

## *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
I like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one  
Our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives  
Our courage by the way;  
While each in expectation lives,  
And longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain,  
And sin, we shall be free,  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Throughout all eternity.

## The National Society of the Washington Family Descendants



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*Founded: May 12, 1954  
Kennesaw Mountains Battlefield Park, Georgia*

*Colors: Red, White & Blue*

*Motto: "The Name of Washington shall shed eternal glory"*

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default.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~vanswfd/default.htm)  
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*Children & Step-Children would be great assets to our Society.*

*Therefore, I propose that we add an Associate Membership status for Adopted Children & Step-children whose adoptive parents belong to the NSWFD. As associate members, they would be fully welcomed as an important part of our organization but would not have voting privileges. (Spouses who are Associate members do not vote, either).*

*I propose that we amend the constitution as follows:*

*Associate – Associate and Life Associate members in this Society shall be the husband or wife or adopted child or step-child of an annual or Life member in good standing. An Associate or Life Associate Member shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.*

**Mildred B. Hopkins, Ph.D.**

**Historian General**

**October 2013**

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

To be considered by Members at the 60th Annual Meeting of The National Society of the Washington Family Descendants October 16-19, 2014 in Valley Forge, Virginia

### **The role of stepchildren and/or adopted children in NSWFD**

*Motion:*

*This motion is being made in honor of George Washington's great love for his two (2) step-children, Patsy and Jack, and even greater love and nurturing commitment to adopt and raise two (2) of his and Martha's grandchildren (Jack's children), George Washington Parke Custis (Wash or Tub) and Eleanor Parke Custis (Nelly).*

*This Proposal is to provide an honorary level of membership to the adopted and step-children of our members. Step-children & children who have been adopted become as much a part of the family as are any biological children. To refuse to include them in our Washington family is to make them feel unwanted & less important than biological children. Any adoptive parent will tell you this is not the case --- the love & attachment to these children is absolute & deep. The Associate Membership for Adopted Children & Step-children would enable the children of many of our members to be considered as part of the Washington family (as George Washington's step-children/step-grandchildren were). Those children currently do not feel welcome in any sort of membership or function. Undoubtedly, there are NSWFD-eligible parents who would not want to be members since their adopted children/step-children are not welcome ("Love me, love my child").*

*Apart from a moral obligation to include these children, this motion would enable our membership numbers to increase and would add needed membership dues to our treasury. The Adopted*

## Washington's Prayer for the Nation

May we unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the Great Lord and Ruler of nations, and to beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions: to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several relative duties properly and punctually; to render our national government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed: to protect and guide all sovereign nations, and to bless them with good government, peace and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

The foundation of our Empire was not laid in the gloomy age of Ignorance and Superstition, but at an Epoch when the rights of mankind were better understood and more clearly defined, than at any former period, the researches of the human mind, after social happiness, have been carried to a great extent, the Treasures of Knowledge, acquired by the labours of Philosophers, Sages and Legislatures, through a long succession of years, are laid open for our use, and their collected wisdom may be happily applied in the Establishment of our forms of Government. At this auspicious period, the United States came into existence as a Nation, and if their Citizens should not be completely free and happy, the fault will be entirely their own.

*George Washington, 1783, cited in The Writings of George Washington from Original Manuscript sources, 1745-99. J.C. Fitzpatrick, Ed. (Washington, D.C., U.S. Government Printing Office, 1931), Volume 26, Page 485.*

## *National Officers 2013-2014*

President General	Kerryl "Kerry" Moore Miller
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President General	Major Reginald T. Blackwell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President General	Barbara Click Schusterman
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President General	Samuel "Sandy" McDonough
Treasurer General	Cindy Jeffries Barr
Corresponding Secretary General	Anne Davison
Recording Secretary General	Lisa Miller Saxton
Registrar General	Dr. Justin M. Glenn
Historian General	Dr. Mildred "Milly" B. Hopkins
Chaplain General	James Bird
Editor, Washington Words	Laura Miller Keith
Parliamentarian	Richard Weaver
Genealogist	John A. Washington
Past President General	Debra Lee "Lee" Hardin Woody

approved by the Executive Board shall be presented to the Annual and Life members not less than three (3) weeks before the meeting at which the amendment is offered. Such notice shall designate the time and place of the meeting.

No amendment shall be made which would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of this Society under Section 501.c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### ARTICLE XII - Incorporation

This Society is incorporated as a corporation not for profit in a State determined by the Board. Any revision of the By-laws must be submitted by the Treasurer to the Registered Agent for filing with the Secretary of State of the Incorporation State.

### ARTICLE XIII

In the event of dissolution of this Society, all of its remaining assets shall be distributed to organizations which the Society supports, and which have qualified for exemption under Section 501.c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

No part of the net earnings of the Society shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

By accepting and maintaining membership in the Society, each member releases and holds harmless the Society and its officers from and against any claims, demands, or liability resulting from application, interpretation, or enforcement of the By-laws of this Society.

mendation of the Executive Board and with the approval of a majority of those members present at an annual meeting.

Nonpayment of annual dues for two (2) years shall place a member on the inactive roll. Inactive members may become active by paying the current year's dues. No publications or notices of meetings shall be sent to inactive members.

