

Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory



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2024-2027

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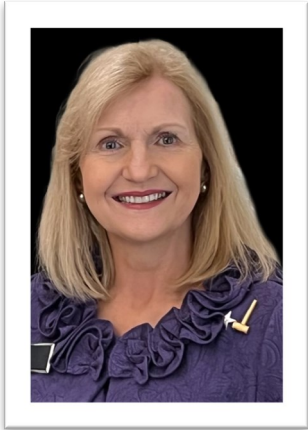
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President General Message



I am proud to have been elected as your new president general in December. I'd like to mention our past PG and Founder Donald Christian. This society was his concept and he had much of the decisions made by the time he brought me on board as member #2. Together with Tom Jacks we moved forward to get the organization off the ground. We held our first meeting in 2018, and had a successful charter member period. This organization has so much potential for membership growth. We've had several inquiries this year and I hope to get the word out that we are eagerly accepting new members. I hope as members you'll help with that effort.

I'm working with our new officers to bring you educational and interesting content. This is our first newsletter and we also have the draft for our first directory. I'll send the draft out for corrections and then after changes have been made, we'll send the updated version. This newsletter edition is quite lengthy but does include a lot of

our history. We'd love to name our newsletter so if you have a clever idea, please submit it. There is a separate History Book Volume 1 (2018-2024) that I assembled earlier this year. Due to the size, it can't be emailed. I hope it'll help our new historian, Peggy Anderson with her position. We'll be able to start 2025 as Volume II. Our FFAT history is protected.

Your registrar, Lynda Moreau, has been easy to work with according to our newest members. Those of us that know her find that as no surprise. She is a busy national leader and volunteer. Our secretary Bonnie Shanks took our minutes in November before she was even sworn in. Thank you, Bonnie. Our new treasurer Brandy Huntzinger is ready to go once we get all the accounts transferred to her. She's scheduling a pickup of data from Donald in Huntsville. I look forward to working with all members of our new Executive Board. I'd like to thank JJ Smith for submitting his ancestor to be spotlighted in this edition. If you have an article on your ancestor that you'd like to submit please send to me. I'm working on mine but don't have as much information as JJ has. I attended the historical home marking with JJ and Ann Cheney for his ancestor Boling Hall at Ellerslie. Photos can be found in this edition (see page 61). Hall was a very successful and interesting person that played a key role in early Alabama history. Hall was the head of the committee that planned the Alabama welcome ceremonies for the Marquis de Lafayette during his tour of the United States in 1824-25. I think most everyone has been invited to at least one Lafayette event this year. If not, let me be the first. The Marquis de Lafayette's 1824-1825 farewell tour of his beloved America is being recreated for its 200th Anniversary. Please see the invitation on page 4. Lafayette's entry into Alabama at Ft. Mitchell is on March 30. They encourage period attire to contribute to the authenticity, but it is certainly not required. I hope to see you there.

In late May, we will have a Zoom Social with special guest speaker Dr. Alex Colvin, Curator, at the Alabama Department of Archives & History. We've scheduled Dr. Colvin twice and had to cancel on her. She is an expert on early Alabama history and I can't wait for you to hear her. She is very energetic and time flies when she is speaking. As stated, this will be a fun social event and no business will be conducted. I'll have more on that closer to time and hope to have another scheduled event in the fall.

I hope to see many of you at Hereditary Fortnight in Washington, D.C., in April. For a full schedule of events please visit the Hereditary Society Community (HSC) website calendar at www.hereditary.us/calendar. Our Executive Board voted to donate \$1,000 to the non-profit HSC for inclusion on their Partner Organizations page as a Perpetual Sponsor. Hopefully it will bring some much-needed advertisement about FFAT to the hereditary community. Many people don't know about us.

If you have any suggestions for your new 2024-2027 officers, please contact me. If you'd like to serve on a committee, please let me know. We've not really had committees in the past but if there is something you are passionate about, we will entertain the idea.

Many blessings wished for you for a happy and healthy 2025.

Leslie Kirk

President General
2024-2027

Invitation ~ Upcoming Event



200th Anniversary Celebration of the Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Fort Mitchell



The event at Fort Mitchell will begin on Sunday, March 30 at 1:00 CT with a parade. This will be a free but ticketed event. Tickets can be acquired at lafayette200.org. We will have rein-actors for Lafayette, Chilly McIntosh and Henry Crowell. The parade will begin at the welcome center, go down to thru the Fort and back to the pavilion, where we will have a musical ensemble and a program with dignitaries. Lafayette will have a horse drawn carriage for the parade. After the program we will have refreshments in the Tavern, and commemorative merchandise for sale. Tours of the Fort and the museum will be in the welcome center. There will also be six 7' panels with information about Lafayette in the welcome center. There will be blacksmiths, wood workers and people cooking over a fire and performing other activities of a working fort. There will be an antique gun display as well. There will be Native Americans (Creek rein-actors) outside the fort set up as a small village and playing a game of stick ball which they did when Lafayette was there in 1825.

About FFAT

FOUNDED
August 15, 2017

INCORPORATED
September 12, 2017
at Madison County, Alabama

BYLAWS
The Order's Bylaws were proposed September 27, 2017, at
an electronically conducted Executive Council Meeting of the eligible voting Founders

IRS
The Order was granted 501(c)3 status by the Internal
Revenue Service on May 25, 2018

FOUNDING MEMBERS
Donald Lee Christian, Jr. #01
Leslie Ann Kirk #02
Thomas Edward Jacks #03

OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

To recognize and record those individuals who established residency, owned land, conducted a business or trade, or performed military or civil services within the boundaries of present-day Alabama prior to 14 December 1819.

To educate, preserve and increase the knowledge of the history of Alabama by the preservation of documents and the recording of family histories, lineages, and traditions.

To be involved in charitable and educational efforts and to support patriotic, genealogical, literary, historical and social activities that furthers the purposes and objectives of this Society within our country.

The Society may receive gifts and property, real and personal, subject to such conditions and upon such trusts as are not inconsistent with the purposes or restrictions of this Society.

SEAL DESCRIPTION



The official Seal of the Society shall consist of three concentric circles. The annulus bears the name of the Order First Families Alabama Territory 1819. The second circle shall contain the text Prior Tempore and Ab Antiquo. The innermost circle shall contain the image of a cotton boll to celebrate the great agricultural heritage and success of our early ancestors.

Membership

ELIGIBILITY

Membership is extended to men and women 18 years of age or older who are direct lineal descendants of an ancestor who was a resident, owned land, conducted a business or trade, or performed military or civil services prior to 14 December, 1819, within the boundaries of present-day Alabama.

The following is a partial list of acceptable activities for eligibility:

Ancestor resided and/or owned land in what is now Alabama.

Ancestor engaged in trade or commerce in what is now Alabama.

Ancestor established a trading post in what is now Alabama.

Ancestor engaged in some of the initial surveying and exploring activities in what is now Alabama.

Ancestor served as a court judge hearing cases pertaining to what is now Alabama.

Ancestor served in a military detachment in what is now Alabama.

APPLICATION

An applicant shall submit an official lineage application form complete with fully documented sources for each known name, date, and event location. Documentation is required of the ancestor's residency, land ownership, or business proprietorship prior to 14 December, within the boundaries of present day Alabama.

Applicants holding a certificate issued by the Alabama Genealogical Society First Families of Alabama program (AGS-FFA) shall be exempt from providing fully documented sources with their application.

Application papers of recognized hereditary societies may be submitted as documentation on the same lineage if they are signed record copies of verified papers and acceptable to the Registrar General Lynda Moreau.



FFAT Official Insignia

The insignia of the Society shall be that of a medallion containing the seal design. The emblem shall be suspended from a ribbon in Red and White, the colors of the Alabama flag.

The Wearing of Insignia

The insignia shall be available for purchase in two standardized sizes: a large insignia (measuring approximately 1-3/8" in diameter) and a miniature insignia (measuring approximately 3/4" in diameter). All members shall have the right to wear the insignia for general attendance at meetings of the Society, for formal dress functions or as a charm.

The Society's insignia shall be worn on the left shoulder or with the seal suspended over the heart. Standard restrictions shall be observed with regard to the wearing of other organizations' insignia in conjunction with those of this Society. If miniatures are worn en masse, all insignia should be assembled in chronological society of the founding of each society.

The Founding Officers' insignia shall be a miniature medal worn within a small starburst suspended from a neck ribbon. The Founding Officers may continue wearing this insignia after completion of their term in office.



The official supplier of the FFAT Insignia is Citypride, Ltd.

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ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF
THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Founding Executive Board 2018 - 2024



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Founding Officers 2017



President and Founder #01

Donald Lee Christian, Jr.

Mr. Christian is a native of Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama where many of his family lines have lived for more than two hundred years. He holds a BA in History from the University of Alabama, and a JD from the Cumberland School of Law. He has been engaged in the private practice of law in Huntsville for more than thirty years. He and his wife Tracey are active members at the Church of the Nativity Episcopal where he served as a Member of the Vestry (2016-18), as Treasurer (2017), on the Wardens Council (2017-18), and as Senior Warden (2018.) He presently serves on the Board of Directors for First Stop, and is a graduate of the Leadership Huntsville program (L-34 – 2021). He and his wife Tracey support the Huntsville Historic Foundation, the Huntsville Museum of Art, and are members of the Nashville Opera Guild.

He serves as Chancellor of the Society of Colonial Wars-Alabama, and as Chancellor General of the Sons & Daughters of Colonial & Antebellum Bench & Bar. He is a member of a number of hereditary societies, including: The Jamestowne Society, the Society of Colonial Wars (Alabama & Florida), The Order of Indian Wars of the United States, the Ancient Heraldic & Chivalric Order of Albion, the General Society of the War of 1812, the Order of Descendants of Colonial Physicians & Chirurgiens, the National Society Sons of the American Colonists, and the St. Andrews Society of the Middle South.



Vice President and Founder #03

Thomas Edward Jacks

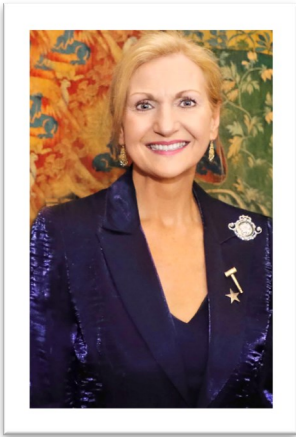
Thomas E. Jacks is an eighth generation native of Alabama. Born in Huntsville, he grew up in New Market near where his ancestors settled in 1806. Tom holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science (Mechanical Engineering) from Auburn University. He has spent most of his career in the aerospace industry, with nearly twenty five years with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Tom is currently Chief of the Engineering Division at Stennis Space Center in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. Tom and his wife, Tara, live in Mandeville, Louisiana, and have four children. They are active members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Mandeville, Louisiana. Tom is an adult leader in BSA Troop 111 in Mandeville.

Tom is a member of a number of hereditary societies, including the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Ancient Heraldic and Chivalric Order of Albion, and the Order of Founders and Patriots of America. He is a former Vice President General of the Sons of the American Revolution (2009-10) and the recipient of the SAR's Minuteman Award (2010). He served as President General of the General Society of the War of 1812 (2014-2017) and President General of the Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar 1565-1861 (2020-2022). He is currently the First Deputy Governor General of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, Treasurer General of the Order of Indian Wars of the United States, and Treasurer General of the National Gavel Society.



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Secretary and Founder #02

Leslie Ann Kirk

Leslie Ann Kirk was born in Montgomery and is a proud eighth generation Alabamian. She lived her early years near the homestead of one of her Alabama Territory ancestors. Her maternal line has been buried in that same community at Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery (Historical Marker HM1F4C) for the last 200 years. She is a tribal citizen of The Southeastern Mvskoke Nation honoring her indigenous Muscogee (Creek) Alabama ancestors.

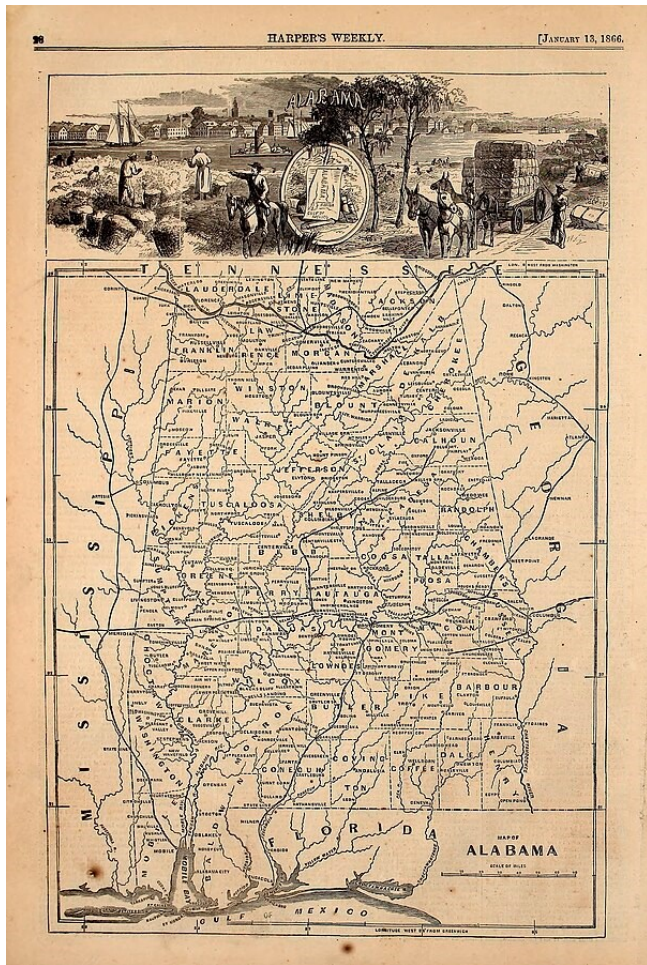
Leslie currently lives in Pike Road, Alabama. She has one son Jarett Kirk Nobles of Dallas, Texas. Leslie is a retired respiratory therapist and Homecare Director for Baptist Medical Center in Montgomery and enjoys horse rescue and photography in her spare time. She was a Dale Carnegie Leadership Trainer for over 10 years, she served two terms on the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) Historical

Records Advisory Board and two terms on the Alabama Veterans Administration Volunteer Services Board. Leslie designed and maintains the websites for over 60 hereditary societies on a national, state and chapter level.

