



# Eskridge Family News

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear EFA Cousins and friends,

It is that time again!! Our Reunion will be in beautiful, historic Williamsburg VA. We welcome you to Virginia and hope you will have time to mingle with other Eskridge descendants and their families. And learn more about our family heritage.

We are once again staying at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Williamsburg. We enjoyed a reunion here in 2017 and are back for more. We will gather in the Meeting Room on Friday night. While we will be providing nibble foods, desserts, soft drinks and wine, we would encourage you to provide for yourself as far as dinner is concerned. The hotel does not have a restaurant, but several are close by.

Friday will be our time to share our genealogy books and family stories.

Saturday morning, our annual meeting will take place at 10:00 am again in the meeting room. We will conduct our usual business and have family discussions. A box lunch will be served.

Then, we have a special treat. We are going to Yorktown for a private tour of the History Museum.

Saturday night dinner will be at Sal's by Victor if you are interested. Everyone pays for their own.

Sunday will be at your leisure.

ONE IMPORTANT NOTE -- Coz. Ann Campbell needs to step aside as our Treasurer and we are in need of a replacement. If you have done the job for other organizations and would be interested in serving, let me or one of the other officers know of your interest. WE NEED YOU!!

We look forward to a time of gathering, sharing our families' stories, adding to the rich history we have built to this time. The genealogical research done by many of you and others has helped the collection of information grow. Many of our members have contacted us with details of their extended families. It is valuable information to the whole story and also brings out more facts that may be of interest to other members.

Hope to see you in Williamsburg. We'll have a grand time !!

Sincerely,

*Carolyn*

Carolyn Knight President

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held the weekend of September 30-Oct 2 in historic Williamsburg VA
- If you have not paid your membership dues, please send the \$15 payment to:  
Ann Campbell  
2311 Dolfield Dr  
N. Chesterfield VA 23235
- Children, grandchildren, births, marriages, divorces, deaths—we would love to have your latest information to include in the Historical Archives.

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Remember to keep your information up-to-date. Please send changes or corrections of personal information of family lineage to:

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## FROM YOUR TREASURER

Dear Cousins: Because of increasing business demands, I need to step down as Treasurer of EFA. Do you have some bookkeeping experience and would you be willing to step in to replace me? Please give it your consideration and contact any EFA officer if you are interested.

Please note that the revised membership form includes our e mail, web address and social media accounts. We need the ability to communicate with you electronically so thank you for making sure you fill out your e mail address. EFA will never share your information.

Your membership expiration date is on the address label for this newsletter. If no date is shown, we would be grateful if you would start paying your family dues in 2022. At the moment, we are examining ways to pay online that match non-profit organizations.

QUESTIONS: Contact Ann Campbell: [eskridgefamilyassociation@gmail.com](mailto:eskridgefamilyassociation@gmail.com) or 804-337-9600

NEW MEMBERS Teresa Llewellyn — Rich 3; Nannette Morrison — Marg 3, Marg 2

Laura Cox; Meredith Eskridge — Rich 3; Matt Buracker — Chas 3



### IT'S REUNION TIME !!! — SAVE THE DATE

**Our reunion will be at The Fairfield by Marriott in beautiful and historic Williamsburg VA this year September 30, October 1 & 2. We have used this hotel before and find it very nice and convenient for our purposes.. Make your reservations by calling the hotel directly 757-645-3600. Rooms are \$129 per night as long as reservations are made by August 30th for a king or 2 queens — price includes tax and continental breakfast.**

**THIS IS A MARVELOUS EXPERIENCE!! COME JOIN US AND GET TO KNOW YOUR ESKRIDGE COUSINS BETTER!**

**Address is: 1402 Richmond Rd Williamsburg VA 23185.**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM — gather in the meeting room at the Fairfield to visit with cousins, peruse our books and get to know family. We will provide snacks and goodies to eat & drink, but advise you to eat dinner prior as there are no restaurant facilities at the hotel itself**

**Saturday October 1**

**Breakfast — Continental Breakfast available to those staying at the Inn at your leisure.**

**10 AM — EFA Annual Meeting in Meeting Room of the Fairfield. We will have general EFA business to discuss. As usual, your participation is encouraged!!**

