

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF *Madison* Family Descendants 2007 Newsletter

Letter From the Society President

Dear Cousins,

The Society has stayed busy during the past year. We continue to attract new family members and our board works diligently, without a paid staff, to insure good communication with our family, plan events, and divide up the many tasks that go into making our organization work smoothly. We are fortunate to have volunteers who give generously of both their time and money. The handsome Membership Certificates issued during the year to members in good standing reflects this spirit.

On November 4, 2006, I had the honor to present William "Bill" Lewis the Madison Family Cup for his leadership of and contributions to the Montpelier Foundation. Bill has been the main catalyst for the Montpelier Foundation which has been so welcoming to our society. There was a large group of us present at the annual Montpelier races. It was good getting together under a sunny sky and catching up on happenings in the family.

The Society participated in the wreath laying ceremony on March 16, 2007 at the Madison cemetery. The ceremony coincided with the opening of the new Visitor's Gallery which expands Montpelier's educational mission with presentations in the Potter Theater, in the Grills' Gallery, and the William duPont Gallery. I know many of you attended its dedication.

We held our annual board meeting in Williamsburg this year to coincide with the celebration of the founding of Jamestown. The board members pay their own expenses for these meetings. We always have some fun after the business meeting and work sessions are over. This year was no exception.

Queen Elizabeth, II, who stayed at the Williamsburg Inn,

was our next door neighbor for several days. She became very chatty with our board member and secretary, Frederick Smith, the morning of our tour of Jamestown. The Jamestown site was inspiring, as was our picnic beside the James River. Dinners on Friday and Saturday nights were in colonial taverns with authentic eighteenth century fare. On Sunday, we toured Williamsburg. Not only did we accomplish a lot with a full agenda during the weekend, we had a terrific time.

The Montpelier Races will be held on Nov. 3, 2007. The Society, once again, will present the Madison Cup to a worthy recipient to be announced that morning.

In order to closely coincide with the completion of the mansion at Montpelier, our next family reunion, chaired by Susan Fogg, will be held in Orange County, VA on June 19, 20 and 21, 2009 at Montpelier. Both the exterior and interior of this historic residence should be completed by that date. Furnishing the mansion will continue for some time thereafter, as additional items that were once in the house are discovered. Perhaps some of you might have family items that are part of Montpelier's history and would consider donating or loaning them to the Foundation. The chair of the foundation committee responsible for locating such items is our board member, Peggy Boeker.

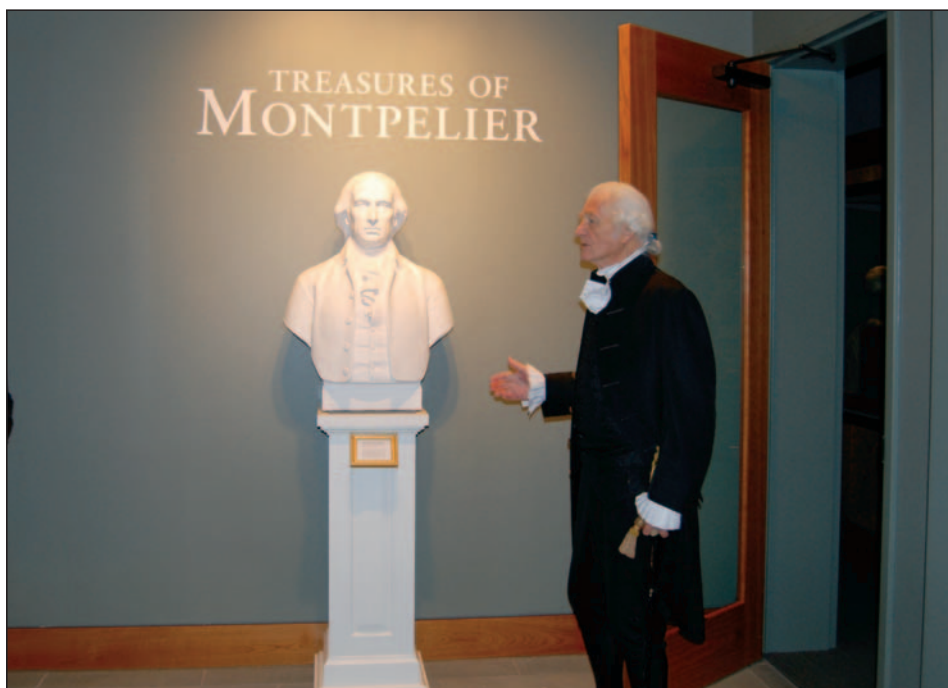
We plan to make a presentation of the Madison silver flatware to the Montpelier Foundation during the 2009 Reunion. I hope each of you will participate in both the reunion and donating towards our gift.

