BARLOW ELECTED GOVERNOR OF THE JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY

At the November 6, 2010, meeting of the Jamestowne Society, members elected Joseph Holleman Barlow to serve as their new governor. Joe, as he likes to be called, is a lifelong resident of Smithfield and Suffolk, Virginia. He graduated from Smithfield High School in 1946 and from Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, in 1950 with a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Engineering.

Following college, he was employed by John Deere Company as a territory manager for two years. With the exception of service in the United States Air Force, Joe has been involved with production agriculture all of his life.

He was married to Margaret Taylor for forty years until she passed away, in 1993, after a short illness. Joe has three adult children from his marriage to Margaret: Nancy, JoAnne, and Joseph, Jr. He is now happily married to Lynn Bonner Barlow, who also lost her first spouse.

It has been his honor to serve the commonwealth of Virginia as president of the Virginia Board of Agriculture & Consumer Services, during which time he served on the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. Locally, he has served on the Suffolk City School Board for fifteen years and, more recently, on the Suffolk City Council.

Joseph Barlow joined the Jamestowne Society in 1994 through ancestor Roger Delke of Surry County.

See Governor’s Message on page 3.

Joseph Holleman Barlow receiving the governor’s medal from outgoing governor Carter Furr.
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GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

I am very honored to serve as your new governor. I am following in the footsteps of many dedicated members of the Jamestowne Society. My thanks go especially to Carter Furr, the most recent to retire from that high office. The newly elected officers and appointed committee members are willing servants to help in the important work of the society. Please call on us as your needs require.

As you may be aware, Carolyn Farmer has served the Jamestowne Society for many years in the capacity of companies committee chair and in numerous other areas. We are sad to report that her husband of fifty-one years, William H. “Bill” Farmer, passed away this past December after a long illness. We appreciate Carolyn’s devoted service to the society and extend our sincere sympathies on her loss.

The Jamestowne Society has two meetings each year—a spring and a fall luncheon—and all members are encouraged to attend. Our next meeting will be on May 14, 2011, in Williamsburg, Virginia, a very beautifully restored small colonial city! This will be an excellent time to visit, with Jamestown Island close by.

The speaker for this meeting will be Dr. William M. Kelso, director of archaeology for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, Jamestown Rediscovery Project. For more than forty years, Dr. Kelso has built a reputation as one of America’s foremost historical archaeologists concentrating on early American history.

In 1994, Dr. Kelso began archaeological excavations for the APVA to search for remains of the 1607 James Fort, thought by most people to have long been destroyed by river erosion. The fort was soon discovered and became the centerpiece of the 400th anniversary of the 1607 founding of Jamestown.

Dr. Kelso’s topic will be “James Fort—Lost and Found.” He will give a brief overview of the past seventeen years of the Jamestown Rediscovery Project, with particular emphasis on the significant finds of the past year, including the discovery of the location of the 1608 church. This was the site of the marriage of Pocahontas and John Rolfe in June of 1614.

The date of our meeting, May 14, also happens to be James-town Day 2011. Plan to come and help us celebrate! Members who would like to visit Jamestown Island can purchase tickets at the Historic Jamestowne visitors’ center. Events will include military drills and maritime demonstrations. This will be a great opportunity to refresh your historical knowledge of early Jamestown and the Powhatan Indians who populated the area in 1607.

Joseph Holleman Barlow

November 6, 2010: Governor-elect Barlow (standing), Lynn Barlow, and Rev. James W. Browder, III, prepare to enjoy an elegant lunch in the ballroom of the Commonwealth Club in Richmond. With them at the head table are Ann Booker Darst and Dr. Michael David Frost.

Captain Gabriel Archer, “a gentleman of Jamestowne,” steps out of the seventeenth century to remind those present of the many opportunities, and challenges, that the earliest English settlers encountered upon their arrival in Virginia.

(Bill Young of Talks & Totems, Inc. in period dress.)
MEMBERS AND COMPANIES MEET MORTGAGE REDUCTION CHALLENGE!
Mortgage a thing of the past!

