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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome members to our inaugural newsletter. I hope you all enjoy reading about our society and its members. If you have any suggestions or story ideas, please feel free to pass them along to either me or our editors, Emily Smith or Elizabeth Sewell.

It is with sadness that I tell you of the recent death of Mrs. H. Grady Collier, Jr. (Joan). Joan often hosted our meetings at the Metairie Country Club. She passed away on Monday, November 14, 2011. She was a gracious lady and devoted member of our Society and will be truly missed by all.

Lydia Ozenburger,
Governor, First Louisiana Company

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FIRST LOUISIANA COMPANY THE JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY IN REVIEW- FALL MEETING

The members of the Louisiana Society met at the Metairie Country Club on Saturday, November 12, 2011.

Members in attendance were: Governor Emily Smith, Jacques Walker, Gresham Farrar, Bryan Farrar, Lydia Ozenberger, Anne Raposo, Elizabeth Sewell, and Fritz Martin. Also in attendance were several guests and spouses. They included Suzanne Farrar, Bill Smith, Barbara McManus, Bill Myers, and Daneta Stewart.

The first order of business was the installation of Lydia Ozenberger as our new Governor by our outgoing Governor, Emily Smith. Governor Smith also presented some gifts to Governor Ozenberger including a compilation

of personal histories of members in the Northern Virginia Company, a roster of all members of the Jamestowne Society, and a Colonial Williamsburg tote bag. Jacques Walker then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the opening invocation led by Elizabeth Sewell. The business meeting of the Society followed. The first order of business was the dispensing of the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. It was then announced that Emily Smith and Elizabeth Sewell would be writing a newsletter, and it would be available around the first of the next year. Barbara Doody, our treasurer, was not able to be in attendance, but her report was presented by Emily Smith.

After lunch, Governor Ozenberger presented our speaker, Mr. Bill Myers. Mr. Myers' presentation was well received by the members. Entitled "Jamestowne and Chief Powhattan", Mr. Myers shared with the members and guests facts about the Indian politics of Massachusetts and Virginia and the effect of tribal governance on the early failures and successes of the early settlers in the Jamestowne and Plymouth colonies.

Elizabeth Sewell then concluded our meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Sewell, Secretary



Members and Guests at Fall Meeting

**FIRST LOUISIANA COMPANY
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NATIONAL MEETING
IN REVIEW**

From The Jamestowne Society webpage

Members of the Jamestowne Society gathered at the Williamsburg Lodge on Saturday, May 14, 2011, for the May Membership Meeting of the Society. On Friday, May 13, Company Governors attended an all-day Governors' Roundtable, and Council Members and Officers and Committee Chairpersons arrived early on Saturday to participate in the Council Meeting. Following the Council meeting, members attended a reception followed by a luncheon.

The speaker was Dr. William Kelso, who among this

Society's membership really needs no introduction, as he is widely regarded as the pre-eminent authority on the continuing excavations on the Island and on the interpretation of the artifacts which are being continually unearthed there. His program brought up-to-the-moment updates to Society members on the exciting new excavations at the site of the 1608 church, including a well which can be positively dated between 1608 and 1610. Dr. William Kelso is Director of Archaeology for the Jamestown Rediscovery Project, and titled his presentation to the membership, "James Fort - Lost and Found." Dr. Kelso's career in historical archaeology began more than thirty years before his association with the Preservation Virginia Jamestown Rediscovery Project. For more than ten years, he has been searching for the precise site of the fort on Jamestowne Island

Meet our Newest Members

The Louisiana Company is excited about the addition of our three newest members. Joining us are Candace Booth Binder, Bryan Alan Farrar, and Anne Lewis Lester Raposo.

Candace is married to Fenwick Francis Binder. They live in Gonzales, Louisiana. Candace works part time providing law library updates. They have one son, Robert.

Bryan is the son of member Gresham Talmadge Farrar and his wife Suzanne. He is presently working at Westbank Orthopedic and Sports Therapy as a physical therapist.

Anne is married to Bob Raposo. For 15 years Anne served as the Division Administrator of the St. Tammany ARC. Anne and Bob have three children and seven grandchildren. (Think of all the potential new members ☺)



Our Newest Members: Bryan Farrar, Anne Raposo, and Candace Binder

OUR OWN
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FOREFATHERS

*We will be using this space in our newsletters
to feature articles about OUR OWN
forefathers. Please submit your articles to
The Editor at besewell@bellsouth.net.*

By: Ann Hatchett Cheney, Member of the First Alabama Company
Mother of Elizabeth Cheney Sewell,
Secretary and Co-Editor of *The Adventurer*
The information was taken from Adventurers of Purse and Person
VIRGINIA 1607-1624/5

JOSEPH ROYALL

At the age of 20, Joseph Royall came to Virginia in the *Charitie* July 1622 and was listed in the census, 16 Feb 1623/4, at Neck of Land in Charles City. As shown in the muster, 24 Jan 1624/5 he was in the same place and he and Robert Hallom were servants of Luke Boyse. After her husband's death, Mrs. Alice Boyce petitioned the Court regarding an agreement entered into between her husband and young Royall. There was a Covenant bearing the date 25th day of February 1625/6 wherein Joseph Royall was bound unto the said Luke Boyce to "make or cause to be made gratis for the said Alice Boyce, her child, and such servants as were then of his family all such apparell as they shall weare or use till such day and time as he shall depart this land". A decree of this sort would be difficult to enforce and it is reasonable to conclude that circumstances freed young Royall from the permanent obligation under which Mrs. Boyce sought to place him.

