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Dr. William M. Kelso seen climbing from the 1608 Well during excavation at the Fort.

Governor’s Well Site Has Familiar Blue Tarps

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It is truly an honor to introduce the Jamestowne Society membership to our new annual giving publication, \textit{Gregory's Guard}. This annual giving report of contributors is named in honor of our Society’s founder, George Craghead Gregory. This first publication highlights gifts from the preceding year 2022. The wonderful increase in our annual fund has outgrown the space available in the Jamestowne Society Magazine; as a result we’ve decided to devote a new publication to reporting our generous donors and showcasing our accomplishments. \textit{Gregory’s Guard} allows us to share what your donations have accomplished to tell the very important story of Jamestown and its role in American history and it announces selected yearly funded project(s).

Due to the generosity of our members, our 2022 Annual Giving Program was one of the most successful campaigns since the beginning of the Annual Giving Program. This success allowed us to completely fund the $150,000 pledge to Jamestown Rediscovery for the Memorial Church Roof project in 2022 while simultaneously maintaining other giving funds category work.

Your annual gift to the Jamestowne Society allows you to become a part of a yearly \textit{Gregory’s Guard}. Thank you for your contributions. What a wonderful legacy for future generations as we continue to find more “discoveries” about the lives of our ancestors and the times in which they lived. Please consider becoming a member of \textit{Gregory’s Guard}.

Nancy M. Redman Hill  
Lt. Governor  
Annual Giving Chairman

Poignant words were spoken by our founder, George Craghead Gregory, during the 1946 Annual Jamestowne Society Meeting. His words continue to resonate.

\textit{“I never visit this place except with awe and reverence, with humility and thankfulness, with thoughts of what our ancestors suffered from hunger, plague, and death; yes, from the pangs of nation-birth, that future generations might live and prosper.”}

Gregory, one of Richmond’s preeminent lawyers and bankers, had long expressed an interest in colonial history and its archaeology. He eventually became involved in Jamestown’s first capitol building, discovering that building’s foundations in the early 1930s.

He was an amateur archaeologist. He correctly identified the foundation of the first statehouse at Jamestown in 1932. Gregory was responsible for clearing the easterly unit and exposing the tops of the foundation that he measured and sketched.

In due course, he devoted more time to Jamestown and was particularly interested in identifying Jamestown’s settlers and uniting their living descendants. To that particular goal on May 14, 1936, he held an organizational meeting on Jamestown Island and six founding members attended. Progress was slow, but Gregory was determined. He studied the settlers’ genealogy, explored the digs, and studied the maps and other written documents of Jamestown’s early settlement.

If Mr. George Craghead Gregory were here today, he would be thrilled to see what is going on at the Island. There is activity everywhere, and the Jamestowne Society is funding a substantial part of that activity, thanks to the enthusiastic support of our members and companies for Annual Giving!

This year, visitors on the Island can watch the installation of a glass roof over the church tower, one that discreetly protects and emphasizes the original church tower architecture in a move towards Contemporary Preservation that was substantially funded by the Jamestowne Society (2022). Our Annual Giving dollars were key to the success of that project.

Let’s keep it going. I ask all of our members to make a generous donation to Annual Giving this year. Please do not miss this chance to play an important role in our shared heritage.

\textit{Richard Holmes Knight, Jr.}  
Jamestowne Society Governor 2021-2023
Governor’s Well Archaeology Dig

By Bonnie Hofmeyer, Jamestowne Society Executive Director

The Jamestowne Society began funding yearly projects with Jamestown Rediscovery in 2016. We met with Dr. Bill Kelso and talked about projects that needed financial support. We agreed to fund a three-year archaeology dig in the Memorial Church. Over the past six years we have continued our support of projects at James Fort. We funded the Memorial Church Archaeology Dig, the replica bell, belfry, the Barracks Exhibit, Eastern Expansion Archaeology Dig, and most recently the Church Tower Roof Project just to name a few.

Archaeology is critical to the ongoing research at Jamestown as it enables archaeologists to push beyond the written historical record. Artifacts found in the digs offer new and important insights into 17th-century life. Many times artifacts fill in the gaps between the written records of James Fort.

The well is located north of James Fort’s northern bulwark. This position suggests an association with the office of the governor. In 2003-2005 two large rowhouses, complete with chimney bases, were excavated along the interior of the west palisade wall close to the northern bulwark. The larger structure was likely the residence of the governor constructed in 1611.

After ground penetrating radar revealed the presence of a large feature, excavations began in 2022 to determine the use of the area. A wide ditch running north to south was...
All efforts in the field are focused on a brick-lined well just to the northwest of James Fort’s north bulwark. Its proximity to the home of Governors has led to its naming. Like other wells on the island, once water soured it became a trash pit and all manner of artifacts can be found in the depths as work progresses.
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I am so appreciative of the Jamestown Society’s continuing vital support for important special projects, structures, and archaeological work at Jamestown. This has enabled us to paint the setting where the first English settlers arrived and lived. As we know, establishing Jamestown was a dangerous undertaking, one that would require resolve and perseverance through periods of conflict with the native Virginia Indians, disease, hunger, and unthinkable anguish. But ultimately, it was here on the banks of the James River where the first permanent English settlement would take root. From that foothold the first colony of the world wide British Empire would grow and spread lasting traditions of democracy, rule of law, and private enterprise.