At the suggestion of Dr. Michael David Frost, the Jamestowne Society established a mortgage reduction fund in May of 2009 for the purpose of paying off the loan on the headquarters building in Richmond. Dr. Frost made the first contribution to the fund that same month. In January of 2010, he issued a mortgage reduction challenge, pledging to match up to $30,000 in additional donations received from other members and companies by December 31, 2010.

During the challenge period, we received $29,692.86 in donations from individual members and Jamestowne Society companies earmarked for the mortgage reduction fund. Dr. Frost has matched that amount in full, and we are delighted to report that the entire balance on the loan has been remitted to the mortgagee!

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Frost, for your exceptional generosity and support of the Jamestowne Society. Thank you, members and companies, for your outstanding response. We knew we could count on you to meet his challenge—and you did! Your enthusiastic participation has saved the society thousands of dollars in interest and an on-going annual expense of over $9,000 in monthly mortgage payments.

Below, in alphabetical order, are the names of all members and companies who donated to the mortgage reduction fund since its establishment in May of 2009. Multiple gifts from an individual or company have been consolidated, so total individual contributions to the cause are represented in the amounts listed.

| Alabama Company                                    | $1,500.00 | Great Northwest Company | $250.00 |
| Allen, Glenda Trogdon                             | $2,000.00 | Gunn, Margaret B.        | $25.00  |
| Baker, Zandra                                      | $250.00   | Hays, Charlotte          | $50.00  |
| Barlow, Joseph H.                                  | $525.00   | Hemmingway, Ruth K.      | $1,000.00 |
| Bishop, Dorothy                                    | $20.00    | Hoskins, Evelyn H.       | $100.00 |
| Bockemuehl, Joyce M.                               | $150.00   | James City Company       | $1,000.00 |
| Bowman, Frances Jefferson                         | $1,000.00 | Kansas-Missouri Company  | $500.00 |
| Captain John Clay Company                         | $100.00   | Kentucky Company         | $4,385.00 |
| Carey, Mary McCarroll Jordan                       | $25.00    | Little Rock Company      | $1,510.86 |
| Carney, Sandra H.                                  | $1,000.00 | Michigan Company         | $1,105.00 |
| Chesapeake Bay Company                             | $300.00   | Mortensen, Paula         | $50.00  |
| Cook, Laura Hill B.                                | $25.00    | Nichols, Vernette S.     | $100.00 |

In honor of Dr. Michael Frost

| Darst, Ann Booker                                  | $1,265.86 | Oklahoma Company         | $300.00 |
| Dodge, Dolores                                     | $100.00   | Omohundro, Ellen L.      | $2,500.00 |
| First California Company                           | $500.00   | Rager, Susan Godman      | $950.00 |
| First Georgia Company                              | $1,510.86 | Shelton, John            | $100.00 |
| First Louisiana Company                            | $100.00   | South Florida Company    | $500.00 |
| First Mississippi Company                          | $1,200.00 | Tennessee Company        | $100.00 |
| First Nevada-Arizona Company                       | $125.00   | Virginia Piedmont Company| $350.00 |
| First South Carolina Company                       | $750.00   | $50 in memory of William Hankins |
| First Texas Company                                | $700.00   | Washington & Northern Virginia Company | $3,267.00 |
| Florida Gulf Coast Company                         | $300.00   | Woodroof, David          | $1,000.00 |
| Frost, Michael David                               | $34,870.43| Zillion, Jerry W.        | $200.00 |
| Furr, Carter Branham Snow                          | $500.00   | Total Contributions: $68,160.01 |
Make checks payable to Jamestowne Society. Contributions to a specific fund should be so designated on the memo line of the check or in a letter accompanying the donation. Gifts to the Jamestowne Society, a 501(c)(3) corporation, are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.
Bill Young of Talks & Totems, Inc. entertained members and guests with his fascinating interpretation of early settler, and qualifying Jamestowne Society ancestor, Captain Gabriel Archer.