Sincerely,

John F. Macon, President



*John F. Macon
President, National Society of
Madison Family Descendants*



A bust of President James Madison greets visitors entering and exiting the new Joe and Marge Grills Gallery, a museum-quality exhibit space that displays original objects in "The Treasures of Montpelier." President George Washington is shown on opening day as he departs the gallery after reminiscing old times with Madison.

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News from Montpelier

By Michael Quinn, President, The Montpelier Foundation



This year, 2007, is well on its way to being the best in Montpelier's history. We will complete three important construction projects, the mansion restoration is entering the final phase, and visitation is booming!

On the construction front, we started the year by opening a new entrance, replacing the failing wooden bridge that carried our visitors over a railroad line onto Montpelier. Not only can travelers enter with safety, but Montpelier now has a distinguished entrance that can be easily found and quickly recognized! Soon after, we opened a magnificent new Visitor Center and William duPont Gallery. This 15,000 square foot facility enables us to welcome visitors with first class amenities, with a special theater presentation, and with a "Treasures" exhibit of the personal items of James and Dolley Madison. The duPont Gallery tells Montpelier's history in the 20th century, and serves as venue for lectures, concerts, receptions and dinners.

Our third project is a new academic building for the Center for the Constitution. We held the opening on Constitution Day,

September 17. The new building significantly advances the Center, giving us a spacious classroom, break-out spaces, a dedicated dining room and additional offices. We are already planning to expand our offering of seminars and conferences, and will reach more teachers and judges next year than ever before.

Our most important project, however, remains restoring the home of James and Dolley Madison. We entered the final phase just months ago, when the infrastructure systems were completed. Our carpenters promptly began installing the finish trim and repairing the wood lathe and the plasters began work right behind them! As in every phase of an authentic restoration, however, this work progresses slowly, as each window frame and piece of chair rail must be fitted carefully in place, and the plasterers laboriously build up the wet plaster, forming the ceiling and walls in every room. We are still on schedule to complete the major work of restoration by next spring, and we have selected Constitution Day in 2008—September 17—for the celebration.

Despite all of this construction, visitation is climbing. We are ahead of last year by more than 15%, and may well end up with the highest level of visitation on record. The experience here keeps improving, as James and Dolley Madison "return" more and more emphatically to the home they created and loved.

2006 Madison Cup Presentation

By John Macon, President

The Madison Family Cup was presented to Bill Lewis, a wonderful friend of both our family and the Montpelier Foundation, at the Madison Cabinet Hunt Breakfast prior to the annual 2006 Montpelier Races. We were very proud to be able to honor Bill who has worked extremely hard for Montpelier for many years. He is someone without whom Montpelier would be a far different place than it is today.

Bill's understanding of the tremendous undertaking of putting Montpelier on the national map, and his advice and guidance toward that end has been invaluable. In addition, he has exhibited his negotiating skills, which he put to excellent use creating the Montpelier Foundation, along with his strong and extensive powers to raise money and engage in projects critical for Montpelier's success, while giving freely of his legal advice and time.

He was instrumental in garnering the consensus and support necessary to bring Montpelier back to the Madison era and preserve, but relocate, the splendid and historic duPont rooms to a new location. They have been reconstructed and are showcased in the Visitor Center and the duPont Gallery.

Bill became Chairman of the new Foundation Board, a position he has held for the past eight years. During this time, he has been intimately involved in the development of every project, from the architectural investigations, to the incredibly complicated renovation, to personnel issues, to the new Gateway Entry Project.

In all of the above, Bill has been an inspiration, a gentleman and a gracious leader. He has charmed us with his energy, wisdom and talents.

The Madison Family Cup has been given every year since its inception to the following recipients:

- 2001 - The DAR, Virginia Chapter
- 2002 - Peyton Lewis
- 2003 - The Garden Club of Virginia
- 2004 - The Estate of Paul Mellon
- 2005 - The Montpelier Cookbook Committee
- 2006 - William Lewis

John Macon, President of NSMFD awards 2006 Madison Cup to William Lewis, Chairman of the Montpelier Foundation. Also pictured from left are Joe Grills, Vice Chairman of the Montpelier Foundation; and Michael Quinn, President of the Montpelier Foundation



An Unabashed Plea (yet again) for Madison Silver Donations!

