



Summer 2024 NSWFD Dispatch *connecting with cousins*

Rolling out the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer

Hope everyone is moving at a slower pace - planning vacation days or just sipping a cool drink around a swimming pool this summer. In Texas, we are already in triple digits during the day! Though the pace is slower, planning for the reunion, preparing Washington Words 2024, and other NSWFD business continues. Among other news of the Society, this edition includes timely information about the upcoming 70th Reunion in Yorktown & Williamsburg and how to register to attend. The Reunion Committee has booked some great experiences for us, and we *know* the fabulous fellowship we will have will not disappoint!

Welcome Our Newest Members

John Blair, our Registrar General, reports that we continue to have inquiries about membership from our website. Since our Spring Dispatch, we have added two new members. Please welcome them!

- National Number 1440 Annual Member

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On the Subject of Genealogy

The Society does not undertake genealogical research for applicants. Neither DNA evidence nor applications from other lineage societies are accepted by The National Society of the Washington Family Descendants as proof of ancestry. Information from genealogical websites should be used as a guide, but cannot be used as proof, it will be necessary to provide primary source documentation.

Onward to Yorktown & Williamsburg *NSWFD's 70th Anniversary*

+Thoughts from Justin Glenn, Registrar Emeritus:

George Washington the Commander: The Long Years of Relentless Sacrifice and Hardship

[Few Americans, I suspect, appreciate the heavy price that the Father of Our Country paid for his ultimate victory at Yorktown. How many times we have seen our Presidents, plus Secretaries in their cabinet and countless other politicians, solemnly proclaim: "We will not rest until . . ." And then within a few days we see them out on the golf course or loafing on a beach. At least we had one President who truly did not rest until the victory was won. To that point, here are some excerpts of my entry for George Washington as found in volume one of my book *The Washingtons: A Family History*.]

The Continental Congress, after first giving him chairmanship of several committees on military affairs, bowed with some reluctance to the urging of John Adams and in the end unanimously elected Washington Commander-in-Chief on June 15, 1775. Painfully aware of the seemingly hopeless odds against the combined military and naval might of England, he asked the delegates in his brief acceptance speech to remember “that I this day declare with the utmost sincerity, I do not think myself equal to the Command I am honoured with.” Declining the \$500 per month salary, he promised an exact account of all of his expenses which he would submit to the Congress for reimbursement. For the next six years, he never took anything that could be described as a vacation, and he did not see “Mount Vernon” again until he stopped there for a few days on his way to the decisive battle of Yorktown more than six years later. . . .His legendary ability to inspire the loyalty and fidelity of ill-equipped, half-starved troops is well earned. As his small, ragged force trudged through the snow towards the Delaware River on Christmas Day, 1776, many feet were bare or wrapped only in rags. One of his officers remembered how the snow was “tinged here and there with blood from [their] feet.” Yet still they followed him, and after eight years achieved victory. Compounding the emotional anguish over his men’s suffering, the physical demands of the long war were incalculable; throughout the war “Washington seldom obtained more than three or four hours of consecutive sleep in any twenty-four” (*DAB*).

+Preview from the Reunion Committee:

Friday, October 18th is your opportunity to travel back in time and visit the historic businesses and shops of Colonial Williamsburg at your own pace. Friday evening, we will gather for dinner at historic Shields Tavern.

At this location on E. Duke of Gloucester Street, Jean Marot, a Frenchman and Huguenot refugee, operated a tavern called Marot’s Ordinary from 1709 until his death in 1717, after which his widow Anne took over. Their daughter Anne and her husband James Shields managed it from the early 1740s, living there with their children and several enslaved workers. By 1750, Shields Tavern was one of seven licensed taverns in Williamsburg, offering food, drink, lodgings and entertainment like gambling and billiards.

Register now!

Sift through your mail and take hold of the NSWFD registration forms you received in May. This mailing includes a letter outlining the weekend events and festivities, along with the registration forms for our 70th Annual Reunion-October 17-20. This year, we are making it possible for members who live nearby to participate with the group on Saturday only, while we are in Yorktown. This registration will include all fees to participate in the Yorktown parade, entrance and tours for The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Yorktown Visitor Center and our lunch. The other registration form will include participation in all of the weekend activities, events and meals, in Williamsburg and Yorktown, along with the link to make reservations at our headquarters hotel.

For a copy of the registration forms, click on the link below and connect to our website and registration information and forms: washingtonfamilydescendants.org.

Printing Deadline for 2024 Washington Words

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 Diane Creekmore, Editor of Washington Words - creekdi43@gmail.com, via US mail or email. To have changes reflected in the 2024 edition, please submit by **August 30, 2024**.

Reporting the passing of a Member

If you know of a member of the Society who has passed away, please send their name, and if available, any information or the obituary to our Chaplain General, Jim Bird birdjr@gmail.com by **September 1, 2024**, as they will be remembered at our Annual Reunion.

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.

Click here to browse the photos taken at our last reunion in Philadelphia by our talented member Karen Saunders:

<https://gallery.karensaundersphotography.com/washingtonfamilyinphiladelphia/>

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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. Ask to be allowed access, and you will receive approval to enter, browse and post.

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