Leslie is a member of National Gavel Society, Founders Fellowship and serves on the Hereditary Society Community website committee. She was honored as a Class of 2022 Hereditary Society Community Honorary Member. She holds an office in numerous lineage societies and has been founder of at least eight organizations. She currently serves as President General of the Virginia Quit Rents and Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory. She is past president of the Order of the Steel Magnolias and is the former Governor General of the Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers. She has been recognized with several national awards for her hereditary society work.



Cahaba, also spelled Cahawba, was the first permanent state capital of Alabama, United States, from 1820 to 1825.



Map of Alabama published in Harper's Weekly

January 13, 1866

Harper's Weekly, New York City, no author, Vol X,
No. 472, pages 28–29

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Inspiration for FFAT certificates



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The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory is proud to support the Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America “HSC” as a PERPETUAL SPONSOR. HSC is a non-profit organization, founded in 2002, which reports the information and activities of over 300 lineage societies throughout the nation. The organization meets every April, in Washington, D.C., for an annual meeting and gala event. If lineage societies interest you, be sure to visit HSC’s website which provides a wealth of information and an extensive list of organizations and family associations. Link: www.hereditary.us

Certificates of the Society

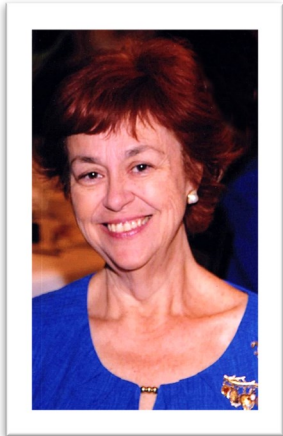


Leslie Kirk #02 receives her certificate
from Founding President
Donald Christian



ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Meet your Registrar



Registrar-Genealogist

Lynda Paulette Aydelott Moreau

Lynda Paulette Aydelott Moreau is a native of Winnfield, Louisiana, but has made her home in the New Orleans, Louisiana area for the past 40 years. Lynda attended the University of New Orleans, where she studied history, with specialties in the War Between the States and Victorian England. Lynda is the owner of Silent Partners Estate Sales, which has conducted dozens of professional residential estate sales and liquidations every year for the past 14 years.

On a local level, Lynda has served as President of the New Orleans Fine Arts Society, sang with the New Orleans Opera Company for 10 years (appearing in over 40 productions), and is a member of MENSAs and several private clubs. She is an active parishioner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and was recently invested as a Dame in the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. She is also a Grand Dame of Ethiopia, an honor bestowed on her by Prince Ermias Salassi, President of the Crown Council of Ethiopia. Lynda and her husband of 36 years, Shannon Walgamotte, have two grown children.

Lynda is an experienced genealogist and currently serves as Registrar National for the United States Daughters of 1812. She is Past Registrar General for the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars. Her direct lineage includes several individuals, both male and female, who resided in the Alabama Territory during the French Colonial period. A member of the Gavel Society, Lynda is currently the presiding officer of the Louisiana Colonials. She is an officer or member in over 40 lineage societies, including the Baronial Order of Magna Carta, the Jamestowne Society, the Colonial Dames of America, The Military Order of the Crusades, and the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.



FFAT Charter Members

01 Donald Lee Christian, Jr.
Ancestor: Allen Christian

02 Leslie Ann Kirk
Ancestor: Silas Morgan

03 Thomas Edward Jacks
Ancestor: Jacob Broyles

04 Richard Rutherford Randolph, III*
Ancestor: Edmund King Jr.

05 Kimberly Michelle Martin Johnson
Ancestor: Robert Higginbotham

06 Ann Hatchett Cheney
Ancestor: John Love

07 Robert Seales
Ancestor: David Lindsay

08 Joseph Judson Smith, III
Ancestor: Bolling Hall

09 Scott Allen Martin
Ancestor: David Lindsay

10 Edwin Dudley Burwell, III
Ancestor: Samuel Davis

11 Lorraine Gaston Ennis
Ancestor: Adam Hollinger

12 John Riley Wallace
Ancestor: Robert Rogers Jr.

13 Christina St. Clair Burwell
Ancestor: Samuel Davis

14 Barbara S. Daniels
Ancestor: Elijah Presnell

15 Tammie Law Evans
Ancestor: Abihue Sewell

16 Brandi Leigh Evans
Ancestor: Abihue Sewell

17 James Donald Carmichael
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yeldell

18 Doris Irene Gray Butler
Ancestor: Anthony Winston

19 Marie Barker Sanford*
Ancestor: Norman Urquhart

20 William Dudley Melton*
Ancestor: James Seale

21 Perry Baker Hall
Ancestor: John Allen Hancock

22 Phil Rodney Hildreth
Ancestor: Reuben Hildreth Jr.

23 Mallory Sabrina Evans
Ancestor: Abihue Sewell

24 Edwin Dudley Burwell, IV
Ancestor: Samuel Davis

25 Edwin Dudley Burwell, V
Ancestor: Samuel Davis

26 Carson Wayne Burwell
Ancestor: Samuel Davis

27 Mary Jane Inge Tingle*
Ancestor: Harry Toulmin

28 Phoebe Donald Robinson
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yeldell

29 Robert Louis Robinson, Jr.
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yeldell

30 Charles Donald Robinson
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yeldell

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31 Brenda Gail Winter
Ancestor: Benjamin Merrill

32 Lida Margaret Bragg Christian
Ancestor: Jehu Lawler

33 James Donald Carmichael, Jr.
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yelldell

34 Katheryn McCall Carmichael
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yelldell

35 Caroline Grace Carmichael
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yelldell

36 Amanda Delight Carmichael
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yelldell

37 Victorie Jean Carmichael
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yelldell

38 Beatty Payseur Carmichael
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39 James Faulkner Crenshaw Carmichael
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40 Beatty Payseur Carmichael, Jr.
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41 Mary Ann Carmichael
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42 Daniel Troy Carmichael
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yelldell

43 Lauren Claire Carmichael
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yelldell

44 Elizabeth Ashley Carmichael
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yelldell

45 Virginia Grace Carmichael
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yelldell

46 Daniel Troy Carmichael, II
Ancestor: Robert Anthony Yelldell

47 Carey Gilbert, II
Ancestor: David Gilbert

48 Linda Lea Alcott Maples
Ancestor: John M. McLehaney

49 Elizabeth Cheney Sewell
Ancestor: John Love

50 Jay Guerin Maples
Ancestor: John M. McLehaney

51 Kimbroughly Cogle Morgan
Ancestor: Peter Philen

52 Thomas Wayne Morgan
Ancestor: Jonah Rogers

53 Charles Bryan Poland*
Ancestor: Robert D. Moseley

54 Peggy Anderson
Ancestor: Barnett Claunch

55 Carolyn Sealey Walker Dunaway
Ancestor: Henry Harless

56 Lawren Lydia Hall
Ancestor: John Allen Hancock

57 Sarah Henderson Moore
Ancestor: James Asbury Tait

58 Donald R. Middleton
Ancestor: John Hicks

59 The Reverend John David Edward Milam
Ancestor: William Bartlett Milam

60 Elizabeth Arlynn Hatchett Weir
Ancestor: John Love

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61 Valerie Ann Bierley
Ancestor: William J. Reed

62 Donis Rainey Wolfe, Jr
Ancestor: Zebulon Rainey

63 Cecelia Davis Nunely
Ancestor: Gabriel Hanby

64 Jackson Parker Burwell
Ancestor: Samuel Davis

65 Sarah Gay Wann Guy
Ancestor: William F. Barclay

66 Price Lovell Legg
Ancestor: William Legg

67 Bonnie Jane Miller Shanks
Ancestor: Andrew LaPrade

68 Hunter Chase Gentry
Ancestor: Mary Gray Deason

69 Robert Martin Cheney Jr.
Ancestor: John Love

70 John Franklin Cheney
Ancestor: John Love

71 Curtis Wilson Posey Jr.
Ancestor: Hezekiah Posey

72 Raymond B. Jones
Ancestor: Isaac Criner

73 Kenneth Sloan Nunnelley
Ancestor: James Harrison

74 Elizabeth Annette Marshall Green
Ancestor: George Dailey

75 Cielle Muller Clemenceau
Ancestor: Gabriele Badreau dit Graveline

76 Richard Moore Avery
Ancestor: Lewis Morgan Abbott

77 Jacqueline Jones Sheldon
Ancestor: Maxmillian Armstrong Sr.

78 Hilda Jean Bearden Posey
Ancestor: Needham Lee Sr.

79 Lynda Aydelott Moreau
Ancestor: Charles DuMont

80 David Lee Peavy
Ancestor: Marie Therese Huche'

81 Stacey Dwelle Briggs
Ancestor: George W. Stiggins

82 Alice Hamlett Mendoza
Ancestor: Thomas Johnson

83 Larry Eugene Darby
Ancestor: Benjamin Darby

84 Anita Lynn Newsom Nail
Ancestor: Clinch Gray



**ORDER OF THE
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Life Members (post charter period)**

85 William Madison Fowler
Ancestor: Jehu Lawler

86 Karen Jones Campbell
Ancestor: Richard Holmes

87 Mallory Susan Morgan Combest
Ancestor: Mary Bradford Deaton

88 John Thomas Morgan
Ancestor: John David Rogers

89 Lee Cogle Morgan
Ancestor: Andrew Deaton

90 George Wynn Morgan
Ancestor: John Rogers Sr.

91 Brandy Lynn Harness Huntzinger
Ancestor: Archibald Rials

92 Steven Lewis Akins
Ancestor: John H. Smith

93 Larry Dan Jordan
Ancestor: Andrew Jackson Jobe

2024 Meeting Minutes

First Families of Alabama Territory
Minutes 12/8/2024

The December 8, 2024, zoom meeting of the First Families of Alabama Territory was called to order by President General Donald Christian at 5:04 pm. Other members present were Tom Jacks, Peggy Anderson, David Milam, Leslie Kirk, Brandy Huntzinger, Elizabeth Sewell, Ann Cheney, Joseph Smith, and Bonnie Shanks.

Reverend Milam gave the Invocation.

The minutes of the June 18, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved as written by Leslie Kirk.

Donald Christian gave the treasurer's report stating that currently there is \$14,086.69 in the account with one outstanding check of \$778.43 written for the president's medal. He also stated that he will be in the process of turning all archives, the website, and the checking account over to the incoming President General. He then recognized those who have recently passed with a moment of silence: Marie Sanford, Charles Poland, William Melton, and Raymond Jones.

He called for officer reports. There were none.

He called for committee reports.

The Nominations Committee proposed the following as officers

President General - Leslie Ann Kirk

Vice President General - Thomas Edward Jacks

Secretary General - Bonnie Miller Shanks

Treasurer General – Brandy Huntzinger

Registrar General – Lynn Ayedelott Moreau

Chaplain General – none

Historian General – none

Parliamentarian – to be appointed

He called for nominations from the floor. Peggy Latham Anderson expressed interest in serving as Historian General. She was nominated by Tom Jacks with Leslie Kirk as second. Motion passed unanimously. The slate of officers including Historian General was accepted unanimously. Nominations Committee members were Chairman Leslie Kirk, Tom Jacks, and Lynda Moreau.

Donald Christian then asked zoom meeting attendees to introduce themselves and speak about the ancestor who was used to join First Families Alabama Territory.

Donald Christian also asked Leslie Kirk to make remarks concerning her plans for future activities. Leslie shared that she has ideas for upcoming speakers, plans to include zoom meetings, and plans for several informal meetings. She added that she is working on a yearbook and a newsletter.

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2024 Meeting Minutes

Unfinished Business – none

New Business –

Elizabeth Sewell suggested that paths that ancestors followed to get to Alabama be explored as an interesting bit of chapter history. Discussion followed.

Donald Christian suggested that the formal meeting close and the remainder of the zoom time be spent in visiting informally.

Leslie Kirk made the motion to adjourn. Elizabeth Sewell seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:23.

Bonnie Shanks

Secretary General

2024-2027





Spotlight Major Bolling Hall Ancestor of Joseph Judson Smith III



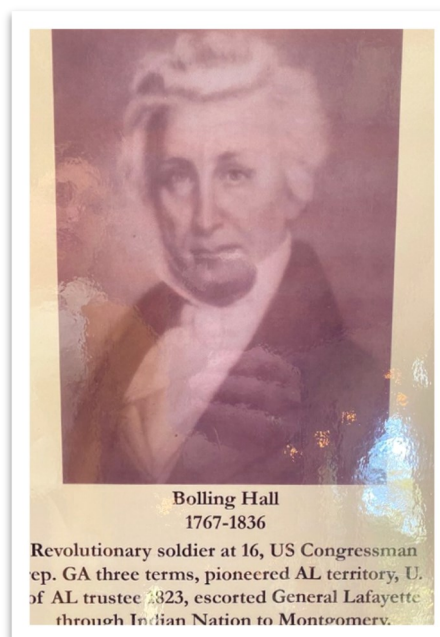
Major Bolling Hall 1767–1836

Bolling was a 16-year old Sergeant in a Virginia regiment during the American Revolution. He must have been very gregarious as he later became a US Congressman from Georgia where he emigrated after the war. Major General Lafayette, also being a young man, did not intimidate Bolling, and Bolling got to know Lafayette during the siege at Yorktown.

