Jamestown Society Members are cordially invited to
A HERITAGE WEEK EVENT
at
THE COSMOS CLUB
2121 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
Social Hour - 12:00 noon  Lunch Served - 12:30 with program to follow
$95.00 per person. No Refunds or Changes after March 24, 2016
SPACE IS LIMITED.  MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

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WITH ENTREE OF YOUR CHOICE
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-OR-
Seared Salmon with steamed broccoli, potato leek puree and chive citrus crust and dill sauce
-AND FOR DESSERT:
Chocolate Marquis dark chocolate mousse, chocolate sponge cake and kirsch syrup

FOR YOUR DINNER PLEASURE
Douglas S. Owsley, Ph.D.
Division of Physical Anthropology at the Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History
Dr. Owsley will lecture on the exhumation and examination of the 4 graves in the chancel of the 1608 Jamestown Church.

Member’s name (PLEASE PRINT):________________________________________ E-mail______________________________
No name tags, tickets or confirmations will be mailed. Your canceled check is your receipt.
Preprinted name tags and tickets will be available at the hospitality table beginning at 11:30 A.M.
We will notify you only if reservations exceed capacity. Make your reservations early!
SAV E THE DATE!

The Jamestowne Society Fall Luncheon will take place on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016. Featured speaker William P. Carrell II will present “Colonial Plantations of Virginia: Economic, Architectural and Social Legacy.”

8 In the Matter of the Record

Marriage Bonds for Goochland County, VA have most recently benefited from Wingo fund support, and these are colonial records, 1730-1776. Many of these records list parties traceable to Jamestown.

BY GARY MURDOCK WILLIAMS

10 Forgotten Founder

Robert Gosnold, lord of the manor of Otley, got his nephew, Bartholomew, on board the Earl of Essex’s expedition in 1597; a step instrumental in settlement of Jamestown and where the sea captain has again come to life.

BY WILLIAM P. CARRELL II

The Fall Tour will take place on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016. We will visit two privately owned plantations, Mt. Airy Plantation and Sabine Hall in Warsaw, Richmond County; lunch to be announced.

MT. AIRY PLANTATION was completed in 1764 of neo-Palladian style. John Tayloe II was the builder and at the time he was probably the richest planter in Virginia. His son-in-law, Francis Lightfoot Lee and his wife Rebecca Tayloe are buried on the estate. It was featured on the television series, “American Rehab Virginia” during the summer of 2015. Historical construction updates were recorded for 10 different areas of the house. Mt. Airy became a National Historic Landmark in 1960 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966.

SABINE HALL was built by Landon Carter (1710-1778) between 1738-1742, son of Robert “King” Carter. It is a Georgian-style manor house with two wings and a fully paneled central hall and a curved walnut stairway. It overlooks six gardened terraces on the Rappahannock River. In 1969, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places and the next year it became a National Historic Landmark. It has never left the hands of the builder’s descendants and it is a rare opportunity to see this private residence.

About the cover:

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JS/Governor's Message
As we move forward, we find the Society growing in new directions. In years past, Carolyn Farmer assumed the reins of company chair, and there were nineteen companies. Some thought the Society didn’t need more companies.

However, Carolyn found an interest among members in creating new companies; and she grew the companies over a period of years to a total of thirty-nine with Council’s approval. It has been found the companies play an integral part in helping members develop relationships, friends and a historical backgrounds of Jamestowne Island and our ancestors.

Anne Moore succeeded Carolyn as company chair and has since grown the companies to fifty-one, with expectations of nine or so being approved by Council this spring at the May meeting, a total of sixty.

This has been a wonderful expansion for the Society. It allows members who might not be able to travel to Richmond in November or Williamsburg in May of each year to attend a local meeting and stay abreast of current events pertinent to Jamestowne and our Society.

Anne Moore and newly appointed company co-chair Jane Condgon will always be available to assist members with questions. Each will cover a geographic area and will provide assistance to current and newly formed companies. If you do want to begin a new company in a geographic area that is under served they are always willing to advise and help out.

A brochure will soon be available to provide guidelines to open a new company. A separate brochure for current officers with proper steps to operate a company shall also soon be available.

There is a modest annual administrative fee for companies of $100 due each July 1. Official Jamestowne Society flags will be provided to each company without charge. Also, Council has approved an umbrella EIN number for companies to submit their annual 990 IRS filing via post card.

We have a new magazine editor, Susan McCrobie, who brings years of experience to the Society and is being assisted for now by Anne Moore, who knows where all of the buttons are located. We look forward to seeing you in April at the Cosmos Club luncheon in Washington D.C. and the May meetings in Williamsburg. Wishing you a great new year, God Bless.

JAMESTOWNE GOVERNOR EMERITA FEATURED IN SOCIAL REGISTER NEWS

The 2016 edition of the New York Social Register, in its “Noteworthy Events” section, features (below) DeEtte DuPree Nesbitt’s selection as the Jamestowne Society’s first Governor Emerita.

The Social Register, while primarily New York City based, also has national and international members, including a number who are in the Jamestowne Society.

The Jamestowne Society Has Honored Mrs. Ernest V. Nesbitt II (Massey-DeEtte DuPree) as its first governor emerita. The Jamestowne governing council created the stand-alone title of emeritus/emerita to “honor special members who have rendered lengthy, extraordinary service to the Society.” A native of Houston, Mrs. Nesbitt served two terms as the Society’s governor (1998-2000) and has been a longtime leader and benefactor for more than 30 years. In May of 2014, she endowed the Society’s graduate scholar assistance program, which has been named the Alice Massey-Nesbitt Fellowship in honor of her late daughter. Mrs. Nesbitt and longtime Society treasurer Harrison Tyler, treasurer emeritus and grandson of U.S. President John Tyler, are the first members to receive emeritus/emerita honors since the society was formed eight decades ago.

Mrs. Ernest V. Nesbitt
The Governor’s Dinner is open to all Jamestowne Society Members and their guests. The dinner will be held at Christina Campbell’s Tavern located at 1001 S. Waller Street at 7:15 P.M. Cost per person is $60.00.

Campbell’s is noted as George Washington’s favorite for seafood. Christiana Campbell’s Tavern is alive today with conservation and political discussion as it was in the time of the founders.

~ MENU ~

Captain’s Eastern Shore Clam Chowder: cream stew with celery, onions, potatoes, clams and light hints of Sherry.