Each year the Executive Board shall recommend organizations to receive contributions from the Society. These are to be approved by a majority of members present at a meeting. The fiscal year of the Society shall be from April 1 to March 31.

#### ARTICLE IX - Headquarters

The headquarters of the Society shall be designated as the home of the Registrar or other location as determined by the Executive Board. The records of the Society and the Genealogical Library shall be kept by the Registrar under the control of the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE X - Colors and Motto

The colors of this Society shall be red, white, and blue. The motto shall be "The name of Washington shall shed an eternal glory", a quotation from Orations on the Character of Washington, by Edward Everett (1774-1865).

Robert's Rules of Order shall constitute Parliamentary authority for this Society.

#### ARTICLE XI - Amendments

Any proposed amendment of these By-laws must first be submitted to the Executive Board for approval. Written notice of the proposed amendment shall be provided to the Executive Board not less than three (3) weeks before the Executive Board meets in regular or special session.

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those Annual and Life members present at an annual meeting, provided that written notice containing the proposed amendment as

## *Past President Generals*

*All Past President Generals are Honorary Members  
Miss Virginia Van Stone Crosby,  
Founder and First President General*

Miss Virginia Van Stone Crosby+	1954-1956
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Mr. John Wesley Smith	1958-1960
Mr. Early T. Grant	1960-1962
Dr. Theodore H. Winans+	1962-1964
Mr. James C. Allen+	1964-1966
Mrs. Courtenay R. Livingstone	1966-1968
Mrs. F. Bailey Gunn+	1968-1970
Mrs. J. Wells Vick	1970-1972
Mr. David H. Livingstone	1972-1974
Mrs. William Tinsley (Mary) Rudy+	1974-1976
Mr. Robert S. Jett Sr.	1976-1978
Mr. Robert S. Jett Sr.	1978-1980
Mrs. Claude M. Hamrick Jr.	1980-1982
Dr. Charles B. Witt	1982-1984
Dr. James M. Edwards	1984-1986
Mr. Elmer E. Lybrand+	1986-1988
Mr. James Roger Westlake+	1988-1990
Mrs. Robert J. (Peg) Stein+	1990-1992
Miss Carolyn Jay Reiver+	1992-1994
Mr. John Augustine Washington	1994-1996
Mrs. Wilma Brown Thomas	1996-1998
Mrs. Janet Miller Fry	1998-2000
Mrs. Janet Miller Fry	2000-2002
Mr. James Roger Westlake+	2002-2004
Mr. Richard D. Jordan III+	2004-2005
Mrs. Edward E. (Mary) Shaffner	2005-2006
Mrs. Edward E. (Mary) Shaffner	2006-2008
Dr. Michael D. Frost	2008-2010
Mrs. Debra Lee "Lee" Hardin Woody	2010-2012
+ Notes deceased	

## In Memory

*A special service was held*

*at the 2012 meeting in memory of the following persons.*

- 866A Mary S. Grandstaff  
Passed away December 3, 2010
- 866 Walter Max Grandstaff  
Passed away March 5, 2011
- 838 Elizabeth McGehee Foute Graveline  
Passed away March 10, 2011
- 736A David Layton  
Passed away March 26, 2011
- 727A Alice Lacey Washington  
Passed away December 5, 2011
- 836A Carl J. Hopper  
Passed away March 7, 2012
- 370 Dorothy Mildred Grandstaff Wright  
Passed away March 13, 2012
- 637 Elvin Elizabeth Holder Little  
Passed away June 3, 2012
- 890A Paul Theodore Reigert  
Passed away July 20, 2012
- 949A Edward J. Schultz  
Passed away October 12, 2012

*A special service was held*

*at the 2013 meeting in memory of the following persons.*

and consent to placing their names on the ballot. Nominations from the floor shall be in order at the time of the vote.

Election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting every other year. A majority vote of annual and life members present shall constitute an election. If there are two or more candidates for an office, the vote must be taken by secret ballot.

### ARTICLE VII - Meetings

The Society shall hold an annual meeting at a time and place approved by the executive board. This date must be approved by the President. Ample notification shall be given the membership of the date and place of the meeting.

The meeting shall be for the purpose of fellowship among members, for receiving reports of the Executive Board and Committee chairmen, and for transacting any business that may come before the Society. A quorum shall be a majority of the members in good standing and eligible to vote who are present at the annual meeting.

### ARTICLE VIII -Dues and Fees

The revenue of the Society shall be derived from annual dues and from any other source the Society may approve which does not jeopardize the tax-exempt status.

Each application for membership shall be accompanied by a registration fee to be set by the Executive Board. A Junior member must pay a registration fee, but does not pay annual dues.

Annual dues are payable in advance by December 1 of each year and are considered delinquent on the following February 1.

Dues for Annual members and Associate members shall be set on the recommendation of the Executive Board and with the approval of a majority of those members present at an annual meeting.

Fees for Life and Life Associate members shall be set on recom-

Applications. Applicants for membership in this Society shall present two sets of application papers and the registration fee directly to the National Registrar. If the application is in order and the papers verified, the Registrar shall present the applicant's papers to the President for final approval. If the application is rejected, the fee shall be returned to the applicant. Only two applications shall be furnished without charge.

