



Virginia Voices

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November 2020

From the Desk of...

The Governor General



Dear members,

I hope you and your family have managed to stay well during this terrible pandemic. It seems most people have a unique 2020 story by now. My immediate family was hit hard by COVID-19 for exactly 100 days and included seven family members. It can certainly alter how you conduct your daily routines and responsibilities. SDVAFF is no exception. The 2020 meeting scheduled for April was cancelled along with other hereditary society meetings. Special events and meetings that would normally occur throughout the year were also cancelled due to COVID.

Your 2019-2021 officers have carried on with the business of the society. We will have a Zoom Meeting, Sunday, November 15, 2020, at 2:00 Central Time, to conduct two items of business: (1) Nominating Committee and (2) Adoption of the 2020 budget.

Per our Bylaws, Article 4, Section 4, regarding a Nominating Committee, Governor General, Leslie Kirk, appointed Cheryl Rios to serve as the board member to the committee. We will elect two additional members to serve on the committee with Cheryl Rios. The Nominating Committee will report to the membership at the 2021 annual meeting. While SDVAFF is hosting the Zoom meeting we will also vote on the 2020 Budget. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for what will be a very brief meeting.

We currently have 180 members. We've added 21 new members during 2020 and that has kept Registrar-Genealogist Suzanna Rawlins and Treasurer Barb Allison busy. We appreciate all of our officers, but especially these two ladies for their continued dedication throughout the year. Please join me in welcoming our newest members. We pray we can welcome you in person at the April 2021 meeting.



Participate in the discussions! Join us on FB!



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I am sad to report the loss of three of our members in 2020. Our hearts go out to the families and friends that mourn their loss.

Jane Marlene Lee Lawley, Helena, AL, her ancestor is Thomas Harris, of Charles City Co, VA, 1636

Member #Charter 19, joined 19 Aug 2013, died: 11 Feb 2020

Robert Stapleton Doherty, Decatur, AL, his ancestor is Henry Wyche, of Surry Co, VA, by 02 Sep 1679

Member #Charter 16, joined 10 Aug 2013, died: 27 Feb 2020

Edwin Mac Smith, Ranburne, AL, his ancestor is Henry Filmer, of Amelia Co, VA, aft 1641

Member #Charter 38, joined 30 Mar 2014, died: 16 May 2020

I'd like to thank our Army and Navy Club sponsor LTC Robert Odom for his invaluable help cancelling our 2020 meeting and scheduling our 2021 meeting in April. Mr. Odom assists so many organizations and we would be lost without he and his lovely wife Carla.

In closing, save the date, April 12, 2021, for our annual meeting at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC. There is much uncertainty about what the regulations will be in April, but we can all hope that we will be able to come together in person. I wish each of you a safe and healthy rest of the year and the happiest of holidays with your family and friends.

Blessings,

Leslie Kirk

Governor General 2019-2021



Officers, 2019—2021

Governor General	Leslie Ann Kirk
Deputy Governor General & Counselor General	Deborah Whitmore Hicks
Marshall General	Cheryl Whitt Rios
Secretary General	Sue Hansford Jaworowski Southern
Treasurer General	Barbara Allison
Historian General	Ora Jane Johnson
Chaplain General	Paul Walden
Parliamentarian General	Jane Routt Power
Interim Registrar-Genealogist General	Suzanna Rawlins
Newsletter Editor	Jared James Nathan
Finance Chair	Trudy Tanzillo
Zoom Meeting Chair	Suzanna Rawlins



2019 (L to R): Leslie Kirk, Deborah Hicks, Barbara Allison, Sue Jaworowski, Paul Walden, Ora Jane Johnson



New Members

Member	Ancestor
Catherine Marie Mader Humphrey - 154	Thomas Ballard, Williamsburg, bef 1674
Betty McConnell Gricar Goad - 155	John Vassall, Jamestowne, 1609
James Jefferson Long - 156	Richard Longe, Basse's Choyce, Isle of Wight, 1620
Laurie Lynn Weitzel - 157	John George, Isle of Wight, 1636
Robert Van Blackwell - 158	Joseph Royall, Henrico Co., 1602
Dr. Donna Ruthea Davidson Cunningham - 159	Thomas Owsley, Stafford, bef 1680
Dr. Jon M. Crum - 160	William Gulielm Ruffin (Ruthven) III, Isle of Wight, 1635
Carolyn Diane Alexander Trump - 161	Henry Hawley/Halley, Isle of Wight Co., 1643
Eugene Granville Christman, Jr. - 162	Thomas Watkins, York, 1637
Wilda Kay White Tisdale - 163	Henry Isham, Henrico, 1656
Betty Frances White Rose - 164	Henry Isham, Henrick, 1656
Beau Lawrence Johnson - 165	William Farrar, Henrico, 1618
Patricia Jean White Buehrig - 166	John Rolfe, Jamestowne, VA Colony May, 1610
Melissa Harrison Fischer - 167	Christopher Clark, New Kent, ca 1680-81
Toni Lynn Swearington Osegueda - 168	Richard Wells, Upper Norfolk, 1645
Edith Celeste Craig - 169	Richard Cocke, Henrico, before 1639
Trudy Cauthen Tanzillo - 170	Richard Cawthorne, III, Rappahannock, 1674
Heather Gillette Hix - 171	Robert Peyton, Gloucester, 1679
Jean Gillette Hix - 172	Robert Peyton, Gloucester, 1679





