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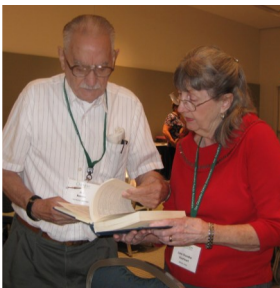
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What a wonderful reunion! I loved every moment.



Comments by CFA members. Photos by Carol Chandler Halbert, Sharon Maloney and Claudia Chandler Brocato.



The day at Jamestown was great.



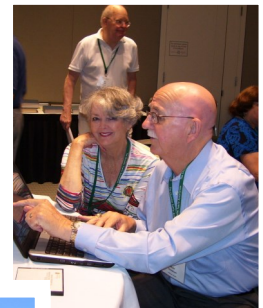
We thought you did such a great job organizing the activities and bringing the group together.



I really enjoyed all of the activities



This was our first CFA meeting and we thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



. . . the annual meeting seemed like a total success to me!

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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

The Hampton meeting of the Chandler Family Association was really special. We had a much larger participation than usual because it was in observance of the 400th anniversary of John Chandler's arrival in the New World and of the founding of the city of Hampton. I was privileged to meet many wonderful "cousins" and to renew several friendships. It was gratifying to see members who had made new discoveries in their personal research. Since the meeting, the officers have worked diligently to fulfill requests for assistance from members.

Many contributed to the success of the meeting. I want to thank Charles and Betty Chandler for "scouting" the area hotels and attractions for us. I want to acknowledge the exceptional work done by Helen Chandler. Helen carried out the decisions of the officers as she arranged for the hotel stay; the meeting room at the convention center; the tours of Jamestown, Jamestown Settlement, and Hampton; and the group's dinner out. We certainly had wonderful accommodations and great planned activities. She is already working on next year's meeting. Thanks, Helen, for all that you do for us.

The CFA is experiencing impressive growth, enrolling the 500th concurrent member in September and reaching 518 in October. The association is growing, not only in membership, but in the quality of its programs and services. The CFA Lineages Database, the Genealogy Panel, the DNA Project, the award-winning *Newsletter*, and the Genetic Chandler Families pages on the website are examples. I want to thank all who contribute in any way to these endeavors. We are reaping benefits from the high standards that we set, and our growth is ongoing. In this regard, I want to thank the Edmund Chandler Family Association for agreeing to let us incorporate their databases into the CFA Lineages Database. This will enhance the usefulness of CFALD to Chandler researchers everywhere.

Next year's meeting is set for Dallas, Texas. It has been several years since we met in Texas. The Dallas meeting will mark another milestone — the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Chandler Family Association. Watch the website and the newsletters for details. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Sincerely,
C.M.

Growing Chandler Oaks from Robinson Park Acorns

Cousins and CFA members Linda Verges and John William Chandler were with us at the 2010 meeting and on the Hampton tour when we stopped at Robinson Park. The park, on land that was once owned by John Chandler b. 1600, has numerous beautiful oak trees. With thoughts of growing "Chandler oaks," some of us picked up acorns under the trees. Linda later talked to a professional gardener in Williamsburg about planting the acorns. He provided

this advice, which John and Linda are passing along to you:



Photo by Carol Chandler Halbert

Allow the acorns to turn brown. Place the brown acorns in a pail or large bowl of water. The acorns that sink are good; the unsinkables can be tossed. Place each acorn in moist potting soil, preferably small seeding containers or cartons, and refrigerate at 40 degrees for a minimum of three months. Remove from the refrigerator and expose to spring weather. ✻

Life of Silas L. Chandler

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Silas L. Chandler spent the first 34 years of his life on Ivy Creek^{1,2,3} in the remote Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina. The son of Larkin G. Chandler and Sarah Metcalf, Silas was born 7 March 1832 in Beech Glen,^{4,5} which at the time was



Silas and Jane Banks Chandler

in Buncombe County. In the 1840⁶ and 1850⁷ censuses, the Larkin Chandler household was enumerated in Yancey County, on the same land where Silas was born.

Changes in the geography of North Carolina's counties over time make it appear that Larkin Chandler's family made several moves, but they actually never left the Ivy area. Ivy Creek was part of the division of Buncombe County that became Yancey County in 1833 and then became Madison County in 1851.

Silas would have been a necessary part of his family's survival, working the farm with his father. He was from a family of ten children, eight of them girls.⁸ His only brother was 14 years younger,⁹ so that put a lot of responsibility on Silas. Even with the chores on the farm, he managed to go to school until he reached 16-17 years old. According to the 1850¹⁰ census, Silas had attended school within the past year, and the 1870¹¹ census indicates he can read and write.

According to the Madison County, North Carolina, marriage register, Silas Chandler

and Jane Banks were married by N. W. Anderson, Justice of the Peace, on 19 April 1861.¹² This register appears to have been put together at some later date, because it is alphabetical. A problem arises in the 1860 Madison County cen-

sus,¹³ which says Silas and Jane were "married within the year." That would make their marriage between 11 June 1859 and 11 June 1860, the date the census was taken. The conflicting

CFA Lineages Database (CFALD) information on Silas L. Chandler:

Father	Larkin G. Chandler b. 1800 SC, d. 1866 Madison Co. NC
Grandfather	John Chandler b. 1756, d. 1825 Buncombe Co. NC
G-Grandfather	Unknown
Children of Silas and Jane	Rachel Mandoza b. abt 1861 Arizona Elizabeth b. 1863 Jehu Larkin b. 1866 Martha K. b. 1868 George Burton "Birt" b. 1871 John B. b. 1873 Sarah M. b. 1876 Nancy Melvina b. 1878 James Monroe b. 1881 Esteller "Stella" b. 1888

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information found so far makes it impossible to be sure of their marriage date at this time.