Bolling served three terms in the US Congress and was one of politicians known as war hawks that advocated war with Great Britain to firmly establish our independence. The War of 1812.

Bolling emigrated to Alabama in 1818.

Lafayette and Bolling met again in 1824 at the Alabama-Georgia border. Hall was the head of the committee that planned the Alabama welcome ceremonies for the Marquis de Lafayette during his tour of the United States in 1824-25.



Ancestor Spotlight continued

From the *Montgomery, Alabama, Advertiser*, of March 23, 1897.

THE LATE MAJOR BOLLING HALL

Interesting Sketch of Himself and Family

He Came of an Ancestry Which Took Part Prominently in The Politics and Battles of The Country - A Record of Honor and Usefulness.

As we reflect upon the late Major Hall, it brings to mind many interesting incidents concerning the history of our country and state.

His father, who was known as the first Bolling Hall, was born in Virginia in 1767 and served in the Revolutionary War from that state when a mere lad of sixteen. After the termination of that War and the establishment of our present form of Government, he emigrated to the state of Georgia, where, having filled many official stations to the satisfaction of the people, he was elected to the representative branch of the legislature, and then to the same branch of the Congress of the United States, and was a member of that body at the time of and voted for the declaration of war against Great Britain in 1812. A Republican of 1796, through his whole political life he was esteemed for his firmness and devoted attachment to the Constitution and cause of the people. Apart from his public virtues, his private worth endeared him to his friends.

He represented the Milledgeville district while in Congress, and in the domestic arrangement was the member of a mess composed of John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, Golson and Pleasants of Virginia, Dr. Goudict of New Jersey, Justen and Barnett of North Carolina and himself. Being a constant companion of Calhoun, subsequent events will show how Alabama obtained some of her politics.

He had one sister and eight brothers, who emigrated from Virginia to Kentucky and Tennessee.

In 1798 Bolling Hall married Jane Abercrombie of North Carolina. Their children were ten girls and one boy, our late Major Hall. The girls changed their names to those of Wood, Mitchell, Bailey, Hall, Brown, Thompson, Jackson, Holt, Snodgrass and Sasnet. One of the sisters married four times; her name was Bailey.

The Hall descendants are legion, and are scattered throughout Alabama and neighboring states, while some fell upon the battlefield defending the land they loved.

In 1818 Bolling Hall left Baldwin County, Georgia, and came with a large family and retinue of slaves, and established the old homestead, "Ellerslie," in Autauga County, named after his old home in Georgia. He brought the lumber with which to build his house, which was then a very imposing structure, and people came from afar to see 'the big house with glass in the windows.'

This settlement was then about the most influential in the state, for it was here amidst the trials of the red men that the destinies of a new and great commonwealth were shaped by such men as Bibb, our first Governor, Fitzpatrick, Elmore, Lewis, Hall and others. Lewis was related to Hall, and his son Dixon was a frequent visitor at the Hall mansion. In after years he developed into Alabama's greatest senator, Dixon Hall Lewis. He often remarked that he had learned his politics from Bolling Hall, who in turn learned them from Calhoun, and having served in the Revolution, he knew the principles for which he fought. This is one source of Alabama's politics.

When General Lafayette visited the state in 1824, Bolling Hall was appointed chairman of the committee of reception, it being his duty to deliver the address of welcome. The committee and military accompanied by Gen. T. S. Woodward and others were requested to meet Gen. Lafayette at Fort Mitchell, near the Georgia line, and escort him through the Indian Nation to Montgomery. Gen. W. M. Taylor was in command of the military. James Abercrombie commanded the Montgomery troops, and Gen. Moore of Claiborne, the Monroe troops. In all, about two hundred and fifty left Montgomery on that mission.

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Ancestor Spotlight continued

The following extracts are from "Woodard's Reminiscences.

“Our trip to the Chattahoochee was pleasant indeed. The Indian seemed to take as much interest in the matter as the whites. All hands mustered on the west or Alabama side, where we could see the Georgian escort approaching the east side of the Chattahoochee with their charge. On the east bank, Gen. Lafayette was met by Chilly McIntosh, son of the Indian Gen. McIntosh with fifty Indian warriors, who were stripped almost naked and painted.

“They had a sulky with drag ropes, such as are commonly used in dragging cannon. The General was turned over by the Georgians to the Indians. That was the greatest show I ever saw at the river crossing of any river. As the ferry boat reached the Alabama side, the Indians approached it, seized the ropes and the General, seated in the sulky, was drawn to the top of the bank, some eight yards, where stood the Alabama delegation. At the proper distance from the Alabama delegation, the Indians opened their lines and the sulky halted.

“Everything, from the time the General entered the ferry, til this time, had been conducted in the most profound silence. As the sulky halted, the Indians gave three long whoops. The General then alighted, took off his hat, and was conducted by Chilly McIntosh a few steps to where stood Mr. Hall, with head uncovered, white with the frost of age. I knew Mr. Hall from my boyhood. He always showed well in company; but never did I see him look so finely as on that occasion. He looked like himself - what really he was - an American gentleman. As McIntosh approached Mr. Hall, he said, “General Lafayette, the American friend -- Mr. Hall of Alabama,” pointing to each as he called their name. Mr. Hall, in a very impressive manner, welcomed Lafayette to the shores of Alabama, and introduced him to other gentlemen. An address was then delivered by Dandridge Bibb.

“After the address at the river, all marched to Fort Mitchell Hill, where there was an immense crowd of Indians, the Little Prince at the head. He addressed the "French Captain" through an interpreter, in true Indian style. He was glad to say that his people and the whites were at peace, and he hoped they would continue so. Since a ball play was, outside of war, the most manly exercise that the Red Man could perform, he would, for the gratification of the General and his friends, make his men play a game. The speech ended, about two hundred stripped to the buff, paired themselves off and went at it. It was a ball play sure enough.

“We remained that night at Crabtree 's, and the next day reached Fort Bainbridge, where an Indian countryman lived, by the name of Kendal Lewis, as perfect a gentleman, in principle, as ever lived in or out of the nation, and had plenty, and it in fine style. The next day we started for Line Creek.

“It fell upon my lot to point out many Indians, as well as places, for we stopped at almost every settlement to shake hands and hear Indian speeches. That night we reached Walter B. Lucas'. Everything was done up better than it will ever be again; one thing only was lacking -- time -- we couldn't stay long enough. The next morning, we started for Montgomery. Such a cavalcade never traveled that road before or since (Mount Meig's Road).

“On Goat Hill, the present site of the Capitol, stood Governor Pickens, and the largest crowd I ever saw in Montgomery. Some hundred yards east of the hills was Sand Flat, where General Lafayette and his attendants quit carriages and horses, formed a line and marched to the top of the hill. As we started, the band struck up the old Scottish air "Hail to the Chief." As we approached the Governor, Mr. Hall introduced the General to him. The Governor tried to welcome him but was scarcely able to utter a word. Governor Pickens had no superior in the State, but on that occasion, he could not even make a speech. But that did not prevent General Lafayette from discovering that he was a great man. It only goes to prove that what is often said that men who feel most say least, and many who have no feeling say too much.

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Ancestor Spotlight continued

“The people of Montgomery did their duty. Col. Arthur Hayne, who was a distinguished officer in the army in the War of 1812, and who was the most polite man I ever saw, was the principal manager. If the Earl Chesterfield had happened there, he would have felt as I did the first time I saw a carpet on the floor, and was asked to walk in. I declined, saying ‘I reckon I have got in the wrong place.’ Several steamboats were in waiting at the wharf and the next morning all hands aboard and started for Cahaba, at that time the seat of the Government.

“On that memorial boat trip, battle scarred veterans were often overcome by emotion, could not talk, but wept like children.”

While in Congress, Bolling Hall bought the carriage of President Harrison, and used it back and forth from Georgia to Washington. It was this carriage that conveyed General Lafayette from the Chattahoochee. The axels have since been made into firedogs and are now doing service in Cossada.

The night Lafayette was here a ball was given in the brick building now standing on the southwest corner of Commerce and Tallapoosa Street. The older girls of the Hall family were present.

At the time of Lafayette’s visit, Major Hall was eleven years of age, being born in 1813 in Baldwin County, Georgia. While being amid such scenes, he caught the inspiration of patriotism and politics. He graduated at the University of Georgia in 1831, and when on way to college with his father, they stopped several days at the home of William H. Crawford, who was his father's fast friend in politics. Young Hall read law under Thornton and Pickett, and was admitted to the bar in 1834, was inspector general of Militia, with the rank of Major in 1835, and Adjutant of the first Alabama regiment under Shackleford in the Creek war of 1836.

"In the same year he became a planter and married Mary Louise Cranshaw. Their children were nine sons and three daughters. He served in the legislature until 1855 and took a prominent part in all state and national conventions until the war began. He was an elector on the Douglas ticket but resigned and voted for Breckenridge. He believed in the right of secession, but did not think it wise to exercise the right at that time. Upon this issue, he was a candidate for the secession convention and was defeated by eighteen votes. But when the tocsin of war was sounded, and the call to arms was made, five sons went to the front as brave as ever wore the gray. Two fell in battle, and two afterwards died from their wounds. The oldest, Bolling Hall, Jr., fell leading a desperate charge at the age of twenty-six, Colonel of the 29th Alabama, Gracie's brigade.

Major Hall was always recognized as a safe and conservative man in business, as well as in politics. He was a director of the Eufaula Railroad until it was sold to the Georgia Central, and at the time of his death he was a director of the D. & F. A. R. R. and of the Elyton Land Company, of which he was a charter member; the foundation of his business success being firmness of purpose and strict integrity of character.

Many years ago, becoming a widower with a large family of children, he gave them much of his time and was all that a father could be. Being fond of books and literature, he moulded their educational development. His home life was one of the gentlest and sweetest to family and friends. His children obeyed from love and reverence, not fear. Having been silvered by the frost of eighty-four winters, he often remarked that he believed that God spared him to such an age because he had always showed honor to his parents.

Having been identified with the state since before it entered the Union, having learned his politics from a father who was fresh from stormy scenes of the revolution and the formation of the government, having seen the red man depart from his native haunts, the tide of secession rise and fall, the red hand of war, the dark day of reconstruction and the white wings of peace, ripe with years of experience, he stood like a patriarch of old, unmoved by the flight of time, and saw governments and men come and go, as they passed before him like panoramas.

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Ancestor Spotlight continued

Being of reflective and philosophic turn of mind, he seemed in the world, yet not of the world, and it was pleasant instruction to hear him comment on public matters and point out the weakness of the different isms as they went down before the true faith, of the founder of our country and constitution. Major Hall left twelve grandchildren; only one boy bears the name of Hall, the fourth Bolling a bright little fellow, now a member of Prof. Stark's School. May he emulate the good deeds of a noble ancestry? F.W.J.



Hall moved to Autauga County, Alabama, in 1818, and became county clerk in 1819. In 1818, he built a large residence and established a plantation there in Millbrook named Ellerslie. Hall died February 25, 1836, at his plantation.



Photo FFAT members: Leslie Kirk, JJ Smith, Ann Cheney

May 16, 2021

Ellerslie, Millbrook, Alabama. See more pages 61-64



Our Ancestors



Lewis Morgan Abbott
Maxmillian Armstrong Sr.
William F. Barclay
Jacob Broyles
Allen Christian
Barnett Claunch
Isaac Criner
George Dailey
Benjamin Darby
Samuel Davis
Mary Gray Deason
Andrew Deaton
Mary Bradford Deaton
Charles DuMont
David Gilbert
Gabriele Badreau dit Graveline
Clinch Gray
Bolling Hall
Gabriel Hanby
John Allen Hancock
Henry Harless
James Harrison
John Hicks
Robert Higginbothom
Reuben Hildreth Jr.
Adam Hollinger
Richard Holmes
Marie Therese Huche'
Andrew Jackson Jobe
Thomas Johnson
Edmund King Jr.

Andrew LaPrade
Jehu Lawler
Needham Lee Sr.
William Legg
David Lindsay
John Love
John M. McLehaney
Benjamin Merrill
William Bartlett Milam
Silas Morgan
Robert D. Moseley
Peter Philen
Hezekiah Posey
Elijah Presnell
Zebulon Rainey
William J. Reed
Archibald Rials
John Rogers Sr.
John David Rogers
Jonah Rogers
Robert Rogers Jr.
James Seale
Abihue Sewell
John H. Smith
George W. Stiggins
James Asbury Tait
Harry Toulmin
Norman Urquhart
Anthony Winston
Robert Anthony Yeldell



#4 Richard Rutherford
Randolph, III died June 27,
2020.
Ancestor Edmund King, Jr.



