The Face of Restoration
The Elizabeth B. Wingo Fund

Are you descended from Nicholas Meriwether from Surry, William Hatcher from Henrico, or Henry Carsley from Northampton? If so, you may be indebted to Elizabeth Wingo for your ability to submit a successful application for membership in the Jamestowne Society. Mrs. Wingo’s restoration work occurred in other counties as well: York, Albemarle, Rappahannock, King George, Brunswick, Charles City, Goochland, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Princess Anne. Elizabeth Wingo and her son were actively restoring early Virginia records years before she joined the Society in 1960. She was also personally saving court records, wills, deeds, order books, and marriage bonds from destruction before she and Ethel Brewster jointly chaired the Society’s Restoration of Records Committee, formed in 1979.

The Funded Restoration Process

The restoration and conservation of paper records includes the processes of mending, cleaning, removing tape, freeze-drying, deacidifying, flattening, scanning, transcribing, compiling, and publishing. Mrs. Wingo published multiple volumes of county records based on original records for the benefit of researchers seeking to prove their descent from 17th and 18th Century Virginia settlers. For decades the Society’s most generously funded project was record restoration. Today that work, named in the honor of Elizabeth B. Wingo, continues. Your financial support for the Wingo fund has added and will continue to add many faces of the settlers’ descendants to the Jamestowne Society family.

The Face of Education
The Alice Nesbitt-Massey Research Fellowship Fund

David Givens, Director of Archaeology

The Alice Massey-Nesbitt Research Fellowship, awarded to outstanding young graduate students researching early Virginia history, is a face of the Society that undoubtedly enhances knowledge of the past. Dave Givens, awarded the Fellowship in 2014, is a fine example of the quality of the Society’s many Fellows. Givens used his research grant to determine whether artifacts of tobacco pipes found at James Fort were produced in England, by colonists, or by natives. The origins and uses of tobacco pipes confirmed the extent of the role of tobacco as the economic foundation of the colony. Dave Givens is a contributing author of Holy Ground: Archaeology, Religion, and the First Founders of Jamestown; and Church and State: The Archaeology of the Foundations of Democracy.

Archaeology Work and Publications

Givens, the Director of Archaeology for Jamestown Rediscovery since 2019, was the keynote speaker for the 400th anniversary of first meeting of the General Assembly in 1619, where he shared archaeological discoveries noted in his book Democracy, Diversity, Discovery, 1619-2019. Archaeological discoveries on Jamestown Island—Jane during the starving time, the foundation of the 1608 Church, and the chancel burials in the 1608 church—made the annual list of the Top Ten Archaeological Finds in the World.

The Fellowship Fund

The Society’s Alice Massey-Nesbitt Fellowship Fund was established by DeEtte Nesbitt in memory of her daughter Alice. Members donating to this fund can see its dramatic impact: its ability to discover many new faces to add to the annals of Virginia history.

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**The Iconic Face of Jamestown Island**

**The 1680 Church Tower**

The 1680 Church Tower, the only remaining above ground Seventeenth-Century structure inside James Fort, stood in a ruinous state until efforts to preserve it were made in 2013-2014. The crumbling bricks and mortar were replaced, preserving it without adding new construction to restore it to its original 1680 appearance. Now work will begin to build a new roof to reduce the tower’s exposure to the destructive elements of nature. Without this urgent preservation project, the tower is in danger of again falling into ruin. The design of the roof, made with modern steel and glass, will not alter the appearance of this iconic symbol of the first permanent English settlement in North America, and its preservation will insure its presence for future generations.

**The 1617 Church’s West Foundation Wall**

In 2019 the foundation of the west wall of the 1617 Church was discovered beneath the floor of the 1680 Church Tower. This discovery confirmed, as Council Secretary William Strachey wrote in 1610, that the church was “in length threescore (60 feet), in breathe twenty four (24 feet).” The west wall foundation will be covered with a glass floor so that visitors may view the original foundation and safely walk over it. Educational graphics and computer-videos will inform the public about the relevancy of this discovery and its historical importance.

**The Jamestowne Society’s 2022 Campaign**

The Jamestowne Society has pledged to donate money to support building a new roof for the 1608 Church Tower and to contribute funds for the exhibits and glass floor to protect the foundation of the west wall of the 1617 church. The Society also will continue to support the faces of restoration (Wingo Fund) and education (Alice Massey-Nesbitt Fellowship). Please donate to a project that enhances Society faces that appeal to you. Or place your gift in the Harrison Ruffin Tyler Unrestricted Fund so that it may be used as needed to support all the faces of the Society, including the face of the Society’s new headquarters in Williamsburg, VA. Your generosity makes all the faces viable and visible.

_With gratitude,_

_The Annual Giving Committee_