**11:30 AM — Luncheon is served. We will have a selection of sandwiches with chips available in the meeting room**

**1:00 PM — Leave for Yorktown and a private tour of the historic battlefield. We plan to start with the video provided by the National Park Service. Then we will have our own special tour. We should be done here no later than 4:30 PM. This special tour will take the place of the speaker at the meeting**

**6:30 PM — dinner at Sal's by Victor Italian Restaurant — 1242 Richmond Road. A delicious restaurant close to our hotel. It is quite a treat!!**

**Sunday October 10**

**Breakfast — Continental Breakfast available to those staying at the Inn at your leisure.**

**The rest of the time is yours — we will be about an hour and a half from Yeocomico Church — home church of Col George Eskridge and Sandy Point — the site of the home of the Colonel. While his house burned, it is interesting to see the site and the smoke house that survives in the back yard. If you have an interest, let us know and we will help you get there. Worship where Col George worshipped. Service is at 11 am**

**DRIVE SAFELY GOING HOME — SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN RICHMOND! !**

DONATIONS ARE TAX	DECUCTABLE	9/6/2021 thru 7/31/22
MARIBETH MARINACCIO	\$10	Most Needed
CAROLYN WALKER	\$20	Most Needed
SHARON DOYLE	\$25	Most Needed
HARRIETT McCALLUM	\$15	Most Needed
JULIA SPRINGER	\$30	Most Needed
CHARLES SALTZMAN	\$50	Most Needed — In memory of Mary Peyton Eskridge Saltzman
BETH ZEISS	\$50	Most Needed
MRS CLAUDE WARREN	\$85	E Stan Eskridge Hist Fund in memory of Dr/Mrs Marshall Eskridge
JOSEPH D ESKRIDGE JR	\$70	Most Needed—In memory of Mary Agnes Walker Eskridge
DR DAVID JORDAN	\$90	Most Needed
DARYL BRUCE	\$185	Most Needed — in memory of Lula Mae Eskridge Bruce
SHERRY DEERING	\$100	Most Needed
WILL ESKRIDGE	\$100	Most Needed —in memory of Wilton Eskridge's 100th birthday — 9/22/21
E STAN ESKRIDGE JR	\$500	E Stan Eskridge Hist. Fund
E STAN ESKRIDGE JR	\$250	Scholarship Fund
VIRGINIA JOHNSON	\$50	Most Needed — in memory of Ralph Pritchard II
JAMES C ESKRIDGE	\$40	Most Needed — in memory of Clifton & Odessa Eskridge
MRS CLAUDE WARREN III	\$85	Most Needed — in memory of Dr Marshall Eskridge
ROBERT KNIGHT	\$30	E Stan Eskridge Fund in memory of Lorraine Medlock
CHRISTINE K WOODS	\$30	Website Fund in memory of Lorraine Medlock
ANN G CAMPBELL	\$100	E Stan Eskridge Fund in memory of Mom and Dad
FRAN MARKOWSKI	\$50	Most Needed — in memory of Marcella E Olsen
ROBERT L ESKRIDGE	\$70	Most Needed — in memory of Dr. Robert C Eskridge
KATHERINE WEBER WOLF	\$110	E Stan Eskridge Fund — in memory of Margaret Eskridge & in honor of Kay E. Weber

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES



Allow extra time at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown to view the introductory film, *Liberty Fever*, and shop in the museum store.

## American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

Take in the Revolution through dynamic gallery exhibits, films and outdoor living history.

The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown tells the story of the nation's founding, from the twilight of the colonial period to the dawn of the Constitution and beyond. Exciting indoor galleries feature period artifacts, immersive environments and films, including "The Siege of Yorktown," with a 180-degree surround screen and dramatic special effects.

In the outdoor areas, visit a re-created [Continental Army encampment](#) to learn about the life of a soldier and take in daily demonstrations on medical treatment, camp life and cooking, and see firings of a flintlock musket. Explore a [Revolution-era farm](#), based on a real-life 18th-century family, to help with chores in the house, kitchen, tobacco barn, gardens and crops.