Application papers of members of the Society become the property of the Society and may not be transferred to another organization or individual.

#### ARTICLE V - Organization

The government of the National Society of the Washington Family Descendants shall be vested in the Executive Board.

Organization of the Executive Board. The Board shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chaplain, Historian, Parliamentarian, Editor of "Washington Words", and Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Duties. The Executive Board shall: Direct activities of the National Society, determine administrative policies, review the financial books, approve the budget, and set dues and fees for membership.

Meetings. Executive Board meetings will be held before and after an annual meeting of the Society. Two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President. At least three (3) weeks notice shall be given of a special meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI - Nominations and Elections

The Executive Board shall elect a Chairman of the Nominating Committee the year before the election of officers. At the annual meeting the Society shall elect two members to serve on the Nominating Committee. Prospective nominees shall be notified

Robert Gray Hardin  
Passed away November 8, 2012

Virginia Peyton McDonough  
Passed away February 2, 2013

911A Alta L. Culbertson Moore  
Passed away June 24, 2013

610A James Arthur Jones  
Passed away July 7, 2011

*Please keep us informed of information pertaining to family members so that we can send appropriate sympathies.*

## *Dues For 2013-2014*

Annual dues are payable in advance by December 1 of each year for the forthcoming year and are considered delinquent in February of the following year. Checks are to be made payable to "NSWFD".

### **Active Membership**

Annual dues	\$ 30.00
First year entry, certificate and dues	\$ 75.00

### **Associate Membership**

Annual dues	\$ 5.00
Surviving Spouse Annual Dues	\$ 15.00

### **Lifetime Membership**

19-60 years of age	\$500.00
Over 60 years of age	\$200.00

### **Junior Membership (to age 21)**

Annual dues	None
Entry and certificate	\$ 35.00

### **Treasurer General, NSWFD**

**Cindy Ann Jeffries Barr**  
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cindy.barr@twc.com

**Augustine Warner, Sr.**  
**Colonel William Ball**  
**Mary Johnson Ball Hewes**

Membership shall also be open to the lawful lineal descendants by blood of Lawrence Washington, brother of Colonel John Washington, the immigrant.

Associate. Associate and Life Associate members in this Society shall be the husband or wife of an annual or Life member in good standing. An Associate or Life Associate member shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

Junior. Persons under twenty-one years of age and meeting all requirements of membership can be Junior members in this Society. On attaining age twenty-one, Junior members shall automatically become eligible for annual or life membership with the rights, privileges, and obligations of that class.

Honorary. Honorary members in this Society shall be elected, subject to their acceptance, at the annual meeting from persons who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and outstanding service to their country, or persons who have provided outstanding contributions to the Society. Honorary members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Charter Members. All persons whose applications were approved on or before November 1, 1956, shall be considered Charter Members of the Society.

Article III shall not be interpreted to exclude any present members of this Society.

Certificates. Each Annual and Life member of the Society shall be entitled to a membership certificate bearing the Seal of the National Society. This certificate shall be signed by the President and Registrar.

ARTICLE IV – Qualifications of Membership



# BY LAWS

## THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE WASHINGTON FAMILY DESCENDANTS

### ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be The National Society of the Washington Family Descendants; hereafter referred to as "the Society" or "this Society".

### ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this Society is to honor George Washington through the association of descendants of his family. This Society shall be benevolent, genealogical, literary, historical and patriotic. It shall strive to cultivate the ties of friendship among members of this Washington family the six other Colonial American families related to George Washington, as listed in Article III; provide leadership in the assembling and recording of data, documents, and material relating to the Washington family in the Colonial and Federal periods; encourage and support loyalty to the Constitution of the United States of America, and loyalty to the flag as an emblem of the United States.

### ARTICLE III - Eligibility and Membership

Membership. Membership in this Society shall include: Annual, Life, Associate, Life Associate, Junior, and Honorary members.

Annual and Life. Annual and Life membership in this Society is open to persons 21 years of age or older who can prove their lawful lineal descent, by blood, from one of the following of General George Washington's ancestors who lived in Colonial America between 1607 and 1732:

**Colonel John Washington**  
**Lt. Colonel Nathaniel Pope**  
**Nicholas Martiau**  
**George Reade**

To prospective members, when submitting your application to the Registrar, please print or type your name exactly as you want it to appear on your certificate and in the directory. If a reply is desired, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. This information should be submitted to:

**Registrar General, NSWFD**  
**Dr. Justin M. Glenn**  
**2436 Oakdale Street**  
**Tallahassee, FL 32308**  
**(850) 385-0901**  
**jglenn@fsu.edu**

To current active and life members, please check your listings and send notice of address changes and other corrections to the Editor, Washington Words. Be sure we have your correct phone number (if you wish to have it published) and email address. This information should be submitted to:

**Editor, Washington Words**  
**Laura Miller Keith**  
**11015 Eastview Circle**  
**Dallas, TX 75230**  
**(214) 566-6176**  
**lmmkeith@gmail.com**

### *Save the Date!*

60th Anniversary Celebration of NSWFD

October 16-19, 2014

Mount Vernon, Virginia

*Email valady4@hotmail.com for trip details if you  
have not received them*

**Report of  
The Mildred Reade Warner Dedication  
Ceremony and 58th Annual Meeting  
of  
The National Society of the  
Washington Family Descendants**

