

The Virginia Giant

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WALKING IN PETER'S FOOTSTEPS...

Our October meeting will be a very special occasion—we will be meeting in the *Colonial Capital*—Williamsburg, Virginia—and celebrating the many contributions made to the Society by founding member and current 2nd Vice President and Historical Advisor—Edith Mae Francisco Buckley. This is one meeting you will not want to miss! Edith has not only *walked* in Peter's footsteps, she has *followed* in his footsteps! Plan to attend to learn of her many accomplishments while promoting Peter Francisco and our Society.

Since Edith will be moving to Oregon this year to be close to her son Scott, you also will want to be present to bid her farewell and to offer your best wishes for her new adventure! Feel free to bring a card and/or photos from past events to present to Edith; or cards may be mailed to her c/o

Scott F. Buckley
2808 S.E. 26th Avenue
Portland, OR 97202

*No gifts, please; however, donations to the
Scholarship Fund will be accepted in Edith's honor.*

The honor of your presence is requested at the

Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

**Luncheon and Business Meeting
Special Recognition of Founding Member
Edith Mae Francisco Buckley**

~ **Saturday, October 22, 2016** ~
11:30 a.m.

**Seasons Restaurant
Laurel Room
110 S. Henry Street
Williamsburg, Virginia
757.259.0018**

~One block from restored Colonial Williamsburg~

PARKING: Across the street and to the side of Seasons Restaurant

RSVP: Please use the enclosed form to make luncheon reservations, or contact Anne Wilson at 512.636.8197 or annecw1@aol.com. Deadline for reservations is October 16.

**PETER FRANCISCO
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Dakota “Coty” J. Willey, graduate of Nature Coast Technical High School in Brooksville, Florida, was the recipient of our \$500 scholarship in May 2016, and of free membership in the Society for 2016-17. Coty is attending the University of Central Florida in Orlando.



Dakota Willey with his Certificate of Scholarship in May 2016

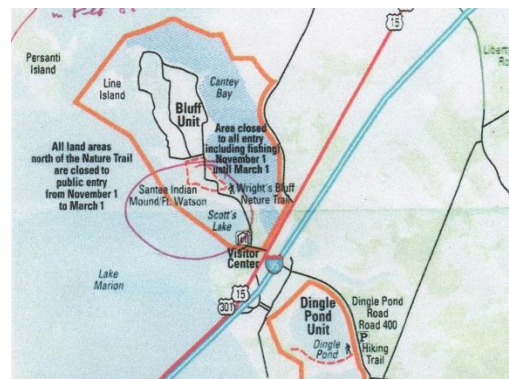
Thank you to the following donors for their generosity and for making the 2016 Peter Francisco Memorial Scholarship possible: *Patriot* - Manuel & Maria Fernandes; *Infantry* - James Massie, Gail Coffman, William Corum, Harold R. Spainhour, Anne Wilson - In memory of Elizabeth “Susie” Bowles and Ida Shorter Craig; *Militia* - William Brown III, Anne Linares, Elizabeth Finley, Mark & Jamie Greenough, Francisco Mendonca; *Colonial* - James Bechter, Ron & Penny Geiger, George Farias, Nancy Faxon, Gayle Randall.

Donations for the 2017 Scholarship Fund may be made using the enclosed form.

PETER FRANCISCO DAY

Members gathered at the Capitol Building in Richmond, Virginia, on Sunday, March 13, 2016, to honor Peter Francisco. Guest Speakers were J. Michael Moore, curator for Endview Plantation and Lee Hall Mansion, who spoke about Amelia County; and Society member, Don Pruitt, who presented his findings about Scott’s Lake (referred to as “Scotch Lake” by Peter Francisco). A synopsis of Don’s presentation follows: *A small body of water known as Scott’s Lake on the right bank of the Santee River near Santee, SC, was subsumed into the new, larger Lake Marion when the river was dammed. This is the site of the Santee*

Indian Mound and where British Fort Watson was located in 1781. It seems that Peter did not fight at either battle at Fort Watson – the first, on February 28, 1781; or the second, on April 22, 1781. Peter never mentioned being in combat at the Fort; rather, his activities there were deeds of harassment (confiscation of enemy supplies, including a hoghead of clothing and several horses, and their subsequent use by the Patriots) and reconnaissance, so ordered by General Greene and recorded in his letter of February 9 to General George Washington. Also, Peter had already been wounded at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on March 15, 1781, by the time of the second battle at Fort Watson. For Don’s detailed report on Scott’s Lake and “The Little Nightcap,” please visit our website www.peterfrancisco.org.