**From the August 1951 EFA Annual Reunion. Photo taken at Sandy Point. You might recognize the smoke house that is still there.**

***Many thanks to new Coz Matt 12 Buracker— Charles 3 for submitting this gem!!***



## From the Archives

**IN MEMORY OF — CAROLYN HENSLEY (spouse) JETT — born 10 November 1932; died 12 June 2022. She was the wife of Philip Lee 9 Jett (Wm 3 Geo 1) and had been a speaker for one of our reunions.**

A native of Kentucky, she spent more than 40 years researching local history and genealogy. She was also a teacher for more than 20 years. She regularly contributed articles to local periodicals and wrote several books, including *Lancaster County, Where the River Meets the Bay* and *Heathsville, Yesterday and Today*.

## A GENEALOGIST'S DREAM HEADSTONE

Coz. Cyndee ran across this headstone in a cemetery in Tennessee— East Side Cemetery, Martin, Weakley Co TN. While this particular family is not one of ours, look at the information found on the stone!! AND, you can read it!!



## *EastCarolinaRoots.com - Cousin Relationship Chart*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	<b>Common Ancestor</b>	Son or Daughter	Grandson or Daughter	Great Grandson or Daughter	2nd Great Grandson or Daughter	3rd Great Grandson or Daughter	4th Great Grandson or Daughter	5th Great Grandson or Daughter	6th Great Grandson or Daughter	7th Great Grandson or Daughter
2	Son or Daughter	<b>Brother or Sister</b>	Niece or Nephew	Grand Niece or Nephew	Great Grand Niece or Nephew	2nd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	3rd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	4th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	5th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	6th Great Grand Niece or Nephew
3	Grandson or Daughter	Niece or Nephew	<b>First Cousin</b>	First Cousin Once Removed	First Cousin Twice Removed	First Cousin Three Times Removed	First Cousin Four Times Removed	First Cousin Five Times Removed	First Cousin Six Times Removed	First Cousin Seven Times Removed
4	Great Grandson or Daughter	Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Once Removed	<b>Second Cousin</b>	Second Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Three Times Removed	Second Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed	Second Cousin Six Times Removed
5	2nd Great Grandson or Daughter	Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Once Removed	<b>Third Cousin</b>	Third Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Three Times Removed	Third Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed
6	3rd Great Grandson or Daughter	2nd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Three Times Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Once Removed	<b>Fourth Cousin</b>	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Three Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Four Times Removed
7	4th Great Grandson or Daughter	3rd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Three Times Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	<b>Fifth Cousin</b>	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Three Times Removed
8	5th Great Grandson or Daughter	4th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Five Times Removed	Second Cousin Four Times Removed	Third Cousin Three Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	<b>Sixth Cousin</b>	Sixth Cousin Once Removed	Sixth Cousin Twice Removed
9	6th Great Grandson or Daughter	5th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Six Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed	Third Cousin Four Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Three Times Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed	Sixth Cousin Once Removed	<b>Seventh Cousin</b>	Seventh Cousin Once Removed
10	7th Great Grandson or Daughter	6th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Seven Times Removed	Second Cousin Six Times Removed	Third Cousin Five Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Four Times Removed	Fifth Cousin Three Times Removed	Sixth Cousin Twice Removed	Seventh Cousin Once Removed	<b>Eighth Cousin</b>



**IN MEMORIUM — THOMAS WETHERELL 8 STEPTOE JR (Thos W 7 Phil P 6 Chas Y 5 Thom 4 Jas 3 Eliz 2 Geo 1) was born 25 April 1951; died 23 January 2022 Charles Town WV. He served as EFA President for 2 terms and greatly aided in the transition after the retirement of Coz. Elizabeth Coiner.**

Thomas Wetherell Steptoe, Jr. 70, passed away on January 23, 2022.

He was the son of the late Thomas W. Steptoe and Margaret Crane Steptoe and the grandson of Philip Pendleton Steptoe and Mary Louise Wetherell Steptoe & Charles L. Crane and Anne Lionberger Crane.