*October 18-21, 2012*

Richmond, Virginia

The family began their weekend by journeying to Gloucester on Thursday, October 18, 2012 for the dedication of the Mildred Reade Warner Monument. After a special tour of Abingdon Church where the Warner Family worshiped, we arrived at Warner Hall where we were joined by 24 special guests for this special ceremony. The new granite monument for Mildred Reade Warner was inscribed by hand in the same style as her husband, Augustine Warner II. The ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. Sven van Baars of Abingdon Church, included using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer communion service. After the ceremony a beautiful reception was held at Warner Hall. Special thank yous go to Richard Weaver, Jim and Peggy Mathis, Page Warden, and Troy and Theresa Stavens for organizing such a lovely event as well as Michael Frost for printing the program and making nametags for our special guests.

Richmond hosted 67 Washington Family Descendants from all across the United States when they arrived for their 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on October 19-21, 2012, at the Downtown Richmond Omni.

Members of the Society kicked off their weekend with a special cocktail party at the Virginia Historical Society where CEO and President Paul Levensgood joined them and officially welcomed them to the city. It was a very special time as we caught up with all the news from cousins while enjoying a deli-

	Dr. Jack C. Redman Sr.
766	Alice Catherine Johnson Roberts
351	Mary Lu Welch Robinson (Mrs. Robert N. Robinson)
824	Nina Minnette McClaran Rowan (Mrs. Lynn B. Rowan )
824A	Lynn B. Rowan
697	Mrs. Lydia T. Spivey
752	Jonathan D. Steele
755	Randall R. Steele
12	Janice Ruth Johnson Steward (Mrs. James L. Stewart)
633	Jason Tedesco
379	Ruth Elizabeth Berg Walsh (Mrs. Myles A. Walsh II)
886	Wilma Jean ThomasWilson (Mrs. Robert Glyn Wilson)
812	Harriett Zachry
320	Lois Pierce Martin (Mrs. Charles L. Martin)

## Lost Members

*Below please find a list of names of members whose mail was returned "unable to forward". If you have information about any of these lost members, please notify the Editor, as we hope we will again locate our relative.*

- 887 Monnie Carol Thomas Armstrong (Mrs. Bradford A. Armstrong)  
855 Christopher W. Bell  
663 Justin R. Bley  
965 Amanda Jane Bryant  
777 Eleanor Mitchener Jarrett Carter (Mrs. William E. Carter)  
519 Alexander Banks Dawson  
871 James Andrew Dodd  
873 Samuel Michael Dodd  
868 Thomas Robert Dodd  
782 Julia Ida Parham Dove  
741 Dorotha Johnson Evans (Mrs. Byron H. Evans)  
741A Byron H. Evans  
1037 Annabel Purkitt Filbert  
1036 Janet Edith Filbert  
426 Mary Alice Cofer Franklin (Mrs. C. M. Franklin)  
Harold S. Hall  
230 Laura Alice Green Hamrick (Mrs. Claude M. Hamrick Jr.)  
781 Corinne L. McClain Harrison  
664 Jordan F. Hughey Jr.  
657 Thomas H. Lipscomb  
168 Mary W. Long  
435 Virginia Proctor Ball Lucas (Mrs. George H. Lucas)  
722 Gerald H. Marsh  
414 Heather Ann Stein MacIntyre (Mrs. Bruce E. MacIntyre)  
787 Donald S. McClain Jr.  
661 Eileen Arnold McElfresh  
929 Sarah Beth Milam  
719 Jean W. Miller  
616 Mrs. Joe W. Pinder  
735 Virginia Buell Pope (Mrs. James D. Pope)  
122 Mrs. Harry L. Prasuhn  
735 Kathryn Cagle Ranieri (Mrs. James J. Ranieri)

cious feast prepared by D'Fazio's Caterer of Richmond.

Saturday morning found the family up and on the move by 9:30 as we made our way to the John Marshall House for a private tour of our nation's longest serving chief justice's house and gardens. From there we boarded the bus for a family drive up and down historic Monument Avenue. While we munched on our boxed lunches, we were in store for a special treat. New members and Richmond residents, Kitty Williams and her husband, Robin Lind, gave us a personal description of the monuments as well as fun historic tidbits about the houses along the avenue. After lunch we journeyed to Mr. Jefferson's 1788 Capitol Building for a 2 hour private tour by a very knowledgeable tour guide, Margaret Snelling. After touring the building, we wandered through Capital Square admiring the 1858 George Washington Equestrian Statue which was designed by Thomas Crawford, the 1824 Bell Tower which has recently been restored by Virginia DAR, the 1813 Governor's Mansion, and statues of other famous Virginians as well as the gardens and water fountains.

Sunday morning we caravanned to historic St. John's Church to worship as a family. It was here on March 23, 1775, with George Washington, Peyton Randolph, Richard Henry Lee, and Thomas Jefferson in attendance, that Patrick Henry made his historic declaration, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" After the service, Chaplain Barbara Schusterman led our Memorial Service. We concluded our meeting with a luncheon at the Jefferson Hotel.