#27 Mary Jane Inge Tingle
died March 3, 2021.
Ancestor Harry Toulmin



#72 Raymond "Ray"
Bryant Jones died July
15, 2022.
Ancestor Isaac Criner



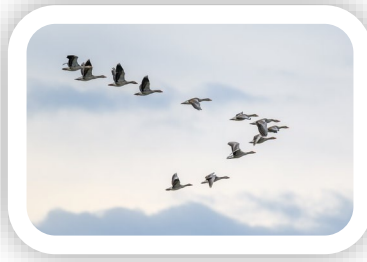
#19 Marie Barker Sanford
died July 9, 2023.
Ancestor Norman Urquhart



#20 William Dudley Melton
died October 10, 2023.
Ancestor James Seale
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#53 Charles Bryan Poland
died November 2023.
Ancestor Robert D. Moseley



Inspirational Page

Teamwork ~ Stand by Each Other

Author Unknown

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When you see geese flying along in "V" formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone — and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those people who are headed the same way we are.

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs, whether with people or with geese flying south. Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

What messages do we send when we honk from behind? Finally — and this is important — when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies, and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other in teamwork!





ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

History of the organization

Membership Meetings

Inaugural Dinner

May 19, 2018

Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, AL

Speaker: Herbert James Lewis, III, Esq.

2nd Annual Meeting

October 5, 2019

The Ledges Country Club
Huntsville, Alabama

Speaker: Dr. Tom Reidy

3rd Annual Meeting

June 18, 2022

The Country Club of Birmingham
Mountain Brook, Alabama

4th Annual Meeting

December 8, 2024 ~ Zoom Meeting

Social Events

Alabama Hereditary Bicentennial Tea

September 29, 2019

Anniston, AL

Alabama Bicentennial Farm designation of the Lawler-Morring Farm

October 5, 2019

Constitution Hall Park in downtown Huntsville

Alabama Bicentennial Parade

December 14, 2019

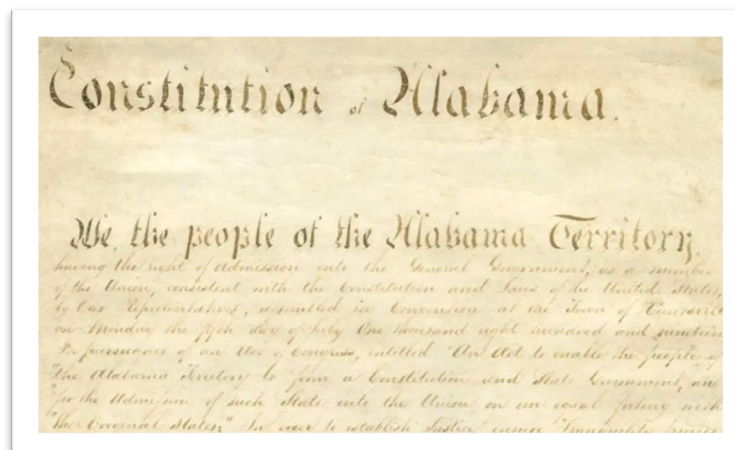
Downtown, Montgomery, AL

Ellerslie Plantation

House Marking

May 16, 2021

Millbrook, Alabama





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THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Cordially Invites you to Attend Its Inaugural Dinner

Saturday, May 19, 2018

The Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, Alabama

Social & Cash Bar 6:30-7:30pm Dinner 7:30 -8:30 pm

Speaker: Mr. Herbert James Lewis, III

Presentation of Founding Officers

Donald Lee Christian, Jr.

President, Registrar-Genealogist, and Founder

Thomas Edward Jacks

Treasurer and Founder

Leslie Ann Kirk

Secretary and Founder



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Prior Tempore – Ab Antiquo

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Invocation

Pledge to the United States of America Flag.....Thomas E. Jacks
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Pledge to the Flag of Alabama.....Leslie A. Kirk
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*Flag of Alabama, I salute thee,
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President

INAUGURAL MEETING MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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President

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Recognition of FFAT Members..... (please stand)

Benediction
Dinner

Introduction of Speaker.....Donald Lee Christian, Jr.
President

Speaker.....Mr. Herbert James Lewis, III, Esq.
Society's Inaugural Meeting Group Photo

Inaugural Membership Meeting



Inaugural Membership Meeting



President General Donald Christian and
Speaker Herbert James Lewis, III, Esq.



Inaugural Membership Meeting



Inaugural Membership Meeting

Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory
Inaugural Meeting Minutes
18 May 2018 (Approved October 5th, 2019)

The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory held its Inaugural Meeting at the Montgomery Country Club in Montgomery, Alabama, on May 18, 2018, with President General Donald Lee Christian, Jr., presiding. President Christian called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by President General Donald Lee Christian, Jr. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Treasurer General Thomas E. Jacks and the Pledge to the Alabama Flag was led by Secretary General Leslie Kirk.

President General Donald Lee Christian, Jr., welcomed members and guests. He introduced the OFFAT Officers and Founders: Donald Lee Christian, Jr., President, Registrar-Genealogist, and Founder, Thomas Edward Jacks, Treasurer and Founder, Leslie Ann Kirk, Secretary and Founder.

President General Donald Christian, Jr., recognized the following Charter Members in attendance: Dudley Burwell, Doris (Dolly) Butler, Ann Cheney, Perry Baker Hall, Rod Hildreth, Marie Sanford, Bobby Joe Seales, and John Wallace. There were 11 total members in attendance.

President Donald Christian, Jr., welcomed the following 13 guests in attendance: Joseph Barker, Katherine Barker, Sophie Burwell, Roger Butler, Tracey Christian, Durward Henderson, Tara Jacks, Anne Kilgrow, Jim Lewis, Becky Lewis, Diane Seales, Bill Sewell, and Elizabeth Sewell.

President Christian thanked Leslie Kirk for planning and decorating for the meeting and for the gold miniature frames presented to the members in attendance.

President Christian recognized press agent Fred Marshall with the Montgomery Independent newspaper.

There were no minutes to approve or old business to discuss.

President General Donald Christian, Jr., announced the Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory was founded August 15, 2017. The Society was incorporated in the State of Alabama in 2017. The current bylaws were adopted September 27, 2017. The 2019 annual meeting will be held in Huntsville, AL. The date will be announced. Alabama is celebrating the Bicentennial on December 14, 2019, with numerous events planned throughout the next year. President Christian announced Charter Members shall be those members whose application papers have been received, verified and are assigned a membership number before 14 December 2018.

President General Donald Lee Christian, Jr., led the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Dinner was served. President General Donald Lee Christian, Jr., introduced the speaker Mr. Herbert James Lewis, III, Esq. The members met for the Society's Inaugural Meeting group photo.

Leslie Ann Kirk
Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory
Founding Secretary 2017-2019

The Order of First Families of the Alabama Territory
Inaugural Meeting
May 19, 2018
Attendees

Barker, Joseph (Joe)

Barker, Katherine (Katie)

Burwell, Dudley

Burwell, Sophie

Butler, Doris (Dolly)

Butler, Roger

Cheney, Ann

Christian, Donald

Christian, Tracey

Hall, Perry Baker

Henderson, Durward

Hildreth, Rod

Jacks, Tom

Jacks, Tara

Kilgrow, Anne

Kirk, Leslie

Lewis, Jim

Lewis, Becky

Sanford, Marie

Seales, Robert

Seales, Diane

Sewell, Bill

Sewell, Elizabeth

Wallace, John

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First Families of Alabama Inaugural meeting of history group

By FRED MARSHALL

Visitors from all across Alabama, and a few from other states, met at the Montgomery Country Club last Saturday the 19th to celebrate the inaugural meeting of the Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory (FFAT). Each of the 30 or so in attendance has been able to carefully document lineal descent from an individual(s) who resided in what would become Alabama before statehood on December 14, 1819. The ability to do that is a requirement for membership in the Order. Officers and Founders of the Order are President **Donald Lee Christian, Jr.** of Huntsville, Treasurer and Founder **Thomas Edward Jacks** of Louisiana, and **Leslie Ann Kirk**, Secretary and Founder of Titus, Alabama. Kirk says the Order was founded in 2017 during these celebration years of the Alabama Bicentennial to honor the heritage and history of those brave souls who came to what is now Alabama before statehood. Don Christian adds that "the Order seeks to protect and preserve records pertaining to the early history of the Alabama Territory, and the perpetuation of the memory of those early settlers of that part of the Mississippi and Alabama Territories that became Alabama." The City of Montgomery is proud to be the home of two members of the Order at present: **Marie Sanford and Ann Cheney**.

Cheney can chart her lineage back to one **John Love** of what would become Madison County. Love was born in 1780 in Virginia, and made his way to the Madison Co. area in 1809. He was able to buy 160 acres of land in the county in 1810 and became a planter. Love was also a Methodist preacher in the area. He passed away early in life in 1818. **Marie Sanford** can chart her lineage back to a Scottish immigrant, **Norman Urquhart**, of the Loch Ness area. If the Urquhart name sounds familiar in Scottish history, it's because of the famous Urquhart Castle which stands near the shore of Loch Ness.

Edward I of England captured the castle in 1296. Norman Urquhart arrived in North Carolina in the 1770s, and made his way to what would become the Troy, Alabama, area around 1776. There, he owned approximately 1,900 acres and became a



plantation owner. Norman was Sanford's great, great, great, great, great grandfather.

A few of the others seen at the meeting were **Bobby Joe Seales, Dolly Butler, Rod Hildreth, Ann Kilgrew, and Perry Baker Hall** among others. The FFAT is certainly headed by capable people. President Don Christian, Jr. is a native of Huntsville, where many of his family lines have resided for over two hundred years. He holds a BA in history from the University of Alabama and a JD from the Cumberland School of Law, and he has practiced law in Huntsville for more than 25 years. Christian is a member of a number of hereditary societies and serves on the Board of the Huntsville Pilgrimage Association, and he is a member of the Historic Huntsville Foundation.

Treasurer **Thomas Jacks** is an eighth generation native of Alabama. Born in Huntsville, he grew up in New Market near where his ancestors settled in 1806. He holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science from Auburn University. Jacks has spent most of his career in the aerospace industry, with nearly 20 years working with NASA. He is currently Deputy Chief of the Mechanical Design and Analysis Branch at the Stennis Space Center in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. Jacks is also a member of a number of hereditary societies and is currently the Treasurer General of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, and Treasurer General of



the Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar 1565-1861.

Leslie Kirk is a native of Montgomery and is a retired Respiratory Therapist and Home Care director. She has also been for many years a Graduate Assistant for the Dale Carnegie Leadership Training. She is currently co-owner of Southern Comfort Photography. Her activities with various historical societies is impressive: The National Society Daughters of the American Colonists, National Society Colonial Dames XVII, Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of Descendants of Early Quakers, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of Holland Dames, Order of the First Families of Maryland and Pennsylvania, U.S. Daughters of

1812, The Ladies Memorial Association, and Co-Founder of the Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers. She and husband **Durward** live on Lake Jordan in Titus, Alabama.

The Montgomery area is bound to have many more persons who can chart their lineage back to people who were residents of what would become Alabama before she became a state. Go to www.orderfirstfamiliesalabamaterritory.org for more information on the Order.

Photos: Top right - FFAT Founders L-R, Don Christian, Leslie Kirk, and Thomas Jacks were excited about the turn-out at the Country Club.

Lower right - Montgomery's Ann Cheney (R) and daughter Elizabeth from New Orleans.

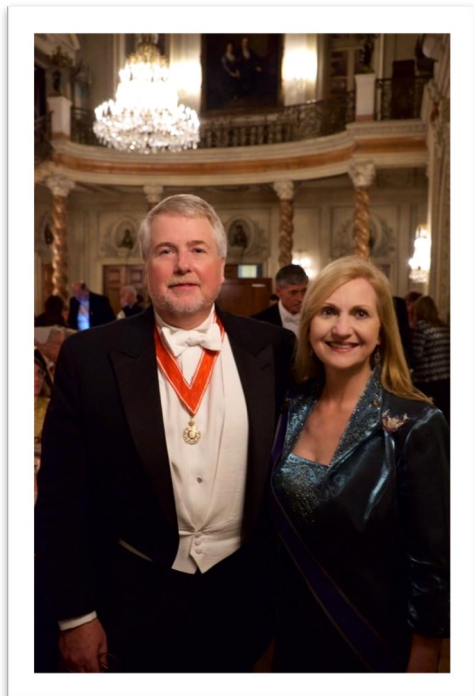
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Social Events

Hereditary Society Community Gala
April 2019
Anderson House
Washington D.C.





ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF
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Second Annual Membership Meeting

October 5, 2019

The Ledges Country Club

Huntsville, Alabama

Speaker: Dr. Tom Reidy

THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

CHARTER MEMBERS
&
GUESTS

You are cordially invited to join us at
The Ledges Country Club - Huntsville Alabama
on the evening of Saturday, October 5, 2019
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Cash Bar
7:00pm-9:00 pm Dinner

Proposed Slate of Officers 2019-2021

Donald Christian - President General

Tom Jacks - Vice President General

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Presentation of Proclamation.....Donald Lee Christian, Jr.
The Honorable Kay Ivey, Governor State of Alabama

ANNUAL DINNER HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

Recognition of FFAT Members..... (please stand)

2018 Minutes.....Leslie A. Kirk
Secretary General

Treasurer's Report.....Thomas E. Jacks
Treasurer General

Registrar-Genealogist Report.....Donald Lee Christian, Jr.
Registrar-Genealogist General

Slate of Officers.....Donald Lee Christian, Jr.
President General

Benediction
Dinner

Introduction of Speaker.....Donald Lee Christian, Jr.
President General

Speaker.....Dr. Thomas Reidy
UAH History Professor



2019 Member Group Photo

Second Membership Meeting 2019



Second Membership Meeting 2019



The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory
October 5th, 2019
Second Meeting Minutes (Approved June 18, 2022)

The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory met at The Ledges Country Club in Huntsville, Alabama on Saturday, October 5, 2019, with President General Donald Lee Christian, Jr., presiding. President Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following officers were present Donald Lee Christian, Jr., Thomas Edward Jacks, Leslie Ann Kirk along with the following members and/or guests: Emily Burwell, Jackson Burwell, Ann Cheney, Lida Christian, Tracey Christian, Carrey Gilbert, Gayle Guy, Ronnie Guy, Rod Hildreth, Collin Jacks, Tara Jacks, Kim Johnson, Jim Maples, Linda Maples, David Milam, Natasha Randolph, Richard Randolph, Tom Reider, Mrs. Tom Reider, Katherine Robinson, Robert Robinson, Marie Sanford, Sarah Scarloto, Bobby Joe Seales, Diane Seales, Glenda Smallwood, Richard Smallwood, J.J. Smith, John Wallace, Betty Weir. There were 33 total in attendance including 19 charter members.