With a choice of one entree selection:

Pan-seared Salmon topped with tomato-basil cream sauce and Shrimp and Lobster Meat, Cook’s Vegetables and Tavern Potatoes

or

Chesapeake-style Crab Cake lump crabmeat patties with Cook’s Vegetables and Tavern Potatoes

All selections include: Tavern Bread and choice of coffee, tea, or fountain beverage.

Dessert: Campbell’s Famous Tavern Bread Pudding.

Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the dinner.

SORRY, NO MENU SUBSTITUTIONS.

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Governor’s Dinner
MAY 20, 2016

NAME ___________________________ CHOICE: Salmon       Crab Cakes

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NO CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES AFTER APRIL 29, 2016.

Members Name: __________________________________________ email: __________________________

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Your Generosity Is Greatly Appreciated...

Our goal is to achieve an endowment of $2,000,000. Contributions and support from the membership can help us to exceed our goals. Jamestowne Society members have been very generous and guarantee our sustainability insuring our future mission. Would you like to make a special donation to help achieve our goal?

If you have a question or would like to discuss a donation, contact Governor Jerry W. Zillion at fhogjwz2@juno.com
In the Matter of the Record

By Gary Murdock Williams

Since the Jamestowne Society commenced its sponsorship of preserving Virginia’s archival court records through the Wingo Fund in 1979, the vast majority of these records have been deed, will and order books. Naturally, seventeenth century volumes elicited the greatest concern. Although there still remains many later volumes in need of attention, the Society has begun to focus on other but critically important records central in the establishment of genealogical relationships: marriage records.

Carolyn Farmer, long an active member of the Jamestowne Society from Houston, was shocked by the plight of the original post-1820 marriage bonds of Albemarle County. These loose records had never been targeted for conservation and researchers were allowed unattended use in pulling them out of boxes and entrusted to returning them in proper sequence. A suggestion by Ms. Farmer that the Jamestowne Society consider these records as a project received a positive response by the Restoration of Records Committee. The Society proceeded with conservation of the Albemarle marriages from 1820 to 1853, the year the Commonwealth of Virginia began statewide registration of marriages, births and deaths. The project induced the Albemarle clerk to prevail upon the county’s governing board to complete the project, once the Society had finished its second cycle of taking the conservation of marriage bond up to 1843. Albemarle’s assumption for the completion of this project released funds for the Society to support conservation needs elsewhere. Four of the earliest deed books in Powhatan County, which was cut off from Cumberland in 1777, were restored with the readily available Wingo funds.

The marriage bonds for Goochland County have most recently benefited from Wingo fund support, and these are colonial records, 1730-1776. A perusal of these bonds quickly reveals that many of them relate to descendants of Jamestown settlers. Conspicuously absent, however, is Peter Jefferson’s 1739 marriage bond to Jane Randolph, as it was rescued some years ago and restored in a leather binder with Peter Jefferson’s 1737 bond as Sheriff of Goochland County. The marriage bonds for four of Jane Randolph’s sisters, however, were rescued among approximately 230 bonds under the Society’s sponsorship: those for Mary Randolph to Col. Charles Lewis in 1747, for Dorothea Randolph to John Woodson in 1751, for Anna Randolph to Daniel Scott also in 1751 and for Susanna Randolph to Carter Henry Harrison of Cumberland County in 1760. They were the daughters of Isham Randolph of “Dungeness” in Goochland and all five of them married men traceable to Jamestown: Christopher Branch, who arrived in 1620, was Peter Jefferson’s earliest Virginia ancestor; Nicholas Martiniau, who also arrived in 1620, was Col. Charles Lewis’ ancestor; John Woodson, who came over in 1619, was John Woodson’s ancestor; William Coxe, who arrived in 1619, was Daniel Scott’s ancestor; and Edward Burwell, a member of the Virginia Company who died in 1626, was the ancestor of Carter Henry Harrison.

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Also of particular interest for those captivated by Thomas Jefferson lore is the marriage bond for John Wayles (1715-1775), his father-in-law, who lived at “The Forest” in Charles City County. It will be remembered that Jefferson married the widow, Martha Wayles Skelton in 1772. She was Wayles’ daughter by his first marriage to Martha Eppes, descended from Francis Eppes, who was in Virginia by 1625. The bond for John Wayles was for his third marriage to the widow Elizabeth Lomas Skelton in 1760. She was the relict of Reuben Skelton, whose younger brother was the first husband of Martha Wayles Skelton Jefferson. After the loss of three wives, John Wayles lived in cohabitation with a mulatto slave woman, Elizabeth Hemmings, by whom he begat Sally Hemmings (1772-1836), the subject of much controversy among historians over the past four decades.

The Goochland marriage bonds, like those for Albemarle, were decadified, encapsulated in Mylar (a plastic covering) and placed in post binders. The Goochland records require two binders, and a dedicatory page was inserted at the beginning of each volume. The cost was $3,255.00.

Not only are marriage records crucial links to establishing a family tree, an original marriage bond (which was the mode in which marriages were legalized up to 1850), in providing the actual signature of the groom, offers a much more personal connection to an ancestor than what the court clerk transcribed into deed and will books. These loose, fragile and invaluable records merit an ongoing concern.
Further research has been done and the following ministers have been found eligible and to have had children. Research has not been done beyond the second generation, but these are new lines that open up a number of potential descendants who may become Jamestowne Society members.

ACCEPTABLE LINES:
Charles Anderson died 1739 Charles City Co. (Anglican minister). His wife was Frances. Issue: Elizabeth (Mrs. John Stith), Charles, Frances (Mrs. Thomas Pinckard), Jane, Charlotte (Mrs. Henry Taylor).
John Banister died 1693 Charles City Co. (Anglican minister). His wife was Mary. Issue: John.
James Clack born 1655 Wiltshire, England, died 1723 Gloucester Co., VA. His wife was Jane. Issue: William, James, Jane [Mrs. Robert Ballard, Mrs. Matthew Hubbard], Dorothy [Mrs. Gwyn Reade], and Anne [Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Hinchea Mabry].
George Robertson born 1662 Scotland, died November 1739. (Anglican minister). Issue: George, John, James, Elizabeth (Mrs. Herbert).
James Wallace died 1712 Elizabeth City Co. (Anglican minister). His wife was Mrs. Ann Shepherd Guthierick-Wythe. Issue: James.
George Saunders died 1762 Fauquier Co., VA. (Anglican minister). Issue: George, Elizabeth, James, Benjamin, Hannah (Mrs. John Stith), Ann (Mrs. John Farnifold, [Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Hinchea Mabry].
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Research on the following has not proven conclusively that there are descendants of these individuals. It will be up to the applicant to find conclusive primary source documentation of descendants.