By Susan Garrett Larson, Director, NSMFD

Dear Cousins, Friends of the NSMFD, fans of Montpelier and all lovers of beautiful silver,

Many, many thanks to all of you who have made such thoughtful and generous donations over the past year to the fund for the purchase of the Madison flat silver! Direct contributions were made and many of you have enjoyed the option of making a donation in memory of or in honor of someone you care about. We've had gifts made in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, new babies and as thank-you's! The sky's the limit!

As you may recall, the silver is on loan to the National Society of Madison Family Descendants and is currently on display at Montpelier. Our desire is to present this silver as a gift from our "family" as a part of the grand reopening of James Madison's restored Montpelier in 2008. Currently, we have raised only \$4,100 towards our \$9,000 goal. As you can see, we still need your help!

There are two words in the paragraph above we must take very seriously: on loan. James Robinson, Inc., in New York, created this gorgeous silver and has been very generous to loan it to us. We need to purchase it now – we simply cannot rely on their kindnesses any longer!

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to make a tangible gift to Montpelier by purchasing a place setting (spoon, fork and knife), a specific piece of the flatware, a serving piece, or making any donation you

possibly can to this fund. Just think, you'll be able to go and view that fabulous soup ladle you donated! Every little bit helps! We have worked with the Montpelier Foundation to provide additional benefits to donors who give specifically towards this silver purchase. Individuals and families supporting the purchase through the Montpelier Fund will be accorded Montpelier membership with associated privileges at the level of their respective contributions. Go to Montpelier's website: www.montpelier.org to see various membership levels and benefits.

Your gift is tax-deductible through the Montpelier Fund as allowed by Federal and State law. Please consult your tax advisor with specific questions.

Here's how to make your gift towards the Madison silver flatware purchase:

- Make your check out to The Montpelier Fund.
- Write "Madison Silver Flatware Donation" in the "for" line on your check.
- Mail your check along with any specifications noted in an accompanying letter; for instance, "I would like to donate toward the purchase of one place setting (or soup ladle, serving fork, etc.)," or "this is a general donation toward the silver purchase." You may make your donation from yourself, your family, and/or in the honor of someone or the memory of someone you hold dear. Please clearly make note

of these, if any, specifications.

- Mail your check and note to:
Mr. John Macon Cornick
Treasurer, NSMFD
2532 Wake Drive
Raleigh, NC 27608
- John will record your donations for NSMFD and forward them immediately to the Montpelier Fund. You will receive notice of the receipt of your donation both from Montpelier and the National Society of Madison Family Descendants.

Let's reach our goal! Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

P.S. Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information: srglarson@nc.rr.com or by calling me in Chapel Hill, NC, at 919.933.8939. You may also contact John Macon Cornick at john.cornick@southernindustrial.com or by calling him at 919.632.6688.



"Fiddle Thread"
silver pattern.

Madison Silver Notes and Pricing

The Madison's original sterling table settings, in the "Fiddle Thread" pattern, were made by silversmith Gerard Duru in Paris c. 1789. The original set was sent to James and Dolley Madison by James Monroe, probably during 1804-1806, while he was in Paris as Minister to France. Dolley Madison later had an "M" engraved on the set.

Several examples of the original service are now owned by the Smithsonian Institution.

In 2001, the respected firm of James Robinson, Inc., in New York, recreated eight place settings of the European-sized set for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the 4th President's birth. There are 32 pieces in this set, which has been on loan to Montpelier since then.

The service has been offered to us for \$9,000 and here is the price list for the individual pieces:

- Eight Spoons at \$221.00 EACH
- Eight Forks at \$237.00 EACH
- Eight Knives at \$ 128.00 EACH
- Three Serving Forks at \$365.00 EACH
- Three Serving Spoons at \$354.00 EACH
- One Soup Ladle at \$2,000 (somebody GO for it!)
- One Tea Tongs ("Sugar Nips") at \$110.00

ONE PLACE SETTING (spoon, fork, and knife) would be \$586.

This silver flatware is handmade, piece-by-piece, from oblong, solid bars of silver – hand-hammered for strength, durability, and that wonderful feel and balance in your hand.

Thank you for your help in making our gift a reality!

