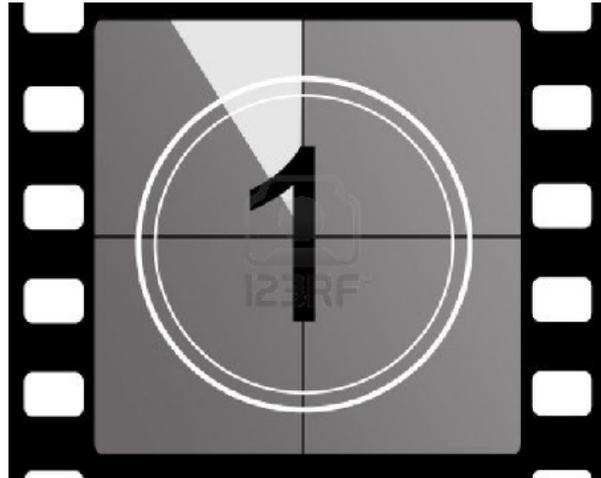


# THE LEFTWICH HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

July-August 2018



LEFTWICH HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
REUNION COUNTDOWN  
TO OCTOBER 12TH  
IN WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR 1ST VP, BILL LEFTWICH ABOUT THE SUPER 2018 REUNION:

I'm really getting excited about the upcoming LHA Reunion!

We chose a recently renovated hotel, which should really be nice; the staff has been very helpful as we carefully arranged the delicious food for our Saturday banquet.

Susan and I just love the entire Williamsburg-Yorktown-Jamestown area, as it's so full of history and beauty; the group visit to the Revolutionary War Museum at Yorktown should be really special.

That museum has so many fascinating exhibits and displays - including a special

exhibit about the cannons used at Yorktown. Read the attached article and see what General Cornwallis said about who he really should have surrendered to!

In addition to the trip to the museum, we have a terrific speaker on Friday night, and Revolutionary War re-enactors on Saturday night to tell us what life was like at that time. You don't want to miss it!

We hope you will make your reservations soon, and start your trip plans to come to the reunion! Your officers have worked hard to put it all together. Let's grow our numbers from last year.

And, best of all ... your cousins want to see you!!  
William (Bill) Leftwich

**Leftwich Historical Association  
REUNION  
Williamsburg, Virginia  
October 12 - 14, 2018**

**Accommodations are at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Williamsburg, Va.**

Come two days early and/or stay two nights after the reunion and qualify for the special LHA rates (available Wednesday through Sunday nights) in order to see the many sites in the surrounding area.

Call the Holiday Inn and Suites in Williamsburg directly to get the LHA room rate; (don't phone the 800#).

**Friday, 12th**

**5:00 pm Reunion registration, and the party can begin here, meeting up with friends and relations from previous gatherings!**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

Official Meet and Greet with your Leftwich cousins - share your line of Leftwich ancestry, or investigate with others. Have your pictures made and place them on the Large Tree display representing the genealogical branches of the descendants.

Special speaker is Randolph Flood, the Founding Director and First Executive Director of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, who will introduce us to the magnificent new Museum which is on our itinerary for the next day.

Socialize as long as you want in the evening with your family and autograph your place on the family wall tree - take a picture with cousins in your line so we can post there.

**Saturday, 13th Fun, Full Day!**

- Eat your "included" breakfast with the group
- Annual meeting and recognition of guests, presentation of awards: **9:00-11:00 am**
- Visit Yorktown and tour the American Revolution Museum carpooling available to Yorktown **1:00-4:00 pm**
- Chat it up with friends at the banquet (word is that the food will be great) **7:00-10:00 pm**
- American Revolution Re-enactors will use their techniques to let us know what life was like for an artilleryman and a surgeon during that war.

*Night owls are welcome to keep the party going, but don't forget that your breakfast is included on Sunday morning!*

At the end of this Bulletin, you will find the reunion information that was sent in The Leftwich Heritage, in case your copy is missing.

The forms will also be posted on our LHA Facebook page, and on leftwich.org % Mike Starr.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SINCE APRIL 2018! WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!**

**Cindy Maddux Sexton  
Christina Muniz  
Kevin Shellman  
Glenda McKenzie  
Trey Francione  
Brenda Leftwich Myers  
Larry Wirtz  
Charles Bradley**

**Please go to our LHA Facebook site and introduce yourself by telling us a bit about who you**

The 2018 edition of **The Leftwich Heritage** was worth the wait! There's a wealth of information and stories within, and it'll be worth keeping it on your coffee table to re-visit again and again, and also to keep for posterity.