Contributions from the Jamestowne Society have enabled us to preserve our iconic 17th-century Church Tower, maintain interpretive structures such as the Barracks, and produce publications that tell a three-dimensional history of the first settlers. In addition, Society support for our ongoing archaeology and research efforts has provided a unique lens with which to re-interpret the seminal years of our nation.

-Dr. William M. Kelso, (Hon.) CBE, FSA, SAR
Emeritus Director of Jamestown Rediscovery

uncovered leading from the fort to a rectangular enclosure. Archaeologists began to excavate deeper to discover the purpose of the ditch and enclosure. They uncovered a series of bricks laid out in a level circular shape. It soon became clear that these bricks belonged to a 17th-century well.

Jamestown’s wells have proven to be wonderful sources of information about life at the fort. The discovery and investigation of three wells during previous digs have revealed an extraordinary number of well-preserved artifacts. Some remarkable objects found in well excavations were Lord de la Warr’s halberd and a loaded Roman Flint lock pistol. They also found objects from daily life such as boarderware, leather shoes, and tobacco seeds.

Excavations of the governor’s well could reveal more about the time in which it was used. Objects found within the well could tell us additional information about life at James Fort during the time when Samuel Argall and Sir George Yeardley were governors.

Gifts to the William M. Kelso Archaeology Fund will support the Governor’s Well Project in 2023.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW.

Your personal copy of The Jamestowne Society’s Gregory’s Guard contains a handy 2023 Annual Giving form with self-addressed Jamestowne Society envelope that gives you easy access to becoming a part in preserving and learning more about your ancestor’s early life. Please take a moment to complete and return the form.

The Jamestowne Society, Inc. is an IRS 501(c)(3) charity. All our programs and endowment depends upon your continued financial support. Your generous support to this project and our many other funds is greatly appreciated.
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Dr. Bill Kelso, Michael Lavin, Dr. Jim Horn from Jamestown Rediscovery, Benjamin Sunderland- campanologist, Bonnie Hofmeyer Executive Director Jamestowne Society deliver the newly cast bell to the Church.

Image Courtesy Library of Virginia
An unbound section of the 17th-Century Charles City County Land Record Book, containing 300 pages, upon its return to the Library of Virginia. These record book pages, dated 1692-1700, were removed from the Clerk’s Office during the American Civil War by Union troops. They were found in Pennsylvania and returned to Virginia. Those pages and twelve more from the same book found previously have undergone conservation thanks to the generous donations of the Jamestowne Society’s Elizabeth B. Wingo Restoration of Records Fund.
The Barracks Project - Work here carried out to reconstruct the temporary 2006 structure. This was an experimental archaeology exhibit that draws the visitor into an exhibit they can touch, learn, and visit. The Barracks was the first structural footprint Dr. Kelso discovered in 1994. The Barracks was originally built in 1607 to house the men living at the fort. The cost of the project was $76,000 (2020).

Image Courtesy Jamestown Rediscovery

First California Company member Jonathan Dickey learns to make studs for the mud and stud Barracks structure during the Jamestowne Society’s May 2022 spring tour.

Experimental Archaeology - Visitors to the Island often find themselves with some type of hands-on-learning as they interact with staff and become involved with the exhibit itself.
The Eastern Expansion Archaeology Dig - This work focused on the eastward expansion of the fort in 1608. Some of the artifacts found were brigandine armor and Native pottery. This discovery allowed archaeologists to learn more about English-Native relations at the fort. They also discovered a footprint of a guard tower and evidence of the fire during Bacon's Rebellion. Cost of project was $76,000 (2021).
During the 2019 400th Anniversary of the First Legislative Assembly in English Speaking America on Jamestown Island, there were a series of Family Reunions held. Pictured here are descendatnts of John Rolfe and Sir George Yeardly in attendance at the festivities.

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Jamestowne Society members gather alongside the Memorial Church for a photo during the 2022 Jamestown Day Observance.

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The Church Tower Roof Project- The iconic seventeenth-century church tower remains a tangible reminder of a place where our ancestors worshipped, celebrated, and held legislative meetings guiding the young colony. A glass and steel frame roof, being installed in 2023, will sit within the church tower, protecting the tower’s interior from environmental impact and maintaining its recognizable ruinous silhouette. Visitors will be able to view the 1617 foundations through a glass floor portal. (2023)
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Jamestown Day - This annual observance will be commemorated on May 12, 2023 to mark the founding of the first permanent English settlement in America. This year marks the 416th anniversary of the founding.

On Left: James Citty Company members present the Society’s wreath at the Memorial Church on Jamestown Day.

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In Our Success

The Jamestowne Society relies upon the philanthropy of its members and like-minded organizations to achieve its mission.

To carry out the Jamestowne Society’s Annual Giving Campaign a committee of appointed members, led by the Society’s Lt. Governor, meets, discusses needs and implements work to raise and allocate funds.

Meet your Jamestowne Society 2023 Annual Giving Committee. They too are making a difference as the Society promotes the restoration of historical records, documents, objects, and edifices which are of lasting cultural value to the people of Virginia and of the Nation.

Nancy Hill - Chair
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Jamestowne Society Lt. Governor and Annual Giving Committee Chair holds a piece of plaster from the 1617 Church, discovered in the Eastward Expansion Archaeology Dig funded by the Jamestowne Society. The James Fort was expanded in 1608. The funded project not only shows evidence of the burning of the church during Bacon’s Rebellion but also assists the archaeologist to learn more about the English-Native relations at the fort.