS OF FIRST GEORGIA COMPANY**

**FIRST GEORGIA COMPANY** - The First Georgia Company held its annual meeting in Atlanta, GA at Ansley Golf Club on November 16, 2019 with 137 members and guests attending. Our speaker, David Givens, Director of Archaeology, Jamestown Rediscovery, presented a thoroughly interesting overview of current projects at the Jamestown site.

Treasurer, Michael Walters announced that cumulative donations totaling more than $10,500 have been given through the First Georgia Company to the Jamestowne Society, which places the Company in the “House of Burgesses” Level of Giving.

Over the past two years, forty new members have joined the First Georgia Company bringing our total membership to 167. (Total Jamestowne Society membership in Georgia is 343.) We have focused on cutting costs by sending invitations, dues notices and newsletters to members electronically. This cost saving measure has allowed us to fund wonderful programs, resulting in record attendance!

Sharon Sowders closed the annual meeting upon saying, “It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the First Georgia Company as Governor and I pledge my full support to the newly elected board: Rachel Colbert, Governor; Christy Morris, Lieutenant Governor; Leslie Watkins, Secretary; Michael Walters, Treasurer; Marguerite Dyal, Historian; Lynne Tate, Genealogist; and Becky West, Chaplain.”

**FIRST LOUISIANA COMPANY** - We had a great meeting of the First Louisiana Company at Antoine’s in the Rex Room with the Louisiana Branch National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. Having a joint meeting gave us a great recruitment opportunity for new members. 44 people attended and enjoyed our two speakers, Dr. Andrea Mosterman of the University of New Orleans, and Iris Lulu-Simoneaux Vacante of the Friends of the Madisonville Cemetery.

Having completed her Ph.D. at Boston University, Dr. Mosterman specialized in Atlantic and Early American History. She is currently working on a manuscript that examines exchanges and interactions between African and Dutch descendants in Early New York. Her timely topic, *Slavery in the Making of America: The History and Legacy of 1619*, was well received.

Iris Lulu-Simoneaux Vacante shared with us that the contributions our company donated to them was used for a variety of renovation and restoration efforts including completing the Ground Penetrating Radar to locate unmarked gravesites, installing a wrought iron fence and gate around the cemetery, and mapping the cemetery. Other projects included repairing brick tombs and headstones.

Because of a need for donations to the Wingo Fund, the First Louisiana Company donated $2000 to address some of its projects. We also offered toasts as we sipped our colonial inspired, rum based Pilgrim’s Punch! And, of course, in a New Orleans community, Jamestowne Society members wore white Mardi Gras beads while NSSDP member wore black.

Finally, there’s always something pretty special about having Baked Alaska in the Rex Room in Antoine’s for our annual meeting!
FIRST MISSISSIPPI COMPANY - The First Mississippi Company was delighted to host Jamestowne Governor Rev. Dr. Roy Martin at its fall meeting at the Country Club of Jackson on October 12, 2019. Governor Martin’s topic was Virginia’s Transformation: The Patawomeck’s Last Werocance, Anglican Priest Edward Folliott, and 21st Century Jamestowne. Dr. Martin is a descendant of a Patawomeck Indian and Rev. Folliott, and Martin skillfully moved from his 17th Century Virginia ancestors to 21st Virginia by enumerating recent discoveries about Jamestown that tied together 400 years of history.

The vote to donate $2500 to the Society put the FMC at the Speaker of the House level of giving. The auditing committee verified the accuracy of the treasurer’s records, and the genealogist announced 102 members and four applications ready for approval. Honorary Governor and Nominating Committee Chair, Sharron Baird, introduced the new slate of officers for 2019-2021: Sandra Ford, Governor; Ruth Maxwell, Lt. Governor; Vaughan Koga, Secretary; Richard Bradley III, Treasurer; Suzanne Walters, Genealogist; Dr. Michael Davis, Historian; Rev. Janin Goff, Chaplain. The slate was approved unanimously, and Honorary Governor Ann Simmons installed the new officers. Governor Gus Smith exchanged governors’ medals with incoming Governor Ford, and yearbook updates were disseminated.

TENNESSEE COMPANY - The Tennessee Company met Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Chickasaw Country Club in Memphis, TN, for their annual luncheon and business meeting.

Governor Benita Brown called the meeting to order and welcomed 16 members and guests. Company member Gerry Brent presented the program, The First Voyage of the Three Ships, that discussed the struggles of the voyage and featured maps detailing the ships’ course.

Three members were memorialized in a moving service, conducted by Chaplain Brent.

During the business meeting that followed, Company members approved the annual donation to the Jamestowne Society Restoration of Records Fund in memory of John E. McCutchen, Past Governor of the Tennessee Company.