The Society announced the establishment of the John Washington Research Award during its Saturday night dinner. The award has been established in order to support deserving projects that publish, preserve, or expand research on the Washington family. The first recipient of this award is Dr. Glenn for his research on the Washington Family.

## Minutes of the 58th Annual Meeting

**Call to Order:** The 58<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of The National Society of the Washington Family Descendents was held at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Virginia and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President General Lee Woody and recorded by Lisa Saxton Recording Secretary. A quorum of members was present.

**Prayer of Invocation:** Chaplain Barbara Shusterman opened our meeting with a prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag** was led by Dr. Milly Hopkins.

**The National Anthem** was led by Peggy Mathis.

**Parliamentarian** Page Warden stated that Robert's Rules and ByLaws Procedures have been followed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Recording Secretary Lisa Saxton read the minutes of the September 2011 annual meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

**Introduction of Speaker:** Dr. Justin Glenn announced the speaker, our own NSWFD John Washington. John Washington gave an interesting and informational presentation about three Washington families in Virginia. Following the presentation, Lee Woody and Dr. Justin Glenn presented John Washington with a gratification tribute for his contributions to the society. Also, a research award, "The John Washington Award" was created in his honor. Lee Woody presented the first John Washington Award to Dr. Justin Glenn for his research on the Washington Family. Dr. Justin Glenn thanked John Washington for his help in researching 62,000 descendants resulting in a 6,000 page book that is expected to be published.

### **Reports of Officers:**

**President's Report:** President General - Mrs. Lee Hardin Woody stated, "I was born into the most remarkable and the most eccentric family I could hope for". Lee Woody shared the highlights of the year reporting on the historic preservation projects in which the society was participating. Two years of research, planning and collaboration with Preservation Virginia and other local associations in Gloucester, and with the added financial support from the Nicholas Martiau Descendants Asso-

## *Organizations Supported by the National Society of the Washington Family Descendants*

Rosewell  
Ware Episcopal Church  
Washington & Lee University  
Ferry Farm and Kenmore  
Washington Old Hall  
Sulgrave Manor  
Woodlawn  
Mount Vernon Ladies Association  
Happy Retreat  
Mary Ball Washington Museum  
Mary Washington House

ciation, the Mildred Reade Warner Project was complete. Thank you to Richard Weaver, Jim and Peggy Mathis and Page Warden. The society also participated in the Library of Virginia's Adopt Virginia History Program by funding the restoration of the Alexander Odgen's watercolor, *Washington Greeting Rochambeau at the West Doorway of Mount Vernon, September 1781*. We continued to provide financial support to Woodlawn by being an underwriter for their windows renovation project. Our financial support of Mount Vernon has funded the preservation of a family letter. She announced that the George Washington Birthplace Association had disbanded, but the site was now operated by the National Parks Service. After a visit by Reginald Blackwell to Sulgrave, Kerry Miller and Lee Woody were contacted by the director of Sulgrave Manor, Cymon Snow, who has extended an invitation for us to visit Sulgrave Manor in June 2014 for a family celebration. She announced that Brooke Saunders was making a video of this year's meeting. Lee Woody closed expressing that it was an honor and privilege to serve as President of this organization.

**Treasurer General:** Cindy Barr reported a beginning balance as of October 1, 2011 of \$41,693.73. We had a total income of \$23,845.74 and total expenses of \$28,155.46 making the net loss \$4,309.72 leaving the current balance on hand as of September 30, 2012 as \$37,384.01. Cindy Barr announced that she is now able to take credit cards for payment, and that she is waiting for 503(c)(3) approval from the government. The list of donations approved by the Executive Board to be paid in January 2013 was read as follows:

Washington & Lee Scholarship	\$2,000
Mount Vernon Ladies Association	\$1,000
Happy Retreat	\$500
Mary Ball Museum & Library	\$500
Mary Washington House	\$500
Woodlawn (window restoration)	\$1,500
Ferry Farm & Kenmore	\$1,000
John Marshall House	\$250
Library of Virginia	\$220
Sulgrave Manor	\$750

The Complete Treasurer's report is on file with the minutes for any member who would like to see it. A **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded. **The motion carried.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President General:** Absent and no report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President General:** Kerry Miller expressed that it has been a pleasure working with Lee Woody, John Washington and Justin Glenn. Kerry presented a gift of appreciation to Lee Woody for her service to the society.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President General:** Reginald Blackwell announced that membership is continuing to grow.

**Corresponding Secretary General:** Peggy Mathis reported many nice thank you correspondences from donation recipients. She also shared newspaper articles. She reported that 29 family members and 24 visitors and guests attended the Monument Dedication on October 18, 2012 at Warner Hall. Peggy Mathis showed the certificate from the Virginia Historical Society Adopt Virginia History Program for our funding of the restoration of the Alexander Odgen's watercolor, *Washington Greeting Rochambeau at the West Doorway of Mount Vernon, September 1781*. She reported that the recipient of this year's Washington Family Descendant Scholarship Award at Washington and Lee University was Joseph Roger Landry of New Ipswich, New Hampshire majoring in American History. She read a lovely thank you note from Mr. Landry.

