



# Virginia Voices

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*Honoring our past ~ Preserving our future*

November 2019

*From the Desk of...*

*The Governor General*



It is with much pleasure that I write to you as your Governor General. It was my honor to represent the Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers (SDVAFF) during the Hereditary Society Community gala and the lineage society meetings after my installation on April 8, 2019. The Society has a fabulous Executive Board that has worked well together and I look forward to our growth in the coming year. I'd like to take an opportunity to thank Jared James Nathan for accepting the Newsletter Editor chair position.

When Suzanna Rawlins and I had the idea to create this organization to honor our early Virginia ancestors, we had no way of visualizing what the organization in 2019 would be like. The joy of creating something that can unite so many people with a common goal of history and lineage has been rewarding. Our Founding Board worked tirelessly to get this organization up and running before our Membership Social held on November 23, 2013. Since that time, Suzanna Rawlins has done a wonderful job serving as our Governor General. I have some big shoes to fill and it is with deep appreciation that I congratulate her for being elected Honorary Governor General for life by a majority vote at the 2019 annual meeting in DC. She was presented a beautiful antique sterling silver ship brooch and a SDVAFF engraved beveled glass sun catcher by the Executive Board.

It is now my role, as your Governor General, to ensure that we live up to our mission to recognize and record the names of those individuals who were residents within the boundaries of the Virginia Colony on or before December 31, 1699. Our Society remains committed to supporting a scholarship program. After several years of struggling to find students willing to submit an essay regarding early Virginia, we have decided to allow a Virginia college to choose our scholarship recipient. We will announce the name at our April meeting in DC. It was an original mission of SDVAFF to obtain and scan early original Virginia documents for a digitization project. That project is still underway, however, instead of making it a criterion to join SDVAFF, we have opted to make it voluntary. Doing so opened up the ability to use Record Copies from a select list of lineage organizations to join SDVAFF. If you have early Virginia documents that you'd like to share for the preservation and digitization project, please email [lesliekirk@live.com](mailto:lesliekirk@live.com).



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Most recently, in September, Deputy Governor General, Deborah Hicks, and I had the honor of representing SDVAFF at the Jamestowne rededication of the Colonial Dames of America gates. The weather was amazing and we enjoyed celebrating the earliest of Virginia settlers.

SDVAFF welcomed its 150th member, Christian Douglas Quick, on August 2, 2019. It should be noted that his brother, Andrew Kenneth Lokie Quick is member 149. These gentlemen are the grandsons of Carla and Bob Odom, our generous sponsors at the Army and Navy Club. We welcome them both as well as all of our new members to our Society. It's exciting to have 150+ members with 32 new members and 10 supplemental applications approved since our last newsletter. Our Treasurer General, Barb Allison, and Registrar-Genealogist, Suzanna Rawlins, have been working diligently over the past few months. We thank them and our other officers for their service to our wonderful organization.

A new membership directory will be printed prior to our next meeting in April, 2020. If your contact information has changed since you joined, please send any updates to [lesliekirk@live.com](mailto:lesliekirk@live.com).

Our insignia is ordered from Hamilton's Jewelers or alternatively you may send a printed form to our Deputy Governor General, Deborah Hicks. The form and photo are on our website. Deborah also has the beautiful crystal SDVAFF brooches available for purchase.

In closing, save the date, April 13, 2020, for our next meeting at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC. 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



