

Greetings from the Governor General

Dearest Members of First Families of Kentucky, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my honor to serve as your Governor General of the First Families of Kentucky for 2021 to 2023. I am a descendant of Edward Spencer, born in Virginia, but later in life travelled with his family to Woodford County and finally settled in Owen and Gallatin Counties of Kentucky. I am fortunate to have a broach left to me by my great grandmother, Mary Spencer. I will wear it proudly on my sash.



Due to restrictions imposed by Covid and unsettling events in and around downtown Louisville, a survey of members was taken, and their responses were overwhelming for us to meet in person at the Audubon Country Club last May. Our annual banquet became the annual luncheon. Eighty-four attendees were present for our first in person meeting in a year. Our meeting was a success, due in part to the program, "The Woman's Hour," presented by Denise Bennett. She portrayed Carrie Chapman Catt who was president of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association.

Save the date. Our fall luncheon will be held at Historic Boone Tavern in Berea, KY on September 25th. Invitations will soon be forthcoming. Let's see if we can surpass the 84 attendees of the Annual Luncheon. Our guest speaker is Dr. Chad Berry, Vice President for Alumni, Communications, and Philanthropy at Berea College. His program, "What The Lessons of John G. Fee and Berea College Can Teach Us Today," will be inspiring.

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First Families of Kentucky

Fourteenth Annual Luncheon

Saturday, the Twenty-Fifth of September,
Two Thousand Twenty-One

Historic Boone Tavern Hotel & Restaurant

100 S. Main Street, Berea, Kentucky

11:00 a.m. EST

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chad Berry

Program: "The Lessons John F. Fee &
Berea College Can Teach Us Today"

Menu:

Choice of chicken in bird's nest or pork loin
with fried apples, house salad, chocolate
cake.

Cost: \$35 per person, cash bar

Reservation Deadline: Sept. 18th

Website

www.firstfamiliesofkentucky.com

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We want to give Frieda and Murel Wheatley a BIG thank you for their dedication as editor of "The Kentuckian" and webmaster. We are truly grateful for their many years of service to First Families of Kentucky.

Dena Green has become the new editor of the newsletter beginning with this issue. Thank you, Dena. Dena is hoping to receive many stories of our ancestors to be published in "The Kentuckian." Everyone has a story to tell, so let's uncover these stories of our past. Won't you share with us your family ancestor's story in our newsletter?

Lastly, the FIRST FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY Council is dedicated to serve its members. Growth of membership is positive but let's strive to encourage others to join our Kentucky Families.

We will continue to pray for the health and safety of our members, especially for those whose lives have been affected by Covid.

Looking forward to seeing you in September.



Donna Beverly Hughes
Governor General

PLEASE, notify us when you move, change phone number or email, and if a family member of FIRST FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY has passed, so we can keep files updated for the directory and web site.

2021-2023 Officers

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Spring 2021 Luncheon—Audubon Country Club—Louisville



Susan Mullins, Carol Rogow, Nancy Crawford, Stephanie Griffin



Dick and Nancy Lutz



Barbara and Bob Baker,
Susan and Bill McDowell



Bob Rogow and
Dennis Withers



Joyce and Larry Miller



Sharon Withers and
Denise Bennett



Kathy and Bob Moats



Jerry Ford and
Fay Charpentier-Ford



Anissa Penn Davis and
Stephen Collins



Betsy Kuster and Roger Bain



Betsy & Ted Kuster



Becky Ragland, Betsy
and Ted Kuster



Stephanie and Steve Griffin



Sarah Hamilton, Susan
Mullins, and Nancy Crawford



David and Edie McCaulley



Shelley and Quincy Ward



Betsy Kuster



Bill Schrader



John Buckler and
Lorna Atwater



Carol Swearingen
and Will Ward

First Families of Kentucky

Spring 2021 Luncheon—Audubon Country Club—Louisville



Susan and Sonny Smith



Carolyn & Gordon Krist



Steve Collins



Nancy and David Laird



Julia Slayton, Vicki Whitaker,
and Nancy DeMarcus



Anissa Penn Davis
and Kathy Hall



Laura Jones and Lynn Shea



The program, "The Woman's Hour", was presented by
Denise Bennett who portrayed Carrie Chapman Catt.