These new members of the Jamestowne Society, gathered outside the ballroom of the Commonwealth Club, were welcomed by Governor Furr during the luncheon ceremonies.
HISTORIAN’S REPORT

There are many areas in the historic arena that a historian may explore. One of these is the period 1607-1625. Many Jamestowne Society members may have overlooked documenting their lineage through the known settlers listed in the muster of 1624/5, which is included in Adventures of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th ed., vol. 1. The muster also includes women, many of whom left descendants. A review of the adventurers (individual stockholders) and trade guilds listed in the three royal charters as investors may yield ancestors just waiting to be documented.

Another area of history involves the preservation and restoration of the existing colonial records of Virginia. We, the descendants of those honorable ancestors, find it necessary to have access to many of those records in order to document our lineages through the seventeenth century.

Many early colonial records were destroyed during the Civil War. However, the Jamestowne Society, through the restoration of records (Wingo) fund, seeks to preserve and restore these records through contributions from the local companies and society members. Over the years, the society has accomplished preserving and restoring numerous records, but there are many more records which are becoming yellow and brittle with age. Please continue contributions to this very worthwhile endeavor.

The Washington & Northern Virginia Company has published a well-written, well-documented book, The Jamestowne Century, A Collection of Essays, which is available to add to your historical book collection. Make checks for $21.00 plus $3.00 postage per copy to Washington & Northern Virginia Company. Mail to Jacque-Lynne Schulman, 6649 McLean Drive, McLean, VA  22101-4002. Please include your name and address for mailing.

Carolyn K. Farmer

COMPANIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Jamestowne Society will meet at the Williamsburg Lodge, in Colonial Williamsburg, on May 14, 2011, for the annual members’ luncheon and meeting. The Twelfth Annual Governors’ Roundtable will be hosted on Friday morning, May 13, at the lodge, convening at 10:00 o’clock. A luncheon buffet will be served at noon. Invitations and additional details concerning the Governors’ Roundtable and Friday evening social will be mailed to company governors, Jamestowne Society officers, and committee chairmen in early April.

I am pleased to announce we have thirty-seven companies. As of January 2011, thirty-three company governor and seventy-five past company governor insignias have been purchased. Insignia order forms and instructions will be available at the Governors’ Roundtable, or contact me at the e-mail address below and I will e-mail you the form. Please direct all queries to this chair.

When company governors or their registrar/genealogists receive correspondence regarding prospective society membership, please assist the individual in a manner which will not offend. Invite the individual to your next company luncheon, or suggest that he or she “network,” as many potential members belong to other hereditary organizations, and this is where networking is most effective. Please do not refer them to the business office.

Governors and officers of companies should be up-to-date on society news at all times. Thanks to our diligent webmaster, Susan Rager, the Jamestowne Society website is updated as necessary, especially in the “What’s New?” section. Please utilize this useful tool weekly or as often as possible. Otherwise, you may miss some important information between newsletters.

The Jamestowne Society mortgage reduction grant was very successful. The society now owns the business office. A huge thank-you goes to Dr. Michael D. Frost, our newly elected lieutenant governor, who made this grant possible, as well as to the contributing companies and members.

We, once again, look forward to having excellent representation from our companies at the Governors’ Roundtable. See you in May at the Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Carolyn K. Farmer
ckfarmer007@att.net

VIRGINIA PIEDMONT COMPANY

On September 20, 2010, then governor Carter Furr visited the Virginia Piedmont Company and presided over the inauguration of its new officers. Installed during the company’s meeting at the Boonsboro Country Club in Lynchburg were John Overstreet, governor; Paul Edmunds, lieutenant governor; April Miller, treasurer; Shane Newcombe, secretary; Gwen Solyom, historian; and John Edmunds, chaplain.

Pictured opposite from left to right are past Jamestowne Society governor Carter Furr, April Miller, John Edmunds, John Overstreet, Paul Edmunds, and Gwen Solyom.