**Recording Secretary General:** No Report

**Chaplain General:** No Report

**Registrar General:** Dr. Justin Glenn praised Lee Woody for being such a blessing to the Society these past two years. He reported twenty six (26) new members from 9/29/11 to 10/15/12. They consisted of fifteen (15) new regular members, two (2) new life members, two (2) new junior members and seven (7) new associate members. Justin reported that there is nothing new to report regarding Robert N. Grant's book discussing the John Wright controversy.

**Historian General:** Dr. Milly Hopkins reported that she has received many wonderful pictures from past Washington Family Events. The scrapbooks are filling up and are present at the

The house was inherited by his eldest son, Robert, who lived in it until his death in 1619, having given over ownership to his son Lawrence prior to his death. Lawrence sold it to his cousin, Lawrence Makepeace, who lived there until 1659. The manor passed into several hands over the years and suffered from the effects of neglect and decay.

In 1914 the manor went on the market again. That year marked the centennial of the Treaty of Ghent, which marked the end of the War of 1812 between Britain and the United States. Twelve thousand British pounds was raised to repurchase the manor. However, work on the manor could not begin until the end of World War I. After the war ended, more funds were raised under the sponsorship of a new charity. The Colonial Dames raised \$112,000 which allowed Sulgrave Manor to be endowed endlessly. However, funds are continually needed for repairs due to its age and weather conditions. Please contact the Treasurer General if you would like to make donations to the manor.

*References:*

*Washington Old Hall*

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## England, Home of the Washington Ancestors

The name Washington goes back to the time of the Anglo-Saxons. It began with William de Hertburn who settled on what is now the manorial land where Washington Old Hall, Tyne and Wear now stands, before the year 1183 when the land reached far as the river Wear. Around that time, de Hertburn changed his name to William de Wessynton after the name of the manor. During those medieval years, a new residence was built on the site and the family acquired a coat of arms. The coat of arms had two bars (stripes) and three mullets (stars) by 1346 and is the basis of the Washington Coat of Arms we have to this day. It is believed by many to be the inspiration for the American flag. The mansion stayed in the family for several generations. Parts of that original hall are still in existence.

Sulgrave Manor was built by Lawrence Washington (c.1500-1584). He was the five times great-grandfather of George Washington. Lawrence, the builder of Sulgrave Manor, was born in the northern part of England and the eldest son of John Washington and Margaret Kytson Washington of Warton and also the nephew of Sir Thomas Kytson. He had served as the Bailiff of Warton and went to Northampton, probably on estate business. He had been impressed by the wealth earned by his cousin, John Spencer of Althorp, in the wool trade, and was convinced he could do the same. His first wife, Elizabeth Gough, died during the birthing of their first child. He later married twice widowed Amy Tomson, the daughter of Robert Pargiter of Greatworth. Lawrence and Amy had eleven (11) children born to them (7 girls and 4 boys). Pargiter owned the estates which bordered Sulgrave. Washington discovered the land was available due to the dissolution of the Abbey of St. Andrew and was able to purchase the land from the crown for a little over 324 British pounds. There was no manor on the property so he set forth to build a grand country house of a wealthy merchant which has become known as Sulgrave Manor. He finished the house in 1584 and lived there until his death in 1584.

meeting for anyone who would like to look through them. She is looking for pictures from the 70's. She has made picture video CD's.

**Genealogist:** No report

**Editor, Washington Words:** Absent, no report.

**Parliamentarian:** No report.

**Reports of Committees:**

**2012 Annual Meeting Committee:** Lee Woody gave a special thank you to Kerry Miller for her work on the annual meeting. She also thanked Brooke for video of this year's meeting. Lee thanked again all who helped arrange the memorial service for Mildred Reade Warner's Tombstone replacement. She thanked all who helped with registration and the selling of raffle tickets. Kerry Miller announced for us to meet at 10:15 on Sunday morning so that everyone can be assured a ride to the church.

**Mildred Reade Warner Tombstone Dedication:** Richard Weaver reported that thanks to donations from the society and its members and the Nicholas Martiau Descendants Association, the Mildred Reade Warner Tombstone replacement project was completed. The owners of Warner Hall donated the engraving on the tombstone and also helped with the cost of the reception. The granite was placed just 14 days ago. It took 6 months to carve the lettering on the tablet. The Memorial Service was well attended and provided the opportunity to receive Holy Communion using a silver chalice and tray that Mildred Warner had used. The silver chalice and tray was donated by the Burrell Family. Richard thanked Page Warden and Jim and Peggy Mathis for all their help.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting in 2013:** Lee Woody and Richard Weaver will plan our anniversary meeting at Mount Vernon.

**Old Business:**

President General Lee Woody thanked the current board for their service. She read the voting procedures per NSWFD By-laws and reintroduced the slate of officers for 2012-2014 that were selected by the Nominating Committee per the Bylaws. John Washington installed the new executive board. The new executive officers are as follows:

President General – Kerry Moore Miller  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President General – Major Reginald T. Blackwell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President General – Barbara Click Shusterman  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President General – Samuel “Sandy” McDonough  
Treasurer General – Cindy Jeffries Barr  
Corresponding Secretary General – Anne Davison Goode  
Recording Secretary General – Lisa Miller Saxton  
Registrar General – Dr. Justin M. Glenn  
Historian General – Dr. Mildred B. Hopkins  
Chaplain General – James Bird  
Editor Washington Words – Janice Ringold  
Parliamentarian General – Richard Weaver  
Genealogist – John A. Washington  
Lee Woody presented the Gavel and President’s Pin to the 2012-2014 President General Kerry Miller. She also presented an “organized” President’s Notebook.