Living in this isolated mountain environment, the surrounding families soon became inter-married. Two of Silas' sisters married the nearby Buckner brothers, and two other sisters married into the Foster family.¹⁴ Silas' father and siblings remained a close-knit family, with two of his sisters' families next door in 1860.¹⁵ His father was seven houses down, with three children still at home.

On the eve of the Civil War, Silas and Jane had their first child. Rachael was born in 1861,¹⁶ and the family grew with the birth of another girl, Arizona, in 1863.¹⁷ Even though Silas was 29 years old when the Civil War started, I have found no evidence that he served on either side. There may have been a physical reason for this, or Silas may have stayed close to home to protect his new family. Between 1866 and 1888, Silas and Jane had eight more children.^{18,19}

After his father Larkin's death in 1866,²⁰ Silas sold the land that he inherited. In June 1868 and June 1869 there were three deeds proved in Madison County. One deed, dated 16 March 1868, indicates that Silas and wife Jane are "of Washington County, Tennessee."²¹ That deed transferred 50 acres on Bull Creek, off of Ivy, to D.H. Buckner for \$125. On 14 May 1868 Silas and Jane sold 25 acres on Little Ivy Creek to James W. Buckner, his brother-in-law, for \$100.²² He then sold 100 acres on Ivy to Samuel Revis for \$300 on 29 November 1868.²³

Silas and Jane moved their family about 20 miles away, over the Bald Mountains into Tennessee. They settled in the Clear Branch area of Washington County, where two of his sisters were living.²⁴ On 9 September 1867 Silas bought 258 acres between the waters of Clear Branch and Indian Creeks.²⁵ Chancery Court Clerk Henry Hoss made the sale at the door of the Jonesboro Courthouse for \$472. This land was probably sold for payment of the previous

owner's taxes. The 1870 census values Silas' real estate at \$1,000,²⁶ which was quite an increase over what he paid for it. After finding no other land purchases in his name for this time period, I conclude that the price of \$472 was a bargain for this land.

Silas' family was among the many North Carolinians who crossed the border into Tennessee. In 1870, the census of the Clear Branch area reveals that 33% of its inhabitants were born in North Carolina,²⁷ including Silas, Jane and three of their children.

Silas and Jane were listed among a number of plaintiffs in a lawsuit in Yancey County regarding the estate of Jane's grandparents, Andrew and Rachael Banks.²⁸ One of her uncles, W.B. Banks, filed the suit in 1874 against three other family members regarding the use of the land in Andrew and Rachael Bank's estate. According to the court papers filed for the estate, it was a long, drawn-out controversy that lasted until 1882. It ended with the sheriff trying to collect payment from all of the plaintiffs, including Jane's uncles, aunts and cousins, for the lawyer and other costs associated with the action. They all swore they had nothing to do with the W. B. Banks lawsuit, and most knew nothing about it. There is no statement in the file from Silas and Jane, but some of the documents were undated, are missing, or list different heirs. All that transpired is not apparent, but certainly there would have been a lot of animosity among the family members after such an episode.

Unicoi County was formed in 1875 from part of Washington County, which included Clear Branch. The 1880 agriculture census for Unicoi indicates that Silas' farm is valued at \$1,000,²⁹ which is the same as the 1870 population schedule.³⁰ Silas grew rye, flax, and sorghum for syrup. He had apple trees and grew sweet potatoes, which could be easily stored for the cold winter months. The bees on his farm produced honey which Jane would have canned. His livestock included sheep, which

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he would have sheared in the late spring after the cold weather was over and early fall before cold weather came. The meat from Silas' hogs would have been preserved by salting and smoking over hickory coals.

With very little industry aside from farming, there were few job opportunities in Madison or Unicoi County. Even though Unicoi experienced rapid growth when railroad construction was begun in 1886,³¹ the 1920 census indicates Silas' children continued the farming tradition.³² According to *Unicoi County, Tennessee, a Brief History*, "The railroad was the major employer until 1916,"³³ providing more opportunities for his grandchildren.

There is a photo in the book *Around Home in Unicoi County* of Silas and Jane, daughters Melvina and Estella, son George, his wife, and 5 children.³⁴ This picture is taken in front of the home of Silas and Jane in the Clear Branch community. In guessing at the age of George's daughter, Laura,³⁵ along with daughter Melvina's marriage date,³⁶ I have estimated that the photo was taken around 1901. The modest dress of the family and the rustic house in the background, are testaments to the simple life of a farmer. (Editor's note: This photo appears above.)

Silas lived a long life for his time, dying at the age of 85.³⁷ On his death certificate, according to his son, G.B. (George Burton)



Seated adults, from left: Silas Chandler, Jane Banks Chandler, Elvira Jones Chandler and George Burton Chandler (son of Silas). Children, from left: George and Elvira's children Robert, Laura, Jane, Ethel, and Carmon. Standing at back: Silas' daughters, Estella Chandler (Mashburn) and Melvina Chandler (Farnor).

Chandler, he died 7 August 1917 in Clear Branch.³⁸ His son was the registrar, the informant, and gives the cause of death. He died from "cancer – don't know kind," with "no medical attendance at present." I would assume at some point in Silas' illness that he had seen a doctor and received the cancer diagnosis. There were doctors in the town of Erwin^{39,40} 14 miles away, and possibly closer, but not present at time of death. George probably did not know the technical term for the specific type of cancer, but was aware of the overall cause of his father's death.