Gwen Solyom
The Alabama Company is making plans for the annual meeting to be held in Birmingham at the Birmingham Country Club on May 27, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The executive board promises the Alabama Company that we will have a great meeting, with time for fellowship and sharing ancestry, good food, and an interesting speaker.

We have had five new members join the Alabama Company: Emmie King Stroh, Emily Amason Sparrow, Mary Bess Paluzzi, Walter H. Monroe, and William Otis MacMahon, III. We regret that we have had reports of three deceased members: Mary Shaw Makima, Jesse Reuben Hopkins, and Louise Guthrie McDonough.

On December 3, we received a letter from Carolyn Farmer, chair of the Jamestowne Society’s companies committee, requesting financial assistance from the companies prior to December 31, 2010, in order to receive a generous matching contribution by Dr. Michael Frost for the retirement of the building mortgage. Your executive committee voted by telephone to make a contribution of $500 toward this project.

The Alabama Company governor has represented the Jamestowne Society at the Alabama State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution and at a Memorial Day service attended by all patriotic/genealogical organizations in the area. He has placed an ad in the program for the state convention of the Sons of the American Revolution. We urge all members to promote the Jamestowne Society whenever they have the occasion.

Robert Martin Cheney

The First California Company has enjoyed a year of stimulating programs. In October, research historian and author Martha McCartney spoke to a large gathering about individual settlers of Jamestown and life experiences that illuminated the social context and stresses of the earliest years of settlement. She included early maps and illustrations and answered questions about alternate research approaches for use when early records are missing. Her newest book will expand the number of documented individuals tied to Jamestown. The June meeting included a talk on presidential trivia by author and former NPR host Richard Lederer. The year began with a provocative presentation by NYU professor Dr. Karen Ordahl Kupperman, author of *The Jamestown Project*. We look forward to a program in 2011 on the *Sea Venture*, the ship sent to resupply Jamestown that may have inspired Shakespeare’s *Tempest*.

The company launched a new online newsletter, an edited blog, in August. It is found at http://fccjamestowne.blogspot.com. This has proved to be an exciting, inexpensive way to bring content to our members on a frequent schedule. We again staffed a table at the Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree, the largest such convention in the country, and provided information about our company and the Jamestowne Society. We are a growing company and enjoy our time together.

Ginny Gotlieb

Martha W. McCartney, pictured on the right above with Ginny Gotlieb, is the author of *Virginia Immigrants and Adventurers*, one of the most popular items offered for sale by the Jamestowne Society. (See order form at the back of this newsletter.)
The Little Rock Company met for its fall meeting on October 16, 2010, at the Arkansas Art Center in Little Rock, with Governor Gale Markley presiding. Twenty-five members and guests attended and enjoyed a delicious luncheon. Governor Markley opened the meeting at 11 a.m. by welcoming members and guests. Dorothy Wilks gave the invocation prior to lunch. Robert Terrell, secretary, read the minutes of the April 24, 2010, meeting and Frankie Ochsner gave the treasurer’s report. The company has established a college scholarship which will be available starting in 2011. The company voted to contribute one month’s payment, $755.43, to the Jamestowne Society’s mortgage reduction challenge. Governor Gale Markley presented the program on the historical rivalry between the colonies at Jamestown and Plymouth. The meeting was adjourned after the benediction, given by Dorothy Wilks.

The next meeting of the Little Rock Company will be held on April 30, 2011, again at the Arkansas Art Center.

Robert L. Terrell, Sr.

First Louisiana Company

The First Louisiana Company hosted its fall meeting at the lovely Metairie Country Club in Metairie, Louisiana. Governor Emily Delk Smith opened the meeting by welcoming guests Dick Jordan, governor of the First Mississippi Company, his wife, Mary Jordan, and prospective member Anne Raposo.

During the business session, members voted for a slight increase in dues. It was noted that during the last year the company had made a $100 contribution to the mortgage reduction fund and the same amount to the general fund of the Jamestowne Society. Before closing the meeting, Mrs. Smith gave special recognition to Mrs. Julia Wood for her excellent job in preparing and printing the current company roster and to Mrs. Joan Collier for making the arrangements for the meeting.