## *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





## *New Members*

<b>Member</b>	<b>Ancestor</b>
Virginia George Gentry -122	Col. John George, Isle of Wight, VA, 1635
Eric Michael Ridgeway -123	Godfrey Ragsdale, Sr., Henrico Co. VA, 1640
Paula Marie Keene Pierce -124	Stephen Hopkins, Jamestown, VA, 1610-14
Mollie Sue Morton-125	John Morton, Henrico Co. VA, bef. 1650
Suzan Yvonne Hoffman Henderson - 126	John Chandler, Jamestown, VA, before 1640
Lila Burner Housden -127	Alice Eltonhead, Middlesex, VA, 1622/3
Cydney King Mullen - 128	Morris Veale, Westmoreland, VA, 1665
Kathleen Graham Lomax - 129	Stephen Hopkins, Jamestown, VA, 1610-14
Sandra Diane Tarbox - 130	William Crymes, Gloucester Co, VA, by 1676
Randy Charles Haight - 131	William Denson, Isle of Wight, VA, 1637/8
Elizabeth Gillette Darden Corbin - 132	Christopher Calthorpe, York Co., VA, 1622
Mary Lois Farrar Johnson - 133	William Farrar, Henrico Co., VA, before 11 Jun 1637
Barbara Gay McClelland Chatham - 134	Francis Settle, Richmond Co., VA, 1657
Susan Diane Cobb Szewcyk - 135	Stephen Hopkins, James City, VA, 1610
Brenda Kay Stewart Reeder - 136	Dr. John Woodson, Henrico, VA, 1619
John Carlton Workman - 137	Robert Burton, Accomack, VA, 1665
Kathryn Marie Martin Beck - 138	Cornelius Noel, Essex Co, VA, c. 1669
Ann Warren Wilkerson - 139	Katherine Banks, Henrico, VA, 10 Oct 1686





## *New Members , continued*

<b>Member</b>	<b>Ancestor</b>
Kathryn Lee Griggs Strong Bux - 140	Stephen Hopkins, Jamestown, VA, 1610
Patricia Ellen Gallagher - 141	John Nunnally, Henrico, VA, 1660
Victoria Lea Kattel - 142	Cecily Baley Jordan Farrar, Henrico Co., VA, Aug 1610
Sharon Lee Rennard Sowders - 143	Edmund Scarborough, Accomack, VA, 1630
Norma Anne Storrs Keating - 144	WilliamFarrar, Henrico, VA, August 1618
Ellen Elaine Featherston Boston - 145	WilliamFeatherstone, Charles City County, VA, 1674
Preston Leo Wines, Jr. - 146	James Withers, Stafford, VA, 1680
Gail Bradshaw Cameron - 147	John Lanier, Charles City, VA, 1657
Cheyanne Britt Zink - 148	John Battaile, Essex Co, VA, 1684
Andrew Kenneth Lokie Quick - 149	Thomas Powell, Isle of Wright, VA, 1635
Christian Douglas Quick - 150	Richard Whitehurst, Lower Norfolk, VA, prior to 20 Oct 1648
Leo Carl Forrest, Jr. - 151	Thomas Watkins, York, VA, 1637
Lois Ann Thron - 152	Benjamin Brashears, Nansemond, VA, 1637
Jared James Nathan - 153	Thomas Parsons, Accomac, VA, 1684





## *New Supplementals*

### **Member**

### **Ancestor**

Sonja Yvonne Alexander Hoffman

Jane Cole George, Isle of Wight, VA, 1630

Sonja Yvonne Alexander Hoffman

Elizabeth Lupo Chandler, Elizabeth City, VA, 1620

Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins

Thomas Etheridge, Norfolk, VA, 1637

Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins

Christian MNU, Norfolk, VA, 1637

Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins

Marmaduke Etheridge, Norfolk, VA, 1647

Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins

Elizabeth Yates, Norfolk, VA, bef. 1660

Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins

Richard Etheridge, Norfolk, VA, 1674

Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins

Eleanor MNU Etheridge, Norfolk, VA, 1692

Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins

Richard Yates, Norfolk, VA, 1638

Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins

Jane Smith, Norfolk, VA, 1629



*5th Annual Meeting 08 April 2019*



Current Governor General Leslie Kirk (left) presenting gifts to past Governor General Suzanna Rawlins (right). Below is an antique sterling silver ship pin.