Silas was a farmer his whole life, a husband for 57 years, a father of 10 children, and grandfather to many grandchildren. This was a close family, with all but one of his living children remaining in the Clear Branch area

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during his lifetime.⁴¹ Silas' wife Jane died at 82 on 29 June 1924 in Clear Branch from "general breakdown."⁴²

Their children seem to have inherited their longevity. Martha, who died at age 26, was the only one of their children to die young.⁴³ Four of their children lived to be over 85, and three lived to be over 90 years old.⁴⁴ Silas and Jane are both buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, as are six of their ten children.⁴⁵

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About the author: Although CFA member Pamela Mashburn of Suffolk, Virginia, is the genealogist in her family, her husband, Philip Keith Mashburn, is the Chandler descendant. Pam joined the National Genealogical Society and completed one of their online courses in 2008. The last assignment was to write a genealogy article, complete with sources. A box of deeds and land grants, from the protracted lawsuit mentioned in the article, provided a good starting point. Pam chose her husband's great-grandfather as her subject because of the amount of information available. The students were encouraged to personalize their historical subjects, a challenge which Pam met well.

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Who Will Inherit Your Genealogy Files?

Claudia Chandler Brocato

Most of us have made provisions for our loved ones to inherit our homes, our money, and our family heirlooms. Perhaps you have taken proper legal steps, such as a Last Will and Testament, to make sure your wishes are followed.

Have you considered who will take charge of your genealogy files when you are no longer able to care for them? Your choice may be obvious if there is a younger family member who is interested in your family's history. If there is no suitable family member, you should make plans for someone else or an appropriate organization to safeguard your research.

Possible guardians for your genealogy records are your state archives, the local historical or genealogical society, or even your town's library if they have a local history collection. If you are a DAR member, you might consider your local DAR chapter as the recipient of your files. The CFA would certainly welcome your Chandler research and documents.

You should inquire of any organization whether they are capable of safely storing your files and making your information available to future researchers. Be sure to describe in detail to the organization and to your family the extent of your collection and the formats in which your records are kept: books, files, notebooks, computer files, or other.

Sue Kirves, former CFA vice president and historian, is an active DAR member. When asked her thoughts about designating a genealogy heir, Sue shared a story from her own experience. A lady who is really the last of her direct line called Sue for advice.

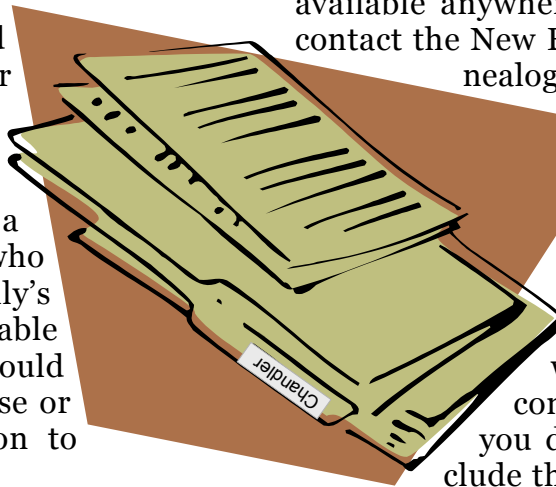
She did not know where to place an original, rather worn, handwritten journal done by one of her ancestors in the early 1800s. It contains a lot of personal knowledge and facts about people and places that are not available anywhere else. Sue suggested she contact the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. The NEHGS

was thrilled to get the journal, which will be professionally restored and preserved for future generations.

Once you have chosen your genealogy heir, what is the best way to communicate your plan? If you do have a will, you can include this bequest in the will itself or in a codicil. If you do not have a formal will or if the will does not mention your genealogy materials, a note detailing your wishes can be written to your family. This note should be placed with your genealogy files, in your file of important papers, or with your will – or possibly copies in all three places. Most families will honor such a request, especially if there is no family member who wants the responsibility of your genealogy materials.

If you don't do anything else, please discuss with your family the questions raised here. You may be pleasantly surprised to find a family member who is interested in safeguarding your research for the future generations. If not, that will be your cue to begin looking elsewhere for a genealogy heir.

Email me at cbrocato@earthlink.net to share your suggestions or plans for the protection of your genealogy research in the future. This could turn into an ongoing discussion among our members. ✨



Chandler One-Name Study, Genealogy Panel, Lineages Database, and Chandler DNA Project

Report by Dick Chandler

CFA Annual Meeting, Hampton, Virginia – September 18, 2010

I would like to report to you on the Chandler One-Name Study, the new CFA Genealogy Panel, the CFA Lineages Database, the Chandler Surname DNA Project, and the genetic Chandler family pages on the CFA website.

The Chandler One-Name Study



www.one-name.org

I have cut my time allocation to this study by 50% this year, to make time available for CFA projects, and it will continue at that reduced level for at least another year. Of course, I still have to respond to the Chandler enquiries I receive from around the world, because that is the commitment I made to the Guild of One-Name Studies when I registered the Chandler Study with them 13 years ago. And I have continued to research 15th and 16th Century Chandlers this year, because that is where the answers to our big questions lie – questions about the origins of 1610 immigrant John, New England immigrant Edmund, and other early brick walls.

It has also been necessary to stay in touch with major genealogy news items in order to track what is happening to the Chandler surname. The U.S. 1990 Census maintained the proportion of Chandlers in the general population at about 34 per 100,000 of the general population, which is what we expected, and the name was ranked #322. In the 2000 Census, "we" Chandlers slipped to rank #379, and our proportion dropped from 34 per 100,000 people to 28 per 100,000. This means that the



Dick Chandler

Photo by Sharon Maloney

Chandler position dropped by 17% in 10 years. There are more details provided for the 2000 Census, which enable us to know that 77% of Chandlers considered themselves to be white and 19% were black – these were the only significant racial percentages. But because we have the total count (which was 76,114 Chandlers in the U.S. in the year 2000) we can note with interest that there were 1,126 Hispanic Chandlers, 1,210 "non-Hispanic of two or more races" and 418 American Indian Chandlers.