Officers for the 2020-2021 term were elected as follows: Governor, Gerald Brent; Lt. Governor, David Eagan; Secretary, Benita Brown; Treasurer, Loni Harris; Chaplain, Hope Cook.

The next annual luncheon and business meeting is scheduled for noon, November 14, 2020, at Chickasaw Country Club in Memphis.

FLORIDA GULF COAST COMPANY - The Florida Gulf Coast Company met October 11, 2019 at the Tampa Yacht and Country Club. Introduced were two new members, two prospective members and two guests. Our Governor, Jerry Halstead, gave a wonderful program on the 400th anniversary of Jamestown’s first General Assembly and the events of the week of celebration at Jamestown. We are happy to represent the Tampa Bay area in our Society.

TENNESSEE VALLEY COMPANY - The Tennessee Valley Company met on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at Mere Bulles Restaurant in Brentwood, TN. Thirty-seven members and guests attended. Governor Linda Knight presided over the Company’s Annual Meeting. A delicious brunch and program followed.

The Company introduced James A. Crutchfield, of Franklin, TN, who presented a program on The Jamestown Paintings of Sidney E. King. Mr. Crutchfield used many of the color plates that appear in his book, Tribute to an Artist (The Dietz Press, Richmond, VA), to illustrate his program. He noted that many of the paintings are in the possession of Preservation Virginia (which is excavating Jamestown) and the Sidney E. King Arts Center in Bowling Green, VA, an easy drive from Richmond.

Mr. Crutchfield, who is a member of the Western Writers of America Hall of Fame, has authored more than fifty books, some of them on Jamestown and Colonial Virginia. Mr. Crutchfield brought ten new copies of the “Sidney King” book with him, and they were sold at cost in less than a minute.

The meeting closed, as it always does, with a drawing for prizes. Five lucky members were sent home with bottles of Williamsburg’s finest distilled grapes. Governor Knight announced that the Company’s next meeting would be held in early May of 2020. All Society members reading this are encouraged to join us and to enjoy a visit to the capital of country music.
VIRGINIA PIEDMONT COMPANY - The Virginia Piedmont Company recently met at the Boonsboro Country Club in Lynchburg, VA for its bi-annual meeting with over 30 members and guests present.

Ms. Janet E. Johnson, current secretary and past-president of the Historic Staunton River Foundation, Inc., presented a program entitled, The Carrington Family of Virginia. Since 2004, Johnson has conducted research at Mulberry Hill Plantation in Randolph (Charlotte County, Virginia), the ancestral home of the Carringtons, numerous local libraries, and the Library of Virginia. Johnson’s presentation highlighted the journey the Carrington family embarked in the mid-1600s from Cheshire, England to the Island of Barbados. It was from this small island that the parents of the famed Judge Paul Carrington of Virginia would immigrate. Initially, they settled in Cumberland County and by the formation of Charlotte County in 1765, Judge Paul Carrington would begin construction of Mulberry Hill. Since that time, the house and its grounds have stood as a testament to its creator and cultivator and now gives homage to his many lineal and collateral descendants. At the conclusion of Johnson’s presentation, many members of the audience conveyed their lineage and ancestry from Judge Paul Carrington, and one member was actually named in his honor.

CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA COMPANY - The annual meeting of Central North Carolina Company was held on September 18, 2019, at the Peninsula Club in Cornelius, NC. The guest speaker was Connie Lapallo, author of the Jamestown Sky series, a trilogy based on the true story of Jamestown’s first women and children. The spring meeting will be 11:30 am on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Old Town Country Club in Winston Salem, NC.

NATCHEZ TRACE COMPANY - October 26, 2019 – The Natchez Trace Company presented the first Natchez Trace Company Preservation Grant to the South Mississippi Genealogical and Historical Society in Hattiesburg, MS on October 26, 2019. Company Governor Paula Harvey made the presentation to Kathy Goss and Jeanne Tutor, representatives of SMGHS.

KANSAS-MISSOURI COMPANY - Seven members of the Central Missouri Company of Columbia, MO were honored to be guests of the Kansas-Missouri Company fall meeting held in the Midwest Genealogical Library on Sunday, November 10, 2019 in Independence, MO.

Kansas-Missouri Company Governor Loretta Paris welcomed all members of the two Companies, and after a box lunch, Dr. Maryellen McVicker of the Central Missouri Company presented a power-point program entitled, “Hello, Cousins!” Her presentation featured French King Charlemagne who reigned about 1,200 years ago and noted most of the founders of the Jamestown colony were descended from him and dealt with how that could be true through DNA.

JOINT MEETING HELD

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. Maryellen McVicker, speaker; KS-MO Company Governor Loretta Paris; Central MO Company Governor Jane Smith; Jane Burrell, Past Governor KS-MO Company, Historian for both Companies and Regional Director.