Madison Silver Flatware Donors

Carole Alderman
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Byrd Conway Reid Davison – Age 101

Died on November 28, 2005 at her home in Alexandria, VA. She was the widow of George Evans Davison, the son of Dr. George Jaynes Davison and his wife Virginia Pennell Davison of Richmond, VA. Mrs. Davison was born in Athens, GA, in 1903 in the home of her paternal Grandfather, Dr. William Buchanan Conway. She was the daughter of Alfred Taliaferro Conway and his wife Elizabeth LeRoy Hart Conway, the daughter of Dr. John Beauregard Hart of Baltimore, MD. Mrs. Davison was the 9th lineal descendant of the English immigrant Edwin Conway who came to Virginia in 1640 with a land grant from King Charles I. This land grant covered what are the present counties of Madison and Green in Virginia.

During WWII, Mrs. Davison was employed at Camp Gordon in Augusta, GA as head of the Processing Section of the Civilian Personnel Unit. The end of the war found her serving in the Speakers Bureau of the Red Cross Headquarters in Alexandria, VA. Later, Mrs. Davison was employed for twenty years on the Front Office staff of the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. She was an avid bridge player, a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Colonial Dames of the XVII Century. While active in the UDC Chapter, she compiled a pamphlet, titled A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE, containing the biographies of the Confederate ancestors of the current members. For this achievement, she was awarded the Jefferson Davis medal.

In the last ten years of her retirement, Mrs. Davison activated

a crochet skill which she learned in childhood. She managed to crochet many hundreds of sofa pillow covers selling the finished pillows with the assistance of her grandson Timothy Reid, a long-time employee on the staff of the F.B.I., to the tourists in Washington. By this time, she had a collection of over 150 different patterns in color and design. She had hoped that a craft publisher would be interested in making a book of color photos of these for other crocheters to copy, before her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Davison is survived by her son, Robin LeRoy Reid of Alexandria, his two sons, two daughters and two grandsons. Her daughter, being deceased, is survived by her son, Thomas Randolph Jones, an attorney of Alto, GA. and his two daughters.

* This abbreviated version of Byrd Conway Reid Davison's obituary was printed in the newsletter as a tribute to her long life of 101 years. May we all endeavor to live as full and long a life as this family member. A more detailed obituary compiled by Mrs. Davison in her 97th year can be found on the NSMFD's web site.



Byrd Conway Reid Davison

NSMFD Family Reunion Update

By Susan Lewis Fogg, Vice President

The next Madison Family Descendants Reunion was originally scheduled to occur in June of 2008, which would coincide with the completion of the mansion at Montpelier. It was also intended that the Society would present our gift of the Madison silver at the reunion.

The Montpelier Foundation however alerted our President John Macon that the interior of the mansion will not be completed in time for the 2008 reunion. It was suggested that we hold our reunion in June of 2009. Having our reunion in 2009 will allow us to view the completion of the interior of the mansion with the wallpaper hung and at least partially furnished. In addition, we will have more time to collect money for the silver.

The reunion committee: Ann

Thornton, Iris Eaton, Ed Kube, and Susan Fogg met via e-mail before the annual NSMFD board meeting in May and suggested that we wait until June of 2009 to hold the tri-annual family reunion. The Madison Family Board agreed with the committee's decision.

The NSMFD family reunion has been set for June 19, 20 & 21, 2009. Anyone with suggestions should contact committee members. We hope to have a large turnout with lots of Madison cousins!

Reunion committee members can be reached as follows: Chairperson Susan Fogg - susanfogg@verizon.net; Iris Eaton - ieaton@sbcglobal.net; Ed Kube - cekube@firstva.com; Ann Thornton - annbthornton@aol.com.

To provide information on family births or deaths please contact
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In Memoriam

Byrd Conway Reid Davison
1903 - 2005

William Alfred Brockman
1918 - 2006

Joseph E. Macon
1919 - 2006

James T. Macon
1931 - 2007

Birth Announcements

August 30, 2007

Twins, Alfred Byrd Taliaferro Conway and George Byrd Taliaferro Conway born to Timothy Roy Reid Conway and Lindsey Saunders Conway.

James Madison's Montpelier – Another Memorable Step Forward

By Ed Kube, Director, NSMFD

It has been 256 years since the birth of James Madison, America's fourth President. On March 16, a crowd gathered at Montpelier, Madison's home, not only to celebrate the birthday of the president but the grand opening of the new Visitor Center. A standing room only crowd filled the tent outside of the new Montpelier Visitor Center to escape the heavy rainfall and to listen to remarks from Michael Quinn, The Montpelier Foundation President, and numerous speeches from other invited dignitaries and guests.