New Members , continued

Member	Ancestor
Mary Raye Kiser Casper - 173	George Durant, Northumberland, 1658
Nancy Lee Lecky-Chascsa - 174	Cornelius Dabney, Hanover Co., VA
Doris Fay Shelton Troutt - 175	Peter Shelton, Middlesex Co, 1664
Jessieanne Houck Wells - 176	John Taylor, I, Northumberland, 1648
Brenda Eatmon Dorsett - 177	Francis Epes, Shirley Hundred locality, VA 1625
Julia Lynn Palmer Hesler - 178	George Parker, Accomack, 1673
Susan Lynette Ross - 179	Henry Farmer, Henrico, 1696
Duane Paul Etheridge - 180	Thomas Etheridge, Norfolk, 1640





New Supplementals

Member	Ancestor
Jared James Nathan	John Browne, Trader with Virginia in the 1600s (died before 1685)
Jessieanne Houck Wells	Thomas Gascoigne, Accomack then Northumberland, 1619
Jessieanne Houck Wells	George Vezey, Lancaster, 1655
Jessieanne Houck Wells	Edmond Basye, Northumberland, prior to 1666
Leslie Ann Kirk	Francis Roberts, Northumberland Co, c. 1660
Leslie Ann Kirk	Major Samuel Weldon, James City, c. 1682
Leslie Ann Kirk	Sarah Efford, James City, c. 1683
Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins	John Garner, Northumberland, 1650
Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins	Susanna Keene, Northumberland, 1660
Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins	Thomas Garner, Northumberland, 1664
Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins	Mary Bushnell, Northumberland, 1664
Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins	Thomas Keene, Northumberland, by 1650
Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins	Mary Keene (Poss. Thorley), Northumberland, by 1650





Record Copies for Applications

Although this Society now accepts record copies from those societies listed below, the Registrar - Genealogist reserves the right to request additional documentation in order to approve any application to this Society. A Record Copy of an application to one of the listed societies must contain all original source citations. In order to make the application valid as a Record Copy, you must include all applications sufficient to make your collection of source materials known as though they were being reviewed for the first time. References to "see original application" or other similar wording do not accomplish this.

Approved Record Copy Organizations:

Colonial Dames of America Daughters of the Cincinnati

Flagon & Trencher

Descendants of Colonial Tavernkeepers

General Society of Colonial Wars

General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors

Jamestowne Society

National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century

National Society Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century

National Society Dames of the Court of Honor

National Society Daughters of American Colonists

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (Member # 400,001 and up)

National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars

National Society Daughters of Founders & Patriots of America (Member # 6001 and up)

Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters

Order of Descendants of Colonial Physicians and Chirugiens

Order of Founders and Patriots of America Society of the Cincinnati

Society of the Descendants of Colonial Clergy

Supplemental Applications

Following admission to the Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers under one proven ancestor, a Member may submit supplementals, which are papers that establish additional lines of descent from proven Virginia Colonial ancestors. The same application forms are used for submitting supplementals as for new member applications. Supplemental applications and guidelines can be found on the SDVAFF website.

Supplemental applications may be submitted for a fee of \$30.00 each. If the application is not approved, \$20 will be refunded. The genealogist fee is not refundable.

Certificates for supplementals may be purchased for \$10.00.

Please submit supplemental applications to our registrar-genealogist, Suzanna Rawlins.

2020 Officer Reports



Governor General, Leslie Kirk

It was a source of deep pride that this officer represented the Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers (SDVAFF) during the Hereditary Society Community gala and the lineage society meetings after installation on April 8, 2019.

In September 2019, this officer along with Deputy Governor General, Deborah Hicks, represented SDVAFF at the Jamestowne rededication of the Colonial Dames of America gates. The service was deeply moving and it was humbling to celebrate the earliest of Virginia settlers.

As Governor General, this officer processed the 2019-2020 membership inquiries, voted on prospective members, sent applications and instructions to potential new members, and ordered membership certificates from the calligrapher. This officer printed and mailed the shared meeting 2020 invitations to all SDVAFF members and members of The Order of the Steel Magnolias.