Penny and William Redmond



Jean and Art Dietz



New members
welcomed were
John Buckler, Bill
Pollard, Pam
Marcum, Susan
McDowell,
Guthrie Zaring



Patricia & John Aaron



Denise and Phil Cullen



Roger Bain



Karen Emberton &
Joyce Collins



George Meyers, Len Gross,
Emily Durrett

Spring 2021 Luncheon—Audubon Country Club—Louisville



Teresa Day-Smith
and Greg Smith



Bob & Carol Rogow



Speaker Denise Bennett with
Steve Collins



Check presentation for plaque
replacement at Boonesborough



Kathy Moats, Steve Collins,
and Carol Rogow



Steve Collins, Art Dietz



Lynn Shea, D.J. Tabb



Officers being sworn in



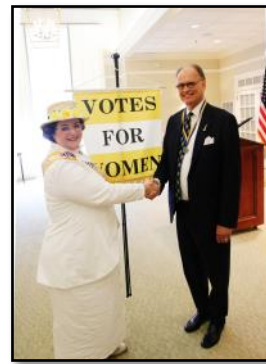
Above—Outgoing Governor General Steve Collins passes the gavel to Governor General Donna Hughes while Lynn Shea looks on. Right—Newly installed council for 2021-2023.



Kathy Hall, Denise Bennett,
Karen Emberton



Denise Bennett, Carol
Rogow, Sharon Withers



Denise Bennett with
Steve Collins



George Meyers

Wheatleys Retire from Editing Newsletter and Website

Frieda and Murel Wheatley have been editors of the “The Kentuckian” newsletter twice a year and managed our website since 2009. Without volunteers such as them, our communication to membership would suffer. After many years, they have now decided that it is time for them to pass the torch. Each of you receive the newsletter twice a year and probably have never considered the time and effort that goes into the preparation of each edition. Collecting information, asking the membership to volunteer articles about their ancestors and Kentucky consumes many hours. Our thanks to Frieda and Murel for over 12 years of dedication to First Families of Kentucky.



First Families of Kentucky Website

Over the last 12 years, Murel Wheatley has managed the website and I want to encourage each of you to visit the site if you have not done so. Our website is: **firstfamiliesofkentucky.com**.

There are 7 tabs across the top of the page in addition to the “Home” tab. The **Kentucky** tab contains the Chronicles of Kentucky, Famous Kentuckians, Flags over Kentucky, and Uniqueness of Kentucky. The **Members Only** tab contains the Medals and Mementos to purchase, upcoming dates, deceased members, and newest members. It also contains the current Constitution and Proposal submission for possible membership. *(For help with the Members only site, contact one of the First Families of Ken-*

tucky Officers.) The **Kentucky Ancestors** tab contains the ancestors that have been approved so far for membership. The **Officers** tab contains the officers of current and previous years. The **Links** tab contains links to various help sites. The **About Us** tab is just that. The **The Kentuckian** tab contains links to all previous editions of “The Kentuckian”.

Some areas need updating and the Links tab contains a number of links that have changed, and we will be updating these areas.

Bob Hughes, Website Editor

Boone Tavern Lodging—Fall Meeting

Boone Tavern is offering a special rate for those who would like to stay overnight while attending the fall meeting in Berea.

- ◆ Standard King Room \$109
- ◆ Standard Double/Double Room \$99
- ◆ Standard Queen Room \$89

Make reservation by Sept. 1, 2021

by calling 859—985-3700 or on website at
<https://www.boonetavernhotel.com/reservations>

Group Code 213177



Note of Appreciation

Many, many heartfelt THANKS to Murel and Frieda Wheatley for the hundreds of hours they have spent on our wonderful newsletters and our website. Their skill, knowledge and creativity have brought all of us so much pleasure, and they will be missed in so many ways.

Lynn Shea, Honorary Governor General

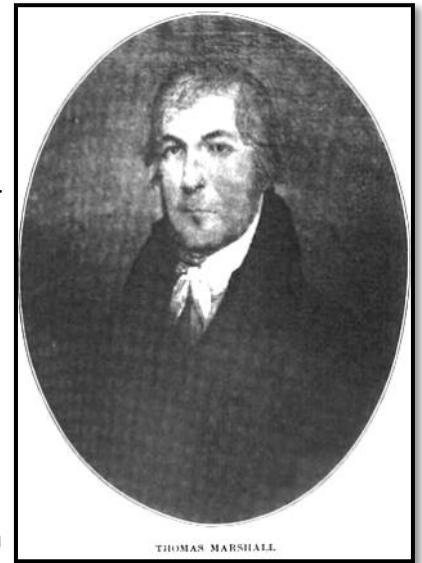
Ancestor Profile: Thomas Marshall, Sr.