Thanks very much to all of the contributors and our two editors, who spent *so* much time on the research and writing. It's a really big job!

I'd personally encourage talented Leftwich cousins to take this kind of information even further, and write Wikipedia articles about any relative who might be historically significant.

Wikipedia has directions for what is required (on Wikipedia!); sounds like a great project for winter?

Margo Linder

## Registration Deadline is September 12th

Chris Thurmon, Treasurer, reports that about the same number of people have signed up for the reunion as last year - let's bump those numbers up! It's really a fun get-together! And now is your chance to vote for next year's location, so have your say! There is something to be said for all of them, but if you feel strongly about one location over another, go onto the Leftwich Historical Association Facebook group and try to convince others to vote your way! Let's get some discussion going - and give us some fresh ideas - even for this year, it's not too late!

Margo Linder

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**For Family Research Information** - you will be directed to the volunteer in your family line for assistance.

**2018 Leftwich Historical Association  
Hotel Registration**

**October 12th - 14th, 2018**

**Hotel Accommodations:**

**The Holiday Inn and Suites Gateway**

**Phone: (800) 315-2621**

**Address: 515 ByPass Road**

**Williamsburg, Virginia 23185**

*Do not call the 800-number as shown here.*

*Phone (757) 229-9990 to get the special room rates.*

**Use ID: "Leftwich Historical Association" when making reservations.**

**Date of Arrival: Friday, October 12th**

**Date of Departure: Sunday, October 14th**

Discounted Room Rate at this hotel for LHA Reunion Attendees - \$134.95 per night, plus taxes.

The above room rates **include** breakfast. These rates are for single/double occupancy. All guest room rates are subject to state and local taxes.

Reservations must be received **no later than September 12, 2018** (the "Cut-off Date"). **You must identify yourself as part of the "Leftwich Historical Association."**

The Hotel will extend the group rate until that date. The Hotel will release any unreserved rooms for general sale, and at the hotel's discretion, will accept reservations at the LHA group rate, on a space and rate available basis only.

The Hotel has extended a discounted rate for two nights before and two nights after the Reunion dates for your pleasure should you desire to visit some of the many sites to see in the area. Be sure to plan with the Hotel ahead of time to get these rates.

**Guest Check-in/Out Times: 4:00 pm check-in, and Sunday 12:00 pm (noon) check-out.**

***Make your reservations early!***

## COME TO THE 26TH REUNION!!!

*26th Leftwich Historical Association Reunion*  
**October 12-14th, 2018**  
**Holiday Inn and Suites Gateway**  
**Williamsburg, Virginia**

### **“Yorktown - The Birth of a Nation”**

Explore fascinating sites of historic Yorktown, Virginia, and your Genealogical Roots with your Leftwich Cousins. The weekend events will focus on the Battle of Yorktown between General George Washington’s Army and the British Army, the deciding battle of the American Revolution.

We have exceptional accommodations, scrumptious food, entertaining speakers, and time for you to explore your family roots and historical landmarks.

Come and visit with your Leftwich cousins and enjoy Historical Yorktown.

#### **Friday, October 12, 2018:**

**Reunion Registration: 5:00 pm** in Holiday Inn and Suites Lobby.

**Dinner:** At the hotel or any of the restaurants of your choice nearby.

**Evening: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Meet and Greet** - at the Holiday Inn and Suites Gateway Hotel.

Meet and Greet your Leftwich cousins and discover your line of ancestry from Augustine Leftwich, Sr.. Have your pictures made and place them on the Large Tree display representing the genealogical branches of the Leftwich Descendants.

Special Speaker, Randolph Flood, Historic Education Instructor and Historical Interpreter at “The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown” will introduce us to the magnificent new Museum which is on our itinerary for a Saturday afternoon visit.

**Saturday, October 13, 2018:**

**Morning:** Breakfast at the hotel (included).

**9:00 am - 11:00 am** - Business Meeting, Recognition of Special Guests, Presentation of Awards.

**11:00 am - 12:30 pm:** Lunch on your own.

**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm:** Carpool from the hotel to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown\*, just a short distance from our hotel.

**Evening 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm:** Banquet and an evening with Re-enactors from the American Revolutionary period. Hear what life was like for an artilleryman and a surgeon during the Revolutionary War.

**Sunday, October 14, 2018:**

**Morning:** Breakfast at the hotel (included).

The above schedule of activities may be changed where needed.

