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Greetings from the Governor General

Dearest members of FIRST FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Governor General the past two years. My administration began as our state was exiting slowly out of the Covid pandemic and will now be completed on June 10, 2023.



I will embrace all memories from each part of the state, from Berea College, to the Louisville Boat Club, to Berry Hill Mansion and once again to the Historic site, Berry Hill Mansion, where I will pass the gavel to the new Governor General. My favorite memory though that I will take with me is meeting you, the members of First Families of Kentucky. We share the common bond, our Kentucky Heritage.

It has been my honor to work with an outstanding Council of Officers whether by Zoom or in person. We have worked diligently to accomplish many items, such as increasing our membership and updating our By-Laws. Be sure to read Bob's Tidbits that shows FIRST FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY membership by state. Just recently, we accepted the application of a 100-year-old lady, as far we know, the oldest applicant. Bob Hughes, our webmaster, as well as Treasurer General, has made a few updates to the website with more to come. The Members of the Council removed old FIRST FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY files and file cabinets from SAR Headquarters in Louisville. We are presently working on a plan to safely store or digitize these older files. Newer files have already been digitized. We increased our donation to \$1,000 for organizations that provide educational and historic value to Kentucky.

Please check out our FIRST FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY ladies' scarf. It was a challenge, but each of the council members had valuable input. We worked with Candor Threads in Chicago for weeks before deciding on this final design. We have used the colors of the sash for the borders with a light blue background. The focal point is our state with the Kentucky Seal. Chaplain General Kandie Adkinson secured the approval of the Kentucky Secretary

Spring Meeting

First Families of Kentucky
Governor General Donna Hughes
and the General Officers
Request the Pleasure of Your Company
at the Society's Luncheon
Saturday, the tenth of June,
Two Thousand & Twenty Three
11:00 A.M. Social
11:30 A.M. Business Meeting

Location:
Berry Hill Mansion
700 Louisville Rd., Frankfort

Speaker:
Susan Spears, Park Manager
Gen. Butler State Resort Park
"Interpreting Our Heritage In Trying Times"

Meal:
Plated Bibb lettuce salad with fresh blackberries, walnuts and parm topped with balsamic vinaigrette
Entree choice: Bourbon fig brisket over sweet potato puree or hand-fried chicken over rustic mashed potatoes
Sides: Fresh green beans, Bourbon corn pudding with candied jalapeños, pimento cheese biscuits with butter/jam
Dessert: Bourbon chocolate pecan pie

Reservation Deadline:
June 2, 2023

Please note any dietary issues with your reservation or email Robert Hughes at rhugh42@gmail.com



of State for us to use the Kentucky Seal. It bears the year, 1792, when Kentucky became a state. Surrounding the state are miniatures of our state and FIRST FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY emblem. It bears a label "Designed Especially for First Families of Kentucky." We hope you ladies will purchase the 36" by 36" scarf and wear it proudly. The scarf will be available for purchase at the luncheon for \$55 or you may order one if you wish. Gentlemen, this would be your time to shop for birthday or Christmas.

FIRST FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY is a strong society of dedicated members and officers. Thanks to all of you for your support.

As we elect our 2023-2025 slate of officers at the June 10th meeting and luncheon, the Hughes administration congratulates each new officer and pledge our continued support.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Donna Beverly Hughes

Governor General First Families of Kentucky

"Heaven must be a Kentucky kind of place."

Daniel Boone

Executive Board Slate for 2023-2025

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Fall 2022 Luncheon at Berry Hill Mansion



David Billins, Nancy Billings



Amelia Wisner, Susan Mullins



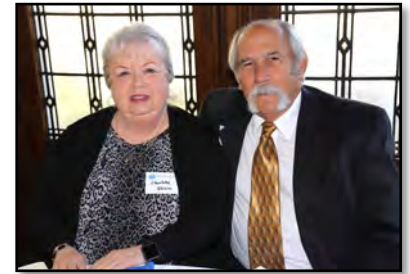
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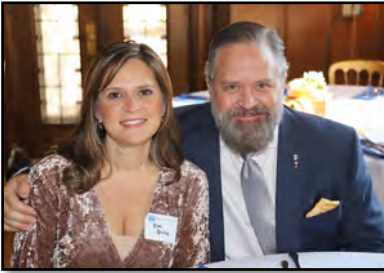


Earl Meyers, George Williams,
Sharon Williams



Rebecca Turner, James Hancock,
Charles Bond

Fall 2022 Luncheon at the Berry Hill Mansion



Kim Quire, Richard Quire



Peter Oeltgen, Gaye Oeltgen



Bill Meng, Pete Piotrowski,
Bill Cox, Frances Cox



Art Dietz, Jean Dietz,
Albin Whitworth



Will Buckaway, Bill Buckaway



Bill Swinford, Anne Swinford



Joseph Jones, Margaret Jones



Heather Potter, Brendan Potter



Dennis Wells, Terri Wells



Kay Vest, Steve Vest



Will Ward, Carol Swearingen



Joanna Hay, Marg Belle Hay

Fall 2022 Luncheon at Berry Hill Mansion



Ann Lee Demaree, Richard Nunan



Ann Pennington, Judy Sieweke



Sam Dunn, Lynn Shea, Toni Curtis



Donna Hughes presenting rosettes to
Mike Sullivan and Judy Sieweke



Donna Hughes presenting rosettes to
Nancy Billings and Richard Quire



Donna Hughes presenting rosette to
Carol Rogow



Donna Hughes presenting rosette to
Albin Whitworth



Donna Hughes presenting rosette
to Amy Tanner



Dalaina Bean, Director of Berry Hill Mansion



Sam Dunn, Executive Director, Jack Jouett House Historic Site

Fall 2022 Luncheon at Berry Hill Mansion



Governor General Donna Hughes with Toni Curtis, Woodford County Heritage Committee, & Sam Dunn, Executive Director of Jack Jouett House Historic Site



Gov. General Donna Hughes lights a candle during the memorial service.



