



JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY FIRST MARYLAND COMPANY

FALL 2021
NEWSLETTER

GOVERNOR'S CORNER

I really enjoyed getting to see so many of you and your guests at our meeting at the Elkridge Club on October 5th. On our way home, Beth and I talked about the meeting. It got me to thinking about how quickly time passes, even when we feel like it is standing still.

Here's a disturbing fact: Our most recent meeting came almost two years after our last in-person one. Our company's most recent previous in-person meeting was on October 16, 2019. That was when we held our Annual Business Meeting and University of Maryland professor Holly Brewer spoke to us about early slavery in the American colonies. That was a long time ago!

It's not that we didn't try to meet between then and now. On March 31, 2020, with regret and absolutely no idea of what the future held, we had to cancel our Spring meeting. That meeting was scheduled for April 29, 2020 at the Red Horse Steak House in Frederick, MD. We expected to enjoy lunch and be treated to a talk by Mount St. Mary's professor Timothy Fritz on "Early Virginia and Pirates." With that cancellation we began our journey into the world of coronavirus, COVID-19, and ever-changing restrictions.

On November 13, 2020, we held a Zoom meeting to conduct our Annual Business Meeting. By then I think most of us were more-than-ready to resume in-person meetings. Unfortunately, that awful 'Rona Virus wasn't yet in an accommodating mood.

It took almost a year, but in March of this year – "virtually" through the seeming miracle of Zoom--we finally got to hear Professor Fritz's talk. While I was pleased to see many of you participate in that virtual meeting, I couldn't help wishing the meeting had been in person.

Next month we plan to conduct our Annual Business Meeting. The tentative date for the

planned lunchtime meeting is **November 17, 2021**. Please hold that date for now! It isn't confirmed yet because we've had problems finding a venue, but as soon as that is set we'll get the word out. Our Annual Business Meeting will be our second opportunity in 2021 to get together in person, enjoy a meal, perhaps share some holiday cheer, and just return to some sense of social normalcy. It would be wonderful if all of you and your spouses and/or other guests could attend. We could be a really large group!

Despite the rough patch chronicled above, our Company and our Society have moved forward. Our Society did itself proud with a series of virtual meetings open to all members. Those meetings offered us the opportunity to learn more about the Jamestowne settlement and events that shaped its life and future. I was especially pleased to see many of you attend those virtual meetings. And now we have an opportunity to attend a real face-to-face meeting of our Society in Richmond in November (see details elsewhere in this newsletter.) I hope many of you are planning to attend!

At the local level, First Maryland Company has been able to add six members to our roles in the past 12 months, and we're helping another six prospective members work on their Jamestowne Society applications. Growth during this pandemic says something positive about your company, right?

I'm happy to end on a positive note. You should be proud of the Council you elected about a year ago. It is made up of great people who are working hard to make our Company the best it can be. I believe that our membership, while not large in numbers, is second to none in terms of spirit or capability. We are a good company that has done well under trying circumstances. We can all be proud of that!

Harry

FALL 2021 COMPANY LUNCHEON MEETING

A delightful luncheon meeting was held at the beautiful Elkridge Country Club in Baltimore Maryland on October 5. The speaker was our own George Hill, author of “War Letters 1917-1918: Letters of Dr. William T. Shoemaker, A.E.F. in France to family in Philadelphia”.



24 MEMBERS & GUESTS!

FIRST MARYLAND COMPANY NEWS

Treasurer's Report as of October 5, 2021

Checking Account: \$1,882.76

Wingo Fund donations: \$580.00

We are half way towards our goal of donating \$1,000.00 to the Wingo Fund!
\$330.00 previous donations and \$250.00 from the October Luncheon Reservations

~SAVE THE DATE~

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

FIRST MARYLAND
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & LUNCHEON

More information to follow shortly!



Governor Harry C. Redd III
Lieutenant Governor Anne Henninger
Treasurer Jerry Zillion

Secretary Rebecca Myers
Chaplain Barbara Greeley
Historian/Registrar Cynthia Johnson

Councilor George Calvert
Councilor William Spencer
Councilor Lucien Votta

JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY

Jamestowne Society Book Club

For more information and to register, contact

jamestownesocietybookclub@gmail.com

If many members are interested, additional book club groups will be formed to keep meeting size small and allow for participation from all.