**Comments by the New President General:** Kerry Miller thanked the Society for the honor of presiding as President. She discussed future meeting sites such as Seaside, Oregon, South Carolina, Georgia and Natchez Trace.

**Blessing:** Barbara Shusterman ended the meeting with a prayer and leading us in the singing of *Blest Be the Ties that Bind*

**Adjournment:** Motion for the meeting to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Saxton  
Recording Secretary General  
Date of Approval: October 19, 2013

threatened constant changes in the schedule.

During the last annual meeting, our Corresponding Secretary General shared a report from Ferry Farm. Much advancement has been made since the Society visited several years ago. Upon a separate visit from the meeting, I learned they have uncovered the complete “footprint” of the house in which George Washington spent his childhood. The home had been destroyed a fire. Many toys, pieces of china and pottery, fine handiwork tools, and the biggest and best collection of wig curlers have been discovered from that era. Any of you wishing to visit would be warmly welcomed.

Our Sunday began with worship at Ware Church where family members were able to share communion from a silver chalice and serving plate which had been donated to the church by our ancestors and George Washington’s great-grandparents, Augustine and Mildred Reade Warner. Immediately following we enjoyed a scrumptious and bountiful brunch prepared at Warner Hall while we watched the re-enactment of the Battle of the Hook.

Now we are anticipating the centennial of Sulgrave Manor (during the weekend of June 21, 2014) as well as the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the National Society of the Washington Family Descendants at Mount Vernon (Oct 17-19, 2014). Watch for the upcoming details of both events. Richard Weaver and Lee Woody are preparing the Mount Vernon Annual Meeting/60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I have been working with Sulgrave Manor to complete details for the Centenary Celebration in England. Please email Kerry: [wakuzzin2000@wavecable.com](mailto:wakuzzin2000@wavecable.com) before March 31, 2014 if you are interested in going to England. We should have all the cost and travel details before that date.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at either or both of the fantastic events planned for 2014.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in love,  
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## *President General's Comments*

Dearest Family,

It is an honor to be able to serve as your current President General and to write a few lines to greet each of you reading this message. The year 2014 is a very significant time for our Society. We are celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the National Society of the Washington Family Descendants as well as the Centenary of Sulgrave Manor (the Washington ancestral home in England), which home is the shared property of the United Kingdom and the United States. 2014 will also be the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent.

The recent 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the NSWFD has prompted me to pause and share some comments about our most recent meeting and include some details regarding this coming year's celebratory activities. Our last meeting took place in Gloucester, VA. We began with a dinner at the 6655 Main with special speaker, Nicholas M. Lucchetti, Principal Archaeologist and Partner for the James River Institute of Archeology, Inc. Mr. Lucchetti spoke about his examination of the home sites of Nicholas Martiau and Augustine Warner.

Our Saturday was full with Yorktown Day. We left early in the morning for a wreath laying at the grave of Governor Nelson at Grace Episcopal Church. Many members stopped to pay tribute at the gravesites of our ancestors Nicholas Martiau and George Reade. We watched the Yorktown Parade and some followed its route to the Yorktown Victory Monument where the patriotic exercises commenced with a backdrop of colorful flags including the American and French national colors. A wreath was placed at the monument in memory of those who fought and died at the siege of Yorktown in 1781. That ceremony was followed by a delicious Brunswick Stew prepared by the Yorktown Women's Club back at the Grace Episcopal Church. That evening we visited the ruins of Rosewell, which had been the home of the Page family, and enjoyed a very delightful indoor BBQ dinner and our annual business meeting. The biggest surprise to many of us was how wonderful this day came about and ended due to the government shutdowns and weather conditions which

## *John A. Washington and Justin M. Glenn Honored at 2012 Convention*

Acting upon the unanimous vote of the Executive Board, the Society established in September 2012 the John A. Washington Research Award. This is designed to show the Society's deep appreciation to our beloved Genealogist for his many years of faithful service. It is difficult to put into words our debt of thanks and our profound respect and affection for John. At the banquet of our Richmond, Virginia convention held on October 20, 2012, the Society's Registrar General, Justin M. Glenn, presented John with a framed certificate with the encomium presented on the following page.

As directed by the Executive Board, the first John A. Washington Award in the amount of \$500 was presented to the Society's Registrar General, Justin M. Glenn. Outgoing President General Lee Woody presented him with a framed certificate honoring his award. For more than thirty years Justin has been collecting for eventual publication the descendants of the immigrant John Washington and his wife Anne Pope. His book includes some 63,000 descendants on computer files that total well over 6,000 pages. In September, 2012 his book was accepted for publication by Savas Beatie. Any members with that line of descent are encouraged to contact Justin at [jglenn@fsu.edu](mailto:jglenn@fsu.edu) to discuss any additions, corrections, or deletions they wish to make in regard to their family.

