



# Bowsprit



*A Newsletter for Members and Prospective Members*

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**Mark the Date: Sat. Apr. 28!**

## Welcome to New Members!

Since the first issue of *Bowsprit* was published in February 2007, we have welcomed two new members in the Chesapeake Bay Company. A "welcome aboard" is hereby extended to our newest Company members.

**Kathlyn Harris Waltermire (Mrs. Jacob B., Jr.)** has become both a member of the Jamestowne Society and a member of the Chesapeake Bay Company; her lineage goes to Jamestowne ancestor Thomas Purefoy. Kathy's contact information will be given out at the April meeting (we don't put contact info in *Bowsprit* as it is published online).

**Walter H. Rogers, Jr.** is the newest member of the Chesapeake Bay Company, but has been a member of the Jamestowne Society for some time. His lineage goes back to Christopher Branch. Contact information for Walter will also be given to members at the April meeting.

Both of the newest members have been added to the "Members and their Jamestowne Ancestors" page on the web site.

## Bowsprit: Second Issue

This is the second issue of the newsletter of the Chesapeake Bay Company. The name *Bowsprit* was chosen because the bowsprit is the part of a ship that always arrives first. To learn more about bowsprits, visit the Wikipedia page on them [here](#)

Members receiving mailed versions of *Bowsprit*, please note that underlined words indicate hyperlinks for computer users. If you wish to visit hyperlinked sites, you may visit the web site and access this issue of *Bowsprit* online from your local library.

Comments on *Bowsprit* may be addressed to S. G. Rager, webmaster [here](#). Comments may also be mailed to S. G. Rager, POB 118, Coles Point VA 22442.

## Loss of Elizabeth Tod Booker Norris Saddens Many

On March 17, 2007, Elizabeth Tod Booker Norris ceased being a member of the Chesapeake Bay Company – and of the Lettice Lee Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century – and of the Chantilly Chapter of the D.A.R. – and of the Northumberland and Northern Neck Historical Societies. This separation did not mark any lack of interest on the part of Elizabeth – rather it marked a transition. This elegant lady, former school teacher and dedicated community participant for many years died on St. Patrick's Day. While she had resided for several years at Farnham Manor, she always maintained her interest in history, both hers and that of Northumberland and the Northern Neck. She and her husband, Robert M. Norris, Jr. made great contributions to the community in which they lived. Years ago, she had a miraculous recovery from a serious illness; after that time, her dedication to living every day to the fullest, which was already admirable, seemed to be even greater. Elizabeth was a faithful member of Carmel United Methodist Church, having been past president of the United Methodist Women. Her education included an undergraduate degree from William and Mary, and a graduate degree from Emory University. Surviving are her four children: Robert M. Norris III (a member of the Chesapeake Bay Company also) and his wife Anne; Motley Booker and his wife, Debra; Jane Norris Taylor; Elizabeth W. "Betsy" Norris. Also she is survived by her five grandchildren: Kara Elizabeth Norris, Katherine Tod Arshalous Norris, Anthony Christopher Norris, Walter Bowie "Watt" Taylor IV. Carmel United Methodist Church was full for her memorial service on March 19; burial followed in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the UMW of Carmel United Methodist Church, POB 114, Hague, VA 22469 or to the Hospice Support Services of the Northern Neck, Box 262, Warsaw, VA 22572. We will miss you greatly!



**Ancestor Sketches:  
New Way to Honor Your History**

Members are invited to prepare Ancestor Sketches honoring their Jamestown ancestors and submit them for inclusion in the Company web site as a new feature. The NOVA-DC Company has done these for their web site (you can look but make your ancestor sketch your own). Sketches should be not more than the amount of information which fills a standard 8-1/2x11 inch page using 10 or 11 point type. Please, if you can, prepare them and transmit them via e-mail as an attachment. They should be documented, so please include reference sources you used. If the sources are out of print and in limited availability, please state, if you know, facilities where they may be available for viewing.