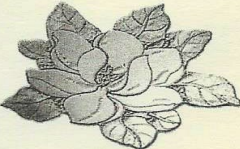


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*President and Governor General Suzanna Rawlins  
and the respective officers of the  
**Order of the Steel Magnolias**  
&  
**Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers**  
cordially invite you to attend the  
**Joint Annual Meetings**  
**Monday, April 8, 2019 10:30-1:30**  
**John Paul Jones Room**  
**The Army Navy Club**  
**901 Seventeenth Street NW—on Farragut Square**  
**Washington DC 20006 202.628.8400**  
*Courtesy of LTC Charles R. Odom**

**SDVAFF will meet first, then lunch and program, concluding with  
OSM**

**Guest Speaker: Teresa Roane**

**Program Topic "Why It is Important to Preserve ALL Monuments  
and Memorials, Not Just Those of the Confederacy"**

**Business Attire**

**Limited Seating—Please reply promptly with reservation form  
Reservations must be received by March 25, 2019**



## *5th Annual Meeting 08 April 2019*

### *Meeting Minutes*



The Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers met at the Army Navy Club in Washington, DC, on 8 April 2019, at 10:10 a.m., with Governor General, Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins, presiding. Mrs. Rawlins called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. The following officers were present: Suzanna Rawlins, Leslie Kirk, Deborah Hicks, Anne Kilgrow, and Jane Power, along with the following members and/or guests: Barbara Allison, Patricia Fullerton, Pat Gallagher, Mary Glenn, Bettie Gustafson, Sue Jaworowski, Ora Jane Johnson, Barbara Lewis, Albert Mittlemaier, Bonnie Mittlemaier, Lynda Moreau, Charles Robert Odom, Carla Odom, Chuck Poland, Brenda Reeder, Eric Ridgeway, Jonathan Ridgeway, Brooke Francis Ridgeway, Davine Roberts, Robert Southern, Sandra Staley, Marcia Szedule, Trudy Tanzillo, Diane Tarbox, Lou Toulmin, Robin Towns, Connie Townsend, Paul Walden, Shelby Ward, Jessianne Wells, Helene Werner, Ann Wilkerson, Felicia Wilt, Keith Wodarski, John Workman, guest speaker Teresa Roane, and her guest, Eric Roane.

The scripture reading and invocation was given by Chaplain General, Anne Kilgrow. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by Diane Tarbox. The Pledge to the Society Flag was led by Counselor General, Deborah W. Hicks, and the American's Creed was led by Ora Jane Johnson.

Counselor General Deborah Hicks gave the Credentials Report of 26 members in attendance. Parliamentarian, Jane Power, read the Bylaw for Meetings, Article VII, Items A and C. A quorum was pronounced by Governor General, Suzanna Rawlins.

Governor General Rawlins welcomed members and guests. She introduced the National Officers and guests. Presiding officers of other national groups introduced themselves.

As the minutes of the 9 April 2018 meeting had been approved by committee, the reading of the prior minutes were dispensed. President General Rawlins appointed Paul Walden and Carla Odom to read and approve the Minutes of the 8 April 2019 Annual Meeting.

The officers presented their reports, which are attached. Deputy Governor General Leslie Kirk presented the Treasurer General's Report and proposed 2019-2020 budget in the absence of Treasurer General Dr. John Barlow. Jonathan Ridgeway moved to adopt the budget; motion adopted.

Suzanna Rawlins advised of changes in the scholarship program due to no applicants this year. Jonathan Ridgeway opined the process was too cumbersome and asks for too much personal information.

Leslie Kirk advised in regard to technology, that she is looking into the digitization and uploading to the website of old Virginia records not otherwise easily found or accessible. She also announced the prospect of allowing prospective members to provide record copies as proofs in support of their application.

All other National Chairmen were asked to file reports due to time constraints.