The CFA Genealogy Panel



As you will have read in the newsletter, the panel is a new way of helping members and non-members tackle their genealogy brick walls. The Panel now comprises 10 volunteer panelists and 12* specialist volunteer consultants who have particular experience of an area or a lineage. Our Panelists are **Joe Chandler**, Virginia; **Dodie Chandler**, Tennessee; **John William Chandler**, Texas; **Wayne Chandler**, Florida; **Donna Gorda**, New Jersey; **Barry Jernigan**, Tennessee; **Jim Light**, California; **Sharon Maloney**, Pennsylvania; **Pam Mashburn**, Virginia; and **Margaret Sinn**, Minnesota. Our consultants are:

- **Lorie Bradshaw**, New York, for New Kent County VA and/or her JRR John line*
- **Jackie Cahoon**, Virginia, for genetic family #8, which we have linked to a long-established and interesting English line of Chandlers in Leicestershire

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- **Ann Chandler**, Texas, the wife of Charles Dana Chandler, for the William and Annis line which first settled in Massachusetts
- **John Chandler**, Massachusetts, our truly awesome DNA expert, who additionally helps us with his line, which is also the William and Annis line
- **Jon Chandler**, Georgia, in connection with the descendants of William Chandler of Newbury, Massachusetts, who was born in England in 1617
- **Robert Wesley "Robb" Chandler**, Missouri, in connection with a specific group 7A lineage headed JRR William William William and in connection with Greene County, Missouri, generally
- **Madonna Mahurin**, Kentucky, in connection with Chandlers of Western Kentucky
- **Carol May**, California, in connection with the descendants of Edmund Chandler and New England generally
- **Doris Messner**, Ohio, in connection with Western North Carolina, especially Madison, Yancey and early Buncombe counties
- **Cathy Ossenfort**, New York, in connection with New York state, the Mohawk and Hudson Valley, and counties along the Canadian border
- **Lynne VanNess**, California, in connection with the descendants of Roger Chandler of Concord, Massachusetts
- **Maretta Wulfjen**, Texas, in connection with her lineage headed JRR Joseph James.

The panel is chaired by me, and our very able and hard-working secretary is Claudia Chandler Brocato. It should be understood that the enquiries we receive are always difficult, because each one represents a huge brick wall run into by a Chandler researcher, and we try hard to advise them how to overcome it. The panel has already handled more than 60* cases in less than a year, and in the process

has earned the gratitude of the enquirers, gained a number of new CFA members and DNA project participants, and the word is getting around that the CFA is a helpful and adaptive organization. I know of no other family association that has such a service, and I would like you to join me in thanking all panel participants for this significant advance in our Association.

The CFA Lineages Database



I am not going to consume time repeating the things which most of you sat through yesterday during my presentations. There is a CD of the presentation, originally prepared as a contingency in case I could not make it to Hampton, but now offered as a reminder for those who were present and an alternative way of being informed for those who have not been able to come to Hampton. It costs \$6 if you buy it here or \$8 including postage if it is ordered later.

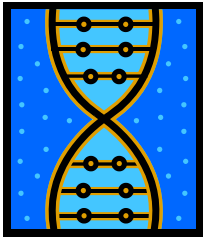
We have a long, long way to go with CFALD. Currently, records of only eight genetically distinct families appear in it, and even these are by no means 100% complete. It has taken hundreds of hours just to get to this point. Standardizing the place names alone meant that 400,000 place fields had to be looked at, and every single one of those that was not blank needed changing. But we now have a flexible, standardized base on which to build, and the CFALD is already paying back in terms of improved response from the Genealogy Panel to enquiries from CFA members and the general public.

The CFA website has already been updated with details of CFALD policies and procedures, Questions & Answers, and guidelines for contributing your data to CFALD. Please take a look at these pages when you get home.

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The Chandler Surname DNA Project



The number of participants in the DNA project has increased by 17% this year, which is about three new participants per month. In addition, we have taken advantage of our laboratory's discount sales by increasing the number of people with 37 or more markers tested, because this allows more detailed analysis of matches. Our count of participant results is now 253, some of whom tested with other laboratories. A total of 195 of these 253 have 37 or more markers tested.

We had a breakthrough this year, finding that a participant who was born and raised in Ireland matched our single group 7C member – who is me! This was quite a surprise, because Chandler is not a traditional Irish name. Sure enough, I have been able to prove that a member of my family, Richard Chandler, who was born in Boldre, Hampshire, England, in 1795 and died at Lymington, Hampshire in 1848, was mustered aboard the British Royal Navy vessel *HMS Spartan*, a 38-gun warship, at Cork in Ireland on 14 October 1819 as a "volunteer." In those days, "volunteers" were often assisted in their decision by being provided with an excess of alcohol and perhaps a blow or two from a cosh. Richard came from a seafaring branch of my family – his cousin James had fought on the *Royal Sovereign*, the first English warship to engage the combined fleets of Spain and Napoleon's France at the momentous Battle of Trafalgar, which ended the threat to Britain's maritime trade for 100 years.

When he was 15 (1810), Richard and his brothers inherited a guinea each from their grandfather (about \$150 in today's terms). I don't yet know whether he took off then or later, but he was certainly in Cork in 1819 at the age of 24. It is clear that, before he left

on the *Spartan* in that year, he fathered a child who was also given the name Richard, who was the great-great-grandfather of our DNA project participant. So the DNA evidence and the paper evidence support each other, which is very satisfying.