Quinn recognized The Montpelier Foundation, a non-profit organization that administers the operation and restoration of Montpelier for the National Historic Trust, and its board of directors for all of their efforts to make this accomplishment possible. He recognized family members present from the duPont family.

William duPont, a member of the family who founded the DuPont Company, purchased Montpelier in 1901 and made extensive renovations to make the property a fashionable country estate. It was Marion duPont Scott that inherited the estate and in accordance with her bequest, transferred Montpelier after her death so that it could become a public trust for the entire country to enjoy.

Former Governor Gerald L. Baliles remarked of the "exciting transformation" that is occurring while reminiscing of his speaking at Montpelier twenty years earlier to the day of his pleasure that Montpelier had become a public trust open to all Americans.

Del. Ed Scott, 30th District, who represents the same House of Delegates district that James Madison once represented in the Virginia General Assembly, remarked that this was one of the best cold rainy 40-degree days ever. He also touted the opening of the new Visitor Center and Montpelier's continued renovations as anchors for Virginia's 2007 commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Jamestown Settlement.

The highlight of the pre-ribbon cutting ceremony was the appearance of four early United States Presidents, all from Virginia and all contemporaries in the founding of America and the establishment of our democratic form of government.



Flanked on either side by James Madison and Del. Ed Scott, a large red ribbon was cut to celebrate the opening of the Montpelier Visitor Center and William duPont Gallery on March 16 during the grand opening.

As if stepping straight out of the pages of history, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and James Madison walked into the tent and one by one proceeded to address the audience. Dressed in period attire including leggings, colorful double breasted coats with buttons and three cornered hats each of the three visiting Presidents wished Madison a happy birthday, complimented him for his efforts that resulted in our U. S. Constitution and Bill of Rights and merrily joked about the good times that they had shared together.

Braving the rain, the red ribbon was cut, pictures were taken and

a hundred or more guests pressed forward to enter into and admire the new facilities.

The new Visitor Center is located within a short walking distance of Montpelier. It is constructed of brick, wood and glass and complements Madison's brick home. A bluestone terrace welcomes visitors with an easy access to the Visitor Center and to the duPont Gallery. The facility commands a beautiful view of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the rolling hills and horse pastures of Montpelier.

The 10,000-square foot Visitor Center includes the 60-seat Alan and Louise Potter Theater where visitors begin their tour of Montpelier with an orientation and a presentation on the history of the plantation and the on-going mansion restoration. Also housed in the Visitor Center is the Joe and Marge Grills Gallery, which is a museum-quality exhibit space that will display original objects in "The Treasures of Montpelier." The Gallery provides a temperature-and humidity controlled environment in which to display precious Madison and Madison-era objects, many of which are on loan from other institutions for the first time.

Treasured items on display at the March 16 opening included James Madison's spyglass; a brace of pistols, a gift to Madison from Argentina; John Quincy Adams' Eulogy of the Life and Character of James Madison; Dolley Madison's engagement ring given to her by James Madison; a turban believed to have been worn by Dolley in 1848; and the working drawing for the 1809 renovation of Montpelier, attributed to master builder James Dinsmore containing Madison's good friend Thomas Jefferson's suggestions for the design of a new entry door.

Visitors can browse and shop in the Museum Shop for books, artwork, and mementoes or enjoy lunch or a snack in the Café.

Adjoining and connected to the Visitor Center is the William duPont Gallery, which was built, and is a tribute to the other significant Montpelier family. William and Annie duPont, and their children William duPont, Jr. and Marion duPont Scott owned and lived on the property for most of the 20th century.

The William duPont Gallery contains the Red Room, the Grand Salon, and an entrance gallery that displays exhibits that depict the duPont's life at Montpelier. The 1930's Art Deco Red Room, with its chrome, mirrors, and glass mantle piece, is a complete reinstallation of the room Marion duPont Scott created in the mansion, a room filled with trophies and photos of her horses and topped off by a weather-vane in the ceiling that helped Scott in planning fox hunts by indicating the wind direction.