This officer also serves as the website chair and has kept the website current and continues to monitor the society's Facebook page.

The 7th annual 2020 meeting was cancelled along with the other hereditary society meetings. Special events and meetings that would normally occur throughout the year were also cancelled.

The Society has a fabulous Executive Board that has worked well together and this officer looks forward to our continued growth in the coming years.

Recording Secretary, Sue Jaworowski Southern

No report.

Marshall General, Cheryl Rios

The Marshal General has completed all tasks assigned to her office by the President General. It is a pleasure to serve the Society as Marshal General.

Treasurer Report & Proposed Budget, Barb Allison

Mailed via USPS

2020 Officer Reports



Deputy Governor General, and Counselor General Deborah Hicks

I attended and took the minutes at the annual meeting in Washington, DC, in April 2019, as well as helped with registration. On September 19, 2019, Governor Leslie Kirk and I attended the CDA gate rededication at Jamestown. We had a lovely trip and enjoyed the many festivities surrounding the event.

Twenty-two members ordered insignia from Hamilton Jewelers at a value of \$1,051.00.

I have answered questions of the Governor General and board members. I have checked the irs.gov 990-N filings and note that the Treasurer General is current in the filing of Form 990-N, with the last filing for the national society encompassing Tax Period: 2019 (01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019).

I know of no actions or claims pending against the society and I have no reason to believe that any claims are forthcoming or of any current claims the society has against any person or entity.

Please note that I have for sale the beautiful SDVAFF Crystal Brooch from Pamela Wright Collections. The cost is \$20.00, plus \$5.00 shipping. The order form is at the bottom of the insignia page on the website at: <http://www.virginiafoundingfathers.org/insignia.html>

It is a pleasure to serve in the Kirk administration and I look forward to seeing you at the 2021 national meeting at the Army Navy Club in Washington, D.C.

Until we meet again,
Deborah W Hicks
SDVAFF Deputy Governor General
& Counselor General

Historian, Ora Jane Johnson

No report.

2020 Officer Reports



Chaplain General, Paul Walden

Sent cards to Anne Kilgrow (illness), Barb Allison (husband Norman has been ill) and Suzanna Rawlins (surgery) in January, 2020.

I am aware of the passing of three members since our last meeting in 2019:

Charter Member 19 Marlene Lee Lawley passed on 11 February 2020. Her obituary is attached. A condolence card was sent to the family.

Charter Member 16, Robert Stapleton Doherty passed on 27 February 2020. His obituary is at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/decaturn-al/robert-doherty-9066576>

Charter Member 38 Edwin Mac Smith passed on 16 May 2020. His obituary follows. Condolence cards were sent to the families of these members.

I was planning to represent SDVAFF at the annual commemoration of James Monroe at his birthplace in Colonial Beach, VA on 25 April. However, the event has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Walden
Chaplain General

Parliamentarian, Jane Routt Power

No report.

Registrar-Genealogist, Suzanna Rawlins

Reports 180 members with 21 new applications received and 13 supplemental applications.

6th Annual Meeting 08 April 2019



Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers
6th Annual Meeting
Army Navy Club
Washington DC
Monday, April 8, 2019

Attendees: Barbara Allison, Brooke Francis, Patricia Fullerton, Bettie Gustafson, Deborah Hicks, Sue Jaworowski, Ora Jane Johnson, Anne Kilgrow, Leslie Kirk, Barbara Lewis, Carla Odom, Charles R. Odom, Jane Power, Suzanna Rawlins, Brenda Reeder, Eric Ridgeway, Jonathan Ridgeway, Lynne Ridgeway, Teresa Roane, Eric Roane, Davine Roberts, Robert Southern, Sandra H. Staley, Marcia G. Szedula, Diane Tarbox, Constance Townsend, Paul Walden, Shelby Ward, Felicia Wilt, John C. Workman



7th Annual Meeting - Cancelled

In cooperation with the Hereditary Society Community recommendation, the 7th Annual Meeting for Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers was cancelled due to the corona-virus pandemic.

2019 Meeting Minute

The minutes from the last meeting on 8 April 2019, were published in the previous newsletter. They were approved by committee.





Insignia

Our insignia are available at Hamilton Jewelers 800-786-5890 or 215-545-6200.

Photographs of the insignia and all available pins are available on our website at <http://www.virginiafoundingfathers.org/>

Deborah Hicks, Deputy Governor General, is available if you need insignia assistance. Email: eufaulalawyer@gmail.com

SDVAFF Crystal Broches

\$20 (+ \$5.00 shipping fee)

Contact Deborah Hicks, Deputy Governor General

DESCRIPTION: Swarovski crystals spell out SDVAFF on silvertone



Member Directories

Directories have been mailed to each member. If you have not received your copy please update your address on file with SDVAFF. Send all changes to Leslie Kirk 334.399.2512 or lesliekirk@live.com.





