



NSWFD Dispatch

connecting with cousins

Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be!

From season to season, in nature and in our lives, we all experience change. Moving into spring, I am excited about our Society and the opportunities we have to **learn more** about our nation's founders, especially our Washington family ancestors, and to **do more** to educate ourselves and others about the history of the founding of our United States. We need your intentional participation to ensure the future of NSWFD! Contact me or John Blair for more information or questions about membership.

Barbara Short, President General - mrsbarbaraashort@gmail.com

John Blair, Registrar - jblair66@aol.com

Welcome to Our Newest Members

The Society has recently seen an uptick in inquiries about membership from our website. Since our Winter Dispatch, we have gained ten new life members/associate members/annual members. Please welcome them!

National Number 1433 Life Member

Carrie Owens Jones

1929 Gray's Mill Road

Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580

Date Accepted: 09 February 2024

Ancestor: Colonel John Washington

Telephone: 252-560-4960

Email: Bethowensjones@gmail.com

D.O.B.: 19 April 1961

Associate Member: **Randy Gene Jones** 1433-AL Associate Life

Address: Same as member.

Telephone: 252-560-1054

Email: rgjones1219@gmail.com

National Number 1434 Life Member

Garrett Wade Jones

1945 Gray's Mill Road,

Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580

Date Accepted: 09 February 2024

Ancestor: Colonel John Washington

Telephone: 252-560-1591

Email: Gwjones03@gmail.com

D.O.B.: 19 February 1990

Associate Member: **Chelsey Smith Jones** 1434-AL Associate Life

Address: Same as member.

Telephone: 252-526-8102

Email: Ces2461@gmail.com

National Number 1435 Life Member

Colleen Elizabeth Jones

1901 Greenbriar Road,

Kinston, North Carolina 28501

Date Accepted: 09 February 2024

Ancestor: Colonel John Washington

Telephone: 252-559-0294

Email: clizones@gmail.com

D.O.B.: 07 May 1993
Associate Member: N/A
Address: N/A
Telephone: N/A
Email: N/A

N/A National Number 1436

Helen Marie Civilis Lewis

761 Spring Garden Road,
New Bern, North Carolina 28562
Date Accepted: 09 February 2024
Ancestor: Colonel John Washington
Telephone: 252-474-6756
Email: helenmarielewis@icloud.com

D.O.B.: 07 Dec 1973

Associate Member: N/A
Address: N/A
Telephone: N/A
Email: N/A

National Number 1437 Annual Member Membership

Dabney Hunter McKenzie

528 E. Fairview Avenue,
Montgomery, Alabama 36106
Date Accepted: 12 March 2024
Ancestor: Lt. Col. Nathaniel Pope
Telephone: 334-467-7573
Email: mckenziedh@gmail.com

D.O.B.: 01 Jan 1955

Associate Member: **Richardson B. McKenzie, III** Annual Membership

Address: Same as above.
Telephone: 334-354-4332.
Email: rhmckenzie3@hotmail.com.

National Number 1438 Annual Member

Patricia Sharon Pasquinelli

357 Coal Hollow Road,
Kersey, Pennsylvania 15846
Date Accepted: 15 March 2024
Ancestor: Colonel John Washington
Telephone: 814-885-8400
Email: tishpasquinelli52@gmail.com

D.O.B.: 17 March 1952

Associate Member: N/A
Address: N/A

National Number 1439 Annual Member

Patricia Washington DeMuth

5720 Williamsburg Way,
Fitchburg, Wisconsin 53719
Date Accepted: 19 March 2024
Ancestor: Colonel John Washington
Telephone: 608-220-4780
Email: patty.demuth66@gmail.com

D.O.B.: 26 Mar 1966

Associate Member: N/A
Address: N/A
Telephone: N/A
Email: N/A

Supplementals Approved

Jodi Kaye Stevens, N.N. 1337, Ancestors: Lt. Col. Nathaniel Pope. Augustine Warner, Sr., George Reade, Nicholas Martiau, Col. William Ball
Dette Reh N.N.1211, Ancestors: Nicholas Martiau

Out & About

Presidential Wreath Laying

A Presidential Order that a wreath be placed on the grave of each former President on their birthday was recognized with a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the grave of President James Madison on March 16, 2024, at Montpelier. A detachment of United States Marines from Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia presented the Presidential Wreath. Our Registrar, John Blair, was honored to represent The National Society of the Washington Family Descendants at the Wreath Laying Ceremony by placing a wreath in honor of the 273rd anniversary of the birth of President James Madison.