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*Meeting Minutes, continued*



Jane Power read the Nominating Committee Bylaw. Suzanna Rawlins had previously appointed Paulette Lollar and John Barlow to serve as the Board members to the committee. Charles Robert Odom, Paul Walden, and Anne Farley were also members of the nominating committee. Nominating Committee Chair Paul Walden presented the proposed slate of officers for 2019-2021:

- Governor General: Leslie Kirk
- Deputy Governor General: Deborah Hicks
- Marshall General: Cheryl Rios
- Secretary General: Sue Jaworoski
- Treasurer General: Barbara Allen
- Chaplain General: Paul Walden
- Counselor General: Deborah Hicks

There were no nominations from the floor. Shelby Ward moved to accept the proposed slate, seconded by Jonathan Ridgeway. The motion passed and the new officers were installed by Jane Power.

Barbara Allison moved that Suzanna Rawlins be made Honorary Governor General. Deborah Hicks seconded. The motion passed. Mrs. Rawlins was presented with gifts from her officers.

**Announcements:**

The next annual meeting will be April 13, 2020, at the Army Navy Club with Col. and Mrs. Charles Robert Odom as our sponsors.

Leslie Kirk has crystal brooches for sale.

Assemble on the staircase now, before lunch, for the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary group photo.

Chaplain General Anne Kilgrew gave the blessing and benediction.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Deborah W. Hicks  
SDVAFF Secretary General and  
Counselor General

Approved by Committee:

Paul Walden  
Carla Odom





*Joint Grave Marking by Virginia Society SAR and Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia for Patriots Buried in the Wren Darne Cemetery, Falls Church, VA*

On June 29, 2019, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR), and the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, held a joint grave marking of the graves of Revolutionary War Patriot Colonel James Wren, Fairfax County Militia, and War of 1812 Patriots John S. Wren (5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Virginia Militia) and Robert Darne (1<sup>st</sup> Corps d'Elite Virginia Militia). These patriots are buried in the Wren Darne Cemetery in Falls Church, Virginia. Tim Dioquino, President of the Fairfax Resolves VASSAR served as Master of Ceremonies. The VASSAR Color Guard added to the solemnity by posting and retiring colors, as well as giving a 21 musket salute. Pete Green, a neighbor who led the effort to restore the cemetery and make it the attractive park setting that is now, talked about the history of the property. Details are on his website: <https://wrendarneceemetery.org/>. Paul Walden, Secretary of the Society of the War of 1812, discussed the biography of War of 1812 Patriots John S. Wren and Robert Darne. Other Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia defenders who participated were Pete Davenport (President, VASSAR) and Dale Corey (President, Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR).

John S. Wren was born in Virginia in 1766 and died at the Longview estate in 1821. The Longview manor house, adjacent to the Wren Darne Cemetery, was built by his father Col. James Wren and has been restored by the current owner. John married Sarah Hite in 1790 who died at Longview in 1843. John was the son of James Wren, the architect of Christ Church in Alexandria and the Falls Church nearby. He built and operated Wren's Tavern, located nearby on Broad Street. This tavern hosted two presidents: Thomas Jefferson and later James Madison, during the flight from Washington DC when it was burned by the British in 1814. John served in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the VA Militia in the War of 1812. This unit helped defend the Northern Neck against the British incursions during the war. There is also a record of a John Wren being commissioned in the Fairfax Militia in 1793. He was the father of Verlina Wren, wife of the other War of 1812 Veteran interred at this cemetery, Robert Darne. The Wren family has a long history in Virginia: the ancestor of John Wren is believed to be Nicholas Wren, who arrived in Virginia in the middle 1600's.

Robert Darne was born in 1778 in Fairfax County, Virginia and died at the Longview estate on 22 Aug 1873. At his death, the Alexandria Gazette stated that he was probably the oldest man in Fairfax County at 95 years of age. Robert was a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Corps d'Elite, which was a group of cavalry and light armed infantry that was formed in the fall of 1814. It was to be a rapid moving flying camp created out of the massed militia units around Richmond called there by Virginia Governor Barbour because of the threat of British invasion based on the large number of ships entering the capes of Virginia on their way to support British Rear Admiral Cockburn and the later planned assaults on Washington and then Baltimore. Virginia authorities guessed the armada was aimed at Virginia and thus a large numbers of militia were called out for defense. There were two elite corps created, each existed for only a few months. The 1st Corps d'Elite was commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas Randolph, Thomas Jefferson's son-in-law and operated in the New Kent County area from September to October 1814.