CENTRAL MISSOURI COMPANY - The Kansas-Missouri Company shared their fall meeting with the Central Missouri Company of Columbia Missouri on Sunday, November 10 at the Midwest Genealogy Resource Center in Independence. The guest speaker, Dr. Maryellen McVicker, an officer of Central Missouri, was introduced by Kansas-Missouri Governor Jane Smith.

Dr. McVicker’s program “Hello Cousins!” was about Emperor Charlemagne and she explained that everyone in the room, all who descended from Jamestown ancestors were indeed cousins, distant as they maybe be since most people of northern European ancestry are his descendants. Dr. McVicker continued with discussing the culture during the ninth century of Charlemagne’s reign including many innovative ideas that contributed to civilization. While he could not read, he thought reading was important and organized a series of schools. He was a regular observer of religious rites and was represented as a ruler dispensing justice and even as a martyr to the cause of religion.

Prospective members were assisted with their applications at the library following the close of the meeting.
JAMES CITTY COMPANY - The James Citty Company of Williamsburg, VA, met for its fall luncheon meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at Ford's Colony Country Club in Williamsburg. Sixty-six Company members and guests welcomed the return of guest speaker, David Givens, director of archaeology with the Jamestown Rediscovery project. Givens gave an excellent one-year follow-up presentation about the latest research findings. He had recently returned from England where he evaluated DNA testing and ground-penetrating radar results of the Jamestown church graves, and graciously answered many questions about the exciting new findings at Jamestown.

The Company inducted its new slate of officers, introduced by outgoing Company Governor Sidney Sale Bland: Governor Julie Murphy, Lt. Gov. Daniel Warren, Secretary Allison Clock, Treasurer Barbara Joyner, Chaplain James West, and Historian Caroline Hedrick. The next Company meeting will be held Thursday, March 19, 2020, in Williamsburg.

KENTUCKY COMPANY - The Kentucky Company met December 5, 2019 at the Pendennis Club in Louisville, KY. After a brief business meeting we joined the Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for a joint meeting. The Trooping of the Colors ushered in the banquet with bagpipes & drums. After the dinner Governor of the Colonial Wars, William P. Carrell II introduced the guest speaker, Dr. William M. Kelso, CBE, PhD, FSA, Emeritus Director of Archaeology & Research, Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation. Dr. Kelso presented the program, “1619-2019 Democracy Diversity.”

Following the program Governor Toni J. Curtis introduced the newly elected officers. The governor insignia was passed to Maj. Julian C. Clay, USMC, Ret. and Governor Curtis was presented with a past governor insignia. Also installed were James R. Hancock, Lt. Governor; Larry L. Selby, Secretary of State; Claudette Snow Hahn, Secretary of the Treasury; Ann Stokes Moore, Historian; and Faye Hamilton Oeltgen, Chaplain. The next meeting of the Company will be in the spring of 2020.

NEW YORK COMPANY - On July 28, 2019, immediate past New York Company Governor Wilhelmena Rhodes Kelly delivered remarks as an American of African, European and Indigenous Indian descent to recognize the “20 and Odd” Africans who arrived in Virginia in 1619 during the Four-Hundredth Anniversary of the First Legislative Assembly of English-speaking America at Jamestown Island. Mrs. Kelly passed away October 16th and we mourn her loss.

On November 12, 2019 at Caffè dei Fiori in Manhattan, our new website https://www.newyorkjamestowne.org was unveiled during the fall meeting. Dr. Camilla Townsend, Rutgers University Professor of History, spoke about “The True Story of Don Luis Paquiquineo,” a Native American who left the Chesapeake in 1561, traveled the world and returned home.

November 10, 2019 the New York Company participated in the ninety-ninth annual flag service for the patriotic and historical societies at St. Thomas Church in New York City.
WASHINGTON AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMPANY - The Washington and Northern Virginia Company held their annual business meeting and holiday party at Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria, VA on December 14, 2019. The WNV Company was honored to have David Givens, Director of Archeology, Jamestown Rediscovery, Historic Jamestown, as our guest speaker.

Election of officers for 2020-2022 was held. WNV Officers are: Governor, Nancy Hill; Lt Governor, Ann Webb; Treasurer, Kate Zabriskie; Recording Secretary, Angela Ossinger; Registrar, Louise Price; Corresponding Secretary, Staci-Jill Burnley; Historian, Rav Marshall and Councilors: Lynne Schulman, Joseph Ruth, L. Randolph Williams, Jr., Rachel Wills and Jerry Zillion.

FIRST NORTH CAROLINA COMPANY - First North Carolina Company is proud to announce the installation of the new officers and councilors for the company. The installation was on Dec. 7, 2019 at the semi-annual company meeting held in Raleigh, NC at the NC State University Club. The company was honored to have Bonnie Hofmeyer, Society Executive Director, speak on “The History of the Jamestown Church & Recent Archaeological Finds.”