However, the most significant event of the year on the DNA project has been the introduction of the genetic Chandler family stories on the CFA website. If you have not seen these yet, you have a treat in store. DNA Project reports and web sites are necessarily strictly factual, but some people find them rather boring. Jazzing them up is a bad mistake, because it reduces their credibility, which is fatal. The Chandler DNA Project web site report is just as boring as everyone else's, but we have introduced a parallel mechanism to tell the *human* story of our DNA Groups in an *interesting* way. First, we stopped calling them "DNA groups."

We have explained that there are three kinds of family – the nuclear family (mother, father and the children), the extended family (grandparents, uncles and aunts, and cousins, most of whom know each other, or at least know of each other), and the genetically distinct family (comprising many extended families, most of whom do NOT know each other). Being an occupational surname, there are lots of genetically distinct Chandler families – we guesstimate about 150, of which we have discovered about 60 so far. People empathise with "families" far more than "groups," and we have tried to make each genetic family's story interesting but factual, so as to attract new DNA project participants and CFA members. We have had very complimentary feedback on the first 13* family pages and look forward to producing more in the coming year. They will be announced in the Town Crier section of the CFA website, as usual.

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Conclusion

It is important for me to stress that these things I have reported on – the One-Name Study, the Genealogy Panel, the Lineages Database, and the DNA Project – all combine with the association's other precious assets, such as the award-winning newsletter, our terrific website, our enthusiastic membership, the meticulous administration of our member records and finances, and the wise counsel and decision-making of our Executive Committee, to make a unique, successful, well-rounded organization.

*Updated information since date of report



Searching for Female Ancestors

Claudia Chandler Brocato

Women's names historically change with marriage and often the maiden surname is missing from official records and legal papers, which makes proving their ancestry difficult.

If you can't find a birth, marriage or death record for your female ancestor, those same records for her husband and children might contain information you need. Obituaries might mention male relatives. Repetition of given names within a family can also provide clues to the mother's parentage.

A female's name as witness on a legal document could indicate a relationship to other names in the document. Proximity of families in census records, especially if they remain neighbors over time, can imply more than a neighborly relationship. Even if families started out as neighbors, the difficulty of travel often meant young people would marry within their own neighborhood.

"The Hidden Half of the Family," a book by Christina Kassabian Schaefer (published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, and available at Amazon.com) is a recommended source for genealogy research on female ancestors.

Sources:

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www.broomfieldenterprise.com/ci_13579528



Announcing the 2011 Annual Meeting September 16 and 17 Dallas, Texas



The letters "GTT" (Gone to Texas) were often found carved or scrawled on abandoned houses, fences, or signs in the 1800s as settlers in the South pulled up stakes and moved on to Texas. The

CFA is GTT (Going to Texas) in 2011.

We have met in Texas on three previous occasions: 1997 (Longview), 2001 (Longview again), and 2003 (Austin). In 2011 we will be in Dallas for the first time. Texas is full of Chandlers whose ancestors followed the migration route from Virginia through the Carolinas and the Deep South to Texas. Of our current membership of just over 500, 75 are Texas residents.

Our headquarters will be in the Galleria area of Dallas at a new (in 2010) **Holiday Inn Express** that has everything we need for a successful event. Members may make reservations beginning immediately. Deadline for making your reservation and receiving our group rate (you should mention the Chandler Family Association) is **August 15**.

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First CFA Meeting held in 1991

The following is an account by Joseph Chandler Burton, Jr. (1925-2000), then secretary/treasurer and later president, of the first CFA reunion, held October 27-29, 1991, in Hartwell, Georgia. We will celebrate the CFA's 20th anniversary September 16 and 17, 2011, at our Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

The first annual reunion of the Association of Chandler Families was held at the old homesite of Henry Farmer Chandler (1801-1877) at historic Chandler's Ferry, Hart County, Georgia. Under perfect weather, over 100 Chandler descendants gathered to share and enjoy the fellowship of our many near and distant relatives. So many different and diverse lines of Chandlers were present, that this might be better described as a re-union of the Chandler Families rather than a Chandler Family reunion. Guests present were representative of many states, including Montana, Texas, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Maryland.

While most attendees had corresponded and talked 'family' by phone in the past, this was the first personal contact for many. On Friday the 27th, about thirty Chandler descendants gathered at the homesite, now operated by the Army Corps of Engineers, to meet and exchange genealogical data. An exhibit table was loaded with various publications, both professional and personal, family photos and computer printouts. Several families camped out on the site, overlooking Lake Hartwell. Friday evening, the Board of Directors joined for a dinner meeting to review the present and future plans of the Association. On Saturday, a beautiful sunny day awaited the arrival of our other guests from more nearby locations. Introductions and family research continued at a very brisk pace. By noon, some 110 or more guests were sharing a typical fried chicken dinner with those famous Chandler covered dishes and desserts.

Following lunch, Phillip Cheyney, a folk singer from nearby Anderson, S.C., sang several hymns written by Henry Farmer Chandler, and published in 1854. We enjoyed it.

Mr. Nelson Chandler then presented an oral and visual study of Chandler lineage as we now believe to be the most reflective of the available documentation. A group photo session followed.

Tom Brown of Toccoa, Ga., and his fellow members of a Confederate re-enactment group, then made an educational presentation of the lifestyle and conditions of the Civil War period. This included detailed descriptions of equipment and uniforms, food and arms. The group included young ladies and men who demonstrated the costumes and cooking skills of the period. Tom then invited the observers to fire the heavy Confederate muskets, much to the delight of many of the young boys and girls present. It is most significant that all five of the sons of Henry Farmer Chandler served in the very unit that Tom and his companions now represent. Many guests stayed until dark to share this very special day.

On Sunday, some members attended the Reed Creek Baptist Church nearby, while others visited the Grove Level Baptist Church for services.

This weekend event was very rewarding and exciting. Many members have written to express their pleasure and we have surely strengthened the ties that bind. Plans for the 1992 reunion are still in the formative stage. Suggestions for time, place and format are welcomed and appreciated.

