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Charleston Reunion, April 21/22, 2006

58 Haskells from many parts of the United States attended the Haskell Family Association reunion from as close as a mile away from the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn and from as far away as the Pacific Northwest. Thanks to the photographic efforts of James Haskell from Charleston and Bar Blackman from Columbia, we have a pretty good photographic record of the attendees. Links are available at my website for anyone to view pictures from the reunion and some are included in this newsletter.

Some of you may be wondering why the HFA Journal appears to have advertising for the Holiday Inn and Haskell's Dairy. I just wanted readers to know that our headquarters hotel made sure we felt welcome thanks in large part to the efforts that Sandy Duggan made possible when she secured the hotel and helped us arrange our tours. Many attendees at the reunion received Haskell Dairy bottles and Haskell Invitational hats thanks to the efforts of Sandy (Alexander Cheves) Haskell and his wife, Joyce. The dairy is no longer open to business but I'm hoping for a story about the Dairy for a future issue of the Journal. Milk delivered in returnable bottles by small independently owned dairies represents a by-gone era, but the Haskell dairy bottles are real keepsakes.

Probably most of the reunion participants have their own stories to tell about their trips to the reunion, but I do

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think those that traveled the longest distances were often able to create mini-vacations. The pre-reunion hospitality extended by Blaine Fennell from Isle of Palms, and by Helen Haskell and her husband Bar Blackman who had rented a house, were perfect to set the tone for great visits and family fun at the Charleston reunion. So while the events and experiences were different for each participant, the parts of the reunion I enjoyed the most were the stories that people had the opportunity to share. Most of the stories were very informal and others were shared with the group, but the hospitality of South Carolina and the overall beauty of the weather and the location were special for my family and the participants.

David Haskell, HFA Genealogist, assembled two additional items for the reunion that will also be treasured:

- 1) An outline Genealogy of the Descendants of Elnathan Haskell 1725-1783; and
- 2) Several copies of the CD of Marion Anderson's family groups. These CDs have been described in previous Journals and were definitely popular at the reunion.

If you still do not have your own copy you may contact David Haskell, 4 Meadowbrook Drive, Hadley, MA 01035-3506. (Alternative contact methods: Telephone inquiries to 413-549-5590 or email to dahaskell@aol.com .) The modest \$5.00 charge should be payable to David A. Haskell and partially covers his expenses and efforts.

There were five formal events sponsored by the reunion. The highlights follow in both picture and story.

The Business Meeting

The Business Meeting was the first opportunity to pick up handouts, Haskell items, and review information that various people brought to the reunion to share. Thankfully the John Langdon Haskell and his three sons: John Langdon, Jr. from San Francisco with family friend Jon Shipp; James Adam Haskell and his wife Melissa; and Daniel Haskell helped me set up and brought things to share. Perhaps one of the more fascinating items concerned Tidalhome near Beaufort, South Carolina. Adam and Natalie Haskell (John Langdon Haskell's parents) operated Tidalhome as a guest house and it gained later fame as the site for two films "The Great Santini" (1979) and "The Big Chill" (1983). My father and Blaine Fennell both shared fond memories of time spent with Uncle Adam and Aunt Natalie in Beaufort. This was just one of the fascinating items brought by people to the reunion and I thank those participants who took the time to bring special memories. While I do not want to miss anyone, another item that came to mind included a book on Charleston architecture brought by Sam and Judy Haskell of Charleston which featured the Gadsden-Morris House which was owned at one time by Col. Elnathan Haskell on 329 East Bay Street. A personal search for family by Sara Cheves Fair was also shared with several

participants and will appear elsewhere in the Journal.

We took the occasion of the meeting to discuss the IHFS upcoming reunion (June 20-24, 2007) in Salisbury, England. A special invitation has been extended to all Haskells particularly potential North American visitors. <http://www.ihfs.co.uk/Events.htm>

There was also some discussion of potential future reunion locations: Gettysburg, PA; Deer Isle, ME; California Gold Rush Country; and Danvers/Beverly/Salem, MA; were some of the places discussed.

Introductions were held and people were able to share some of their Haskell experiences.

The Dinner Cruise

Perhaps the single most popular event was the Dinner Cruise complete with a wonderful meal, cooperative weather, and dancing. The Haskell Family Association did its best to keep up the high school dancers. Cruising the Charleston Harbor from the Ravenel Bridge to Ft. Sumter and along the historical Charleston waterfront provided great scenic views and the food was quite good, and the company was better. I think some of the photos help convey the fun of the event.

Tour of Charleston and Magnolia Plantation

27 of the 58 reunion participants took part in the Charleston and Magnolia Plantation Tour. The largest number of participants in this tour were the individuals who had travelled the longest distances who were less familiar with the region. Seeing swamps, gardens, huge oak trees, Spanish moss, wildlife, and the plantation helped us visualize an overview of the region's geography and some of the highlights in the development of South Carolina.