Hotel reservation deadline of **September 12, 2018** is a firm date for room reservations and for sending in the registration forms to Chris Thurmon, Treasurer. **There are many activities in Williamsburg that weekend, so make your reservations early.**

Note: Discounted room rates are available for the two nights before and the two nights after our reunion. So, come early or stay after the reunion to spend time at Colonial Williamsburg and the Jamestown settlement, or any of the other attractions in the area.

\* "The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown" had its Grand Opening in 2017, with galleries featuring Interactive Exhibits and Short Films, such as, "The Siege of Yorktown." The area is a living museum with period artifacts and demonstrations of encampment, military drills, and artillery of the Revolutionary era.

**Registration Form - LHA Reunion 2018**  
**(Please return this form with the registration fee)**

**Number of family members attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual attendee registration fee @ \$35.00 per person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet: Saturday Evening - October 13th, 7:00 pm**  
**Holiday Inn and Suites Hotel**  
**@ \$42.00 per person.** **Total amount for Banquet** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, October 13th Museum Tour**  
**@ \$15.50 per person.** **Total amount for Tour** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount (including individual Registration fees, and Tour fees)**  
**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name/Names and addresses of family members who are registering - (for name tags)**

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am from the Leftwich Line of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Registration Form and Check made payable to Leftwich Historical Association to: Chris Thurmon, LHA Treasurer, 806 Carpenter Road, Loveland, OH 45140**

## Possible Future LHA Reunion Locations

**We would like to hear from you regarding locations for our future Reunions. Please vote for your preferences of great places to meet!**

**Let us know your wishes for future LHA Reunion Sites by placing a number in the blank spaces - 1, 2, 3, in order of your preference from this selection:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Huntsville, Alabama - We have connections with Brigadier General Jabez Leftwich, son of Augustine Leftwich, Sr., Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Soldier, and U. S. Congressman, buried at Maple Hill Cemetery, 1765-1855. The McAlister-Leftwich House is a beautiful Gothic Revival-inspired house built in 1875 by Col. A. H. Leftwich and is used for Weddings and Special Events at this time. Some of the things to see if you would like to stay longer are: The U. S. Space and Rocket Center, U. S. Veterans Memorial Museum, Cathedral Caverns State Park, Madison County Nature Trail - Green Mountain, the Huntsville Botanical Garden, Monte Sano State Park, Harmony Park Safari, Twickenham Historic District, Huntsville Museum of Art, Alabama Constitution Village, and Orange Beach.

\_\_\_\_\_ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Valley Forge - General Joel Leftwich, son of Augustine Leftwich, Sr., served during that famous winter of 1777 at Valley Forge. There are many Historic places to visit in Philadelphia including: Independence National Historical Park, Valley Forge National Historical Park, The Liberty Bell Center, Museum of the American Revolution, Independence Hall, The Franklin Institute, The Reading Terminal Market, The Barnes Foundation Museum of Art, containing some of the rarest works of fine art in the World, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Philadelphia Zoo, and Longwood Gardens.

\_\_\_\_\_ San Antonio, Texas - our connections to the *Leftwich Grant*, by Robert Leftwich in 1822, one of the first land grants for settlers from the Eastern United States into Texas. It is a fun city to visit with many sites to see including: The Alamo, the Riverwalk and Cruises, *SeaWorld®*, wildlife water park, Natural Bridge Caverns, and a beautiful Botanical Garden and Zoo. Some of the earliest World Heritage Sites are the Missions on the famous Mission Trail. It will be the 300th Anniversary of The Canary Islanders' settlement here in 2019. They built the San Fernando Cathedral in downtown San Antonio in 1734-1755. It is one of the oldest continuous settlements in the United States. There are hundreds of descendants of this group still living in the area. (<http://bexargenealogy.com/islanders/families.html>.)

**There are different ways to vote - message through the Facebook group, email Chris Thurmon (Treasurer), mail the sheet in - just be counted :-)**

I'd like to apologize for the delay of this monthly Bulletin ... April, May, and June's didn't happen because my husband had a near-fatal aortic dissection, etc etc, and he was in the hospital for two months. Thank you to my Leftwich group friends who helped with the prayers and words of encouragement and kindness. I know that we're all facing different things, so it's wonderful to know you have support from such nice people, and I'd encourage you all to get to know each other and draw strength from us when you need it.

Margo Linder, Communications Director

**That's all for now. See you next month.**





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