Scholarship Information

The Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers was founded to honor the memory and service of those men and women who were part of the creation of the Virginia colony. It is part of our mission to help educate our membership on the role Virginia played in the founding of this great country. The College of William and Mary recommended the following recipient for the 2020 SDVAFF \$1,000 scholarship.



Jordan Taylor McGuire

Jordan is a junior and will graduate in 2022. Her major is Finance with a GPA 3.25

Message from Jordan Taylor McGuire

My name is Jordan McGuire and I am from Vienna, Virginia. As a first-generation student, I never thought I would be able to afford college. After spending a couple years at community college, I was able to transfer to the College of William & Mary, where I study Finance with a concentration in Sustainability. In the future, I would like to use my career to stimulate and grow green investing, especially on Wall Street. Part-time, I work as a student loan consultant, helping my clients figure out effective student loan repayment strategies. On campus at William & Mary, I am involved with the Financial Literacy Program, Finance Academy, Smart Women Securities, Club Lacrosse, a business fraternity and social sorority.

Thank you so much for providing my family and I with some much needed assistance during this difficult time. Each scholarship and donation I have received brings me closer to my goals and I would not be here without your generosity. Go Tribe!"

Best,
Jordan



In the News

Here is my true story for the newsletter

A few weeks ago, I sat down to enjoy my morning coffee and watch a little of the local “Carolina AM” morning TV show. The host, Greg Rowles, is a well known TV celebrity and musical entertainer in live theatrical performances at the “Alabama Theater” in Myrtle Beach. Greg started to say during his live TV show that he had enjoyed a family reunion over the weekend in Fredericksburg, Virginia. My ears perked up as most of my MINNICK/CHEWNING Virginia ancestry is in that area. Then he went on to say that his cousins had told him they were related as distant cousins to the Chowning Tavern original owner Josias Chowning in Williamsburg! I nearly spit out my coffee because so am I!

LOL, being the genealogy sleuth... I went to my computer and looked up Chowning/Chewning family branches in my tree. Viola! I found how he descends. Greg and I are actually 4th cousins!

So I messaged him through Facebook (a bold move on my part) and explained how much I had enjoyed his show and that we seem to be “cousins.” I told him if he is interested in learning more, he could call me. So he called me immediately and we chatted on the phone for nearly an hour!

In addition to Greg, his brother Jeffrey Rowles plays in a country music band right here in Myrtle Beach. The band is called “Randy Atwood and the Renegades.” Here is the website for the band <<https://www.randyatwoodandtherenegades.com>>. I am certain our good Lord had a hand in all this. You never know what opportunities may present in life. Keeping the faith, always!



Lorraine Kish and Greg Rowles



Ancestor Article



Woodford County KY Historical Society

Ned, the Children's Dog

Everyone in Midway, Ky., knows old "Ned" the children's dog. He formerly belonged to the late Mrs. Margaret Bulford. but as there were no children at her house he came to town and took up his abode at Mr. S N Roger's. He goes to school with the children every morning and remains there all day. When they go out to play he goes, too, and is quite expert at catching a ball; indeed, in a game, he takes the place of a child. When the bell rings he is the first to run into the schoolhouse, and when the classes are called up to recite he takes his place in line at the foot. After the child next above has recited, he answers the next question by an intelligent bark and bow of the head. Should a question be missed by the child at the foot of the class and passed to the next by the teacher, "Ned" will answer it in his peculiar way. Spelling seems to be his favorite branch of study, his answers in that being exceedingly quick and vigorous. Although he turns the children down, after his fashion, he never goes above them. He will fight for any of the pupils, as well as teachers, and could not be induced to stay where there are no children.

(April 26, 1883, *The Indiana Democrat, Indiana Pennsylvania*)

Woodford County (KY) Historical Society Facebook page news article. SN Rogers is my gt gt grandfather, Silas Newton Rodgers and I have attached the article and his photo. Sadly, I don't have one of Ned!

Regards

Leda Hayton



Announcements

ZOOM MEETING: November 15, 2020, 2:00 PM Central Time – if you did not receive the invitation via the USPS please update your address with SDVAFF. A reminder email was also sent on 9 Nov 2020. If you did not receive the reminder email, please update your email address and/or check your junk file.

Please check the new directory to ensure your information is correct. Please send changes to lesliekirk@live.com

Deborah Hicks has SDVAFF Crystal Brooches for sale/

Please notify Chaplain Paul Walden of a member's sickness or death.

Please submit information to:
Newsletter Editor General
Jared Nathan
Email: jarednathan6@hotmail.com

Save the Date

SDVAFF Annual Luncheon

Army and Navy Club

Washington, DC

12 April 2021

We will keep you posted as new information becomes available.

