

Eskridge Family Association
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
October 1, 2016

The meeting was held in the Northumberland County Historical Society building, 86 Back Street, Heathsville, VA at 10:00 a.m. with 23 present. President, Hildie Bottom, called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer.

Hildie welcomed members, new members and those who were attending for the first time. She thanked Vice President, Betty Brown, who made the arrangements for this meeting.

The members who had passed away in past years were remembered with a moment of silence. Lorene Lomax Parrish, Sarah Duff Steptoe, John Carey Rhymes, Dixon R. Wagman, Phyllis Jeanne Eskridge Matthews.

The current officers were introduced.

President – Hildie Bottom

Vice President – Betty Brown

Secretary – Carolyn Knight

Treasurer - Fran Markowski

Historian/ Head Shepherd – Harry Eskridge

Each of the members in attendance introduced themselves and their guests. Each told their relationship to Colonel George Eskridge.

The minutes of the 2015 meeting, held on October 5, 2015 were approved as published on the web site.

Hildie thanked Harry and Cyndee Eskridge for preparing the Newsletter. They said they do some research for articles and other members contribute some articles.

The Treasurer's Report shows balance to date of \$16,595.91. She reported 23 registered for the meeting and three new members have been added this year.

Yeocomico Church in Cople Parish will be having a Homecoming Service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 2, 2016. A lunch will follow the service. All Eskridge Family Association members are welcome. The Association received a thank you note from the Church thanking for the donation to the Altar Fund and the Endowment Fund. Information and directions to the Yeocomico Church were available.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation publishes a Newsletter that highlights the work of the Foundation. It is an interesting Magazine and available to anyone who would like to contribute. They also recognized the donation from the EFA and appreciate the contribution.

Harry Eskridge gave the Shepherd's report. Harry has had a DNA test which gives a wide base for comparison. Anyone who would like to participate in DNA testing may contact Harry for information. Harry reported that more research on Richard 3 would be ongoing. There is some connection to names found in Delaware and Maryland that will need more research. They will be looking at the 1800's time period.

Davis Bottom reported on the web site for the Organization. The web site needs a Web Master, a volunteer who has the ability to keep the site current. Various options were discussed.

The Board recommended the following donations: The Yeocomico Church Endowment Fund - \$200; The Yeocomico Altar Guild - \$100; The Chesapeake Bay Foundation - \$100; Westmoreland County Historical Society \$150. A motion was made to approve the recommendations. There was a second and the motion was approved by a vote of those in attendance.

In news of interest to members, a Book on the History of Edward J. Steptoe in Utah has been published by the University of Idaho press and is now available. Currently there is an article about Edward in the Utah History Encyclopedia available on their web site.

Hildie announced that next year's meeting would be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 in the Williamsburg area, with an evening gathering on Friday, October 6, 2017.

Betty gave directions and information on lunch at Hughlett's Tavern, which is just next to the Historical Society. After lunch, members will gather in front of the Historical Society and follow Mr. Wolf in a caravan to various sites of interest in the areas of Dungan Point, Lewisetta and Cherry Point.

Those meeting for dinner will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Lowery's Restaurant in Tappahannock.

Cyndee Eskridge told about a DAR grave marking that she had attended. She noted that Captain William Eskridge had lived in the Heathsville area and has a known grave. She suggested contacting a local DAR chapter that might be interested in looking into a marker for Cpt. William.

Hildie Bottom announced that she is resigning as President of the Association. Carolyn Knight has been asked to assume the position of President for the remainder of this term. Ingrid Rockstrom will be serving as Secretary.

Harry presented Hildie with a card and a gift from the Association with their thanks for her many years of service as President.

Hilde thanked members for coming and the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Tom Wolf, VP of the Northumberland County Historical Society was introduced and presented a program on early settlement in Virginia and the Northumberland area.

Carolyn Knight, Secretary