The invocation was given by President General Donald Christian. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Treasurer General Thomas E. Jacks. The Pledge to the Flag of Alabama was led by Secretary General Leslie Ann Kirk.

President Christian welcomed members and guests and declared a quorum. He introduced the OFFAT Officers and Founders: Donald Lee Christian, Jr., president, registrar-genealogist, and founder. Thomas Edward Jacks, treasurer and founder. Leslie Ann Kirk, secretary and founder. President Christian welcomed the charter members in attendance and had them stand to be recognized.

Secretary General Leslie Kirk presented an Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory Proclamation from Alabama Governor Kay Ivey to President General Christian.

The minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held on May 18, 2018 in Montgomery, AL were read by Secretary General Leslie Kirk, and were approved as read.

Treasurer General Thomas E. Jacks read the treasurers report reporting a balance of \$15,398.28. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

President/Registrar General Donald Christian reported charter membership ends December, 2019.

Old Business: None

President Christian discussed the society's interest in historic markers as they pertain to OFFAT.

President Christian provided an insignia update stating CityPride was able to get the officers stars to the him prior to the meeting. The society's small and large insignia should be for sale on their website within weeks.

President Christian discussed Alabama is celebrating the Bicentennial on December 14, 2019, with numerous events planned throughout the state in the coming months.

The 2019-2021 slate of officers was presented by President Christian. No nominations were offered from the floor.

Donald Christian - President General
Tom Jacks - Vice President General
Dudley Burwell - Treasurer General
Leslie Kirk - Secretary General
Donald Christian – Registrar-Genealogist General

David Milam moved to approve the slate as presented and it was seconded. The vote was unanimous. President Christian welcomed Dudley Burwell to the board and thanked Tom Jacks and Leslie Kirk for their continued service to the organization.

President Christian presented the society's membership certificates to the members present.

President Christian gave the blessing and benediction.

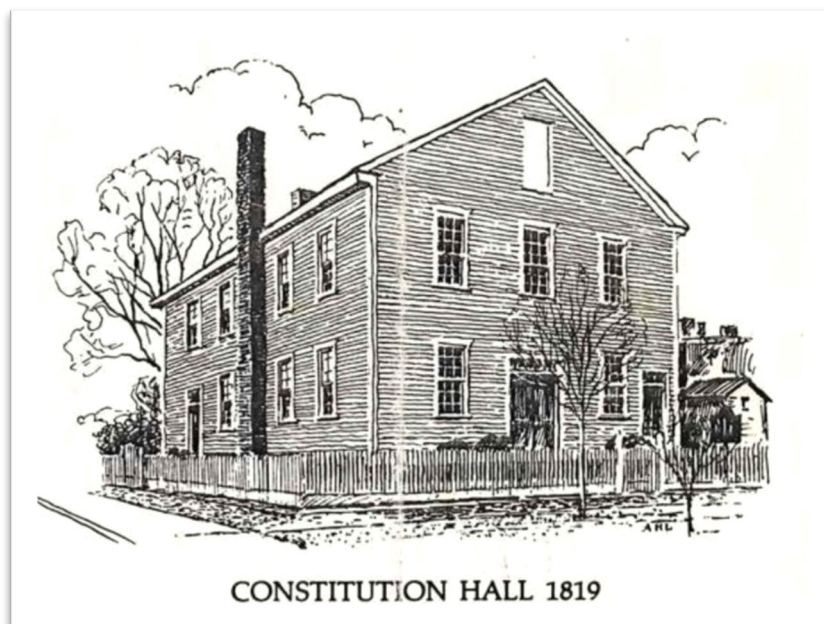
President Christian introduced speaker Tom Reidy, UAH History Professor who recently completed work on a book for UA Press on the 1956 doctoral dissertation of Dr. Frances Roberts on the early history of Alabama and particularly that of the Big Bend region (north of the Tennessee River) and Madison County.

Announcements: Members to assemble afterwards for the 2nd Annual Meeting group photo.

President Christian thanked those in attendance in Huntsville, and especially for their continued interest in and support of the early history of Alabama.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Leslie Ann Kirk
Secretary General
Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory



Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory
2019 Officer Report
Secretary General
Leslie A. Kirk
October 5, 2019
Huntsville, AL

2018 – This officer worked with the event planners at the Montgomery Country Club for the Inaugural Meeting of FFAT. She decorated, made programs, prepared a yearbook and started a scrapbook of FFAT data. She arranged for Fred Marshall, press writer for the Montgomery Independent to attend and cover the meeting.

2019

This officer represented FFAT at the Bicentennial Tea in Anniston, AL on September 29, 2019. The table was decorated with a lovely cotton boll cake, a silver tray with the Bicentennial logo and FFAT name, and desserts that included homemade pecan pralines, divinity, brownie bites, and dark chocolate caramel and sea salt truffles from Wood Pecan Company. There were approximately 150 guests and three OFFAT members present, Mary Jane Inge Tingle, Leslie Kirk, and Hunter Gentry.

This officer submitted the necessary paperwork to participate in the Bicentennial parade in Montgomery on December 14, 2019. The OFFAT society will have a convertible car with banners on each side with the OFFAT name.

This officer made the programs, updated the society's scrapbook, and obtained a FFAT Proclamation from the Honorable Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, for the second annual meeting held at the Legends in Huntsville, AL on October 5, 2019. This officer prepared the minutes from the 2018 Inaugural Meeting to be approved and prepared an Officer Report.

It has been a pleasure to serve in this administration.

Leslie Kirk

FFAT Secretary General

The Order of First Families of the Alabama Territory
Second Annual Meeting
October 4, 2019
Attendees

Burwell, Emily	Sanford, Marie
Burwell, Jackson	Scarloto, Sarah
Cheney, Ann	Seales, Robert
Christian, Donald	Seales, Diane
Christian, Lida	Smallwood, Glenda
Christian, Tracey	Smallwood, Richard
Gilbert, Carrey	Smith, J.J.
Guy, Gayle	Wallace, John
Guy, Ronnie	Weir, Betty
Henderson, Durward	
Hildreth, Rod	
Jacks, Collin	
Jacks, Tom	
Jacks, Tara	
Johnson, Kim	
Kirk, Leslie	
Maples, Jim	
Maples, Linda	
Milan, David	
Randolph, Natasha	
Randolph, Richard	
Reider, Tom	
Reider, (guest)	
Robinson, Katherine	
Robinson, Robert	



ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF
THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

**FFAT Participating in
Bicentennial Social Events**



Hereditary Bicentennial Tea
September 29, 2019
Anniston, AL

Alabama Bicentennial Farm designation of the Lawler-Morring Farm
October 5, 2019
Constitution Hall Park in downtown Huntsville

Bicentennial Parade
December 14, 2019
Downtown, Montgomery, AL

Ellerslie
House Marking
May 16, 2021
Millbrook, Alabama



ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Bicentennial Social Events

Hereditary Bicentennial Tea
September 29, 2019
Anniston, AL



BICENTENNIAL TASTING TEA

WHEN: Sunday, September 29, 2019
WHERE: Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun Co.
108 East 10th Street
Anniston, AL 36201
TIME: 3 PM - 5 PM
COST: \$10 a person

Celebrate our state.

An Official AL200 Event

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ALABAMA
BICENTENNIAL
Alabama200.org





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Bicentennial Social Events

Hereditary Bicentennial Tea
September 29, 2019
Anniston, AL



FFAT members in attendance:

Mary Jane Inge Tingle, Leslie Kirk, Hunter Gentry

Alabama Bicentennial cotton cake and display items made and donated
by Leslie Kirk



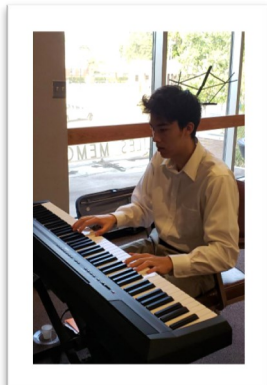
Attendees received an Order of the First Families
of the Alabama Territory Bicentennial tray



ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

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September 29, 2019
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Bicentennial Social Events

Alabama Bicentennial Farm designation of the Lawler-Morring Farm
October 5, 2019
Constitution Hall Park in downtown Huntsville

All

As our dinner event date approaches, a quick reminder that dress for gentlemen should be coat & tie or suit & tie and for ladies should be cocktail attire.


If anyone is interested, I am hosting a separate/unrelated event on Saturday, October 5 at 1:30 pm to celebrate the Alabama Bicentennial Farm designation of the Lawler-Morring Farm located in Madison County. Jehu Lawler (1765-1851) and Elizabeth Wilson Lawler (1761-1842) are my fourth great grandparents and were among the earliest settlers of Madison County, Mississippi Territory. The event will be at Constitution Hall Park in downtown Huntsville, at the white pavilion on the East/Franklin Street side of the park. (see attached invitation)

Also, I would like to invite you and your guests to attend the 8:45 am church service at the historic Church of the Nativity Episcopal on Sunday morning, October 6, 2019. IF there is enough interest we can probably arrange a tour afterwards. Please let me know if you are interested in attending either.

Thanks! Safe travels and see everyone soon!

Donald

THE LAWLER-MORRING BICENTENNIAL FARM




WHEN: Saturday, October 5, 2019 @ 1:30 pm

WHERE: Constitution Hall Park - Downtown Huntsville

Join us to celebrate the Alabama Bicentennial Farm Designation of the Lawler- Morrings Farm. The land was settled by Jehu (1765-1851) and Elizabeth Wilson Lawler (1761-1842) ca.1805. They received their first land patent signed by President James Madison on September 23, 1813. The land has been farmed and managed by members of the Lawler and Morrings families and their descendants for more than two hundred years .

The farm is owned today by: Susan Morrings Cope, Carl A. "Gus" Morrings, III, Melissa Morrings Climer (children of Carl "Carl Jr" A. Morrings, Jr. and Fay McLure Morrings), T. Franklin "Frank" Morrings, Jr. and Camille Morrings Salisbury (children of T. Franklin "Frank" Morrings and Marilyn Jones Morrings).





Trustees August 18, 2020

Eunice Rogers
President
Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory
Donald L. Christian Jr. President General
P.O. Box 112
Huntsville AL 35804 1

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Vice-President

The Honorable Scott Vowell
Parliamentarian

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Mona Lisa Morris

Fatima Carter

Sherril Nielson

Kimberly Richardson

James Sullivan

Dear Mr. Christian and Members of the Order:

The Tutwiler Collection of Southern History and Literature is happy to have received your gift of *The Founding of Alabama: Background and Formative Period in the Great Bend and Madison County*. We thank you for your very generous donation. This item will make an excellent addition to our collection. The receipt of books and other library materials from donors allows us to continue to build our collection and to better serve the needs of our patrons. Enclosed you will also find a gift receipt should you need one for tax purposes.

We value your gift and your interest in the library. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Randall Woodfin, Mayor
City of Birmingham

Valerie Abbott, President
Birmingham City Council

Floyd Council
Library Executive Director

Mary Anne Ellis
Librarian
Southern History Department
Birmingham Public Library

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Description of Gift

The Founding of Alabama: Background and Formative Period in the Great Bend and Madison County (book)
Donated in honor of Dr. Thomas Reidy
(Direct correspondence to Donald L. Christian Jr. President General)



ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

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Alabama Bicentennial Farm designation of the Lawler-Morring Farm
October 5, 2019
Constitution Hall Park in downtown Huntsville



State of Alabama



*This is to certify that the Alabama farm known as
Lawler-Morring Farm
has been designated as an*

ALABAMA 200 BICENTENNIAL *Alabama Bicentennial Farm*



This farm has been owned by the same family for at least two hundred years. The vision and fortitude of citizens like the original owners, trailblazed the path to our statehood. The farm demonstrates a durability and love of the land that is the heritage of the State of Alabama.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor
State of Alabama

John McMillan
John McMillan, Commissioner
Department of Agriculture & Industries

Lisa D. Jones
Lisa D. Jones, Executive Director
Alabama Historical Commission



December 28, 2018
Date

UAH Archives and Department of History to Erect Historical Marker on Campus



Drew Adan, Christine Sears, and Vaughn Bocchino in the Jones-Perkins Cemetery behind Morton Hall.

José Betancourt

The University of Alabama in Huntsville History Department, in conjunction with M. Louis Salmon Library Archives & Special Collections, plans to erect a two-sided historical monument on campus to commemorate those who resided and worked on the land which UAH now stands. The marker will provide a brief history of the Avalon Plantation house, which stood in between Roberts Hall and the Nursing School, and the Jones-Perkins Family Cemetery, which can be seen behind Morton Hall and next to Union Grove Gallery.