PROBLEM LINES:
Thomas Allarces: died 1701 in Williamsburg.
James Bowker: died testate without issue.
John Farnifold: died testate, but will only wife, relations, and mentions step-children.
George Hudson: died 1696 in Williamsburg.
Ralph Flowers: died 1704 York Co., left a wife, but there is no indication of any children.
Nicholas Moreau: returned to England.
Samuel Sandford: died 1711 Accomack Co., VA. Will only mentions nieces and nephews.
Jacob Ware: d.1709 Henrico Co., VA. Wife Susannah and son Francis. His wife mentions other children, but not established if they his or they were by a previous marriage.
MARK SUMMERS WILL SPEAK ON RELIGION AND POLITICS AT JAMESTOWN

New discoveries at James Fort have raised questions to disturb previously held beliefs about the colonists.
Join Summers, Manager of Public Relations and Educational Programs of Jamestown Rediscovery at Historic Jamestowne and Preservation Virginia staff member, as he discusses how religion affected government during the James Fort Period and its relevance 400 years later.

Reception begins at eleven-thirty.
Lunch service begins at twelve-fifteen with program to follow.
CASH BAR DURING THE RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON.
No late reservations or walk-ins will be accepted.

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

$60.00 per person. No Refunds or Changes after April 29, 2016

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

Member’s name (PLEASE PRINT): ______________________________ Daytime phone: (____) _____ - ________

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JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY SHOPPE WILL BE OPEN ONLY FROM 10:30 - 11:30 AM

The Williamsburg Lodge is the headquarters hotel for the May meeting. They have reserved a block of rooms for this event at the rate of $184 for Superior Rooms or $208 for Deluxe Rooms, plus tax (currently 11%) and $2 room occupancy fee.
To take advantage of this rate, make your reservations directly with the Williamsburg Lodge no later than Tuesday, April 19, 2016.
For room reservations phone the Williamsburg Lodge at 800-261-9530 and reference the Jamestowne Society.

FIND UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ON THE 2016 MAY MEETING AT www.jamestowne.org

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JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY
SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LUNCHEON
Saturday, May 21, 2016
THE WILLIAMSBURG LODGE
310 South England Street, Williamsburg, Virginia

The Jamestowne Society Shoppe will be open only from 10:30 - 11:30 AM.
JS/Spring Heritage Tour

REGISTRATION FORM

JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY SPRING HERITAGE TOUR
- OPEN TO ALL JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY MEMBERS AND GUESTS -
Friday, May 20, 2016 - 10:30 A.M.
Departing from the Williamsburg Lodge, Conference Center Entrance
310 South England Street, Williamsburg, Virginia
NAME TAGS AND TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE BOARDING THE BUS.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME ____________________________________________________________ CHOICE:          Turkey Ham Veggie
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PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM YOU ARE REGISTERING, GIVE NAME AS DESIRED ON NAME TAG AND SELECT A MENU CHOICE FOR THE BOX LUNCH.

Box Picnic Lunch includes choice of Turkey Sandwich, Ham Sandwich or Veggie Wrap. All are served with Potato Salad and a Brownie. Water will be provided.

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

Enter number of tour reservations/lunches:_____ @ $80 each. Amt. enclosed: $_______

Tour limited to first 110 registrants. No refunds or changes after April 29, 2016.

$80 PER PERSON - INCLUDES CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION, BOX LUNCH AT THE BERKELEY COACH HOUSE AND ADMISSION TO BERKELEY AND WESTOVER PLANTATIONS

PLEASE CIRCLE SELECTION

- Berkeley Plantation
- Westover Plantation

In winter, 1619, English settlers on the ship “Anne” arrived at Berkeley on the north side of the James River at Herring Creek in Charles City. The Charter of Berkeley Plantation required that the day of arrival, December 4, be an annual “day of thanksgiving”. The settlement was abandoned after the Massacre of 1622 but was resettled by Harrison family progenitors. The plantation home was built by Benjamin Harrison IV in 1726 and it is believed to be the first three-story brick house in Virginia. It is the family home of two American Presidents, William Henry Harrison, grandson of the builder and, Benjamin Harrison his great-great-grandson. In 1907, antebellum restoration began. Fortunately, the 18th century architecture has been preserved and the house is furnished with period antiques. The gardens are known for boxwoods and they are available in the gift shop.

The estate was built about 1750, probably by William Byrd II and it is known for its symmetry and it is renowned for its iron gates. It is a perfect example of Georgian architecture. The land on which Westover sits was purchased by William Byrd I in 1688 for L300 and 10,000 pounds of tobacco and cask. The library was one of the largest in the colonies, with 4,000 volumes. The property remained in the Byrd family until 1817. Both William Byrd I and II are buried there. A grounds tour includes a walled garden, original dependencies, and the original site of the Charles City Courthouse and graveyard.

BOX LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE COACH HOUSE AT BERKELEY PLANTATION. MOTOR COACH RETURNS TO THE WILLIAMSBURG LODGE BY 4:30 P.M.
The Forgotten Founder of America

Captain Bartholomew Gosnold

BY WILLIAM P. CARRELL II

On the 26th of March 1602, Capt. Bartholomew Gosnold (ca. 1571-1607) left the shores of Britain in the ship Concord commanding a small group of settlers bound for the New World to plant a trading colony in the “North Part of Virginia.” Upon arrival, the prospective colonists explored the coast-line: Gosnold named a large cape they encountered “Cape Cod” and the largest of a group of nearby islands for his deceased daughter Martha—Martha’s Vineyard. After building a fort on the nearby island of Cuttyhunk, Gosnold’s crew refused to stay due to lack of provisions, and they returned to Britain on June 12th. Little would be known about this the latest failed attempt to plant a British settlement in North America but for the accounts of Thomas Brereton and Gosnold’s friend Gabriel Archer. Its failure, though, was satirized in Ben Jonson’s 1605 play *Eastward Ho!*

Gosnold, who was a scion of a gentry family, an alumnus of Jesus College, Cambridge & the Middle Temple, a barrister, and privateer, was not the most obvious individual to take on the mantle of colonial promoter from his disgraced former acquaintance Sir Walter Ralegh. Indeed, the poor outcome of his first attempt at colonization might suggest that his interest in such endeavors would be short-lived.