Annual Meeting Report

Helen Chandler, Secretary/Treasurer

The 20th annual Chandler Family Association meeting was held in Hampton, Virginia, this year to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the arrival in America of John Chandler b1600. In order to have time for special events, this meeting was held over the course of three days instead of the usual two.



On Thursday morning 81 attendees, consisting of members, spouses, family, and guests, boarded a double-decker bus and headed for Jamestown where we met up with another 24 Chandler cousins and began a full day of walking tours.

Our first stop was at Historic Jamestown which was the first permanent English settlement in North America. Some of the sights included the 1607 James Fort excavation, the reconstructed 17th century Jamestown Memorial Church and the original 17th century church tower. At the end of our walking tour we were free to wander through the Archaearium which tells the story of James Fort through archaeology.

After returning to the bus, we headed for the Jamestown Settlement where we had lunch before embarking on a 2-1/2 hour walking tour. The Jamestown Settlement is a recreation of life in Jamestown in the early 17th century. Some of the highlights at the Settlement were our visit to the Powhatan Indian Village and tours of the *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed*, and *Discovery*, replicas of the three ships that brought the English colonists to Virginia in 1607.

Sam McDonald, a reporter for the Hampton *Daily Press* newspaper, and photographers



joined us at Jamestown and several other times during the weekend. This resulted in two very nice newspaper articles and in the CFA having our name, purpose and website put before thousands of *Daily Press* readers.

Finally our day was complete and we arrived back at the hotel around 5:30 p.m. At 6:15 many of us, 89 to be exact, met in the hotel lobby to head for dinner at The Crabshack



on the James River. All in all, Thursday was a wonderful day of fellowship. There were many new members and first time attendees who were able to connect and recon-

nect with Chandler cousins.

Friday morning we saw the usual numerous tables of Chandler genealogy and references on display at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. There were about 120 people coming and going all day long.



One of the highlights for Friday was Dick Chandler's presentation unveiling the Chandler Family Association Lineages Database



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(CFALD). He offered five sessions with 15 participants in each session and every session was full. Dick's presentation is also available on CD for \$8.00, including shipping. If you would like to order one of Dick's CDs please let me know.

Saturday began with continued fellowship and sharing of information. At 10 a.m. the general meeting was called to order. Complete minutes of the meeting and the financial report are enclosed with this newsletter. At the conclusion of the general meeting everyone gathered in the lobby of the Convention Center for a group photo.



At 2 p.m. a group of 112 boarded two buses to tour Hampton and the John Chandler

sights. We began by stopping at the Hampton History Museum to pick up two tour guides. From there we proceeded to Fort Monroe and saw Point Comfort where John Chandler first stepped foot on American soil. Another stop was at a monument dedicated to the original 1607 Jamestown settlers, which is on the grounds of a Veterans Administration hospital and overlooks Hampton Roads, one of the world's major harbors. We then visited Robinson Park which was part of the land that John owned back in the 1600s.



Our final stop was back at the Hampton History Museum for a short presentation of life in the 17th century in Hampton, Virginia. There



was also time to go across the street to St. John's Episcopal Church and to walk among the many historic grave sites. Although it was closed for the day it was exciting to walk on the grounds of the church where it is believed members of John Chandler's family attended. At 6:30 we boarded the buses and returned to the hotel. ✱



Photos with this article courtesy of Claudia Brocato, C. M. Chandler, Carol Halbert, and Sharon Maloney. Group photo by Sam McDonald of the Hampton *Daily Press*.

Family Matters

Each person's life will come full circle, even as the seasons do — *The Fifth Season* by C. A. Schlea

CFA Genealogist **Joe Chandler** of Alexandria, Virginia, was prevented from joining us at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Hampton by sudden illness. On the day he was to leave for Hampton, Joe suffered a hypoglycemic blackout while alone in his apartment. Joe says, "I remained unconscious until the following day at about 6 p.m.," when he was finally able to call 911. Joe spent six days in the hospital following that attack. On the weekend Joe was released from the hospital, he had a second, less severe, attack on Saturday, resulting in a second hospital stay of four days. Joe returned to work on October 12. Take care, Joe!

Dave Chandler of Huntsville, Alabama, is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer. He is about halfway through treatment at this time and appears to be doing well. Dave is the brother of our president, C.M.

Charles Thomas "Tom" Chandler, West Jordan, Utah, had a second heart attack on August 28. Tom is the brother of CFA vice president Jacqueline Cahoon. Jackie says Tom had surgery 15 years ago and he went longer than most before having more problems. Tom had a heart bypass surgical procedure and looks forward to getting back to normal very soon.

William Aubrey "Bill" Chandler, retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer and resident of Tallassee, Alabama, passed away May 6, 2010, at the age of 66. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Bill is survived by his wife, Maria Bonadonna Chandler; children Terri Lynn Neighbors, Michael Chandler, Christina Teresa Chandler, and Joseph Alan Chandler; and ten grandchildren. Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Thalia Shockley, and siblings Betty Dunn, Danny Chandler, Susan Kelley, Melanie Karn, Cheryl Hammock, Keith Chandler, and Pam Hamby. He was preceded in death by daughter Juanita and father Winston A. Chandler.

Charles Davis Teagle of Foley, Alabama, died August 5, 2010, at the age of 86. Charles is survived by his wife, Ruth K. Teagle of Foley, and daughters Sherlyn Teagle of Atlanta and Darlene Chapman of Nashville. The son of J. Reuben and Mary Ethel Chandler Teagle, Charles was born in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. He was the grandson of Elisha Asbury and Mary Elizabeth Davis Chandler of Morgan County, Georgia.