After a delicious lunch, Governor Smith introduced our speaker, a member and outstanding genealogist, Dr. Gresham Farrar. He gave an intriguing and educational program titled “Genealogical Proof Standards.” Handouts explaining the subject supplemented the talk. Of Dr. Farrar’s nine genealogical proof standards, one is to be published in the 2011 spring/summer edition of the Alabama Genealogical Society Journal. He kindly gave us a copy of that publication. In addition to his proof standards, Dr. Farrar gave an explanation demonstrating the difference between direct and indirect evidence. He had used this tool to prove one of his Jamestowne Society supplementals. The emphasis on using this genealogical tool was placed on three things: 1) quantity of indirect evidence, 2) quality of the indirect evidence, and most important 3) innovative thinking (thinking outside the box) on how to use the indirect evidence to “tie the knot” between two generations.

The First Louisiana Company has thirty-eight members, and six prospective members are working on their papers and should be completing the process soon. Governor Smith is planning to attend the Governors’ Roundtable in Williamsburg this spring, as she did last year. Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 4, 2011.

Emily Smith

Members of the First Louisiana Company at their November 2010 meeting. Seated at the table is Dr. Gresham Farrar, who presented an informative program about genealogical standards.
The Kentucky Trace Company held its winter meeting at Friendship House in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on December 28, 2010. The company filed papers in November and is waiting on approval of its application for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

The following officers were elected for 2011-2012: governor, Laura Waldron; lieutenant governor, D.D. Cayce; secretary of state, Gina Cayce; secretary of treasury, Beverly Riner; genealogist, Anne Moore; chaplain, LaVena Turner; and historian, Lynn Shepherd.

Beverly Riner presented a very interesting and enlightening program titled "Abraham Peirsey of Flowerdew Hundred." She displayed a picture of a replica of the original windmill on the Flowerdew Hundred Plantation. Erected in 1621 by Sir George Yeardley, governor of Virginia, it is recognized as the first wind-driven grist mill in English North America.

The next meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 17, 2011, at Lynn Shepherd's home in Hopkinsville. D.D. Cayce will present a program on "Side Lights on Southern History."

Laura Waldron

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On Saturday, November 6, 2010, the First Texas Company held its semiannual luncheon meeting at the Briar Club at 2603 Timmons Lane in Houston, Texas. Carolyn Farmer, First Texas parliamentarian, was recognized, as well as Doris Sherron and Gina Bouchard, past First Texas Company governors.

The meeting was called to order by Darla McKenna, governor. Special guests were introduced and welcomed. Members introduced themselves and gave the name of their ancestor. Page Steele was recognized for organizing a "Celebration of Ancestors" at the Museum of Southern History on October 10, 2010. Those that attended had a nice afternoon, which included piano music and guided tours.

The program, presented by member Eric Sandifer, was titled "The Historic Triangle: James Towne, Colonial Williamsburg and Yorktown." We experienced a step back in time with his period costume and program.

The First Texas Company made contributions of $200 to the mortgage reduction fund, $100 to the restoration of records (Wingo) fund, and $100 to the scholarship fund. Also, members Dolores Dodge, Diana Cassola, and Lisa Lents made donations to the mortgage reduction fund. We welcomed new member Bill Griffith.

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The Kentucky Company celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on Saturday, November 13, 2010, with one of the most memorable gatherings in its history. Assembled at the Pendennis Club in Louisville, nearly fifty members and guests enjoyed a reception in the club's marble-floored entry hall with premium sherry, which was donated by member Lowry R. Watkins, Jr., and Westover crackers. The Underhill Trio enriched both the reception and the luncheon that followed with colonial instrumental music that resonated throughout the venue. Two members of this ensemble, Helen Underhill and Susan Semple, are, in fact, company members and kindly donated their talents.

A real Virginia meal followed in the adjacent wood-paneled Reading Room, imbued with the ambiance of an old British manor house. The fare included Brunswick stew, Sally Lunn bread, beaten biscuits, Edwards Virginia ham, and other trimmings. Lunch was topped off by cherries jubilee, which the club's staff prepared with all of the traditional fire and artistry so associated with this dessert.

