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Descendants of Governor Alexander Spotswood and Lady Butler Brayne

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Dear Cousins,

What a wonderful reunion we had in September at Scotchtown, the home of Patrick Henry in Hanover County! Twenty-one members and guests gathered on a rainy, but thankfully cool, day to celebrate our common heritage as Spottswoods. We welcomed lots of new cousins as potential members, added lines to our lineage charts, and discovered how we were all related. It is always such fun to learn of lines of descent that we didn't know were out there.



Attendees exchanged stories and saved contact information to follow up on points of interest. We all sat down to share a veritable feast of good cooking. As always, food brought us together as the conversation turned to: "I want that recipe." "Where did you get those cupcakes?" "Did your wife bake those pies?" It makes my mouth water to recall . . .

Spottswood descendants enjoyed tours of Scotchtown and learned of Patrick Henry's role in the American Revolution and as the first Governor of Virginia following the Declaration of Independence.



A brief business meeting was held which included the following announcements.

- Spottswood Family Descendants brochures were printed and taken to the Germanna Visitor's Center, the Culpeper Museum, and the Orange County Museum.
- Over 6,000 ancestors and descendants were entered into a Spottswood Database and made available to the Germanna website.
- The 2016 Germanna Reunion will highlight the 300th Anniversary of the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe, with a bus tour of the route taken on this expedition.
- The Enchanted Castle/Fort Germanna site has been stabilized with over 30 truckloads of sand. This will protect it from plant growth and the effects of weathering until further archaeological digs can be done.
- Fundraising for the Spottswood Museum will begin in 2016

Please enjoy more photos of the reunion in this newsletter, and know that if you were unable to attend, you were greatly missed.

Dale Sayers
President General

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News from Scotchtown

Following the Spotswood Reunion, Jim and Dale Sayers attended the opening of a new exhibit at Scotchtown.

To our delight, we found a panel featuring the land patent of John Chiswell, granted by none other than our own Lt. Gov. Alexander Spotswood. The panel also displayed a large portrait of Alexander.



Also featured was a lock of hair belonging to Dorothea Dandridge Henry, granddaughter of Alexander and Butler Spotswood and 2nd wife of Patrick Henry.

Spotswood Reunion 2016



Spotswood Cousins

Front Row: Megan Long, Dale Sayers, Cannon Spotswood, and Pattie Boykin

Second Row: John Payne, Anna Payne, Todd Long, Jay Sheeler, and Grace Karish



L-R: Judy Payne, Robbie Payne, Megan Long, Todd Long, and others fill their plates

Richard and Samuel Weaver enjoy lunch



L-R Lori Kay, Lee Lythgoe, Todd Long, Megan Long, Stephen Payne, Johnny Payne, and Jay Sheeler

Dale Sayers and Cannon Spotswood



Identity Revealed of Bones Found on Jamestown Island

In an article published on July 29, 2015, The Washington Post made a stunning announcement—pertinent to those interested in colonial history and particularly those descendants of the Dandridge/West line. Skeletal remains, found within the original church at Jamestown, have been identified as the Rev. Robert Hunt (1569-1608), Sir Ferdinando Wainman (1575-1610), Capt. Gabriel Archer (1575-1609), and Capt. William West (1585-1610). Two of these gentlemen were West cousins, as will be shown by the chart below.



The first church on Jamestown Island has long been celebrated as the location of the marriage between Pocahontas and John Rolfe. The Jamestown Rediscovery project continues archaeological work there, and these physical remains help to enhance our understanding of the first colonists and their experiences. The year 1609 was the height of a desperate period known as “The Starving Time.” Almost certainly, three of these four gentlemen fell victim to Indian hostility and the inability of settlers to forage outside the fort.

The Rev. Robert Hunt was the first Anglican priest to come to Virginia. He was from Hampshire, England, and said to be a devout peacemaker. He brought his library of books with him when he arrived in 1607. Unfortunately, the books were lost in a fire in 1608, the same year of Hunt’s death.

