

# The Virginia Giant

*Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco*

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## “Walking in Peter’s Footsteps”

The theme for our meetings, “*Walking in Peter’s Footsteps*,” continues with Brunch and our Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, October 16, in Yorktown, Virginia. Brunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. at The Carrot Tree Restaurant, 411 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia.

At 12:30 p.m., we will *cross the street* to the restored Custom House for a short, private tour. Our business meeting will be held upstairs in the Custom House.

A special presentation regarding the part Peter Francisco played in the Revolutionary War and his presence at the British surrender at Yorktown will be given by Stuart Barret.

After our meeting adjourns, we will tour the walkway in which the Society placed bricks in memory of Peter Francisco and in the name of the Society. We will then take a walking tour of Yorktown, including the Nelson House and the Victory Monument honoring the French for helping us defeat the British.

*You are cordially invited to attend the*

**BRUNCH and ANNUAL MEETING**

of the

*Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2005**

**11:00 a.m.**

The Carrot Tree Restaurant  
411 Main Street, Yorktown, VA  
(757) 246-9559

**Reservations:** (757) 220-2425,

**Cost:** Menu - \$7.25 - \$11.00

e-mail **HYPERLINK** "mailto:annecwI@aol.com" annecwI@aol.com,

+ tax & 20% gratuity

or return form on page 3

**Directions:** From I-64 East, take Exit 242B onto Rte 199 East; go 2 miles; take right onto Colonial Parkway toward Yorktown; in Yorktown, cross Ballard St, pass by Victory Monument and take right onto Comte de Grasse; take left along river, then left onto Read St. Go to top of hill (Carrot Tree is on righthand corner) **Parking:** cross Main St - Lots are behind Custom House on the right and Nelson House on the left.

## Peter Francisco Day 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Peter Francisco Day was held Sunday, March 13, 2005, at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Virginia. Forty-two members were present for a very informative meeting led by our new President John Duke.

We then had a personalized tour of the VHS, with special emphasis regarding Peter and his contribution to the American Revolution. A permanent display containing Peter's picture, vest and related items is included in the Colonial Period of Virginia History.

Afterwards, members attended the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Peter's gravesite in Shockoe Cemetery.



During our Peter Francisco Day meeting, member Nancy Faxon reported on her research of cemetery sites and for the home of Suzannah Anderson, first wife of Peter Francisco.

### *Memorial Fund*

*Donations have been received in memory of Louise DeVere, Virginia Wilkins and Rosalie Pettus Francisco Barret.*

## Make Your Plans Now to Attend our Fall Meeting

Why not plan the weekend of October 15-16 in Yorktown? The newly renovated waterfront and beach areas reopened in May and are beautiful! There are shops, restaurants and museums, as well as a parking garage, overlooking the York River. Within Yorktown, there are historic buildings, restaurants, art galleries, craft shops, and bed & breakfasts, as well as convenient parking, all within walking distance. And, of course, Williamsburg and Jamestown are short drives away!

Hotel/Motel Assoc. 757-220-3330  
Duke of York Hotel 757-898-3232  
York River Inn B&B 757-887-8800  
Yorktown Battlefield [www.nps.gov/colo](http://www.nps.gov/colo)  
Victory Center [www.historyisfun.org](http://www.historyisfun.org)

## Grave Marking

Commonwealth Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, held a ceremony on Sunday, May 1, 2005, in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Virginia, to officially mark the grave of Susan Brooke Francisco Pescud Schacht, daughter of Peter Francisco. Edith Buckley, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, participated in the ceremony.

Our Society contributed a total of \$200, which included donations from Anne Schacht Lee and Edith Buckley, toward the cost of this marking.

### *In Memoriam ...*

*Our condolences are extended to the family upon the death of Maurice Francisco, brother of Edith Buckley and uncle of John Duke.*

**DUE\$ ARE NOW DUE**

**Please remember to send in your annual dues for 2006. Our membership year begins with October of each year.** Your prompt payment is appreciated as your dues help cover the costs for printing newsletters, stationery, postage, domain name, state registration, phone, prizes, honoraria, etc.

As a reminder, there are several **categories for membership: Descendant; Associate** (spouse of a descendant); **Friend** (non-descendant); **Descendant/child** and **Friend/child**. However, to be an **“active”** member and to receive newsletters, etc., the current year’s dues must be paid. *If you are a “first time” member, please complete the form on this page and send it with your dues.*

**Dues for Adults (18 and older) are \$10.00; for Children (17 and younger) dues are only \$2.00.**

Remember to enlist other family members and to join for your children and grandchildren too. Membership in the Society makes a great gift!

### Fundraisers

**(1) Our 5<sup>th</sup> Limited Edition Christmas Ornament** will be available at our Annual Meeting. This year’s ornament is a framed miniature portrait of Peter Francisco (copy of the painting which hangs in Locust Grove, Peter’s historic home). **Cost is only \$12**, including shipping and handling.

**(2) A Silent Auction** will be held at our Annual Meeting.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you may place your ornament order by using the form on this page.

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Please complete and mail this form with your dues, ornament order & payment, and/or Brunch reservations to:

**Anne Wilson, Treasurer SDPF  
109 Justice Grice  
Williamsburg, VA 23185**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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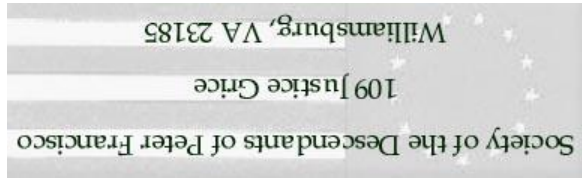
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**No. Brunch Reservations** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Peter Francisco*



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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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