Chaplain General Kandie Atkinson is shown during the memorial service.



Berry Hill Mansion, Frankfort, was the estate of George Franklin Berry and was originally known as Juniper Hill. It was built in 1900. Berry was a distiller executive. The property is now owned by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is now used as a meeting and events center.



New members welcomed at the Fall 2022 meeting by the Governor General: (left to right) Mike Sullivan, Judy Sieweke, Nancy Billings, Richard Quire, Carol Rogow, Albin Whitworth, Amy Tanner, Gov. Gen. Donna Hughes

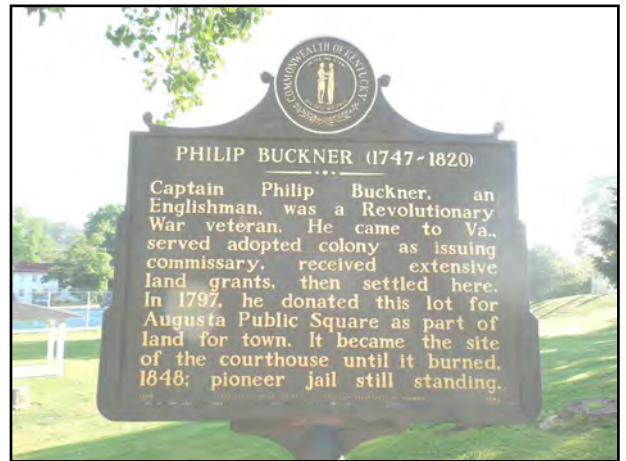
Philip Buckner—Founder of Augusta

One of the prettiest Kentucky towns located on the Ohio River is Augusta in Bracken County. This quaint town has no floodwall, so when the mighty Ohio River decides to flood, the beautiful historic homes along Riverside Drive are at risk. There are several sites to enjoy with a day visit to the town: Rosemary Clooney Museum, Baker-Bird Winery, 1811 Augusta Jail, Augusta Distillery, and Jenny Ann Ferry, but let's first look back at the history of the community and its founder.

Rosemary
Clooney
House
Museum



Philip Buckner was born in 1747 in Port Royal, Virginia. He married Tabitha Ann Daniel in 1772 and they had 9 children. He was a strong supporter of the patriot cause during the American Revolution and spent much of his own fortune providing supplies and achieved the rank of Captain. As a result, he was rewarded with thousands of acres of land in Kentucky. He visited Kentucky in 1781 and another time before finally returning around 1796 with around 40 families to settle the area; however, Native Americans inhabited the area so his group moved further down river to Bear Station, which is in present-day Jefferson County. But he would return to his original site and establish the town of Augusta. Buckner called a meeting of town residents to have them to select trustees for the town whereupon



Historic marker honoring Philip Buckner in Augusta

he deeded the community 600 acres to establish the town. On Oct. 7, 1797, the state legislature issued the town its charter. Augusta served as the county seat until 1839 when the county seat was moved to Brooksville.

A Civil War skirmish occurred in Augusta on Sept. 27, 1862 when Confederate cavalry led by Col. Basil Duke entered the town and the local Home Guard decided to defend Augusta.

Because of its beautiful river setting, Augusta has been the site for filming scenes for the mini-series "Centennial" and PBS's "Huckleberry Finn". The town boasts some famous connections including abolitionist & educator John G. Fee, Stephen Collins Foster visited his uncles (John & Joseph Tomlinson) who resided in the town, playwright Stuart Walker, General & Secretary of State George Marshall's grandfather lived in Augusta, Miss America 2000 Heather French Henry claims Augusta & Maysville as her hometowns, Rosemary Clooney, Nick Clooney, and Augusta H.S. Class of 1979 graduate George Clooney!



A view on
Riverside
Drive,
Augusta



1811 Bracken
County Jail

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Membership Tidbits by Robert Hughes, Treasurer General

I thought that it might be interesting to see some of the demographics of our membership. These are the results of my research.

- ◆ Thirty two states are represented by our membership. Of course, Kentucky has the most members in First Families of Kentucky. Our members live in 35 of 120 Kentucky Counties.
- ◆ To start, women outnumber men 64% to 36% in our membership.
- ◆ Kentucky has 201 members, followed by Texas with 25, Florida and Indiana with 19 each and California and Tennessee each with 10 members.
- ◆ There are 9 members from Virginia, 8 from Georgia, 7 from Colorado and Ohio.
- ◆ Alabama, Arkansas, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Washington each have 4 members.
- ◆ Arizona, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, and Nebraska each have 3 members.
- ◆ There are 2 members each from Massachusetts, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.
- ◆ There is 1 member each from Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, New York, and South Dakota.
- ◆ One member each from England, Ontario and Manitoba Canada.