The Grand Salon contains elements from formal rooms that William duPont added to the mansion and features two fireplace surrounds, an ornate French chandelier that he brought to Montpelier, the duPont's breakfast bookcase, a Chinoiserie mirror and seating furniture. This room with its magnificent view of the mountains is anticipated to be used and or rented for meetings, events, wedding receptions and other public/private special occasions.

Restoring Madison's Montpelier to the home that James and Dolley designed and loved and providing enhanced facilities such as the Visitor Center is of national historical significance.

According to a Montpelier Foundation press release, "Montpelier is one of the last of the founding father's homes to be restored. Restoring Montpelier will allow the American people to rediscover Madison, and to learn about the Constitution, from the Father of the Constitution, in the place where he imagined the Constitution."

Montpelier is located on VA 20, Constitution Highway, about four miles south of the Town of Orange. Additional information about Montpelier is available on-line at www.montpelier.org.

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The Madison Pillars – Supporting Montpelier through Your Estate

By Margaret Macon Boeker, Director, NSMFD

Helping Montpelier prosper and grow to become one of America's preeminent historic destination sites is a natural desire for our extended family. One of the ways in which you might consider strengthening Montpelier is by making a gift to the Montpelier Foundation through your estate. A variety of simple estate giving techniques are available which you can use to help assure Montpelier's future stability and maybe even help yourself through significant tax deductions and increased income.

There are many ways to help. A simple bequest, the donation of property, naming the Montpelier Foundation as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, or creating an annuity that proves income for your lifetime - - - these are all options to consider.

In recognition of your support, the Montpelier Foundation invites planned giving contributors to join the Madison Pillars, the society of individuals who support the Montpelier Foundation through estate planning.

Our President, John Macon, is a founding member of the Madison Pillars. John says, "Montpelier is an extremely beautiful part

of Virginia. Because my family lived at Montpelier for three generations and in Orange County for 287 years, I have a strong sense of connection to it. James Madison, Jr.'s crafting of so much of our unique Constitution, the Bill of Rights and his focus on the importance of the separation of church and state give our family a reason to get together which should last far into the future. The Center for the Constitution at Montpelier is an excellent and necessary learning experience for future teachers and leaders."

"I felt that I wanted to support Montpelier and James Madison's remarkable legacy. Joining the Pillars Society was a very easy way for me to do so."

For information and assistance about making an estate gift, please call either Madison Family Association Board Member Peggy Boeker at 858-945-1918 or the Montpelier Foundation's Vice President for Development Kimberly Skelly at 540-672-2728, extension 114.

If you have already provided for Montpelier in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can invite you to join the Pillars Society and honor you for your thoughtfulness and generosity

The Great Mystery

By Margaret Macon Boeker, Director, NSMFD

As we all know, Dolley and James' Montpelier was a showcase of beautiful paintings, silk covered furniture, elaborate window treatments, silver table settings, James' extensive library, clocks, vases and other decorative items. To recreate the rooms as they were at the time of the president's retirement years, the Montpelier Foundation is searching for any information in the correspondence of family members and visitors, in public records including wills and tax records and in contemporary newspaper accounts.

The restoration process has uncovered some important clues. Small fragments of wallpaper were found in a mouse nest behind a wall and there are indications from paint evidence that the woodwork throughout the house was a creamy white with gray baseboards. Nail holes have provided hints to the placement of the 16 or so paintings that hung in the Drawing Room.

Montpelier was sold in 1844 and the Madison contents were later disbursed through auctions. It is believed that many family members purchased items and that these pieces descended through generations of Orange County residents and other Madison family members.

The Foundation is making a concerted effort to locate everything that was once in the Madison home. Ideally, bringing these items back to Montpelier through a loan or gift would provide an important enhancement to the visitors' experience, but if that is not feasible, a photograph for inclusion in the research files and a future coffee table book on Montpelier would add immeasurably.

Can you help us with this mystery? Do you know where some of these items are? Do you have an original Madison item you could describe and photograph? If so, please contact Allison Deeds, Montpelier's Acting Curator of Collections at 540-672-2728, Ext. 422 or by email at adeeds@montpelier.org. Or, you may contact Peggy Boeker, Madison Family Board Member at 858-945-1918 or margaretboeker@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer's Message

By John Macon Cornick, Treasurer

I would like to thank everyone who sent in their dues during the past 12 months. We welcomed six new Lifetime Members into our Association, and we are fortunate to have a consistent base of approximately 40 members who renew their memberships each year. The association received \$4,010.00 in dues payments during the past 12 months.