Heritage Week in Washington D.C.

April in D.C. is lovely, and several of our members took advantage of Spring by attending Heritage Week. During Heritage Week, numerous heritage and lineage societies hold their annual meetings, and the days and nights are filled with breakfasts, lunches, teas and formal dinners. Many of our members are also members of these societies, and other members attend as guests. Four of our members attended The Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America Annual Gala Dinner, which was held at Anderson House, the home of The Society of the Cincinnati.



Has Your Information Changed?

Please check your name(s) as listed in the Directory Section of the latest Washington Words (2023). If you have made any changes such as address, phone number, email, status (level of membership) or caught an error regarding your information, please report this to our registrar John Blair via postal, email, or text to Diane Creekmore, Editor of Washington Words - creekdi43@gmail.com. We will be pleased to reflect new information in the next WW if received by June 1, 2024.

Do you wish to report the passing of a Member?

If a member of the Society has died and not been reported, please let us know. We encourage you to write a brief celebration of life or send the obituary to our Chaplain General as we will remember our members who have passed away during a Memorial Service at our upcoming reunion. This information should be sent in writing to the Chaplain General, Jim Bird birdjr@gmail.com by September 1, 2024

Interested in Supplementals?

For The NSWFD, a supplemental is an application that is based on your approved NSWFD application which at some point, either extends or branches off to another NSWFD Qualifying Ancestor. You will only need to supply the proofs for the additional genealogy. The fee for a supplemental application is currently \$45.00 and includes a certificate. If you would like more information about supplemental applications, please email the Registrar, John Blair at jblair66@aol.com.

George Washington Teacher Institute Scholarship Program

Along with the other annual donations made by the Society, we are pleased to add our participation in funding a partial scholarship at The George Washington Teacher Institute at Mount Vernon. Members are welcome to add to this fund by visiting our website and navigating to the page with instructions to contribute. Your personal donation will be added to the contribution made by the society, and

hopefully fund a whole scholarship for a teacher to participate in this continuing education opportunity that highlights the important historical contributions of George Washington and our Founding Fathers.

Celebrating 70 years - Our Reunion in Williamsburg & Yorktown

By now, you should have received the mailing about the upcoming 70th NSWFD Reunion in Williamsburg & Yorktown - October 17-20, 2024. The mailing includes a letter outlining the weekend events and festivities, along with the registration forms. This year, we are making it possible for members who live nearby to participate with the group on Saturday in Yorktown only. This registration will include participation in the parade, museum and visitor center fees and the lunch - all in Yorktown. The other registration form will include participation in all of the weekend activities, events and meals, in Williamsburg & Yorktown, along with the link to use to make reservations at our headquarters hotel. If you have not received this mailing, or would like an additional form, it is available on our website, washingtonfamilydescendants.org, where you may sign in to the members only portal, print out the forms and mail as instructed. You may also email Barbara Short, mrsbarbaraashort@gmail.com for a copy.

Click here to browse the photos taken at our last reunion in Philadelphia by our talented member Karen Saunders:
<https://gallery.karenaundersphotography.com/washingtonfamilyinphiladelphia/>

Visit washingtonfamilydescendants.org

Explore our new & improved website! You will find information on our Society, Membership, Events and much more. Click on the Members Only button to register for access to the private area of the website. Once we confirm your membership, you will be able to access the following pages:

- Leadership
- Member Directory
- Merchandise
- Reunion 2024
- Reunion 2023
- 2022 Charleston Reunion Presentations
- Member Photos

Keeping a website up to date, relevant and interesting is a big job, and we welcome anyone who is interested in working with us on this project. Your suggestions and questions may be forwarded to our webmaster and member, Linda Horstmeyer. Linda@SeaShellDigital.com, who deserves our gratitude for her expertise in the digital world!

Visit our Facebook Page

Our society is full of members who, from time to time, post very interesting information on the society's Facebook page not only about our shared heritage, but videos, photos and other events you may find interesting! You just never know what you may learn when you log in to our page on Facebook! To reach us, log-in to Facebook and navigate to The National Society of the Washington Family Descendants private page. Asked to be allowed access, and you will receive approval to enter, browse and post.
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