Marker team members include Drew Adan, graduate student and Archivist/Librarian II in the Salmon Library, Vaughn Bocchino, UAH History graduate, and Christine Sears, Associate Professor of History.

In 1820, Revolutionary War veteran Lewellen Jones established Avalon which grew to be one of the largest plantations in Madison County under the ownership of his son, Alexander P. Jones.

In celebration of Alabama's bicentennial, the project team plans on conducting a public dedication ceremony and marker unveiling this fall. The UAH Department of History, College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences, and various members of the community have generously pledged to support the project.

~ University of Alabama in Huntsville

10-28-19

All

Dudley and I met this afternoon with Drew Adan and another graduate student at UAH to see where the plantation house was located and the cemetery near which the historical marker will be erected. We then had a chance to visit the archives where many of the local history records are stored. It was quite an experience and I must admit I had no idea of the history of this plantation on the grounds of the UAH campus. (Or how much UAH has grown over the years!)

See photo attached of the guys (Drew Adan holding the check) in the cemetery.

More information to follow...it does sound like adding our name to the marker could be problematic given they have already prepared and edited the text and there is limited space on the marker for text.....

I delivered the check and completed a form indicating the gift came from the Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory with our contact information. They will of course include our group in information released to the press and at the dedication ceremony. The marker will feature the Alabama Bicentennial seal/logo.

I will share more information as it becomes available and am not sure when you all think it best to formally announce this to our members?

Thanks
Donald

See photo



Dr. Sears and Dr. Adan pictured at the cemetery.

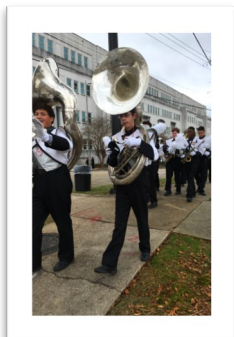
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Bicentennial Social Events

Bicentennial Parade
December 14, 2019
Montgomery, AL





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Banners donated by Leslie Kirk



Alabama Bicentennial Parade Application December 14, 2019

Name of Organization: Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory
Contact Person Leslie Kirk Phone 334.399.2512
Cell Phone same Email lesliekirk@live.com
Mailing Address 324 Katie Lane, Titus, AL 36080-2810
Entry Description Convertible Car with OFFAT signage-banners

Dimensions of float/flatbeds and vehicle pulling it

Height _____ Width _____ Length _____

If you plan to have horses or any other live animals in your parade entry, please indicate on this form. (See "live animal requirements" in the rules and instructions.)

I have read and agree to comply with the rules and guidelines of the 2019 Alabama Bicentennial Parade.

Signature Leslie A. Kirk Date 9-6-19

No entry will be accepted without a signature.

Please complete form and mail to

Alabama Bicentennial Commission
ATTN: Debra Pascal
P.O. Box 246
Montgomery, AL 36103
Or

Email to debra.pascal@bicentennial.alabama.gov

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 1, 2019

Registration is limited to the first 75 entries

***The Alabama Bicentennial Parade Committee reserves the right to remove anyone from the parade that violates the rules and guidelines.**

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received _____ Approved _____ Not Approved _____



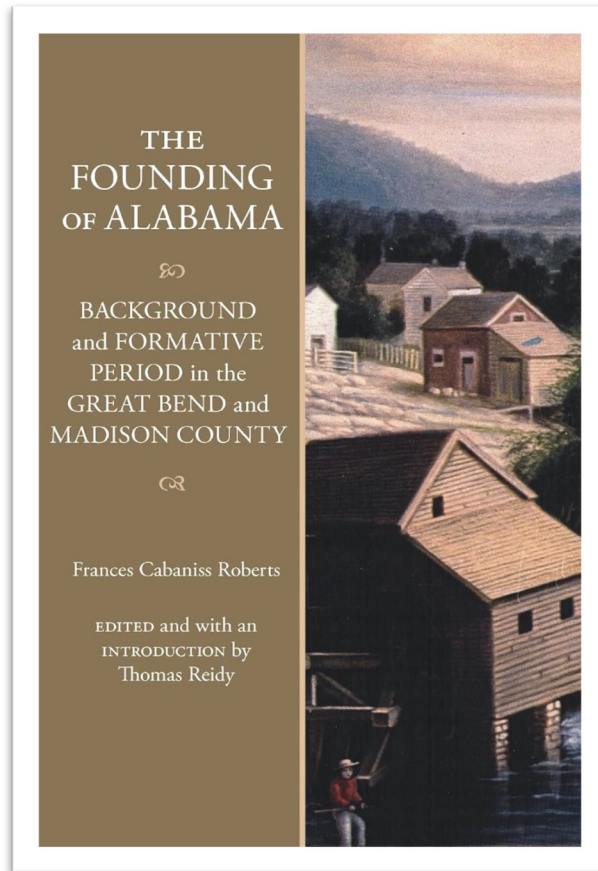
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Bicentennial Donations
Jan 9, 2020



Donation of books:

- (1) **Huntsville Public Library** - Heritage Room request that a bookplate note the donation made by The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory in honor of Dr. Thomas Reidy.
- (2) **Southern Collections Department** at the Birmingham Public Library

Tom Reidy, UAH History Professor who recently completed work on a book for UA Press on the 1956 doctoral dissertation of Dr. Frances Roberts on the early history of Alabama and particularly that of the Big Bend region (north of the Tennessee River) and Madison County.

Dr. Reidy was the guest speaker for OFFAT second meeting on October 5th, 2019.



THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

Office of the President

November 15, 2019

Mr. Donald Christian
First Families of Alabama Territory
PO Box 112
Huntsville, AL 35804

Dear Mr. Christian:

Thank you for your recent gift to The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH). Your generosity speaks volumes about your commitment to our collective community. I am grateful for your gift to the M. Louis Salmon Library to help fund the historical marker that will be erected on campus soon.

As the new president of UAH, I am excited to see your support of UAH and to know that we can count on you as a loyal University partner. Your investment in UAH also makes you a member of our President's Council. As a member, you are a part of a dedicated group of University champions devoted to the continued advancement of our campus. In addition, you will receive invitations to special events and access to publications to keep you updated on happenings at UAH.

Thank you again for your trust and confidence. I know that with support like yours, the University will continue to thrive and grow its footprint within the state and beyond.

Sincerely,

Darren Dawson
President

Huntsville Public Library - Heritage Room donation made by The Order of the First
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ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Social Events

House Marking
May 16, 2021
Millbrook, Alabama
Ellerslie



You are cordially invited to the presentation of a medallion to *Ellerslie* by the National Society of Sons and Daughters of Antebellum Planters

Please join us for 203 years of history where it actually happened!

May 16, 2021
2:00 PM to 4:00
2650 Edgewood Rd, Millbrook AL

A tour of the property and a reception to follow the presentation.

This is a rare opportunity to visit Alabama's earliest surviving frame house, built in 1818 by United States Representative Bolling Hall of Virginia and Georgia. Over 65 family graves, dating back to the Revolutionary War are in the graveyard on the property.

Ellerslie, originally 200,000 acres, was a very uncommon pioneer home with the first glass windows, four elegantly carved matched mantles, and heart pine tongue in groove floors.

It is still surrounded by several hundred acres of heritage trees, pastures, and a creek. Great-great-great granddaughter Jeanne Hall Ashley will share family stories from the 1800s while touring the house and cemetery.

Please remember your masks for inside the home. Limited to the first 30 that respond.

No restrooms available onsite.

Please RSVP to:
Jeanne Hall Ashley
29 Kristin Cove
Destin FL 32541

ellerslie1818@gmail.com
(850) 533-0740 – mobile



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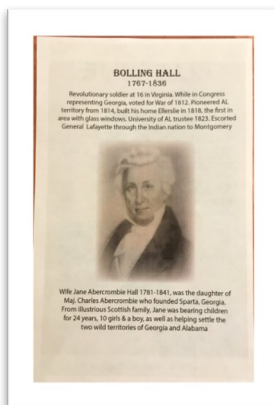
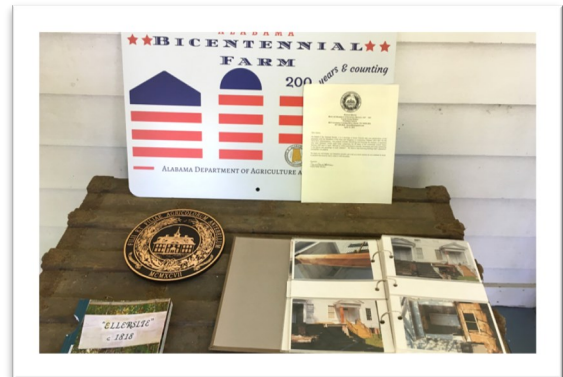
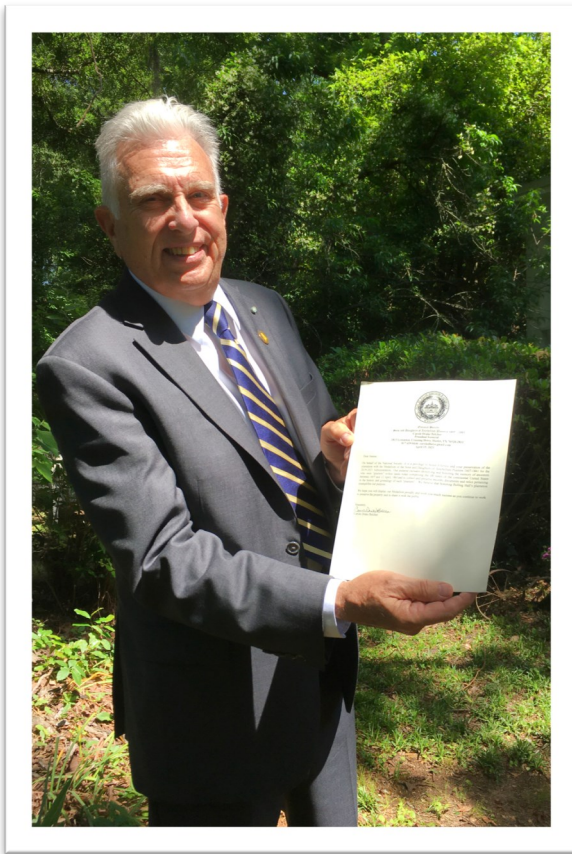
FFAT Members in attendance
Leslie Kirk, JJ Smith and Ann Cheney



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ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Third Annual Membership Meeting

June 18, 2022
The Country Club of Birmingham
Mountain Brook, Alabama
Speaker: Mike Bunn
Director of Historic Blakeley State Park
and Author

THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Cordially Invites you to Attend Its 2022 Dinner

Saturday, June 18, 2022

The Country Club of Birmingham
Mountain Brook, Alabama

Social & Cash Bar 6:30-7:30pm Dinner 7:30 -8:30 pm

Speaker: Mr. Mike Bunn- Author-Historian-Director Blakely State Park

The officers for 2022-2023:

Donald Christian - President General
Tom Jacks - Vice President General
Donald Christian - Treasurer General
Leslie Kirk - Secretary General
Donald Christian - Registrar General
Donald Christian – Genealogist

President Christian thanked Tom Jacks and Leslie Kirk for their continued service to the organization.

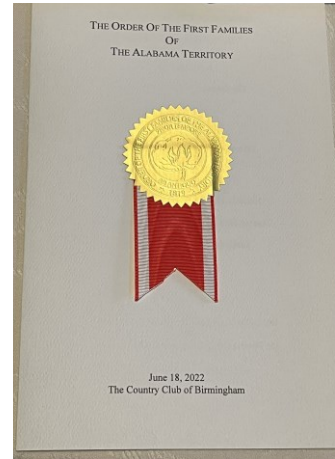
**Following the meeting Lynda Moreau volunteered to serve as registrar.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Donald L. Christian, Jr.*	01	Allen Christian
Leslie A. Kirk	02	Silas Morgan
Thomas E. Jacks	03	Jacob Broyles
Ann H. Cheney	06	John Love
John Riley Wallace	12	John Rogers
Dr. J. Donald Carmichael	17	Robert A. Yeldell
Marie B. Sanford	19	Norman Urquhart
Phoebe Donald Robinson	28	Robert A. Yeldell
Robert L. Robinson, Jr.	29	Robert A. Yeldell
Dr. Charles Donald Robinson	30	Robert A. Yeldell
J. Donald Carmichael, Jr.	33	Robert A. Yeldell
Daniel Troy Carmichael	42	Robert A. Yeldell
Elizabeth Cheney Sewell	49	John Love
Donis R. Wolfe	62	Zebulon Rainey
Jackson P. Burwell	64	Samuel Davis
Curtis Wilson Posey*	71	Hezekiah Posey
Hilda Jean Posey	78	Lee Needham
Lynda Moreau	79	Charles DuMont

* denotes direct patrilineal descent to pre-statehood ancestor

THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES
OF
THE ALABAMA TERRITORY



June 18, 2022
The Country Club of Birmingham

THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES
OF
THE ALABAMA TERRITORY
prior tempore ~ ab antiquo

JUNE 18, 2022

The Country Club of Birmingham

Speaker:

Mr. Mike Bunn
Director Historic Blakeley State Park

FOUNDERS- OFFICERS

Donald Lee Christian, Jr. - President - C1
Thomas Edward Jacks - Vice-President - C3
Leslie Ann Kirk - Secretary - C2

Special Thanks To:

Dr. & Mrs. J. Donald Carmichael C-17 -Host
&
Ms. Phoebe Donald Robinson C-28 - Flowers

THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES
OF
THE ALABAMA TERRITORY
June 18, 2022

AGENDA

Cocktail Hour: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Opening Remarks
Donald L. Christian, Jr.