The company’s next meeting will be on June 6, 2020 in Raleigh, NC at the NC State University Club.

NORTH FLORIDA COMPANY - The North Florida Company met for their fall meeting at the Eagle Harbor Golf Club on Fleming Island, FL. The program “The 400th Anniversary of the 1619 founding of the House of Burgesses” was given by Lt Governor, Martha Burnett. First North Left to Right: Lt. Governor Martha Burnett and Governor Barbara Albright.

FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA COMPANY - The First South Carolina Company held the fall meeting at the Forest Lake Country Club in Columbia, SC. Maxine Maloney (outgoing Treasurer) gave us a very inspiring and detailed account of her visit to the Jamestowne 400th Anniversary meeting with wonderful stories of the sites and stories and people that she met there. Outgoing Company Governor, Linda Brock, installed new Company Governor Jon Morgan and his very capable new board of officers who are ready to lead FSCC programs for the next three years. Four new national members were announced as FSCC members, raising our total membership to 75.

Our Spring 2020 meeting will be held on March 14 in the Charleston area. All details will be sent out to members and guests closer to that time.

FIRST TEXAS COMPANY - The First Texas Company met for their Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at McCormick & Schmick’s Restaurant in the Uptown Park area of Houston. After our Social time, the membership enjoyed a luncheon and the presentation, “400th Anniversary of the First General Assembly Meeting,” by our highly esteemed member, David Furlow.

Our members gathered for our Fall Meeting at McCormick & Schmick’s Restaurant in the Uptown Park area of Houston. After our Social time, the membership enjoyed a luncheon and the presentation, “400th Anniversary of the First General Assembly Meeting,” by our highly esteemed member, David Furlow.

Our Company was proud to welcome four new members to our organization at this meeting. Our members gathered for our Fall Meeting at McCormick & Schmick’s Restaurant on Saturday Nov. 2, 2019. A new administration was elected by the Company members in attendance. It was an honor to recognize a popular Texas historical speaker, Martha Ann Hartzog, and her presentation, “Pocahontas.” It was a pleasure to present six new members to our First Texas Company membership.

Over the last two years, our company has experienced a large growth in our membership with the addition of twenty-seven new members. The Company welcomes members throughout the greater Southeast Texas area.
CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS as of December 31, 2019

New members are immediately entitled to recommend family, friends and acquaintances for membership in the Jamestowne Society. There is no waiting period and no annual limit on the number of people a member may sponsor who are direct descendants of the early Virginia settlers accepted by the Society as qualifying seventeenth-century ancestors.

How to sponsor an applicant

Any member can sponsor an applicant for the Jamestowne Society. Just send an email to jamestowne.society@verizon.net and include the applicant's name, email address, and name of Jamestowne ancestor. A software invitation will be emailed to the applicant which includes the Society's application form.

Any family members using the same line as the member would be legacies and the member can request the software application be emailed directly to the legacy applicant. Legacies only have to provide proof documents for generations not in common with the family member's application.

Consider sponsoring an applicant for membership? Direct the applicant to the Society website at www.jamestowne.org to find the complete list of ancestors and qualifying criteria.

Registration forms available online

Don’t wait for the Jamestowne Society magazine to register for events. Some events are popular and sell out quickly. You can visit the Society website at www.jamestowne.org to print registration forms for membership meetings, tours, and governor’s dinners. Click on the link for Events/Meetings to locate the forms. The website will be updated when events sell out. Spring forms go online the week of January 1 and Fall forms go online the week of July 1.

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10076 Mr. Elisha Unabahs, Charleston, SC ..................................................... William Fletcher
10077 Mrs. Barbara Huddings Whitlow, Poquoson, VA .................................... Edmund Scarburgh, I
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10133 Mr. Brent Ray Anderson, Onancock, VA .............................................. Sir William Browne
10134 Ms. Frances Caroline Ellis, Westerly, RI ................................................ Samuel Maycock/Maycock
10135 Ms. Laure Elisabeth Ellis, Westerly, RI ..................................................... Samuel Maycock/Maycock
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10139 Mrs. Catherine Hyman, Damascus, MD ................................................ William Clarence
10140 Mr. Todd Jason Pritts, Bethesda, MD ....................................................... Thomas Graves
10141 Mrs. Delinda Bryan Trowbridge, Orinda, CA .......................................... Nicholas Martiau
10142 Mr. Eliza Middleton Berkley, Norfolk, VA ............................................... Sir George Yeardley
10143 Mrs. Joyce Otte McLoughlin, Freehold, NJ ............................................ Stephen Hopkins
10144 Mr. Isaiah William Bagwell, IV, Onancock, VA ..................................... Henry Bagwell

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