Other Activities Conducted By Our National Society

Over 100 new lines have been added to the Lineage Paper Project. This is where applicants and members can purchase someone's approved application and rely on it for generations in common. Click on the link below to visit this page-

<http://www.jamestowne.org/lineage-paper-project.html>

~ SAVE THE DATES~

Heritage Meeting

April 12, 2022

The Army & Navy Club, Washington, D.C.

Spring Membership Meeting

May 12-14, 2022

Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA

Fall Meeting in Richmond is Sold Out!

Registration forms are added to the website on January 2 for Spring Events and July 1 for Fall Events.

Do not wait for your magazine to arrive to register.



Chilly Morning on the Beach, Assateague Island

by Erika L. Forsythe, member

www.elfmomentsofzen.com

FIRST MARYLAND SETS A FUNDING GOAL FOR THE ELIZABETH B. WINGO RESTORATION OF RECORDS FUND

The Restoration of Records Fund was established in 1979. This fund conserves early court records from the 17th and 18th centuries. Many deed books, marriage bonds, and record books have been conserved and made available to the public. Mostly Virginia counties, but not limited to Virginia. Counties such as Charles City, Princess Anne, Norfolk, Rappahannock, and Henrico were early projects. The fund was renamed to the **Elizabeth B. Wingo Restoration of Records Fund** after her death in 2002. She was the long time chair and personally transcribed records for Norfolk and Princess Anne counties.

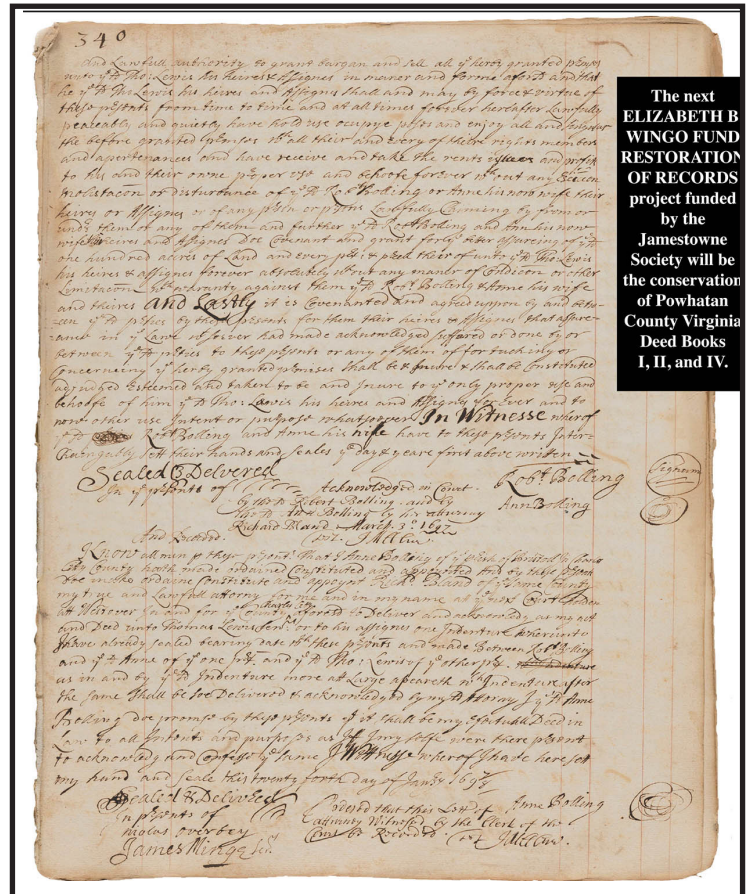
Recent projects were the 17th century land grants signed by Governor William Berkley, Surry Co., marriage bonds, the 1690-1702 Charles City record book. These records are now digitized when they are in the conservation process.

According to Bonnie Hoffmyer, executive director of the Jamestowne Society, projects have not been able to start because of the Pandemic, but they hope to announce a new project later this year.

The Governor's Council of The First Maryland Company felt the company needed a special project and recently voted to support the Elizabeth B Wingo Restoration of Records Fund. The goal is to donate \$1,000.00 in the name of the Company.

Any donation amount will be greatly appreciated! Consider adding a donation to your yearly dues payment. The dues form is included in the newsletter. Deadline for 2021-22 dues payment is November 17, 2021.

Thank you for supporting this worthy endeavor!



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Photo Courtesy Library of Virginia

One of the 300 pages of Charles City County will and deed records, dated 1692-1700 restored in 2017.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE WINGO FUND

<http://www.jamestowne.org/publications.html>

See JS Magazine Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017 (cover photo is pre-conservation), Spring 2019