He was a Senior Status Circuit Court Judge and a former Legislator (House of Delegates) and a retired WV Circuit Court Judge.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 39 years, Sharon Menefee Steptoe; by a daughter, Dr. Anne Parrish Steptoe of Charlotte, NC, and her husband, Robert Short and a son, Philip Pendleton Barbour Steptoe of Hurricane, WV and his wife, Casey Baker Steptoe.

He grew up in Charles Town. He attended Miss Ollie Blessing's Kindergarten, the Public Schools of Jefferson County, WV and graduated from the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA, where he received the William Bee Ravenel "E" Club Award for Effort, Service and Sportsmanship in Athletics and the William Garrett Bibb Award for Excellence in Shakespeare. Thereafter, he earned a Three-Term Certificate from The University of St. Andrews in Scotland where his work concentrated on the study of Anglo-Saxon language and literature. In 1974, he earned his BA "with distinction" (the equivalent of a "cum laude") in English from the University of Virginia. Then, in 1977 he earned his JD from the West Virginia University College of Law. Then, also in 1977, he became an associate of the law firm of Avey, Steptoe, Perry, Van Metre & Rockwell. In 1980, at age 29, he was elected to represent Jefferson County in the West Virginia House of Delegates. He served two terms as a Delegate as a member of the House Judiciary Committee, the Health & Welfare Committee and as Vice-Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. While in the Legislature, he pursued a number of issues but, in particular, strived for single-member house of delegate districts, restitution, and crime rights, as well as initiatives to preserve farmland. In 1984, at age 33, he was elected Circuit Court Judge, 23rd Circuit, which encompassed Jefferson, Berkeley & Morgan Counties, to which position he was twice re-elected to successive 8-year terms. He was one of the youngest persons to ever be elected to this position. The docket which he assumed upon his election was one of the most problematic in the entire state and was in danger of collapsing under its own weight. Through a combination of cooperation with the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals docket reforms and increasing court operation hours he was able to render the docket effective and efficient. Steptoe was twice appointed as a temporary supreme court justice, including to the controversial Oakley v. Gainer case. This case was a follow-up to a previous Supreme Court of Appeals decision in the notorious case of In Re Dostert, in which the supreme Court had in effect, substantially rewritten the Judicial pension statute, rendering its already generous provisions more accessible to former judges. In Oakley, the Petitioners were seeking to force the State Auditor to honor the new rules laid down by the Supreme Court in Dostert on the basis that the same constituted binding legal precedent, i.e., "stare decisis." As the case developed, however, Steptoe came to believe that the holding of the Court in Dostert should not be followed as legal precedent because the holding violated the Constitutional separation of powers doctrine. In short, Steptoe believed that the State Constitution vested issues concerning the compensation of judicial officers solely and exclusively in the Legislature, thus rendering the judiciary without jurisdiction to alter the same. Nevertheless, the majority of the panel in the Oakley case voted to uphold and follow the Dostert decision. Steptoe then wrote a strongly worded and at the time a frequently quoted dissenting opinion. Six years later, the issue was revisited in the case of Harshbarger v. Gainer, the Supreme Court of Appeals reversed its holding in Dostert and stated the following in its ruling: "We declare that by the lavish expansion of the judicial retirement system in Dostert, this Court invaded rights that were reserved by the Constitution of the State of West Virginia to the legislature...It is for these reasons that we now strike the fatal blow to the judicial retirement system written by the Court in Dostert and Depond. As the effacers of our past mistakes, we neither point a finger nor claim credit. Justice Neely dissented in Dostert, Justice Brotherton dissented in Depond, and circuit Judge Steptoe, sitting on a special panel in Oakley, dissented. Except for these judges, and one or two others, we acted more like children in a candy store than responsible public officials."

In 2009, after twenty-four years of active service, Judge Steptoe retired was immediately appointed as a senior status West Virginia circuit court judge, a position that he has held ever since. During his tenure as a senior status circuit court judge, he presided over cases assigned to him by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals in approximately 20 of West Virginia's 55 counties.

The family is planning a memorial service to be held in the spring. We will provide more details as they become available.

Father of all, we pray to You for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them Your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in Your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 2022 EFA REUNION

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE 2022 REUNION

SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1 & 2

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