Remember to include basics for your ancestor such as (1) complete name; (2) spouse's name; (3) line through which you descend - only down to your great-grandparents; (4) where and when they arrived; (5) their contributions to Jamestown and to the Colony of Virginia; (6) dates and places of their birth, marriage and death; and don't forget to include your own name as submitter.

Diane Meredith Scott has agreed to review and edit the Sketches. Please submit them to Susan Rager who will record the submission and pass them along to Diane. The address for US mail is POB 118, Coles Point, VA 22442.

**Company Governor to Attend Unveiling of Plaque  
from English Inns of Court at Jamestown**

On Saturday, April 14, 2007, the Governor of the Chesapeake Bay Company will be among University of Richmond School of Law alumni who will travel by bus from the Hotel Jefferson in Richmond to Jamestown. When at Jamestown Island, they will witness the unveiling of a plaque given by the four English Inns of Court in commemoration of their involvement in the settlement of Jamestown and the continued commitment of our two nations to the rule of law.

The celebration will be led by the Rt. Hon. Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, Chief Justice John Roberts of the United States Supreme Court, and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Ret.), United States Supreme Court. Afterward, there will be a reception and tours of Jamestown Island and the Archaearium Museum, and the group will return by buses to Richmond.

When participating in the University of Richmond School of Law summer studies program at Cambridge University, Susan visited the Inns of Court in London.

The presentation ceremony and visit to Jamestown will mark the end of the three-day "Rule of Law Conference" at the University of Richmond, part of the University's commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the First Permanent English Settlement at Jamestown.

**Gordon Glenn Tinsley, son of Company Secretary Marty Taylor  
Memorial Service Held March 10**

Company Members extend their sympathy to the Secretary of our Company, Margaret Glenn Taylor, on the sudden loss of her son, Gordon Glenn Tinsley, age 49, on March 3. St. John's Church in Tappahannock was filled on March 10 when friends and family gathered to acknowledge his life and mourn his loss. He was employed as a master service technician at RBI in Richmond for 21 years and at Radio Shack in Tappahannock for 3 years. At Randolph-Macon Academy and Gill School, he was active in sports. He attended Lynchburg College. Survivors are his mother, Margaret Glenn Taylor and his stepfather, Carrington Taylor of Tappahannock; his sister, Lelia Tinsley Poteet and her husband, Mark, of Kinsale; step-sister, Sarah Taylor Soulliere and husband, Robert, of Alexandria; step-sister, Dorsey Taylor of Raleigh; step-mother, Jane Andrews Tinsley of Richmond; step-sister Page Pembroke Rudolph and husband, Charles, of Kent's Store; step-brother C. Graham Pembroke III and wife Holly of Richmond. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, POB 85063, Richmond 23286 or to your favorite animal shelter. There is never enough time in this life to share with those we love; it is especially difficult to say goodbye to those whom are expected to be with us for many years to come.

**Company Website Updated April 1!**

If you haven't visited the site lately, there are changes waiting for you to see! The site has been updated several times since the last issue of *Bowsprit*, including changes made on April 1. The website is maintained by Susan Godman Rager, and the monthly cost of the website is donated. You can visit it at <http://JamestowneChesapeakeBayCompany.com>. The US mail address for the Chesapeake Bay Company is P. O. Box 118, Coles Point, Virginia 22442.

----- CLIP ON DOTTED LINES----- RESERVATION FORM -----

**RESERVATION FORM FOR SPRING MEETING LUNCHEON, SAT. APRIL 28, 2007**

Directions: For both e-mail recipients and US-mail recipients of *Bowsprit*, please print/copy this page and complete the form below. Please mail it by April 16, 2007, along with your check in the amount of \$15.00 for each luncheon reservation to:

**Jean Booth McKenney, 50 Fox Tail South, Irvington, VA 22480-2403**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (TOTAL).

Please make checks payable to "CHESAPEAKE BAY COMPANY" (Mail not later than April 16, 2007).

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