Yet, that was not the case at all. Upon returning home, Gosnold immediately began to plan a bigger, grander venture to the rich area that was the planned destination of Roanoke’s lost colonists in 1587—the Chesapeake. Numerous obstacles stood in his way. The first, of course, was the failure of the 1602 venture. The second was the political shadow cast by his support following that of his uncle Robert Gosnold III (ca. 1534-1615) of the disgraced favorite of Queen Elizabeth I, Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex, who was beheaded in 1601. A third arose in 1603 when James VI of Scotland succeeded to the English throne and, soon thereafter, secured a peace treaty with Britain’s nemeses, Spain: now, there was little desire to risk the new treaty with a colonial venture that might anger the Spanish.

Gosnold, though, was not deterred. In the words of Capt. John Smith:

> having many years solicited many of his friends, but found small assistants; at last prevailed with some Gentlemen, as Master Edward Maria Wingfield, Captaine John Smith, and diverse others who depended a yeare upon his projects, but nothing could be effected, till by their great charge and industrie it came to be apprehended by certaine of the Nobilitie, Gentrie, and Marchants, so that his Majestie by his letters patents, gave [a] commission.

Similarly, John Stow wrote in 1614, in his *The Annals of England,* that Gosnold was a “brave soldier and very ingenious, spent much money, and adventured his person, and drew in many others, at the beginning of this plantation” of Virginia.
Through Gosnold’s tireless efforts and those whom he recruited, the Virginia Company was chartered in 1606 by the king, and it is believed that its organizational meeting was held in the great hall of his ancestral home, Otley Hall in Co. Suffolk, that belonged to his uncle Robert. Probably due to their Essex associations, he was not one of the four incorporators of either the London or the Plymouth parts of this company. Nonetheless, later that year, he held additional meetings at Otley Hall for the planning of the London portion of the Virginia Company’s mission to the Chesapeake and recruited many of his relations and neighbors to take part. He was Vice Admiral of the fleet, commanding the ship Godspeed, that departed Britain for Virginia on December 20, 1606 and established Jamestowne on May 14, 1607. He was also one of the members of Virginia’s first Council.

But, as recounted by the colony’s first President Edward Maria Wingfield, among the many who died a few months after arrival “was the worthy and religious gentleman, Captain Bartholomew Gosnold, upon whose life stood a great part of the good success and fortune of our government and colony” – high praise from one who had sometimes been at odds with him. Colonist George Percy further explained that on the two and twentieth day of August [1607], there died Captain Bartholomew Gosnold, one of our council; he was honorably buried, having all the ordinance in the fort shot off with many volleys of small shot. . . . [Following his] death, the council could hardly agree.

So, Gosnold was not just the founder of the colony; he was also an effective leader and peacemaker of various contentious factions amongst Virginia’s early colonists. Indeed, many colonists came to view Gosnold as the colony’s real leader.

The indomitable and vainglorious Capt. John Smith, who never gave anyone but himself credit for accomplishing anything in his prolific writings, best captures Gosnold’s significance for the ages when he described him as “the first mover of this plantation” of Virginia. Since all of the future British colonies in North America likely depended upon Virginia’s survival to exist, it is not an exaggeration to assert that Gosnold was not only the founder of Virginia but also of what would become the United States and the British Empire.

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While Gosnold left children in Britain, no descendants are known beyond his grandchildren. His brother Anthony and uncle Robert’s grandson Anthony came with him to Virginia in 1607: the former drowned in 1609, and the latter had returned to Britain by 1625. Thus, the only known colonist passing the Gosnold blood down in America today is Thomas Keene (ca. 1593-by 1652/3), who was another grandson of Robert: he settled on Kent Island ca. 1631 and later in Northumberland Co. VA.

In 2003, Gosnold’s grave was discovered at Jamestown revealing his perfectly preserved skeleton and captain’s leading staff. A facial reconstruction by the Smithsonian Institute now reveals his appearance for the first time in over four centuries. A decade later, the degraded skeleton and unique reliquary of Gosnold’s friend Gabriel Archer, who accompanied him to Virginia, was discovered in the chancel of Jamestowne’s 1608 church. So, it is notable that the speaker at the Society’s forthcoming April 2016 meeting in Washington, forensic anthropologist Dr. Douglas Owsley, was involved with the exhumation and interpretation of both of their remains.

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Rev. James Browder, Governor David Woodroof and Robert S. Flynn-Pianist
TENNESSEE VALLEY COMPANY - The Tennessee Valley Company convened on July 25 in the home of Dick and Linda Knight, in Nashville. Forty-six members and guests enjoyed an expanded brunch, a program, and a business meeting. Anne Stokes Moore, of Louisville, KY, the Society’s Companies’ Governor, presented a fascinating account of the western expansion from Jamestowne into Tennessee, which began almost three-hundred years ago. Anne’s excellent program included a Power Point slide presentation and informative handouts.

During the business portion of the meeting, new bylaws were adopted and the following members were elected to office for a term of two years: Dick Knight (Governor), Cindy Waters (Lieutenant Governor), David Brown (Secretary of State), Pat Junkin (Treasurer), and Sandy Henry, Judy Anderson Gordon, Linda Mansur, and Carol Rochford (Councillors). The Company decided to meet twice a year, beginning next spring.

The Tennessee Valley Company covers a lot of territory. A bottle of Virginia wine was awarded to the seven members who drove the greatest distance to attend the meeting. The recipients were David Ham (414 miles round-trip), Judy Bean (298), Bill Duke (264), Bill Hickerson (260), Pat Boals (242), Charlotte Reynolds (224), and Sandy Henry (148).

The Company looks forward to making a valuable contribution to the work of the Society.

NEW YORK COMPANY - Twenty New York Company members and friends toured Congregation Shearith Israel in NYC, on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. Congregation Shearith Israel was the first Jewish congregation in North America, and it dates back to 1654 when twenty-three Jewish refugees from Recife, Brazil, landed in New Amsterdam.

The Congregation’s home since 1897 is a magnificent neo-classical building on Central Park West in Manhattan and includes two synagogues. The interior of the large synagogue, used for weekend services, was designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany and features stained glass windows, a coffered ceiling, and distinctive artisan plasterwork.