Showing of the Gibbes Miniatures and tour of the Gibbes Museum

The Haskell Family Association was treated to a special showing of five miniature paintings in the Gibbes Museum collection. Included in the showing were Elnathan Haskell and his wife Charlotte Thomson; pictures of Charlotte's parents – Colonel William Thomson ("Old Danger" and one of the prime defenders of the Palmetto Fort at Fort Moultrie during the Revolutionary War) and his wife Eugenia Russell; and Mary Elizabeth Dulles, wife of Langdon Cheves, who was the mother-in-law of Elnathan Haskell's son, Charles Thomson Haskell (who married Eugenia's and Langdon's daughter, Sophia Lovell Cheves).

These pictures are in storage and not on public display, so it was a rare treat to actually see them and we appreciate the

efforts the Gibbes Museum made to have the items available. The reason they are kept in storage is that many of the paintings are very delicate and suffer when exposed to light for long periods. The Gibbes Museum and the Yale Museum are probably the two museums in the United States with the best miniature collections. Christina Bailey, Visitor Services Coordinator for the Gibbes and Todd Smith, Director, are the two who deserve the most credit for accommodating our Saturday visit.

The private showing of the miniatures was followed by an informative tour of the very fine collection of the museum. Turn-out for the museum art tour was exceptional. Originally 25 individuals had expressed definite interest, and in reality 40 showed up for the tour. Both the Haskell family and the museum benefitted from the visit as some had time to make purchases in the Museum gift shop. The museum has a new website, so if you missed an opportunity to visit the shop, you are welcome to use the following link:

http://www.gibbesmuseum.org/shop/art_books2.html

Saturday Banquet

The last formal event of the reunion was the banquet. We did not have a formal speaker, but following dinner the following individuals had comments and stories. Initially my comments concerned individuals who had hoped to attend the banquet but were unable to

Saturday Banquet (continued)

attend. We started introducing the tables but never completely finished because the following individuals stepped forward with some very different short stories.

Sandy and Joyce Haskell discussed the Haskell Dairy and efforts to fund a fountain. I was presented with a milk bottle (detail pictured at the head of the article) and it was fun to hear about dairy life in the Augusta, Georgia area. Sara Cheves Fair gave a short talk about her search for family and how important it was to include affiliated families in order to understand the history. Richard E. Haskell shared some comments related to the article that he published in the Haskell Family Journal regarding connections to royalty. Rounding out the presentations was a fun talk by Edwin Haskell concerning "Old Danger" William Thomson. Edwin had taken some time to study his ancestor and was able to recount the assignment of the nickname. In addition he provided details that if followed to their logical conclusion would result in the renaming of Fort Moultrie to Fort Thomson. The evening ended with people wanting more stories which many were able to share in small groups. It was very gratifying as one of the reunion organizers to see things end on such a positive note.

In addition to the various appreciations noted above, I would be remiss to not extend appreciation to Louisa Stone who in addition to being a sounding board had several great ideas and provided many addresses that helped get people to

the reunion. Sara Cheves Fair provided some nice ideas, too, and was always curious about the progress of events. Ann Smith King provided wonderful support the night of the Dinner Cruise and helped pass out the handouts and stayed behind while we cruised the harbor. Sam and Judy Haskell provided good help in rounding up family members for the dinner cruise and the museum tour. My immediate family deserves great credit by insuring the reunion would have at least nine participants. They endured my neglect as I checked last minute details and they did a pretty good job of keeping me "in line."

David Haskell was my inspiration for attempting to maintain a high standard as he was the master of detail for both the England and Danvers reunions. Again Marlene and I appreciated our time with Jim, Melissa, and John Langdon, Sr., the July before the reunion as we attempted to gain our bearings in Charleston. Their fortuitous introduction to Sandy Duggan assured an excellent local contact who made sure that we did everything necessary for our hotel, tours, and contract fulfillment. Every idea she had seemed to be appreciated by the reunion participants.

Next Reunion

While this might be a bit premature, it appears that the next Haskell Family Association reunion will be in Maine in close proximity to Deer Isle and Acadia National Park. Fortunately there is good organization from our Haskells with Maine and New England ties and if the

Next Reunion (continued)

enthusiasm remains as high as our preliminary planning, watch for a September, 2008 reunion.

The kick-off originated innocently enough at breakfast on Sunday morning after the official end of the Charleston reunion. More about this as plans progress. Those who need and want a reunion before then, are reminded of the wonderful opportunity in England for June, 2007.