By 15 August 1637, Royall was a land owner in his own right. Royall transported people to Virginia, meaning that he arranged for and paid for their passage, and by doing so was given "headrights" to several thousand acres of land on the James River in an area known as Turkey Island and the Curles on the James. On 8/15/1637 he received 300 acres of land in Henrico Co. on Turkey Island Creek: "fifty acres for transporting his own person, 50 acres for his first wife Thomasin, 50 acres for now wife Ann, 50 acres for brother Henry Royall, and 100 acres for two "others". He received 200 acres in Charles City Co. for transporting four people the next year. In 1642 he received 600 more acres for transporting twelve people which, one source listed, included his third wife Katherine Banks.

Royall's plantation eventually grew to 1,100 acres, and by August, 1637, he was a large landowner and had built a mansion at his plantation on the north

side of the James River, called Doghams, named after the French river D'Augham. Doughams remained in the Royall family for more than 200 years and still stands on the old road between Richmond and Williamsburg. Dogham Farm has recently been approved for listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register and has been recommended for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

About 1645 Royall married Katherine Banks. They had three children, whose names are known: Joseph Royall; Sarah Royall, who married John Wilkinson; and Katherine Royall, who married Richard Perrin. There were at least two other daughters whose names are not listed. When Joseph died, (by 10 March 1656) Katherine was a wealthy woman and married a second time to Henry Isham, Sr. of Bermuda Hundred Plantation. They had three children together. Mary, who married William Randolph; Anne, who married Francis Epes; and Henry Isham, Jr., who died as a young unmarried man. Katherine Banks Royall Isham was the great-great-great grandmother of Thomas Jefferson.

**Lineage from Joseph Royall to
Elizabeth Cheney Sewell**

Joseph Royall – Married Katherine Banks
Joseph Royall – Oldest son of Joseph Royall. Married Mary, widow of George Archer
William Royall – Third son of Joseph Royall. Married Sarah Baxter
Sarah Royall – Married Nathaniel Terry
Elizabeth Dickerson Terry – Fifth child and second daughter. Second wife of John Martin of Edgefield District, S.C.
Sarah Royall Martin – Married John Cheney, Jr.
John Martin Cheney
John Edmund Cheney
Capt. William Bellingger Cheney – Married (2) Myrtle Lee Garrett
Robert Martin Cheney – Third son of Capt. William Bellingger Cheney. Married Margaret Ann Hatchett
Elizabeth Lee Cheney – Only daughter and second child of Robert Martin Cheney. Married (2) William Hulsey Sewell, Jr.

What We're WReading !

(Misspelling Intentional)

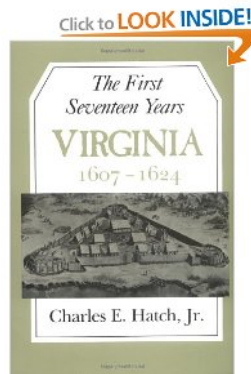
The Jefferson Bible – The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth Extracted Texturally from the Gospels in Greek, Latin, French & English by Thomas Jefferson

In November 2011, Smithsonian Books republished The Jefferson Bible – The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth Extracted Texturally

from the Gospels in Greek, Latin, French & English by Thomas Jefferson. In the introduction to the book, there is a history and conservation information about the book. Jefferson's Bible eliminates sections of the Bible that he could not support through reason. His Bible highlights Jesus' morals and historical facts pertaining to him.

We'll let you read the book and share your opinions. We're hoping to have a newsletter column in the next newsletter with your viewpoints.

The Editors



The First Seventeen Years: Virginia 1607-1624 by Charles E. Hatch Jr.

This short, chronological look at the first seventeen years of the colony of Virginia has been in print since its publication in 1957. Readable, thorough, and lively, this little history is a clear-headed view of the most troubled colony of them all. Reading through what seem in hindsight as the most bone-headed, dumb mistakes ever made by settlers this side of the Pilgrims (who arrived in the middle of winter without sufficient provisions), watching the colonists blunder time and again is graveyard humor at its grisliest. Jamestown was plunked down in the middle of a swamp, where mosquitoes and foul water bred death (and the colonists knew the cause of their troubles, but the bosses back in London wouldn't let them move). They antagonized the Indians over and over, and then wondered why the Indians were so hostile. But the colonists also survived, against all odds, and produced one of the most paradoxical of all colonies and states: the birthplace of freedom and liberty in the minds of Washington, Patrick Henry, and

Thomas Jefferson, and the birthplace of slavery as well. This book should be read by anyone wanting to understand the roots of America.

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Earl Gregg Swem Library at the College of William and Mary

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Earl Gregg Swem Library (colloquially Swem Library) is located on Landrum Drive at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. The library has many features, but Jamestown members may find the Manuscripts area of the Special Collections Research Center (SCRC) department the most interesting.

The mission of the Manuscripts area of SCRC is to provide primary source material for the College of William and Mary faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and visiting scholars and researchers. The Manuscripts Collections are primarily focused on Virginia history from the 17th to the 21st centuries. They include the papers of many famous alumni and individuals who have shaped the course of Virginia and the nation. Among them are:

- Virginia Family Papers including the Blows, the Galts, the Taliaferros, the Tylers, the Blairs, the Robbs, the Carters, and the Armisteads
- The Tucker - Coleman Collection
- Local History and Genealogy Collections including the Williamsburg Historic Records Association and the Tyree Collection
- Distinguished Alumni Papers that include those of Thomas Jefferson.