The Little Synagogue, used for daily prayer, replicates the Congregation’s first synagogue building, constructed on Mill Street in Lower Manhattan in 1730, and features the Mill Street Synagogue’s reader’s desk and pews, as well as other objects of significance from the Congregation’s history.

Our lecture and tour were conducted by the Congregation’s Shamash (septon) Zachary Edinger, whose family has been a part of the Congregation for four generations. Mr. Edinger showed us silver Torah finial bells crafted by colonial silversmith Myer Myers and Torah scrolls damaged by the British during the American Revolution.

After the tour, the Company held its business meeting and a dinner. We welcomed two new NY Company members -- Susan N. Rock and James R. (Jim) Campbell, Jr. -- new Company Friend, Alvah Rock, and visiting member Allison Clock.

LADY REBECCA STAUNTON COMPANY - The year 2015 ends with the LRSC, Staunton, VA, having been chartered with 26 members in May at Williamsburg. Their first meeting was held August 8 at The Club of Ironwood, Staunton, followed by a December 11th formal Christmas Party at the home of National and Company Lt. Governor the Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin, Jr., Staunton.

Officers installed this year were: Governor: Janie Sherman; Lt. Governor: the Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin, Jr.; Secretary of State: Dr. Marian H. Novak; Senior Secretary of the Treasury: George S. Daugherty, Sr., CPA; Junior Secretary of the Treasury: Carter G. Deitz; Registrar: Britney N. Kean; Historian: Tristan A. Deitz; Chaplain: the Rev. Dr. Martin; and Parliamentarian: G. Andrew Lawrence.

Newest Member: Richard P. Bell, IV.

Prospective Member: Julian H. Taliaferro, EFO/CFO.

At the initial meeting Governor Sherman gifted each attendee with a namesake flower, Lady Rebecca.

Staunton Daylily of Viiete’s Nursery, and presented the chapter with a rosewood box with engraved rosewood gavel and block to be passed to succeeding governors. The noted speaker was Connie Lapallo, author of Dark Enough to See the Stars in a Jamestown Sky—about the women and children of Jamestown.

In November, the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Secretary of State attended the National Meeting and Tour in Richmond; and on December 11th, Lt. Governor Martin hosted a lovely Christmas Party at his gorgeous 19th century Staunton home that was attended by Charter and Prospective members from New Market to Charlottesville to Rockbridge Baths, VA.
Jeff Kreifels brings history alive at Great Northwest Company meeting.

find the analogies Many students get excited about their discoveries and begin to see the study of history as rewarding and not just another required subject for graduation. Since our Great Northwest Company has several historians and genealogists, we were thrilled to see how Mr. Kreifels makes history come alive to young people and we hope his work on new member applications, and the election of officers. Serving for the 2016-2017 term are Dr. Shirley M. Godsey, Governor; Augustus

GOLDEN STATE COMPANY - Forty members, guests and prospective members, our largest attendance so far since our company was chartered in 2012, attended our August 2015 meeting held at the Valley Club of Montecito in Santa Barbara. An interesting program was presented by Liza Black, PhD, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UC Santa Barbara on “Colonial Native Americans-Neighbors of Jamestowne.”

Governor Kathi Chulick attended the November 2015 Jamestowne Society meeting in Richmond. She will be reporting to the Golden State Company at the upcoming February meeting on the enjoyable tour at the Virginia Historical Society, delicious lunch at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and visits to Virginia House and Agecroft Hall, the Governor’s Dinner and the Fall Membership Meeting held at the Commonwealth Club. Our next meeting will be February 13, 2016 held at the Wood Ranch Country Club in Simi Valley. It will be a joint meeting with the Rancho Conejo Mayflower Colony at the Malibu Creek Daughters of Indian Wars chapter.

Golden State Company is planning a “JAM” Jamestowne Ancestor Meeting in the New Year!!! Members of the company will be assisting prospective with their applications at a local genealogical library. For more information contact Governor Kathi Chulick at kathichulick@gmail.com.

NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE JAMESTOWN GENDER GAP - Elizabeth M. Gilman, President and Mary Lynn Jackson, University of Virginia, have written a fascinating paper on the first women and children in Jamestown. In particular, we learned that unlike a popular belief of a later arrival to Jamestown, the first women arrived before 1610. This offer views into life in early Jamestown from founding times of the first women and children in Jamestown.

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WASHINGTON AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMPANY - The annual formal Holiday dinner and meeting of the Washington and Northern Virginia Company was held December 5 at the elegant historic and storied Army and Navy Club on Farragut Square in Washington, DC. Some were in attendance including three new members of our Company. The following Company officers and council members were elected and took office: Governor Jacque-Lynne Schulman; Lt. Governor Rachel Wills; Recording Secretary Angela Hall; Corresponding Secretary Cindy Hays; Treasurer Kathryn Zabriskie; Registrar Nancy Hill; Governor Emeritus Ravenel Marshall; Council Members Bonnie Duncan, Jefferson Moulds, F. Lee Perryman, Josey Ruth, Priestley Toulmin, and W. Jerry Zillion.

The delicious multicourse dinner was topped-off with individual buche de Noel for dessert.

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The newly distributed 2016 First Mississippi Company yearbook contains an updated roster, recently approved bylaws revisions, and biographical sketches of all of the qualifying ancestors of FMC members. Writing and printing these biographies for the yearbook was this year’s company project designed to help members learn more about all of our company’s ancestors and their contributions to the Virginia colony. In keeping with this goal the First Mississippi Company has a collection of materials in the Jamestowne era that are available for members to checkout from the company’s historian for their personal studies of Seventeenth Century Virginia.

The spring meeting of the First Mississippi Company will be April 2, 2016, in Jackson, MS.
First Georgia Company Governor Melodye Brown hosts Dr. William Kelso.

Dorothea Putnal, and Margaret Kelso, Honorary Governors of the Company, George Lee Parson, Martha Wright, and Grace Sanders were recognized. First Georgia is proud to have Mrs. Wright serving as a Councilor for the Jamestowne Society. Special guest, Rick Hollis of Tennessee, also a Councilor for the Jamestowne Society, was recognized.

Governor Brown introduced very special guest, Dr. William M. Kelso, who presented the program, “Jamestown Mysteries: The Buried Truth.” Dr. Kelso is Director of Research and Interpretation at Historic Jamestowne. He holds a Masters Degree in Early American History from William and Mary, Ph.D. from Emory, honorary doctorates in Philosophy, Archaeology and Science, and is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. In 2012, Queen Elizabeth II named him “Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, CBE.” In 1994, Dr. Kelso began excavations at Jamestown searching for remains of the 1607 Fort, thought lost to erosion. Kelso and his team soon discovered the Fort and continue to explore its mysteries.