The majority of the Society's funds are used to print the annual newsletter that we send to approximately 400 recipients. Our cost to print the newsletter in 2006 was \$2,426.23. The remainder of the money is used to maintain our website (www.jamesmadisonfamily.com), pay for DNA studies and to save some money for our Family Reunion which we have every three years.

I would also like to report on our progress we made towards being able to purchase the silver which the association is going to donate to Montpelier. The association has currently collected \$4,100.00 towards the goal of \$9,000.00. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Montpelier Foundation for the silver purchase. The silver will be a treasured addition to James Madison's renovated Montpelier home.

Your dues payments will help the Society achieve its purpose of cultivating ties of friendships among all Madison families, provide leadership in the assembling of historical information about the Madison family and to perpetuate for future generations the opportunity to commemorate and honor the leadership of our forebears.

The Society's Current Officers and Directors:

Officers:

John Ferratt Macon, President - Palm Springs, CA
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Frederick Madison Smith, Secretary - Marietta, GA
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The Madison Cabinet – Another Interesting Way to get Involved with Montpelier

By Margaret Macon Boeker, Director, NSMFD

In keeping with James Madison's tradition, the Montpelier Foundation has formed a Cabinet of advisors. Known as the Madison Cabinet, this illustrious group is comprised of those who support Montpelier's preservation and development with gifts of \$5,000 or more annually. The Cabinet provides an important resource, not only for the financial stability of Montpelier, but for their advice and expertise.

Each year, a special weekend is planned for this group, which is traditionally held in the spring. Past events have been held at Montpelier as well as in Washington, DC. Special guest speakers have included Sandra Day O'Connor, Michael Beschlos, Jim Lehrer and Brian Lamb. This annual Madison Cabinet Weekend offers members an opportunity to learn first hand about Montpelier's progress and have an opportunity to offer suggestions, while getting to know The Montpelier Foundation Board of Directors, President Michael Quinn and other like-minded Madison Cabinet members. Other special events and educational opportunities are also offered throughout the year.

Several Madison family members have joined the Cabinet. Wouldn't you like to lend your ideas and support to this nationally important project? It's easy to do by contacting the Montpelier Foundation's Vice President for Development, Kimberly Skelly at 540-672-2728, ext. 114 or kskelly@montpelier.org. We hope to see you at a Cabinet event soon!

Registrar Contact Information

By Iris Collins Eaton, Registrar

Our family organization is open to all who can show proof acceptable to the Registrar that they are related, by direct blood line, marriage, or adoption, to any lateral or collateral American ancestor of President James Madison, paternal or maternal, who was living in this country (Colony) after 1607. We have received a number of applications without any proof of lineage and we can help you locate this information if you will tell us where you have come to a stopping point in your search. We may already have the information you are searching or can help in your search.

Our web site www.jamesmadisonfamily.com has the long application form. If you have a member of your family that has already completed their application, you only need fill in the form up to your proven line. Encourage your family member's who have not yet joined to participate. We need your involvement in the NSMFD!

Some members have sent family stories and pictures that are real treasures. Our largest family line is made up of the descendants of the President's brother William Madison. We are eager to have every line represented. Send copies of your proofs and the application to:

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Registrar, National Society of Madison Family Descendants
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Montpelier Cemetery Maps Committee Seeks Information

By Frederick Madison Smith, Secretary

As it was common practice for Southern families to map unmarked burials in their cemeteries, we are hoping some member of the extended family may have in his collection of family papers a map which might have been made of the Montpelier Cemetery.

The Cemetery Study Committee is trying to collect documentary evidence to complement the work of the Montpelier historians and archaeologists in identifying the unmarked graves in this cemetery.

Anyone with information in this line, please contact our Secretary, Frederick Madison Smith, by e-mail to fsmith@kslaw.com or by telephone, 404-572-4714.

BOOKSHELF

- 1) "American Gospel, God, the Founding Fathers and the making of a Nation" by Jon Meacham; Random House, New York.
- 2) "James Madison and the Struggle for the Bill of Rights" by Richard Labunski; Oxford University Press, New York.
- 3) "Young Patriots: The Remarkable Story of Two Men. Their Impossible Plan and the Revolution that created the Constitution" by Charles A. Cerami; Sourcebooks Inc. Illinois.

These books were recommended by our President John Macon as worthwhile reading and additions to your Madison and Madison era collections. Ed Kube, editor.

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