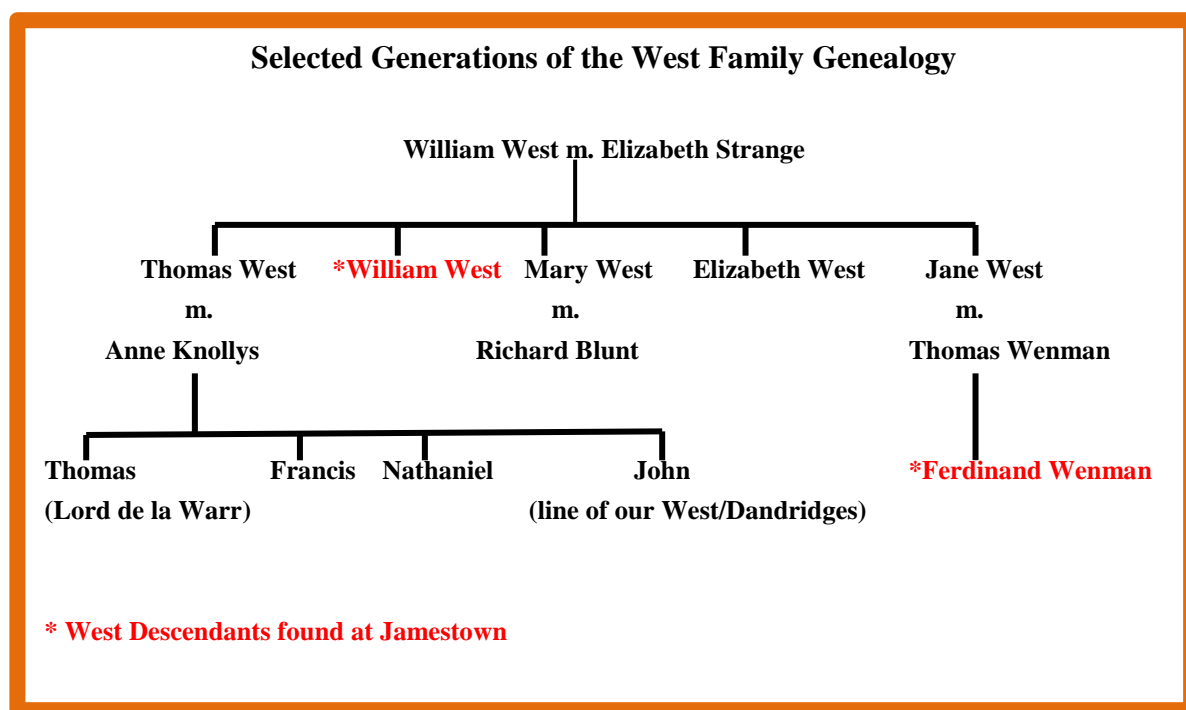
Gabriel Archer died in 1609 at the age of approximately 34. He was a lawyer, scribe, and adventurer, serving as one of the leaders arriving in 1607. He was also the son of recusant Catholic parents. A small box containing bone fragments was found in his grave. This box is speculated to be a reliquary, a container for holy relics, and represents a unique find in early America in post-Reformation times.

Ferdinando Wainman (or Ferdinand Wenman) was buried in a fancy, wooden, “anthropoid” coffin. Although disintegrated, its shape was determined by the outline of the surviving nails. His coffin, which

included a “head box,” was similar to those of ancient Egypt and is “one of the few ever found in English America.” Wainman’s remains indicated a high level of lead. These findings identify him as a man of high standing, one accustomed to eating from vessels made of pewter (an alloy of tin and lead). According to a friend, he was “an honest and valiant gentleman,” who died about age 34. Wainman was the son of Jane West and Thomas Wenman.

The last identified skeleton belonged to William West. He was approximately 24 years old when he died, having been killed by Indians near present-day Richmond. His coffin, also of the anthropoid variety, contained remnants of a silver-fringed military sash.