Ballot for the Election of HFA Officers

The ballot for the election of HFA officers will be published in the next journal and election of Board Members will follow. While we are close to having a full slate of officers, we would still welcome and solicit nominations for Treasurer and one more space on the Board. If we cannot find a candidate for Treasurer, Patricia DeCiccio has agreed to keep the position, but I think it would be nice if we could honor her wish for a replacement relatively soon. My daughter, Elisabeth Haskell, has expressed an interest in becoming Editor of the Journal, to replace Noreen Pramberg and her first issue is planned for the Fall, 2006, issue.

One new candidate for the Board will be Richard E. Haskell replacing Richard E. Haskell. We appreciate the many years of service that Richard E. Haskell (and

his wife Lynn) of Greensburg, Pennsylvania provided to the Haskell Family Association. Richard E. Haskell (and his wife Edie) of Rochester Hills, Michigan have attended many reunions and have contributed material to the Journal. His expertise in computer science includes publication of several books and articles. Additional information is available at his website: <http://www.cse.secs.oakland.edu/haskell>

Most of the current board members wish to remain board members, but there is still at least one spot for a new candidate.

Other News

The new renewal envelopes for memberships made renewal easy and provided a quick reminder of the membership categories and seem to have worked quite well. Thanks again to Noreen and others for designing the new renewal envelopes. If you forgot to submit your dues, please note the address information below if you have misplaced your envelope:

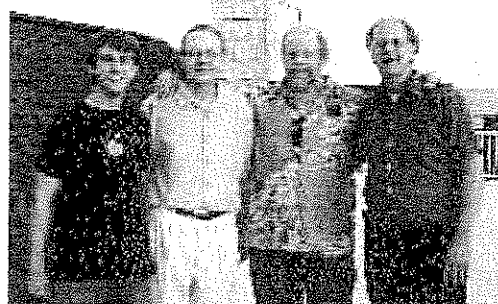
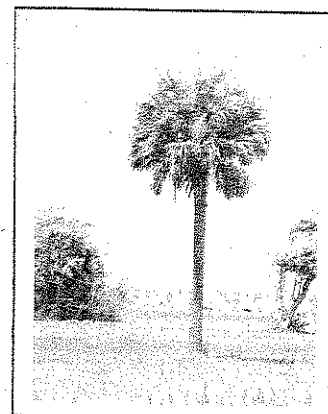
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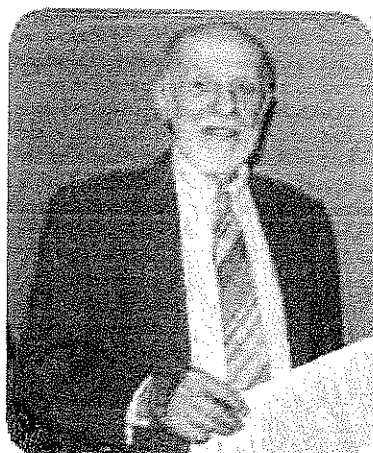
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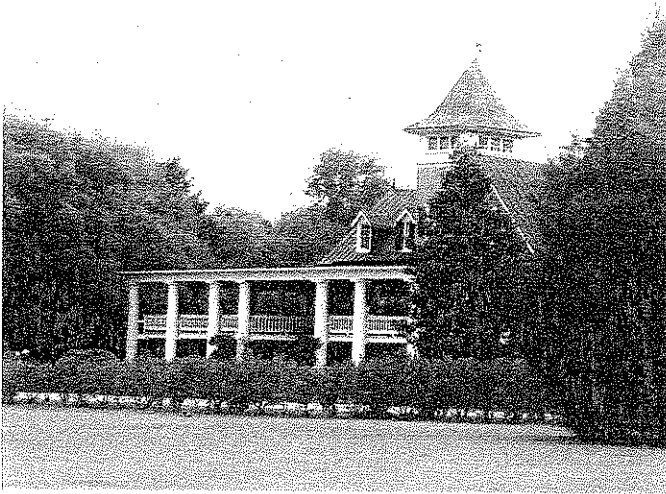
Left – Richard Hascall at Meeting.
Right – Ben Haskell, Porter Haskell Davis, Ted Haskell, and Tom Haskell



Left – David Haskell, HFA Genealogist.
Right (top) Attendees at the general meeting.
Right (bottom) John Langdon Haskell, Sr. addressing the group. Also pictured Richard E. and Lynn Haskell. Tom and Jane Haskell.