Lucas Evan Chandler

Dennis and Helen Chandler have a new grandson, **Lucas Evan Chandler**, born July 7, 2010. Lucas' parents, also CFA members, are Jim and Allison Chandler of Bartlett, Tennessee. Welcome, Lucas!

The birth of **Maysen Marie Gibson** on September 11, 2010, was welcomed by grandparents Jerry and Sue Kirves of Lawrenceville, Georgia; parents Amy and Bo Gibson; and big brother JJ.

Sue Kirves resigned as CFA Historian earlier this year due to health problems. She felt a need to concentrate on her continuing battle with rheumatoid arthritis. Her health also prevented her from joining us for the meeting in Hampton. Feel better, Sue!

Alvie L. Davidson, CG, of Lakeland, Florida, was honored for outstanding achievement by the Association of Professional Genealogists (www.apgen.org) at the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, in August. Alvie was presented the Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit, an award honoring personal commitment and outstanding service to the APG. A professional genealogist and private investigator, Alvie has served on the APG Board of Directors since 2003.

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Dixie Chandler Ross of Mt. Dora, Florida, is fighting breast cancer. Dixie says fortunately her cancer was caught early with digital mammography. She encourages everyone to keep up with their mammograms.

These three American soldiers, a father and two sons, are descendants of John Chandler (JRR William > Frederick > Luke Randolph > Mathew

S.). At left is **Capt. James Oliver Barclay IV** (holding



daughter Addison Kate), recently retired and living in Huntsville, Alabama, after being injured in an IED explosion in Afghanistan. At right is **Warrant Officer William Karrh Barclay**, a helicopter pilot currently stationed in Afghanistan. Their father, center, is **Major General James Oliver Barclay III**, formerly commandant at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and now stationed in Washington, DC.

George Throckmorton Chandler, long-time head of the First National Bank in Pratt, Kansas, and community leader and philanthropist, died July 13, 2010. Born in 1921 in Wichita, he grew up in the prominent banking family of C.Q. Chandler II and attended Ottawa University, Wichita University, and the California Institute of Technology.

He enlisted as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps in 1941 and began training in January 1942. George was a decorated World War II fighter pilot, flying P-40 fighters in New Guinea and P-38 fighters in the Solomon Islands with the 13th Air Force on Guadalcanal. In air fights over Guadalcanal, the Solomon Islands, and Rabaul, he flew more than 100 combat missions and shot down five Japanese fighters to become a recognized fighter ace. George was awarded the Distinguished

Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters.

George married his sweetheart, Barbara Ann Slothower, in 1944. He was assigned to Chico, California, to train newly graduated pilots in fighter aircraft operation and tactics. He left the service in 1946.

George Chandler was active in veterans organizations and was past president of the American Fighter Aces Association. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of American Legion Post No. 86.

He was well known for his efforts to have the Office of Air Force History correct the aerial victory credit for the shoot-down of the airplane carrying Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto over Bougainville Island in the Solomons on April 18, 1943. Yamamoto directed the air attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The detailed research of Chandler's group, Second Yamamoto Mission Association, satisfied the Victory Credit Board of the American Fighter Aces Association and the Confederate Air Force that Rex Barber should be accorded 100 percent of the credit for the shoot-down, rather than the split credit with Thomas G. Lanphier. The Office of Air Force History continues to refuse to consider the new evidence.

George Chandler was a successful banker and was a member of the Kansas Bankers Association for more than 50 years. George was known for his innovative thinking and always wanted his bank to be active in community development. In addition to supporting youth educational programs in Pratt County, he also personally financed many of the activities.

He is survived by three sons, George T. Chandler Jr., David Chandler and Paul T. Chandler; daughter Barbara Chandler; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Anderson W. Chandler and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Ann.. Source: Obituary in *The Newton Kansan*, July 15, 2010. ✱

Family, Community, and Thanksgiving

Charles H. Chandler, Chaplain

My favorite time of the year is the five or six weeks leading up to and including three distinct but somewhat related holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. I like to think of Thanksgiving and Christmas as the climax of our calendar year and together they set the stage for the celebration of the dawning of a new year with many new and sometimes challenging opportunities.

Of all the major holidays, perhaps Thanksgiving has maintained more of its original intent than any other. Though we know that the first Thanksgiving took place in Virginia on December 4, 1619, at the Berkley Plantation, most people hold a mental image of the Plymouth Colony gathering in Massachusetts to offer thanksgiving following their harvest in autumn of 1621 as the origin of the holiday called Thanksgiving.

At each of the above settings, their purpose was to give credit to God for his presence and bounty as they realized that without these essential ingredients, the harvest could not have taken place. Through the act of thanksgiving, the community at each location confessed their limitations and offered praise to God as well as their expression of gratitude to the members of the community, both the newcomers to the land as well as the natives who were already here. Diverse as each community was, they were more than a community. They were family. These relationships, molded through the common experiences of scraping a living from the earth, preserving the resources, and exchanging as well as bartering their provisions, gave them a common bond. And they were very much aware of their blessings.

The Thanksgiving holiday pricks our conscience concerning whether or not we have developed an attitude of gratitude. Families and communities still gather to celebrate their bountiful blessings. Through these experiences, families continue to form communities and communities continue to grow into a family. Closely following Thanksgiving is Advent. The purpose of Advent is to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas

As I ponder my blessings of the past year(s), the Chandler Family Association is a significant one. Because the common thread that weaves us together, "Chandler," is an occupational name, we come from many genetic lines. To me, the term "family" is more than genetic. It is relational. As already stated, communities are often defined as "family." We refer to our church as our "church family." We share relationships; we share a common bond.

The Chandler name em-

braces national, racial, and cultural diversity. However we are all part of the Chandler family, and I am proud to be a member of this group. I am also proud of the many hours that some of the CFA officers and genealogy panelists give to helping people who want to discover their roots in the larger Chandler family. Family members help one another. That's a family trait. Another family trait is that there's always room at the family table for others.