*A Tribute to John Augustine Washington  
From His Grateful Kinsmen in the  
National Society  
of Washington Family Descendants*

Your unique knowledge of the Washington family has guided and corrected historians, researchers, and students of our family for more than fifty years. Your collaboration with Prentiss Price has advanced our knowledge of the Washington family to heights never imagined by earlier generations. Your tireless search for missing branches has restored to countless thousands a record of their family heritage. Your multi-generational family charts have been hailed by leading genealogists as unparalleled resources for the earliest generations of the Washington family in America. Your lectures, interviews, and writings have introduced the history and legacy of our family to an ever widening spectrum of the American public. Your generous service to the NSWFD as its President (1994-1996) and Genealogist (from 2000 until the present day) has been a source of great strength, stability, and growth to our Society. You have been a steadfast source of sound counsel for many officers in times of controversy and uncertainty. For your friendship, your profound learning, your good humor, and your generous heart we shall always be grateful. And in your honor, the NSWFD now establishes the John A. Washington Research Award, which will be presented at the discretion of the executive board to support deserving projects that publish, preserve, or expand research on the Washington family.

*Bestowed at the Annual Convention  
of the National Society  
of the Washington Family Descendants  
in Richmond, Virginia  
October 20, in the Year of our Lord 2012*

## Minutes of the 59th Annual Meeting

The 59<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of The National Society of the Washington Family Descendants was held at the Rosewell Visitor Center in Gloucester, Virginia. Minutes for this meeting will be read and approved at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Mount Vernon, Virginia.

The slate of proposed national officers for 2014-2016 approved by the Executive Board at its meeting is as follows:

President General	Richard Weaver
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President General	Barbara Click Schusterman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President General	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President General	Samuel "Sandy" McDonough
Treasurer General	Cindy Jeffries Barr
Corresponding Secretary General	Anne Davison
Recording Secretary General	Kitty Williams
Registrar General	Dr. Justin M. Glenn
Historian General	Dr. Mildred "Milly" B. Hopkins
Chaplain General	James Bird
Editor, Washington Words	Laura Miller Keith
Parliamentarian	Elizabeth Miller Saxton
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American and French national colors, the flags of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and the flags of the 13 Yorktown Day Association members. At the conclusion of the patriotic exercises, a wreath was placed on the Yorktown Victory Monument in memory of those who fought and died during the siege of Yorktown in 1781. A Brunswick Stew lunch was served at Grace Episcopal Church by the Yorktown Women's Club. Members then returned to Gloucester for a free afternoon. Plans were for our barbeque dinner to be served on the grounds of the ruins of Rosewell, the former home of generations of the Page family, including John Page, who served under George Washington in an expedition during the French and Indian War. However, it began to rain, so dinner was hurriedly set up in the Rosewell Visitor Center. Following dinner and a short business meeting, we returned to the Hampton Inn where we visited with each other while eating home-made brownies, compliments of Janet Ringold.

Church services on Sunday morning were at Ware Church, where we were served communion on communion silver given by Augustine Warner II, great grandfather of George Washington. We were warmly welcomed by the parishioners. Following the service, we were bused to Warner Hall, where a very lovely brunch was served. While we ate, we could watch the re-enactors assembling for the "Battle of the Hook". These 1500 re-enactors were encamped all around the grounds of Warner Hall. Following brunch we walked to the graveyard where we had a service of remembrance for our deceased members and family. Remembered this day were Alta L. Culbertson Moore, mother of our President General, Kerry Miller; James Arthur Jones; Virginia Peyton McDonough, mother of Sandy McDonough, our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President General; and Robert Gray Hardin, father of our former President General, Lee Hardin Woody. Flowers were placed on the grave of Mildred Reade Warner to remember our loved ones. We were then able to wander around to watch the battle enactment, which was very colorful and exciting and an interesting way to end our weekend.

October 18-20, 2013 in Gloucester, Virginia the National Association of Washington Family Descendants gathered for its 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Sixty-eight members and friends met at the Hampton Inn for this meeting which was planned by Richard Weaver. From there we went to the "6655 Main Restaurant" for appetizers, which were then followed by an excellent dinner with a choice of seafood, chicken parmesan, or steak. This restaurant stepped in at the last minute when the place where we were originally scheduled filed for bankruptcy. The food was outstanding. Our speaker for the evening was Nicholas M. Lucchetti, Principal Archaeologist and Partner, James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc. He spoke about his examination of the homesites of Nicholas Martiau and Augustine Warner I. Re-enactors dressed in Revolutionary attire wandered through as we ate, sometimes stopping to explain whom they represented.

Saturday morning our members boarded a bus for Yorktown, where their annual Yorktown Day was in full swing. Representatives of the NSWFD (Peggy Mathis and President General Kerry Miller) took part in the laying of wreaths at the grave of Governor Nelson at Grace Episcopal Church. This church is also where Washington's ancestors, Nicholas Martiau and George Reade, are buried. At 10:00 AM the Yorktown Day Parade marched through Yorktown's Main Street, passing in front of the Yorktown Victory Monument, erected in 1881 to commemorate the military victory a century before. Patriotic exercises commenced at that site about 11:00 AM with a backdrop of colorful