Thomas Marshall, Jr. was born in 1730 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He was married to Mary Randolph Keith (1737-1809) and they raised a large family of 15 children. Marshall was already an experienced soldier when the Revolution broke out because he had served as a lieutenant of Virginians in the French & Indian War. He had also gained much leadership experience with his service as high sheriff of Fauquier County and in the Virginia House of Burgesses. He supported independence and recruited a battalion that would be part of the regiment known as the Culpeper Minutemen. He later served during the American Revolution in the Virginia 3rd Regiment, Continental Line. His service during the Revolution included serving as a captain, major, colonel, and provided civil service during the war.

Col. Thomas Marshall and his sons, John and Thomas Jr., fought throughout the Revolutionary War from 1776-1783. They endured many hardships but did not give up. During the coldest winter in history, the Continental Army was reduced from 11,000 men to fewer than 5,000 at Valley Forge as men died and deserted, but not the Marshalls. A story that has been passed through the generations is that Col. Thomas Marshall was in the boat with Gen. George Washington when they crossed the Delaware River and surprised the British on Christmas in 1776 at the Battle of Trenton.

In 1777, Thomas Marshall, his son John, and the Virginia troops were in the thick of the fighting at the Battle of Brandywine. Twice, Col. Marshall was thrown to the

ground when his horses were shot from under him. Bounding onto riderless mounts, Marshall saw Gen. William Woodford fall wounded so Marshall assumed command of the regiment himself and held off the British advance. Decorated for his bravery, Marshall was presented a ceremonial sword from the Virginia Assembly and promoted to general.



In 1780, Col. Marshall was appointed Surveyor General of the lands in Kentucky appropriated to the officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War. In 1785, he returned to Virginia to get his family which he brought west on a flatboat down the Ohio River. Col. Marshall lived at Bucktown, a beautiful farm near Versailles until 1800, when he gave it to his youngest son, Louis. Col. Marshall and his wife then moved to Federal Hill in Washington, Mason County, to live with his son, Thomas Jr. He lived there two years until his death in 1802 and he is buried in the family cemetery.

Many Marshall descendants continue to reside in Mason, Fleming, and surrounding counties. Children of Thomas and Mary Marshall:

- John m. Mary Willis Ambler (He was Supreme Court Chief Justice)
- Elizabeth m. Rawleigh Colston
- Mary Ann m. Humphrey Marshall
- Thomas Jr. m. Susanna Adams, Frances Maitland Kennan
- James m. Hester Morris, Elizabeth Hurst
- Judith m. George Brooke
- William m. Alice Adams, Mary Macon, Maria Winston
- Charles m. Lucy Pickett
- Lucy m. John Ambler
- Alexander Keith m. Mary McDowell, Eliza Lewis
- Louis m. Agatha Smith (He was physician, Pres. of Transylvania)
- Susan m. William McClung
- Charlotte m. Dr. Basil Duke
- Jane m. George Keith Taylor
- Nancy m. Joe Hamilton Daviess, William Pollard, ___ Cox



Federal Hill, Washington, KY

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First Families Places

A new feature for *The Kentuckian* newsletter will be to feature photos of homes, buildings, farms, monuments, etc. associated with our First Families of Kentucky ancestors. Is your ancestor's home still in existence? Maybe your ancestor has a special historic marker. Maybe you have visited their farm or taken a photo of his or her tombstone. Your editor is seeking photos of the history associated with our First Families ancestors. We know there are many more ancestors who have not yet been documented with First Families of Kentucky and by bringing attention to these early Kentuckians, you may encourage or help someone else to join plus educate us about these early pioneers.

Here's how to submit: take a clear digital photo, write a short paragraph about the person(s) associated with it, give the location, and email to your editor at kentuckycar@yahoo.com. Your ancestor stories are also welcome.



This log cabin is known as the last home of Daniel Boone when he lived in Kentucky. It is located outside of Carlisle in Nicholas County. It was built in 1795 by Daniel and son Daniel Morgan Boone. They lived there until 1799, then moved west to Missouri. It is not on its original site but has been nicely preserved and the public may stop to visit, just off Hwy. 68.