As you experience this holiday season, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and New Year's Day, remember that embodying and expressing gratitude is a gift that you can give away without having less. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! ❁



Charles' ancestor John William Chandler and his family are among the many Chandler families featured on the CFA website.

Membership Report

Helen Chandler, Membership Chairman

At our meeting in Hampton the Executive Committee announced that for the first time in the history of the Chandler Family Association we had a total of 500 concurrent members. I'm happy to report that our membership has now increased to **518**. These members reside in 39 U.S. states and five other countries: Canada, Scotland, Ireland, England, and Australia.

For the months of July through October, we have welcomed a total of 50 new members. Several of them were in attendance at our meeting in Hampton. Not only have we reached a milestone in our total membership but the fact that we received 50 new members in four months is also a record. New member totals in prior years were 62 in 2006, 33 in 2007, 53 in 2008, and 52 in 2009. As of this writing our new member total for 2010 is already 109!

Please be sure to renew your membership for 2010. Our dues are \$15 annually. If you're not sure when you last paid your dues, just contact me at **hchandler47@gmail.com** and I'll be happy to check on it for you. If you are a new member who joined us any time in 2010, you do not need to renew your membership until September of 2011.

Here is a list of our newest members:

- **Nancy Eidson**, Rathdrum, ID
- **Janice Sharp**, Greensboro, GA
- **Deborah Chandler Koehler**, Austin, TX
- **Charles Chandler**, Metter, GA
- **Charles Teagle**, Foley, AL
- **John Chandler**, Sydney, Australia
- **Joel Sakura**, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
- **Philip Stoll**, Whiteville, NC
- **Thomas Chandler Halvorsen**, Leesburg, FL
- **Bob Barber**, Columbia, IL
- **Tony Chandler**, Shropshire, England
- **Tracy Christianson**, St. Louis, MO
- **Dorothy Morgan**, Alamogordo, NM
- **Joseph W. Chandler, III**, Eden, NC
- **Fred Chandler**, Sedgwick, KS

- **William Chandler**, Burlington, NC
- **Dianna Howell**, Jupiter, FL
- **Traci Mann**, Staten Island, NY
- **Michael Lefler**, Gates, NC
- **G. Chandler Williams**, Midlothian, VA
- **Sandra Bond**, Decatur, AL
- **Waylon Chandler**, Colcord, OK
- **John David Chandler**, Pickens, SC
- **Polly Hampton**, Atlanta, GA
- **Dale Halupnik**, Cedar Falls, IA
- **Margaret Crawford**, Wauwatosa, WI
- **Mike Tarelka**, Alameda, CA
- **Stan Chandler**, Pinner, England
- **Patti Harjung**, Kent, OH
- **Beverly Rottman**, Pawnee City, NE
- **Chad Chandler**, Fuquay-Varina, NC
- **Cecil Chandler**, Monroeville, AL
- **John Brodt**, Lawrenceburg, TN
- **Debbie Capinski**, Audubon, PA
- **Lyn Clark**, Breckenridge, TX
- **Mark Chandler**, Evansville, IN
- **Beverly Howard**, Alexander City, AL
- **Dalton Chandler Sr.**, Paducah, KY
- **Gwen Chandler Scott**, Austin, TX
- **Donnie Chandler**, Cedar Bluff, AL
- **Shelby Chandler II**, Locust Grove, VA
- **Andrea Hajducko**, Allentown, PA
- **Jon Posey**, North Augusta, SC
- **Jefferson MacDonald**, Poquoson, VA
- **Eva Harding**, Richmond, VA
- **Rod Brown**, Oakland, CA
- **Spencer Chandler**, Loda, IL
- **Cynthia J. Chandler**, Lubbock, TX
- **Norman Ribble**, Elephant Butte, NM
- **Charles T. Chandler**, Desoto, TX. ✱

CFA on Facebook

The CFA's Facebook group has over 230 "friends." Many are not currently CFA members, but they are interested in Chandler genealogy and are potential members. Sharon Maloney is coordinator of our Facebook page. ✱

The Chandler Family Association

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Mission

The objective of the family association shall be to strengthen the ties of fellowship and kinship between living members of the family, to maintain family unity through frequent association of family members in a social way; and to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of the Chandler family by combining the resources and efforts of the members of the family in performing genealogical research, and by unifying all genealogical, historical, and biographical research necessary for the compilation of complete and accurate family records.

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Bailey Chandler b1751

—A group of Bailey Chandler descendants is searching for the burial place of Bailey Chandler, Sr. (b July 14, 1751, Henry Co., VA; died April 3, 1809, Jackson Co., GA). He married Tabitha Jackson b1750 in Henry Co., VA, in 1772. She died Jan. 6, 1840. If you have information on Bailey's burial place, please contact Judy Hardegree at judyhardegree@yahoo.com

Thomas R. Chandler: father of Thomas Malcom Chandler?—Thomas Malcom Chandler, age 16, is on the 1864 "Civil War Census for Re-organizing The Georgia

Cold Cases: Queries from the CFA Website

Militia" for Cobb Co., GA, 859th Militia District, state guards company K. There is also a Thomas R. Chandler, age 54, on the list—possibly Malcom's father. The 1870 U.S. census shows Thomas R. in Cobb Co. with wife Ann and a number of children (oldest is Carry, age 22). Malcom, who had married Martha "Mattie" Elizabeth Hannon, is in nearby Powder Springs, Cobb Co., GA, as head of his own household. Does anyone have conclusive information that Thomas R. and Ann are Malcom's parents? Please contact Dixie Chandler Ross at dixieross2001@aol.com ❁