Company officers for 2015-2017 were elected and installed: Governor Betty B. Harrah, Lieutenant Governor Rachel Colbert, Secretary of State Gail Godfrey, Secretary of the Treasury Sharon Sowers, Chaplain Kendall Snell, History Lyne Tate, and Genealogist G. Edgar Conley, Jr. Melodye Brown was named Honorary Company Governor.

Photograph of the original members of the First Colorado Company attending the February 26, 2006 Inaugural meeting at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, CO. The Company Governor was Barry Howard. It has been ten years since members met and moved the Company forward.

FIRST COLORADO COMPANY - On October 31, 2015 the First Colorado Company of the Jamestowne Society held its fall meeting at the Embassy Suites, in Colorado Springs, CO. We enjoyed a nice turn out and we had a number of prospective members in attendance.

Company member and Chaplin Mary Daley gave a very informative and educational program on “The Women Air Force Service Pilots of World War II.” This subject matter about the role and contributions made by the female pilots during World War II had a very positive impact on the war effort. They encountered many issues, but their will and dedication was exceptional. Their service to the cause exemplified their strength and dedication to the performance of their duties.

Members of the DNA Workshop committee: Debbie Gray, Governor Gina Cayce, Genealogist Lynn McCreery, Lt. Governor David Hancock, Treasurer Laura Waldron, Chaplain LaVena Turner and Beverly Riner.

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KENTUCKY TRACE COMPANY - The Kentucky Trace Company met on December 27, 2015 at Friendship House in Hopkinsville, KY. LaVena Turner presented a program on “Harrison, our 23rd President.” The DNA workshop committee is planning a workshop for June 2016. Contact Lynn Moore McCreery, chairman, at dalianmoore@yahoo.com if you are interested in additional information on this workshop.

FIRST ILLINOIS COMPANY - Most lineage societies domiciled in Illinois meet yearly at the Embassy Suites Hotel in East Peoria in late September for Heritage Weekend. The 2015 inaugural meeting of the First Illinois Company was held at this event; the company elected officers and voted on by-laws. The officers are: Kathryn D. Greenwood, Governor; Cary Stone-Greenstein, Lieutenant Governor, Patricia C. Bryan, Secretary; Lynn Morris Gary, Treasurer; Katherine “Kitty” Humphries, Chaplain; and Lynn Moore McCreery, Genealogist. Presenters explained the history of the Jamestowne Society, the excitement of being a member, and the many annual activities that the organization sponsors. Membership qualifications were discussed as well as the application process and procedures for getting assistance with an application. There will be three company meetings yearly. Starting in 2016, a spring meeting will be held in Mt. Vernon. A summer meeting will be held in the Chicago area, and a fall meeting will be at the Heritage Weekend.

On display were several reference books including “Adventurers of Purse and Person VIRGINIA” by J F Dorman. A replica Pocahontas necklace was given as a door prize and a pewter Pocahontas necklace was auctioned to raise funds. Company members networked with others attending the Illinois Heritage Weekend. We are enthusiastic about the potential a high growth in Illinois as it was settled from the South by Virginians and Carolinians.
Indiana State Library Genealogical Fair in October at Indianapolis. First Indiana Company members enjoy a little fellowship time while at the Latta Plantation. The Latta Plantation, an early 19th century home located in Huntersville, NC, is part of the Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation Department. It provides many educational and recreational activities.

**CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA COMPANY** - The Central North Carolina Company held its annual meeting on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Peninsula Country Club, 19101 Peninsula Club Drive in Cornelius, NC. 21 members and guest were in attendance and participated in discussion about upcoming meetings and activities of the Jamestowne Society. After lunch the group enjoyed a presentation by Matthew Waisner, Site Director of the Latta Plantation. The Latta Plantation, an early 19th century home located in Huntersville, NC, is part of the Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation Department. It provides many educational and recreational activities.

**FIRST INDIANA COMPANY** - The First Indiana Company meets in Indianapolis twice a year – in April and October. Our speakers this year were Laura Smith, DVM, who spoke on DNA and Dr. George Gieb, Butler University Historian Emeritus, who spoke about the role of gun powder in the colonization of Jamestown.

The company had a social event last summer at the lake home of one of the members. There are currently 36 members and 15 prospective members. Future plans include presentation of a scholarship to a graduate student in Indiana who is continuing study of early American history. Members are publicizing the future scholarship and working on raising the funds necessary. The First Indiana Company continues financial support of relevant projects. If you are in the Indianapolis area, please join us.

**FIRST OHIO COMPANY** - On Thursday, September 3, the First Ohio Company of the Jamestowne Society held its annual meeting as part of a group gathering which included the Ohio State Society of Colonial Wars, the Ohio State Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Ohio State National Society Colonial Dames of America and the Ohio State Colonial Dames XVIII Century. The gathering was held at the beautiful Garden Cottage in Mariemont, OH. The “Appetizers in the Garden” event was a dinner-by-the-bite, with lovely wines and a fabulous herbal iced tea

**FIRST ARIZONA COMPANY** - On October 24, the First Arizona Company was invited to join a joint luncheon of Huguenot and Magna Charta Societies at their Fall gathering. We have numerous crossover members within each of the three societies. The luncheon was at the Blue Water Grill in Phoenix, AR. Dr. William Heater, SAR and Magna Charta member, presented the attendees with his “Covered Bridges” slide show.

The luncheon was concluded with the Huguenot and Magna Carta Societies inviting the First Arizona Company, Jamestowne Society to join on a permanent basis. The meetings are in the Fall and Spring.

The regularly scheduled business meeting for the First Arizona Company is the second Saturday in January. The meeting will be held at Governor Burke’s residence. This past October, Jamestowne Society through the First Arizona Company, grew by two new members. They are Michael Jeffrey who is from Chapel Hill, NC but now lives in Phoenix, AZ. Mike’s qualifying ancestor is Joseph Royall. An application for Michael’s mother is now in process. She lives in N. Kingston, RI.

The second new member is Joyce Arlene Roten (Eller.) Joyce now resides in Phoenix, AZ but hails from Nottingham, PA. Her qualifying ancestor is Samuel Abbot.