The fact that the four graves were found inside the church indicated that the men were prominent citizens, held in high regard. **Now, let’s see how we are connected!**



The above information once again reinforces the fact that the Wests were truly an adventurous family. They invested financially and personally in the Virginia Company, with six West men taking the voyage to the New World. William West and Elizabeth Strange sent son William West and grandsons Ferdinand Wenman and Thomas, Francis, Nathaniel and John West to America. All but grandson Thomas died in Virginia. That Thomas West (3rd Lord de la Warr) returned to England, after saving the Virginia Colony in 1610 with desperately needed colonists and food. He died on a return voyage to America on 7 June 1618 at Port La Have, Nova Scotia.

Information on the above article was taken from *The Washington Post*, “Bones and a Riddle in Jamestown,” July 29, 2015, by Michael E. Ruane, and from *Royal Ancestry*, Douglas Richardson, Kimball G. Everingham, Editor, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2013, Vol. V, pp. 353-357.



Andrea Payne Palmer with her father Woodward Payne

We're Proud of You, Andrea!

Our own Andrea Palmer, author extraordinaire, has just released her first book titled Plum, From Bihar to Berkeley—The Extraordinary Life of Plum Rutherford Haet. “Plum Haet has led the life some would only dream about—filled with wealth, opulence, heartache and sexual enlightenment.” Her biography “is a truly captivating read spanning the bygone era of the last days of the British Raj to the rebellious freedoms of the 1960’s and 70s.” Andrea’s book is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

From the Dim Pages of History . . .

John Beaufort

John Beaufort was born to John of Gaunt and Katherine Roet Swynford, before John of Gaunt and Katherine were married. Knight of the Garter, of Corfe, Dorset, King's knight, Lieutenant of the Duchy of Aquitaine, 1397-1401, Constable of Wallingford Castle, 1397, Constable of Dover Castle and Warden of the Cinque Ports, 1398-9, Admiral of the Fleet in the West and North, 1398-9, 1406-7, Chamberlain of England, 1399, Privy Counsellor, 1401, 1404, 1406, Captain of Calais, 1401, Lieutenant of South Wales, 1403, Vice Constable of England, 1404, Constable of Corfe Castle, 1407. He joined the Crusade of Louis II, Duke of Bourbon, to Barbary, and was present at the futile Siege of El Mahadia southeast of Tunis. In 1394 he was in Lithuania, engaged in the Crusade organized by the Teutonic knights, and was probably present at the Battle of Nicopolis in 1396. He was legitimated with the assent of Parliament by letters patent dated 9 Feb. 1396/7. He was created Earl of Somerset 10 Feb. 1396/7, and Marquess of Dorset 29 Sept. 1397. In 1402 he escorted the king's daughter, Blanche, to Cologne for her marriage with the Count Palatine, and in 1403 he escorted Joan of Navarre, King Henry IV's second wife, from Brittany to England. Died in the hospital of St. Katherine-by-the-Tower, and buried in St. Thomas's Chapel in the Cathedral church of Canterbury, Kent.

Royal Ancestry, Douglas Richardson, Kimball G. Everingham, Editor, Salt Lake City, UT, 2013, Vol. IV, pp. 645-646; Vol. V, p. 41



How We Connect:

John of Gaunt m. Katherine Roet
 John Beaufort m. Margaret Holland
 Joan Beaufort m. James Stewart (The Black Knight of Lorn)
 John Stewart, 1st Earl of Atholl m. Eleanor Sinclair
 John Stewart m. Janet Campbell
 Jean Stewart m. James Arbuthnott
 Isabel Arbuthnott m. Robert Maule
 William Maule m. Bethia Guthrie
 Eleanor Maule m. Alexander Morrison
 Bethia Morrison m. Robert Spottiswoode
 Robert Spotswood m. Catherine Maxwell, parents of Alexander