Company governor Dr. Jack J. Early welcomed honored guests Carter Branham Snow Furr, immediate past governor of the Jamestowne Society, and his wife Caroline. Governor Furr gave a most informative and interesting presentation on “Powhatan’s Capital: Werowocomoco.” Afterwards, Dr. Early inducted the Furrs into the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. The company also recognized the presence of two of its charter members, Audeen Jacobs and Harris E. Willingham, Jr.

Mr. Watkins and past company governor Anne Stokes Moore then presented Governor Furr with checks totaling $2,100 towards the mortgage reduction fund. Mr. Watkins generously matched and exceeded donations by company members, putting the Kentucky Company in the Cavalier giving level. The company has now contributed $4,385 to the mortgage reduction project and $5,185 total to the Jamestowne Society over the last decade.

After the meeting, those in attendance were given the special opportunity to have a private tour of the new Library of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, which had just opened a few weeks before in its new quarters on Louisville’s historic Main Street. This tour was made possible by NSSAR president general J. David Sympson and conducted by Joe E. Harris, executive director.

The fall meeting and luncheon was held at the Milburn Golf & Country Club in Overland Park, Kansas. The meeting was called to order by Governor Dessa Jane Burrell. Mrs. Anne Sizemore, chaplain, gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the luncheon, Mrs. Frances Bade introduced the speaker, Dr. Robert Xidis, a retired American literature professor, who presented the program “The Economic Engines of Seventeenth-Century Virginia.” The business meeting was conducted after the program.

It was announced that Dr. Michael Frost had been elected lieutenant governor of the Jamestowne Society. He reported that each company will be able to order two Jamestowne Society flags from headquarters.

Prospective members Mr. Robert and Mrs. Muriel Mellot, along with Mrs. Peggy Quisenberry, were introduced. Kansas-Missouri member certificates were presented to Mrs. Rugenia Coats and Mr. Romie Carr, who joined the company in the spring. Honorary certificates were presented to Robert and Janet Reid, who are now included among the friends of the Kansas-Missouri Company.

The company’s biannual election was held and the following are officers serving from 2011 to 2013: governor, Dessa Jane Burrell; lieutenant governor, Mr. Romie E. Carr; treasurer, Mr. Gordon Fristoe; recording secretary, Mrs. Janis Taylor; historian, Dr. Michael Frost; chaplain, Mrs. Anne Sizemore; genealogist, Mrs. Frances Bade.

The spring meeting will be held Saturday, May 21, 2011.

Jean Taylor

The First Colorado Company held its spring meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Spooner. The program was about John Vassall, Huguenot, during the Inquisition, and his son, John. The younger John went to England, where he was honored by the king for building two ships which helped defeat the Spanish Armada. He purchased stock in the Virginia Company, making him an eligible ancestor for the Jamestowne Society.

The fall meeting was held at the Wellshire Inn in Denver on October 30, 2010. The program was a video titled Jamestowne, the Beginning. Mrs. Montine Knowles showed a chart with the 1607 history and coats of arms of Jamestown ancestors. The chart has been in the Knowles family for several generations. The election of officers was held, with installation by Chaplain Montine Knowles. Elected were Jean Taylor, governor; Debra Deforest, secretary; Beverly Nelson, treasurer; Beverly Spooner, chaplain; Jeannine Dobbins, lieutenant governor; and Lawrence Knowles, historian.

Jean Taylor
The historic home of Nancy Barrow in Rural Retreat was the site of the fall meeting of the Roanoke-New River Valley Company on November 14, 2010. After general introductions and comments about various ancestors, the minutes and treasurer’s report were given. Jefferson Bowman announced a generous donation to the mortgage reduction fund in memory of her sister, a former member of our group. Past governor Jim Owen reported on the Jamestowne Society meeting in Richmond in November and reminded us that two of our members, Dr. John Shelton and Aurelia Lacy, are currently serving on the council. There being no old business, the location of the May meeting was discussed. Three excellent locations were proposed and a decision on the final location will be made later. Refreshments were served following an interesting and original program given by our hostess. Nancy was in the costume of a middle-class woman of 1770. She discussed the purpose of various garments as she displayed them, the last being the dress of a servant. It was an unusual, informative, and entertaining program.