Governor Burke has prepared an application for his cousin, Evelyn Layton, whose qualifying ancestor is Judith Vassall. Evelyn lives in Maryland.

**LEWIS & CLARK COMPANY** - The Lewis & Clark Company in St. Louis, MO, held its first company meeting in May 2015 and is off to a strong start. Adoption of bylaws and the election of company officers was the first order of business. How to network and identify prospective members was a main topic of discussion. Following the Revolutionary War, a lot of young colonial families moved west to seek their fortune. It is estimated that by 1800, over 200,000 pioneering settlers made their way west passing through the Cumberland Gap. Many settled in Kentucky and after the Louisiana Purchase, a large proportion pushed into Missouri seeking land ownership on the frontier. It is natural that a great number migrated to the St. Louis area.

A spring luncheon will be held at 11:00 on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at The Gatesworth located at #1 McKnight Place in Ladue. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Lorrie Glover, a professor of history at St. Louis University. Glover co-authored the book, *The Ship that Saved Jamestown: The Sea Venture Castaways and the Fate of America*. Her program will focus on the Sea Venture which shipwrecked on Bermuda and made it to Jamestown one year later. Dr. Glover is a social historian focusing on the American colonies. She has authored and co-authored books on Southern history, family values and gender roles, and textbooks.
JS/Company News

First California Company Governor Donna Derrick with new members Marty Sommercamp, Jeffrey Tebeau and Michele Chatelle.

FIRST CALIFORNIA COMPANY - Governor Donna Derrick presided as 28 members and guests attended First California Company’s fall meeting in Anaheim. Our speaker was Dr. Mark Hanna, Associate Professor of History at University of California, San Diego, who has authored a new book, *Pirates Nests and the Rise of the British Empire, 1570-1740*.

Membership Chair Linda Ramos welcomed new members Marty Sommercamp, Michele Chatelle and Jeffrey Tebeau. We enrolled eight new members in 2015. A moment of remembrance was held for organizing member Ann Beinert who passed away July 19, 2014 at the age of 96 years young.

Historian Scarlett Stahl reported she had received records of the Company’s first year from the first Governor Dee Rickards. Governor Derrick read a report from Councilor Jim McCall on the status of the efforts to protect he James River viewshed from the proposed transmission line project by Dominion Virginia Power.

The Company voted to have a complimentary table at Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree on Saturday, June 5, 2016 in Burbank. We will again have our FCC brochures included in all registration packets.

The First California Company is composed of Society members in Southern California and was chartered in May 1999. We welcome visiting members and anyone else with an interest in Jamestown to any of our three meetings each year. Our next meeting will be on February 27, 2016 at the Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena, near the Rose Bowl. Please watch the *News and Meeting* pages on our website for details.

FIRST LOUISIANA COMPANY - The First Louisiana Company, Jamestowne Society, held the fall meeting on November 21st at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans with Governor, Julia French Wood, presiding over 27 members and guests. Among the guests were several who came from Mississippi, including Governor Shirley Godsey of the First Mississippi Company. Most of the guests at the meeting have an eligible Jamestowne Society ancestor and are working on their applications and two new Jamestowne Society members who have been invited to join our Company.

Our guest speaker was Historian and History Professor, Ronald Chapman. He spoke of his four years of research on the records of Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, covering the period of 1607 to 1637, in preparation of his thesis for his master’s degree from Louisiana State University in New Orleans. This was years ago when the only computer available was a main frame, so his notes are in two huge binders over five inches thick. The presentation kept us spell bound since this is the area and period of the settlement of Jamestowne.

Currently, Dr. Chapman’s main interest is the period of the War of 1812 and has written a very interesting book titled “But for a Piece of Wood” which details the events of the Battle of New Orleans and how the British almost won the Battle and the War.

First Louisiana Company members and guests enjoy fellowship and history.

WILDERNESS ROAD COMPANY - Wilderness Road Company along with the Kentucky Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia gathered on November 12, 2015 at the Historic Boone Tavern in Berea, KY for a special program on Jamestown’s own Nicholas Martiau presented by descendant, Sarah Hamilton of Lexington.

Those in attendance enjoyed a report of this Society’s work since they last met in the spring from Anne Moore who was in attendance at the Fall meeting in Richmond during November.

Members of the company congratulated both Stokes and Susan McCrobie on appointments to serve on the national level. Stokes, a newly appointed Councilor, also serves as the Companies Committee chair while McCrobie is serving as Magazine Editor.

The company also welcomed three new members recently accepted into the Society: Carol Rogrow [Nicholas Martiau], Rachel Hannah Persson [John Clay] and Joyce Thomas Miller [William Hatcher]. Expectations for future growth is eminent with many prospective members and newly submitted applications.

The Wilderness Road will meet in the spring at Lexington in a joint meeting with the Jamestowne Society Kentucky Company.

FIRST MARYLAND COMPANY - On December 13, 2015 the First Maryland Company held a Christmas lunch at the Montgomery Country Club. In the spirit of tradition and community members told of their Jamestowne Society ancestor and we even found several “new” cousins as they found mutual ancestors. This exchange lead to comments about migration patterns and how our early Virginians moved out into the new lands beyond the James.

Our new national Governor was introduced. All members present were asked if they had attended one of the May or November national meetings. All were encouraged to plan to attend one of the national events in 2016 and were given the dates and places to encourage attendance.

Another gathering of the First Maryland Company is planned for June, 2016.
FIRST TEXAS COMPANY - The First Texas Company, Jamestowne Society’s annual meeting was held at the McCormick & Schmick’s Restaurant in Houston, TX on Saturday, November 7, 2015 with 53 attendees and was called to order by Governor Cheryl “Sissie” Kipp.

Attendees were each asked to stand, introduce themselves, and recognize their Jamestowne Ancestor. In the absence of Registrar Jim Cantrell, Lt. Governor Barbara McCormick Petrov presented First Texas Company certificates to the two new members in attendance. Past Governors Emerita DeEtte Dupre Nesbitt and Carolyn Kendrick Farmer were recognized, along with Honorary Governors Darla McKenna and Gina Bouchard.

Lt. Governor Barbara Petrov secured our speaker, First Texas Company Member Sara “Beth” Leney who has been an integral part of our company. Those present enjoyed an outstanding presentation including a slide show titled “Pocahontas in Early Jamestowne.” The First Texas Company members voted unanimously to send donations to the Jamestowne Society for their projects.

