

## **Jan Nickerson Named Honorary Chair of William Brewster Nickerson Cape Cod History Archives Campaign at Cape Cod Community College**

*Nickerson Lumber Chairman Lends Family Lore  
and Love of History to \$1,000,000 Project*

**West Barnstable, Mass.—July 22, 2008**—The Cape Cod Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. today announced that Joshua “Jan” A. Nickerson, Jr. will serve as the Honorary Chairperson of the \$1,000,000 campaign to renovate and expand the William Brewster Nickerson Cape Cod History Archives at Cape Cod Community College. The announcement came at a press conference today also announcing a major \$200,000 naming pledge from The Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Trust toward the campaign. The two developments now launch the College Foundation into the public phase of the project, with \$600,000 still needed to realize goal.

Currently, the Nickerson Archives—an assemblage of 10,000 books, rare manuscripts, maps, ships’ logs, diaries, and special collections, dating as far back as the 1600’s—occupy a single 652-square-foot space and some nearby storage closets on the ground floor of the Wilkens Library. The renovation and expansion plan will relocate and enlarge the Archives almost three-fold to accommodate current collections and projected growth, meet archival facilities standards, and expand research and reading space with state-of-the-art audio-visual teaching technology.

The Nickerson Archives are named in memory of William Brewster “Bruce” Nickerson, a young Naval Air Force Lieutenant killed during the Vietnam War in 1966 flying in the South China Sea. He was the son of the late E. Carleton Nickerson who served as President of Cape Cod Community College from 1964 to 1972. Jan Nickerson was the first cousin of Bruce Nickerson and nephew to E. Carleton Nickerson, who led the move of the College’s Hyannis campus to its present-day West Barnstable campus.

“While the Nickerson family may have a unique place in Cape Cod History,” the preservation and expansion of these Archives keeps our collective culture and heritage alive for generations to come,” according to Jan Nickerson, whose own sea captain grandfather Oscar C. Nickerson began what would later become the Nickerson Lumber and Supply Company in 1895. “Bruce and I were not only blood relatives, we also shared a great love for our country and we each chose to serve in the military. While his outcome was tragic, these Archives allow his memory to live on. I’m happy and honored to represent the Nickerson Archives and help advance the campaign.”

Jan Nickerson resides in Brewster and Vero Beach, Florida, and has served on more than 20 non-profit boards since the 1970’s. His family’s lineage can be traced to Elder William Brewster who landed in Provincetown Harbor in 1620 on the *Mayflower*. He is a life member of both the Orleans and Chatham Historical Societies, and continues to serve as a Cape Cod Hospital Cooperator and as a director of the Edward Bangs Kelley and Elza Kelley Foundation, Inc.

“The Collections of the Nickerson Archives have expanded continually since their dedication in 1972, but we must allow for further growth and discovery in order to fully achieve the mission of defining the history of Barnstable County in its entirety,” said Kathleen Schatzberg, President of Cape Cod Community College. “The stories told in our Archives are of national significance; the expansion of the archives provides the College with extensive opportunities for future humanities programming. We are all indebted to Cape Cod Five Foundation’s lead gift and Jan Nickerson’s support to draw more attention to this preservation effort.”

Naming opportunities for the Nickerson Archives Campaign begin at \$2,500. The Nickerson Archives are open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the Nickerson Archives Campaign, please contact Gerry Desautels in the CCCC Educational Foundation office at 508-362-2131, ext. 4439 or [gdes@capecod.edu](mailto:gdes@capecod.edu).

#### **More About the Cape Cod Community College Educational Foundation, Inc.**

The Cape Cod Community College Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization supporting the mission of Cape Cod Community College, its students, its faculty and staff, and the Community by raising and managing funds, encouraging endowments, and supporting the College’s objectives. The Foundation celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 2008. More information is available at [www.ccccfoundation.org](http://www.ccccfoundation.org).

#### **More About the Frank and Maureen Wilkens Library at Cape Cod Community College**

Named after benefactors Frank and Maureen Wilkens of Osterville, the Wilkens Library provides students and the general public with on-campus and remote access to online indexes and full-text databases, covering thousands of scholarly and professional journals, newspapers in all disciplines, DVDs and other audiovisual materials. The vast, four-story collection provides computers, listening and viewing rooms, areas for quiet study, and a networked classroom for information literacy instruction. The Wilkens Library is also home to the William Brewster Nickerson Cape Cod History Archives and the College’s Distance Learning and Technologies offices. Staff librarians actively work with faculty to provide information literacy instruction to students and the community. The Wilkens Library is a member of the Cape Libraries Automated Materials Sharing (CLAMS) network.