In Memoriam

Richard Rutherford Randolph, III C-4
June 27, 2020

Mary Jane Inge Tingle C-27
March 3, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance: Thomas Edward Jacks

Invocation: Donald Lee Christian, Jr.

Dinner: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Coffee- Dessert

Speaker
Mr. Mike Bunn

Quick Business Meeting

Benediction: Thomas Edward Jacks



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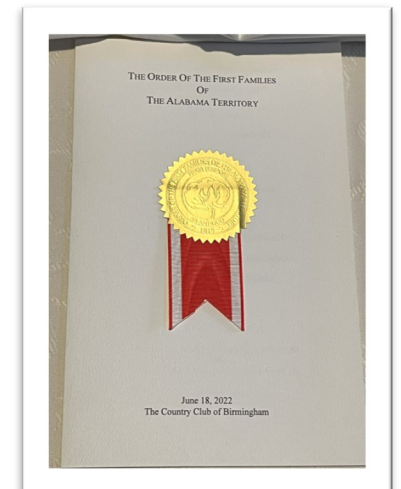


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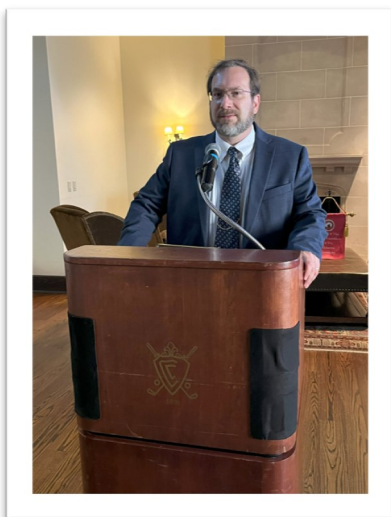
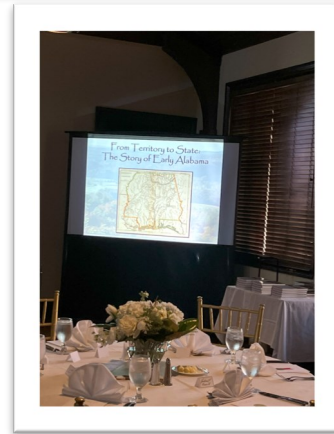
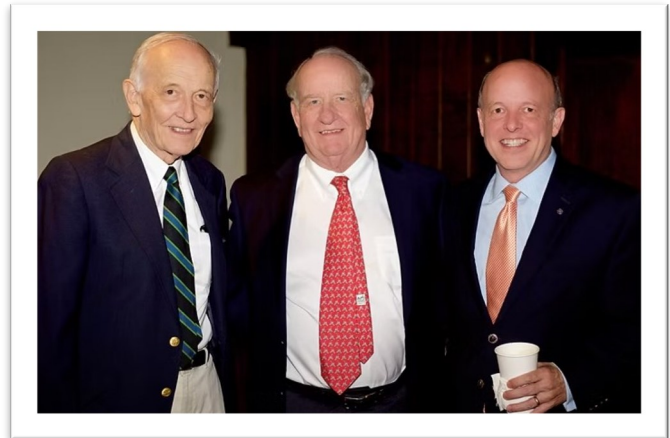
Beautiful flowers by
charter member Phoebe
Donald Robinson





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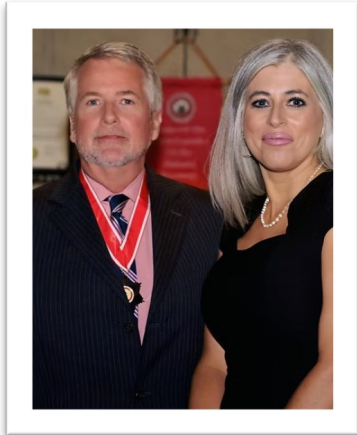
Third Annual Membership Meeting





ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Third Annual Membership Meeting



6-14-22

All,

I hope my message finds each of you healthy and well, and looking forward to our first gathering since the "pandemic years" on Saturday evening at the Country Club of Birmingham. It looks as though we have 31 people scheduled to attend our gathering.

Our event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm with a Cocktail-Social Hour during which time there will be a Cash Bar for those so inclined. (Cash in this context means literally CASH as no cards or electronic payment methods are accepted at this club event.) Please prepare accordingly if you are looking forward to enjoying a cocktail during the evening.

We expect dinner will be served at about 7:30 pm and our speaker, Mr. Mike Bunn who is an historian, author, and serves as the Director of Historic Blakeley State Park located at Spanish Fort, Alabama will begin his presentation as coffee and dessert are served following our dinner. I've heard Mike speak before and know his presentation on the Early History of Alabama will be of interest to many.

Dress for the event is Cocktail attire. For men, that should be a jacket and tie at minimum, and for ladies cocktail appropriate attire. I will wear a suit, but I know other men may prefer to wear a blazer-tie combination.

There will be a number of events hosted at the club Saturday night and our venue within the club is ***the Grille Room***. The Grille Room is located far down the long entrance hall, past the coat check and offices on the right. Almost anyone at the club Saturday evening should be able to direct you to our room.

The address for the Country Club of Birmingham is:

**3325 Country Club Road
Birmingham, AL. 35213**

A link with some information about the club can be found here

=> <https://www.ccbham.org/>

The club often provides valet parking on weekend evenings, so as you enter the parking lot feel free to drive up for valet parking if it appears valet parking is available. (I feel certain it will be but am not 100% sure.)

I want to again thank Dr. and Mrs. J. Donald Carmichael for allowing us to host our event at the CC of Birmingham. Thanks to Ms. Phoebe Donald Robinson for generously providing flowers for our event, and thanks to the extended Donald-Carmichael-Robinson families for their combined interest and attendance at our event, and for their support of the Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory.

I have tried to include everyone whose payment I have received, but if I have missed someone whom you know will attend, please share/forward this information, or let me know and I will do my best to resend this message to anyone I missed.

Tracey and I look forward to seeing everyone Saturday evening !

Donald Christian
President General
The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory

The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory
June 18, 2022
Third Meeting Minutes (approved 12-8-24)

The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory met in the Grille Room at the Country Club of Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama on Saturday, June 18, 2022, with President General Donald Lee Christian, Jr., presiding. President Christian called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CST. The following officers were present Donald Lee Christian, Jr., Thomas Edward Jacks, and Leslie Ann Kirk. There were 33 attendees: Donald Christian (C-1); Tracey Christian (Guest); Christian Allen (Guest); Fonda Christian (Guest); Tom Jacks (C-3); Tara Jacks (Guest); Mike Bunn (Guest Speaker); Tonya Bunn (Guest); Don Wolfe (C-62); Sarah Curtis (Guest); John Wallace (C-12); Leslie Kirk (C-2); Hilda Jean Posey (C-78); Curtis Wilson Posey (C-71); Jack Burwell (C-64); Emily Burwell (Guest); Lynda Moreau (C-79); Dr. J. Donald Carmichael (C-17); Mary Alice Carmichael (Guest); Dr. Thomas Donald (Guest); Anna Donald (Guest); Daniel Troy Carmichael (C-42); Phoebe Donald Robinson (C-28); Red Robinson (Guest); Robert Robinson (C-29); Katherine Robinson (Guest); Donald Robinson (C-30); Katie Robinson (Guest); J. Donald Carmichael, Jr., (C-33); Marie B. Sanford (C-19); Natasha Randolph (Guest); Ann Cheney (C-6); Elizabeth Sewell (C-49).

The invocation was given by President General Donald Christian.

President Christian welcomed members and guests. He introduced the OFFAT officers. Donald Lee Christian, Jr., president; Thomas Edward Jacks, vice president; Leslie Ann Kirk, secretary. President Christian welcomed the charter members in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves and name their ancestor.

President Christian thanked Dr. and Mrs. J. Donald Carmichael for sponsoring OFFAT at the Country Club of Birmingham and Mrs. Phoebe Donald Robinson for generously providing the flowers.

Memorials were read for the following deceased members:

Richard Randolph – Charter Member 4 by Donald Christian

Mary Jane Inge Tingle – Charter Member 27 by Leslie Kirk

Thirty seconds of silence was observed.

President Christian introduced speaker Mr. Mike Bunn who is an historian, author and serves as the Director of Historic Blakeley State Park located at Spanish Fort, Alabama. He spoke on his recent book: *Early Alabama, An Illustrated Guide to the Formative Years*.

President Christian thanked Mr. Bunn for his presentation and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

The minutes of the OFFAT Second Meeting held on October 5, 2019, in Huntsville, AL were read by Secretary General Leslie Kirk. Phoebe Robinson moved to approve the minutes and Jack Burwell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Secretary Kirk read her officers report and presented an Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory Proclamation from Alabama Governor Kay Ivey to President General Christian.

President Christian announced a historic marker was placed in Huntsville.

President Christian read the treasurers report reporting a balance of 13,448.06.

President/Registrar General Donald Christian reported the society has 90 members.

Old Business: None

New Business: Vice President Thomas Edward Jacks announced the society did not meet in 2022. The Board recommended the current officers serve one additional year and elections be held in 2023, to complete the term. President Christian announced that Jack Burwell was unable to serve as Treasurer an additional year and requested volunteers from the membership. No nominations were offered from the floor. John Wallace moved the officers should remain in office one additional year and it was seconded by Phoebe Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

The officers for 2022-2023:

Donald Christian - President General
Tom Jacks - Vice President General
Donald Christian - Treasurer General
Leslie Kirk - Secretary General
Donald Christian - Registrar General
Donald Christian – Genealogist

President Christian thanked Tom Jacks and Leslie Kirk for their continued service to the organization.

Announcements by President Christian:

1. The next OFFAT meeting will be announced.
2. Members to assemble afterwards for the 3rd Annual Meeting group photo.

President Christian thanked those in attendance in Birmingham.

Vice President Jacks gave the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. CST.

Leslie Ann Kirk
Secretary General
Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory

Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory
2022 Officer Report
Secretary General
Leslie A. Kirk
June 18, 2022
Birmingham, AL

This officer attended and took the minutes of the society's last meeting held at the Legends in Huntsville, AL on October 5, 2019. She submitted the necessary paperwork and participated in the Alabama Bicentennial parade in Montgomery on December 14, 2019. She purchased two large OFFAT banners for each side of a red convertible parade car. She dressed in 1800's period clothing and the FFAT parade car was greeted by Governor Kay Ivey and other dignitaries at Alabama's Capitol building.

This officer worked with Barry Howard of the Hereditary Society Community to get OFFAT successfully added to the HSC website in January 2020. On May 16, 2021, she attended the Ellerslie historic home marking in Millbrook, AL of Bolling Hall, Revolutionary War soldier, three-term US Congressman from Georgia, and an early settler in the Alabama Territory. Other OFFAT members in attendance were Joseph Judson Smith III and Ann Cheney.

This officer obtained a Proclamation from the Honorable Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, for the third meeting held at the Country Club of Birmingham on June 18, 2022 and scheduled the guest speaker Mike Bunn. She has assisted members with replacement certificates and signed all membership certificates she has received. She has made herself available to assist President General Christian with any other requests.

It has been a pleasure to serve in this administration.

Leslie Kirk

FFAT Secretary General



ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Fourth Annual Membership Meeting

May 13, 2023
Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, Alabama
Speaker Dr. Alex Colvin, ADAH

You are cordially invited to join us at The Montgomery Country Club
on the evening of Saturday, May 13, 2023

Meeting	6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cash Bar
Canceled	7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner
Low response	8:00 - 8:20 p.m. Speaker Dr. Alex Colvin, ADAH
	8:20 - 9:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Nominating Committee Chairman Tom Jacks

Proposed Slate of Officers 2023-2025

President General: Thomas Edward Jacks

Vice President General: Leslie Ann Kirk

Treasurer General: ____

Secretary General: Brandy Huntzinger

Registrar General: Lynda Aydelott Moreau

Historian General:

Chaplain General: Bonnie Miller Shanks

Order First Families of Alabama Territory Dinner Cancellation

DC

Donald Christian

To:Donald Christian

Wed 5/3/2023 9:51 AM

All

It is with great regret that I share that the officers have unanimously determined that we cannot go forward with the scheduled dinner event on the evening of Saturday, May 13, 2023 at the Montgomery Country Club.

As many have pointed out, that is the evening before Mother's Day and most of us had already made plans to be with our Mothers, or to spend time with our children or families.

I regret any inconvenience this may cause, and share that we are looking at dates during September to schedule our dinner event at the Montgomery Country Club. (We are presently considering Saturday 09-16-2023)

More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your patience, and apologies again for any inconvenience this cancellation may cause.