Gina Bouchard installed the new officers for the 2015-16 term: Governor Cheryl “Sissie” Kipp; Lt Governor Barbara McCormick Petrov; Executive Secretary William “Bill” Griffith; Recording Secretary Lisa Hebert Lents; Treasurer Sarah “Beth” Leney; Registrar James “Jim” Cantrell; Historian Susan Wray Cook; and Chaplain; Reverend Lillian Wade Hyde.

WEST TEXAS COMPANY - The West Texas Company met on June 6, 2015 at the Lake Ridge Country Club in Lubbock to celebrate the 30th anniversary of its formation. Nineteen members and guests were in attendance. In celebration of the special anniversary, pin-on-buttons that stated how many generations each descendant was from their own Jamestowne ancestor were presented to each member.

The program, (in Old English) “A Trewe Relacyon of the Precedelings and Occurrentes of Monmente” or (in modern English) “A True Relation of the Proceedings and Occurrences of Moment” by the Most Honorable George Percy was presented by Mr. Christopher Hensley, dressed in the costume of an English gentleman of the 1600’s, reenacted excerpts from the accounts of the honorable George Percy. The program contained excerpts of Percy’s work regarding the first months after landing in Jamestowne and the starving time. The attendees re-lived the thoughts of an eye-witness to history!

All Company Governors are encouraged to be in attendance at the May 21, 2016 Spring Meeting at Williamsburg, Virginia.
KANSAS-MISSOURI COMPANY - Dr. Scott Sumerall, Lt. Governor, and Frank Ruester, Treasurer, assisted Governor Burrell with the fall business meeting held at a restaurant in Independence, MO.

Guest speaker, Dr. Maryellen McVicker, professor of American History and an officer with the Central Missouri Company in Columbia, MO, presented a program on Richard Cocke, a prominent colonial planter and politician who served as a Burgess representing Henrico County.

Dr. McVicker began her report by explaining the various phonetic spellings of the Cocke surname and clarified that a copy of a portrait shown via the Web is actually a copy of his great-grandson. Her report included history about his two wives, his famous in-laws, and according to peerage charts, a possible ascent through nobility to Charlemagne. Moreover, were some names of his notable descendants that include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Robert E. Lee, and George H.W. Bush. In addition, members Catherine Rosselet and Shirley Campbell are his descendants along with Dr. McVicker who descends from Cocke’s second wife, Mary Aston, and Governor Burrell who descends from his first marriage to Temperance Baley.

A Memorial Service was held for Mrs. Jane Bird Lohse who passed away in January 2014. Mrs. Lohse was a founder of the KS-MO Company chartered in May 1984.

Six prospective members attended the meeting and were reminded that a research seminar will be scheduled in January at the Midwest Genealogy Library. The date and time to be mailed after the holidays to each of them including other prospective members.

NEWS FROM THE COMPANIES CHAIR

Do you travel more than 60 miles to a company meeting? Do you not travel at all to a company meeting because of the distance? Then you are the one we want to organize a company. The purpose of the companies is to serve the needs of members in the areas where they live. Companies bring members into closer association through activities based on areas of common historical and genealogical interest. They are the lifeblood of the Jamestowne Society. When companies are formed in a new location, membership grows as members want their friends and family to be involved and they network within other organizations.

The four companies below will receive charters on May 21, 2016, in Williamsburg, VA. If you would like to be a Charter Member, contact the Organizing Governor given below.

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We will help you organize companies as we have lists of members and maps of members in each area. An Organizing Governor needs a minimum of twelve organizers/member members. Prospective members are contacted and asked to individually complete a “Petition to Organize”. These are compiled into a “Master Petition”. The Master Petition is submitted by April 1, and the end result is charter presentation at the meeting on May 21, 2016. If you organize it, they will come! Companies are the future of the Jamestowne Society.

Central Florida Company ..................... Orlando FL area
East Tennessee Company ....................Knoxville/Chattanooga TN area
Southwest Florida Company ............ Ft. Myers/Naples FL area
Contact Anne Stokes Moore, jamestownec01@gmail.com for information.

Coastal Carolina Company .............. Wilmington NC area
Savannah River Company .............. Savannah GA area
Stephen Hopkins Company .............. Boston MA area

So capture a vision and start a journey of finding like-minded extended family near you and assuring the future of the Jamestowne Society.
### HOUSE OF BURGESS  
**Giving Level of $25,000+**
- Michael Frost
- DeEtte DuPree Nesbitt

### PARISH COUNCIL  
**Giving Level of $10,000 - $24,999**
- Alabama Company
- First Texas Company
- Harrison Ruffin Tyler
- Lowry Rush Watkins, Jr.

### CAVALIER  
**Giving Level of $5,000 - $9,999**
- Lone Star Company
- Michigan Company
- S. Marshall Orr III

### PLANTER  
**Giving Level $2,500 - $4,999**
- First North Carolina Company
- Linda Betts Frazier*
- Robert Hendry
- James City Company
- Little Rock Company
- Oklahoma Company

### MAJOR MERCHANT  
**Giving Level of $1,000 - $2,499**
- Thomas Curpin Fey
- Connie H. Grund
- Margaret Barnhart Gunn
- Ruth K. Hemmeway
- Charles Tracy Jefferson
- Kansas-Missouri Company
- Rebecca Kusserow
- Chiswell D. Langhorne
- NC State University Club, Inc.
- North Florida Company

### EARLY SETTLER  
**Giving Level of $500 - $999**
- First Colorado Company
- First Indiana Company
- First Nevada-Arizona Company
- Carter B. S. Furr
- The Galloway School
- Golden State Company
- Great Northwest Company
- William Harrison
- E. Carl and Lois M. Johnson
- Henry C. Mackall*
- Mary McClurg

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**Giving Level of $250 - $499**
- Florida Gulf Coast Company
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- Robert E. Hill
- Kentucky Trace Company
- John L. McHale*
- Edgar R. McCain
- Teresa Carroll Medinsky
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- John H. Newman, Jr.
- Elizabeth O. Noakes
- Carla Whitehurst Odom
- Mable Pace
- Mrs. William S. Powell
- Marian W. Rief

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The Roll of Honor includes Jamestowne Society donors. Levels of giving are cumulative. Cumulative donations include deposits made between January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015.

The Roll of Honor will be amended to reflect revised giving levels.

*Deceased*
CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS as of December 31, 2015

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 possessing seventeenth-century ancestors.

New SUPPLEMENTALS

as of December 31, 2015

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