Pictures from the afternoon General Meeting on Friday, April 21, 2006.
Pictures by Tom Haskell and Jim Haskell

Magnolia Plantation Tour, April 22, 2006



Magnolia Plantation near Charleston



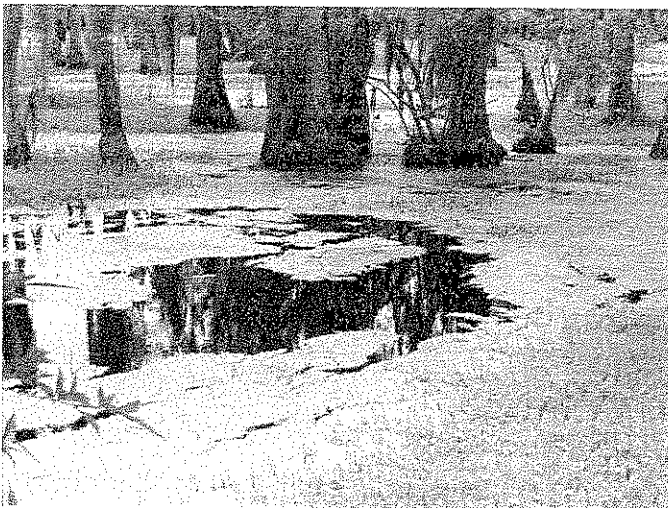
Horses in the fields around the plantation.



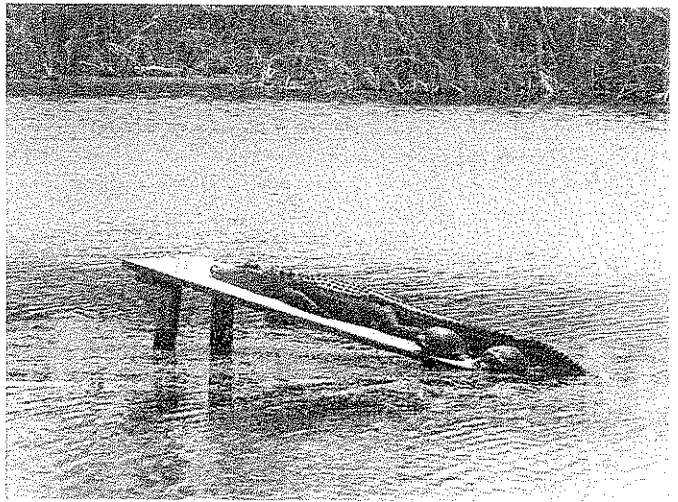
Egret wading in the Swamp.



Reflective bridge in the gardens at Magnolia Plantation.



We were swamped with things to see.



Alligator snoozing with two turtles.

As far as we know all Haskells returned from this trip safe and sound. *(Photos by Tom Haskell)*

Charleston Harbor Dinner Cruise, April 21, 2006



John Langdon Haskell, Jr. and Sr., Melissa and Jim Haskell *(from Jim Haskell's collection.)*



Helen Haskell Blackman from Columbia, SC



Katrin Haskell, sister-in-law to Helen Haskell and spouse of George Owens Haskell III with Heather Haskell.



John Langdon Haskell, Jr., Sara Cheves Fair, Kate and Edwin C. Haskell *(from Jim Haskell's collection.)*



Joyce Haskell, Tim Oliver and Ginger Haskell Oliver, Tom Haskell (left to right far side of front table).



Tim Oliver and Melissa Haskell either as dance instructors or pupils of the high school students.
(from Jim Haskell's collection.)

HFA Banquet, Mt. Pleasant, April 22, 2006



Tim Oliver and Sam Haskell confer. *(Photo from Bar Blackman collection.)*



Donna Brunstad and Ann Smith King. *(Photo from Bar Blackman collection.)*



Bob and Fatima Haskell, Tom Haskell, and Melissa Haskell *(Photo from Sally Meyer collection.)*

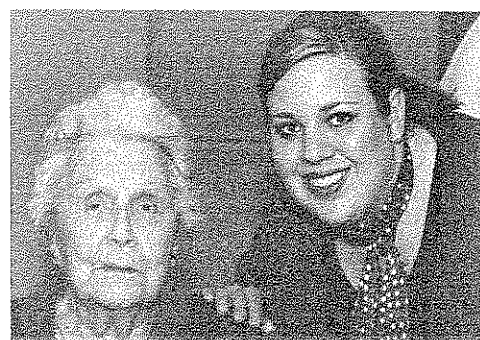


David Haskell, Richard E. and Lynn Haskell, Edwin and Kate Haskell *(Photo from Sally Meyer collection.)*



Katrin Haskell, Helen Haskell, Sara Cheves Fair, Virginia "Ginger" Haskell Oliver, and Louisa Stone *(Photo from Bar Blackman collection.)*

Oldest and
Youngest
for 2006
Reunion
(94 and 22)
*Photo by Bar
Blackman*



Elizabeth J. "Bette" Haskell and Elisabeth Marlene Haskell



Elisabeth, Marlene, Ben, Mary Mears, and Ted Haskell with Haskell Dairy bottle. *(Photo from Jane Haskell collection.)*



Andrew and Sally Meyer, Richard and Edie Haskell *(Photo by JamesHaskell)*