Patty S. Arnold

SOUTH FLORIDA COMPANY

The South Florida Company is excited about the new company website created by our chaplain, Jo Compton. After consulting with Jamestowne Society webmaster Susan Rager, Jo proceeded to design a wonderful site for the company. You can view the site at www.sf Jamestownesociety.org; or go directly to the “Companies” page on the Jamestowne Society website and click on South Florida Company to see who we are and what we are doing.

Zee Porter

NORTH FLORIDA COMPANY

The inaugural meeting of the recently organized North Florida Company was held October 30, 2010, at the Gainesville Country Club. Officers for 2011-2012 were elected and installed by Ruth Hemmingway, past governor of the Florida Gulf Coast Company. The new officers are Monica D. Douglas, governor; Rev. Roy Martin, Jr., lieutenant governor and chaplain; Beth Wilson, recording secretary; Vann Rhodes, corresponding secretary; and Dr. Harry Hollien, treasurer.

Vann Rhodes
The Tennessee Valley Company met in the lovely Belle Meade home of John and Carol Rochford last April. The Rochfords served a delicious brunch. More than thirty members and guests attended, and some of them are shown in the photograph above. Governor Richard H. Knight, Jr., presented a brief program on one of his Jamestowne Society ancestors, Dr. John Woodson. The company will meet again in April of 2011.

Richard Knight

The Tennessee Company of the Jamestowne Society gathered at the University Club, Memphis, Tennessee, on November 20, 2010, for their annual luncheon and business meeting. At the conclusion of lunch, the group was treated to a most informative address by a member of the Tennessee Company, Mr. Colby Morgan, historian and currently the senior council—litigation for Federal Express. The well-received subject of his fascinating remarks was "My Life and Times in Jamestowne.

In August of 2010 the company made a monetary donation to the Jamestowne Society’s restoration of records fund in memory of longtime Tennessee Company member and officer Anne Babin, who died on July 17, 2010.

Clark Doan

Left to right, seated: Martha Tibbs, Bettie Gustafson, John McCutchen, Evalyn Harris, Joanne Moore, Clark Doan; standing: Colby Morgan, Peggy Weaver, Mary Ward, Audrey Rainey, Benita Brown, Dennis Ward, Charlotte Dean, Ruthanne Jenkins
Top, Jamestowne Society members gathered in the ballroom of the Commonwealth Club (photographs courtesy of Susan G. Rager); bottom left, Eric Sandifer, First Texas Company, in colonial dress; center right, the Underhill Trio performing for the Kentucky Company; bottom right, First Louisiana Company members Fenton Rutledge, Katherine Rutledge, Emily Smith, and Bill Smith
MEMBERSHIP FEES AND APPLICATION PROCESS

The lifetime membership fee for a new member is currently $400. Members who have more than one qualifying ancestor may submit supplemental applications. Supplementals are $125 for each ancestor line submitted.

All membership applications and supplementals must now be prepared using the Jamestowne Society’s current application, which is an easy-to-use PDF form completed using a computer. All prospective new members must be invited to apply for membership in the society. Members should send letters of recommendation to the Richmond, Virginia, office by mail or by e-mail. Be sure to include your full name and the name and mailing address of the person you wish to sponsor, with a few lines about the candidate. The society can then send an invitation to apply and a form which the applicant can use to order the software. To ensure that only the most recent version is utilized, each prospective member must order his or her own application software. Old versions of the software in the possession of current members may not be used. To do so will delay the application process.

These procedures are necessary in order for the society to effectively and efficiently archive member lineages, thereby enhancing the benefit of this information to new applicants and members wishing to submit supplemental lines.