Donald L. Christian, Jr.
President General
The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory



ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Fourth Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, October 26, 2024
The Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, Alabama
Speaker: Dr. Alex Colvin, ADAH

THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Meeting

Cordially Invites you to Attend Its 2024 Dinner

Changed to

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Zoom Meeting

The Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, Alabama

Low

Response

Social & Cash Bar 6:30-7:30pm Dinner 7:30 -8:30 pm

Speaker: Dr. Alex Colvin – Curator, Alabama Department of Archives & History

Proposed slate of officers 2024

PRESIDENT GENERAL – Leslie Ann Kirk
VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL – Thomas Edward Jacks
SECRETARY GENERAL – Bonnie Miller Shanks
TREASURER GENERAL Brandy Harness Huntzinger
REGISTRAR GENERAL Lynda Aydelott Moreau
CHAPLAIN GENERAL - *
HISTORIAN GENERAL - *
PARLIAMENTARIAN - *

***If you are interested in holding an office, please contact us.



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory celebrates their sixth annual meeting in the state of Alabama, October 26, 2024, in Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by the first colonists of the Alabama Territory. The Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory was founded in 2017 during the celebration years of the Alabama Bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, The First Families of the Alabama Territory celebrate the heritage and history of those brave souls who came to the now established Alabama territory, even before it gained statehood on December 14, 1819; and

WHEREAS, The Order of the First Families of Alabama Territory seeks to protect and preserve records pertaining to the early history of the Alabama Territory and the perpetuation of the memory of those early settlers of that part of the Mississippi and Alabama Territories that became Alabama;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama do hereby proclaim October 26, 2024, as

Order of the First Families of the Alabama Territory Day

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 10th day of October 2024.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor



ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Fourth Annual Membership Meeting

Zoom meeting

Sunday, December 08, 2024

5:00 pm (CENTRAL)

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving weekend and you are looking forward to a very Merry Christmas !

We hope you will plan to join us for the Zoom meeting we have scheduled for 5:00 pm (CENTRAL TIME ZONE) on Sunday afternoon, December 08, 2024.

This is my first attempt at scheduling a zoom meeting so please forgive any mistakes I may make. I do know that our Zoom meeting is limited to 40 minutes so we will need to make quick work of it to get through our agenda.

The agenda will be primarily to approve the election of a new slate of officers that you have received previously. I share that slate here again:

Proposed slate of officers 2024

PRESIDENT GENERAL – Leslie Ann Kirk
VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL – Thomas Edward Jacks
SECRETARY GENERAL – Bonnie Miller Shanks
TREASURER GENERAL Brandy Harness Huntzinger
REGISTRAR GENERAL Lynda Aydelott Moreau
CHAPLAIN GENERAL - *
HISTORIAN GENERAL - *
PARLIAMENTARIAN - *

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Submitted by: 2024 Nominating Committee
Leslie Kirk
Tom Jacks
Lynda Moreau

Thank you all for your continued support and we hope you can join us on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm (CENTRAL TIME ZONE), Sunday, December 8, 2024.

Link to the meeting here
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Donald Christian
Order First Families Alabama Territory



ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

Fourth Annual Membership Meeting

Zoom meeting



- 10 Attendees
Donald Christian
Leslie Kirk
Tom Jacks
Bandy Huntzinger
Bonnie Shanks
David Milam
Beth Sewell
Peggy Anderson
Ann Cheney
Joseph Smith

THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF THE ALABAMA TERRITORY

2024 ANNUAL MEETING - ZOOM SUNDAY - DECEMBER 8, 2024 5:00 P.M. Central

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order & Greetings
- II. Invocation - Rev. David Milam
- III. Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2022 Meeting
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Recognize Deceased Members - Moment of Silence

No.	Member Name	Recognized
4	Mr. Richard Rutherford Randolph, III	June 18, 2022
27	Ms. Mary Jane Inge Tingly	June 18, 2022
19	Ms. Marie Barker Sanford	December 8, 2024
53	Mr. Charles Bryan Poland	December 8, 2024
20	Mr. William Dudley Melton	December 8, 2024
72	Mr. Raymond B. Jones	December 8, 2024

- VI. Officer Reports

- VII. Nomination & Approval of Officer Slate

President General -	Ms. Leslie Ann Kirk
Vice-President General -	Mr. Thomas Edward Jacks
Secretary General-	Ms. Bonnie Miller Shanks
Treasurer General-	Ms. Brandy Harness Huntzinger
Registrar General-	Ms Lynda Aydelott Moreau
Chaplain General-	Rev. John David Edward Milam
Historian General-	
Parliamentarian-	Appointed Position

- VIII. President General - Ms. Leslie Ann Kirk - Remarks

- VIV. Benediction - Chaplain General - Rev. John David Edward Milam

New officer election:

2024-2027

President

Leslie Ann Kirk

Vice President

Thomas Edward Jacks

Secretary

Bonnie Miller Shanks

Treasurer

Brandy Harness Huntzinger

Registrar

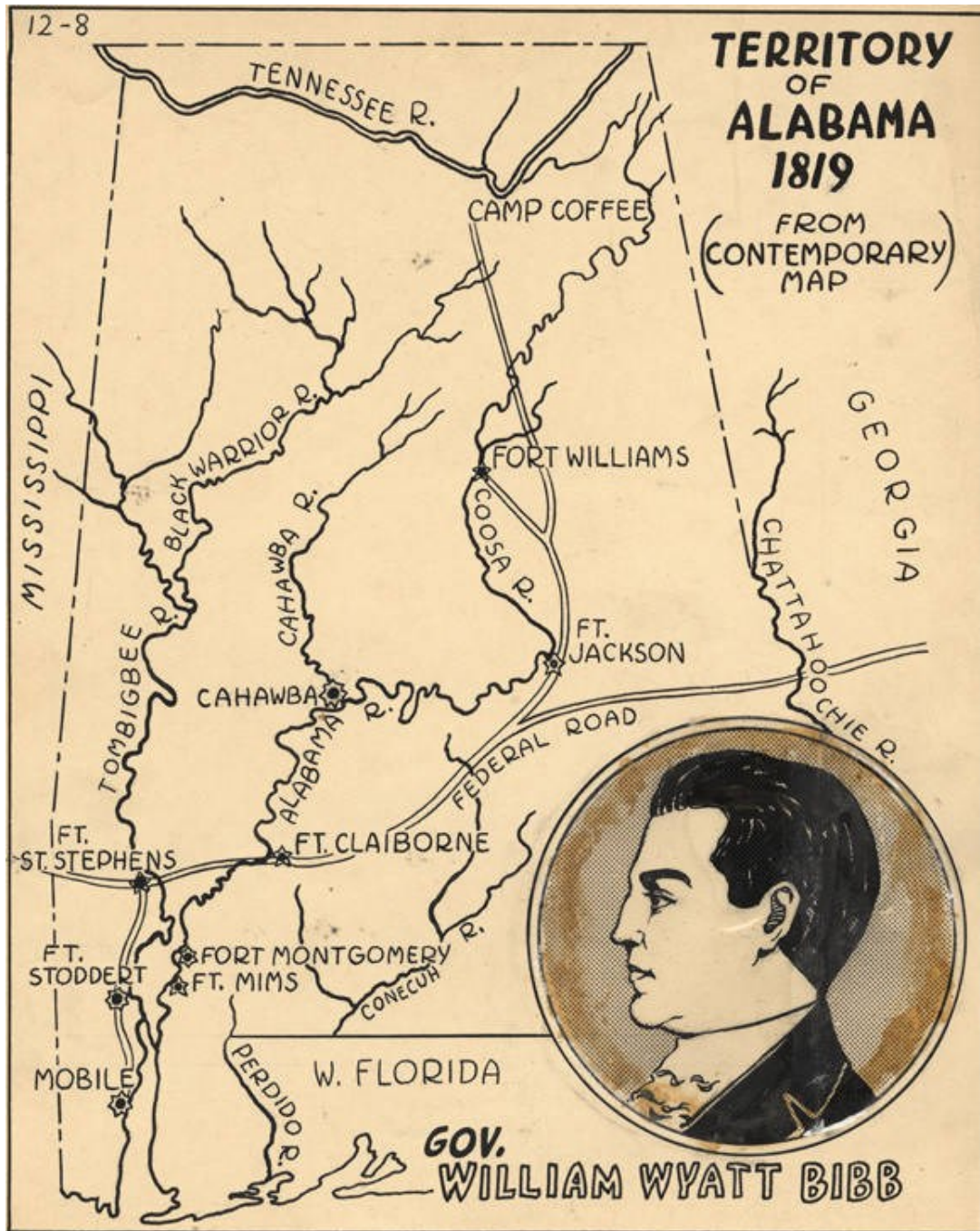
Lynda Aydelott Moreau

Historian

Peggy Latham Anderson

Chaplain

Rev. John David Edward Milam





The Territory of Mississippi was an organized incorporated territory of the United States that was created under an organic act passed by both upper and lower chambers (the Senate and House of Representatives) of the Congress of the United States, meeting at the United States Capitol on Capitol Hill, in the federal national capital city of Washington, D.C.. It was approved and signed into law by second President John Adams 1735-1826, served 1797-1801), on April 7, 1798.

The Territory was dissolved after 19 years on December 10, 1817, when the western half of the Territory was admitted to the Union as the new State of Mississippi. The eastern half was redesignated by the Congress and then 5th President James Monroe as the new Alabama Territory for the next two years, sandwiched between the new state of Mississippi in the west, Georgia to the east,, Tennessee on the north, and to the south with a narrow strip of land to the Mobile Bay and Gulf of Mexico coast and further to the southeast of the western panhandle of the Royal Spanish colony of Spanish Florida in the Florida peninsula (future Florida Territory after 1819, and later state of Florida by 1845).

The Territory of Alabama was admitted to the Union as the State of Alabama on December 14, 1819. The Chattahoochee River played a significant role in the definition of the Territory's borders during its brief two years of existence, 1817-1819.

The population greatly increased in the southeast United States with movement and immigration from the East Coast along the Atlantic Ocean as it grew in the early 1800s from settlement, and American westward and southwestward expansion from the original Thirteen States, with cotton being an important cash crop.

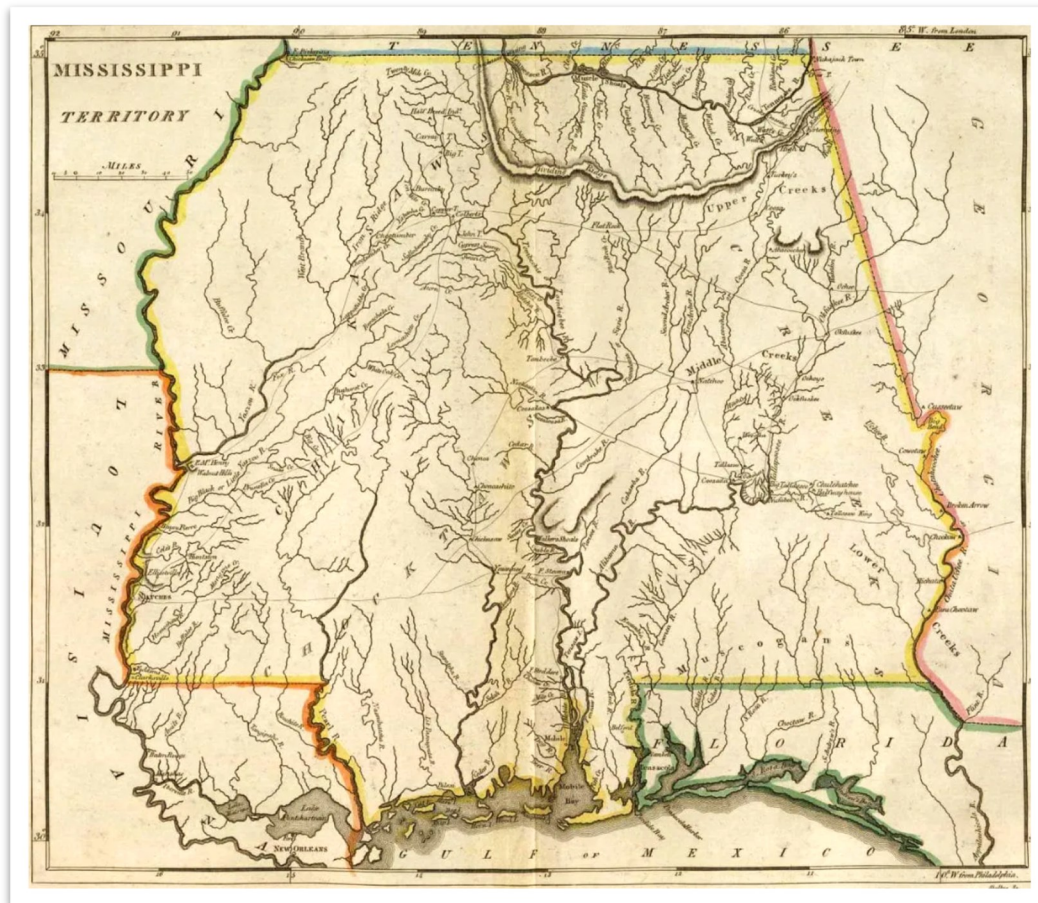
Congress delineated the boundary between Mississippi and Alabama by dividing the territory into approximately equal-sized parts, similar in size to Georgia. The agriculturally productive lands were divided by a straight line running south from the northwest corner of Washington County (as it was defined at the time) to the Gulf of Mexico. The border north of this point was angled westward in order to keep Mississippi and Alabama roughly equal in size. At its northern end, this angled border follows a short section of the Tennessee River. Congress chose this boundary because if the straight line had been run all the way to the Tennessee border Mississippi would have jurisdiction over a small piece of hilly land cut off from the rest of the state by the wide Tennessee River.

Source Wikipedia

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1819-2019*



1817 era map of the former Mississippi Territory (1798-1817), of the southwestern United States, showing the new U.S. state of Mississippi (to the west / left), and adjacent remaining Alabama Territory (on the east / right). Source: Wikipedia. Image: Public domain.