**PORTRAIT OF
DR. BENJAMIN MORRIS FRANCISCO**

This drawing of Dr. Benjamin Morris Francisco (1803-1883) was obtained from the Louisa County Historical Society and donated by our Society to the Library of Virginia on March 23, 2016. It is a 28’x24’ charcoal on paper, mounted on canvas, circa mid-19th Century. The Library has scanned the drawing, and we have a digital portrait; however, it has *not* been digitally restored. *If you have Professional Photo Shop software and would be willing to restore it for us, please contact Sue Terminella, Archives Committee Chairman, at sue.terminella@gmail.com.*



Dr. Benjamin Francisco – Library of Virginia

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

On February 24, 2016, member Karen Kardian of Bon Air, Virginia, donated her late great-aunt Lewise Cosby's Society papers, photographs, letters, booklets, and a doll of Peter Francisco (1950s-1970s) to the Library of Virginia for inclusion in the Society's archives. Lewise, great-great granddaughter of Peter Francisco, served as our Society's first Treasurer.

Thank you, Karen, for sharing these items so they can be kept safe in a repository...and made available so that others may see them! Sue Terminella, Archives Committee Chair, SDPF

Preserving history runs in the Kardian family...



Jack Kardian presented Peter Francisco as part of the Living History Museum at St Michael's Episcopal School, Richmond, VA

~WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS~

Friends - Herbert & Nancy Maxey - owners of Maysville Manor B&B, home of the library named in Peter's memory in Buckingham, VA; Harold R. Spainhour and Kimberly Shiflett of Charlottesville, VA; Janet D. Leffard of Mobile, AL; Martha Louis, President of Historic Buckingham, Buckingham, VA; and Dakota Willey of Spring Hill, FL.

MARKER FOR H. L. FRANCISCO

In June 2016 twelve American soldiers had markers placed in their memory in Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, VA. *Through the efforts and generosity of SDPF member Bob Grimes of Suffolk, Virginia*, one of those markers is in memory of Henry Lawrence Francisco, Co. G, 23rd VA Infantry, CSA, who died on March 23, 1862, in the first Battle of Kernstown, VA. Henry, whose body was never recovered, was the son of Dr. Benjamin and Mary Lawrence Francisco of Louisa, Virginia, and grandson of Peter and Catherine Francisco.

A dedication ceremony was held at the American Legion Battlefields Post 144 in Sandston, VA, on June 5, 2016. Bob Grimes and fellow members of the 13th VA Mechanized Cavalry, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #9, were in attendance. Bob and family members of others who were honored with markers were presented with Virginia State Flags.



SCV members at the Henry Lawrence Francisco marker located to the rear of Shockoe Hill Cemetery: Jimmie Sherwood, Jimmy Knowles; Matt Dore; Mike Tate; Jimmy Thames; Gene Greibel (prospective member); Bob Grimes; and Mike Armistead

VA GOVERNOR ON "TURN"

Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe states that he is "a huge history buff who reads every book he can find on the Revolutionary War." He has been instrumental in having the hit television series, "Turn, Washington's Spies," filmed primarily in Richmond and Williamsburg, Virginia. The Governor is a fan of the series and, in fact, appeared as General Richard Lawson of the Virginia militia, in the June 6, 2016, episode of the series.

PETER'S GRAVESITE IN SHOCKOE HILL CEMETERY

According to the Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery, the gravesite of Peter Francisco is one of the most frequently visited in the entire cemetery.

Do you notice anything incorrect in the photo of the monument taken in 1964? If you are the first to notify the Society of the error, you will win a year's free membership in the Society!

Email sdpf2000@aol.com with your answer.



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Forwarded by members Karen Kardia and Sue Terminella

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***Purpose:** To compile and maintain the documented records of Peter Francisco and his descendants and to give him his rightful place in history.*

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If you have any news for the next issue of "The Virginia Giant," please send it to the writers/editors at sdpf2000@aol.com

Please use the form below for payment of Dues, Christmas Ornament Orders, Scholarship Fund Donations and Luncheon Reservations.

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS, DUES, SCHOLARSHIP DONATION and
LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS**

*Please complete this form, include check made payable to SDPF, & mail to:
Anne Wilson, Treasurer SDPF, 2613 Moray Lane, Cedar Park, TX 78613*



~ **CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS** ~

Our 16th Limited Edition Christmas ornaments are miniature, ceramic white bowls showing three different scenes from a Williamsburg townscape toile in blue. These ornaments can be hung from your tree or used for holding rings or other small items.

What a perfect memento of our 2016 meeting held in Williamsburg, Virginia!

\$12.00 per ornament x No. ordered ___ = \$_____

~ **DUES** ~ \$10 per year for adults; \$2 per year for children under 18 years of age

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

No. Adults x \$10 + No. Children x \$2 = \$_____

~ **DONATION to the 2017 Scholarship Fund** ~ \$_____

___ Please check if in honor of Edith Francisco Buckley.

TOTAL FOR ORNAMENTS, DUES and SCHOLARSHIP \$_____

~ **RESERVATIONS for LUNCHEON** ~ **Deadline for Reservations is October 16** ~
(BBQ Buffet or order from menu. Payment to be made individually at restaurant.)

Adults Attending: _____ # Children Attending: _____

Names of those attending: _____