## *George Washington Chapter Commemorates Flag Day*

On June 14, 2019, Paul Walden, Chapter Flag Chairmen, commemorated Flag Day by giving a presentation on the history of the United States Flag in the historic Department of Commerce library in the Herbert C. Hoover Building (named after 31st U.S. President and SAR Compatriot) in Washington, DC. Approximately 50 Commerce employees attended. Paul discussed the evolution of the flag from the colonial period, through the American Revolution, and up to the present.

Afterwards, he presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Byron Adkins, Jr., the Director of the Office of Facilities and Environmental Quality. Mr. Adkins is the senior official in charge of the Herbert C. Hoover Building operations. This building is located at a prominent location (1401 Constitution Avenue, NW) and displays total of 12 United States Flags around the building.

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the United States Flag by resolution of the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. In 1916, President Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14 as the official Flag Day.





## *Jamestown September 18, 2019*

SDVAFF Members: Leslie Kirk, Governor General and Deborah W Hicks, Deputy Governor General had the honor of attending a wonderful event at Jamestown September 18, 2019. We were proud to represent Virginia Founding Fathers.

Memorial Church: Colonial Dames of America President General Brantley Knowles presided. Jocelyn Lance led the group in prayer. Elizabeth Kostelny CEO of Preservation VA welcomed us. Dr James Horn spoke of the importance of 1619. Dr William Kelso CBE, FA, archaeologist Emeritus Of Jamestown Rediscovery described the "Rediscovery Of Jamestown". Michael Lavin, Jamestown Curator Of Collections, talked about the gates restoration and presented CDA with an original wrought iron gate component on a wooden plaque, which bore a dedication of CDA to historic preservation. After the service, the attendees processed to the CDA Memorial Gates for the wreath laying. Lunch followed along the beautiful James River as well as tours with the archaeologists.





## *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 are provided by the society or may be downloaded from this page.

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.



## *Insignia*

The insignia of the Sons and Daughters of the Virginia Founding Fathers is an oval scroll design surrounded by tobacco leaves bearing the name Virginia Founding Fathers. The center design is a ship sailing the ocean waters and is engraved 1607-1699. The official color of silver is to recognize the humble circumstances in which many of our ancestors began. The official color of purple is to honor the royal decree that sent our ancestors into the new world. The top bar is an oblong design that embodies the silhouette of a man and a woman in recognition of their shared sacrifices. The shield signifies the honor these men and women felt as they braved a new county. The star on the left represents our Virginia ancestors and the star on the right represents the members of our society that have chosen to honor them. The insignia and pins were designed by Leslie Kirk.

Insignia are very important and should be worn with pride. If you need to place an order for your initial insignia, you may contact our Organization's Deputy Governor General, Deborah Hicks. The order form is on the website. Additional orders and pin purchases may be ordered from Hamilton's website; you will need your membership number to place all orders.



## *SDVAFF Crystal Broches*

\$20 (+ \$5.00 shipping fee)

Contact Deborah Hicks, Deputy Governor General

DESCRIPTION: Swarovski crystals spell out SDVAFF on silvertone by Pamela Wright Collections







## *Yearbooks*

The yearbooks are currently being updated with preparations to print them prior to the 2020 meeting. If your contact information has changed since you joined, please email Leslie Kirk at [lesliekirk@live.com](mailto: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. To this extent, each year a Virginia college will help us select our scholarship recipient and the winner will be announced during our annual meeting.

## *Save the Date*

SDVAFF 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon

Army and Navy Club

Washington, DC

13 April 2020

(courtesy of LTC Charles R. Odom)

More info will be posted to the website early 2020.

