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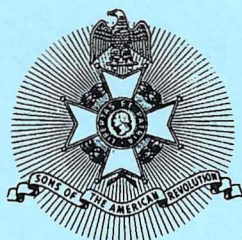
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# Piney Woods Pine Shavings

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*Ben Murray, as George Washington*

## NEW MEETING PLACE - THE SHERATON CROWN

Due to the take-over of the DoubleTree by Hyatt in September, the Hyatt intended to increase prices at the expiration of our chapter contract. Vice President Don Lemon has negotiated a contract with the Sheraton Crown Hotel, directly across the street from the Hyatt, at 15700 JFK Blvd., Houston Intercontinental Airport, Houston.

Beginning with the Thursday, January 20 meeting, we will be meeting at the Sheraton Crown. This will more than likely be the location of the 104th Annual TXSSAR Convention that the PineyWoods Chapter will host in March 1999.

### Directions to Sheraton Crown

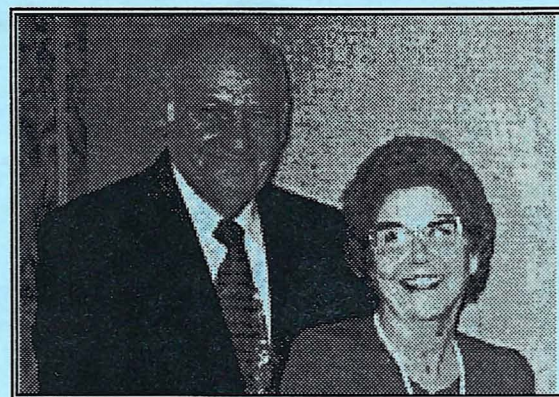


## January 16, 1997 Meeting to Feature Ben Murray as Guest Speaker

The next membership meeting of the PineyWoods Chapter #51 will be held on Thursday, January 16 at the Sheraton Crown Hotel located at 15700 JFK Blvd., Houston Intercontinental Airport, Houston, directly across the street from the Hyatt. The social time will begin prior to 7:00 P.M. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

The featured guest speaker for this meeting will be Ben M. Murray, who is a much sought-after public speaker and published author. Ben's speech title is "Washington: The Man - Our Country - and The Process For Change."

Please find the enclosed RSVP form and return it along with your check to the Chapter by the deadline of **Saturday, January 11.**



*James P. and Mary A. Farrar Richards celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 16, 1996 at the Kingwood Country Club. Jim and their 5 sons, Steve, Jim Jr., Don, Dave and Larry are members of the Piney-Woods Chapter.*



## COMPATRIOT JACK H. NELSON, PINEYWOODS CHAPLAIN DIES 25 DECEMBER 1996

KINGWOOD — PineyWoods Chapter #51 Chaplain Jack H. Nelson died at his home on Christmas morning after a brief illness.

As is the tradition of the PineyWoods Chapter, two rolls of microfilm will be donated to the Conroe Library in his memory.

### CHAPTER OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee Chairman, Thomas Green, announced the proposed slate of officers for the 1997-98 year for the PineyWoods Chapter at the December 5 Board Meeting. The Chapter Election Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20 and will be a "Members Only" meeting. Other nominations may be made from the floor at that time. The proposed slate is as follows:

President .....	Donald Lemon
Vice President .....	Jeffrey Meadows
Secretary .....	Donald MacGregory
Treasurer .....	Cannon Pritchard
Chancellor .....	Ky White
Genealogist .....	Kim Morton
Registrar .....	Robert McKenna
Chaplain .....	
Historian .....	Michael Young
Sergeant at Arms .....	MacLeod "Mac" Smith

Also at this February 20th meeting, the delegates to the 102nd Annual TXSSAR Convention will be selected. This convention will be held March 14-16, 1997 at the Omni Hotel in Richardson. Secretary Jeff Meadows has copies of the registration form and information for this 102nd Annual Convention, as it will appear in the Winter 1997 issue of *The Texas Compatriot*.

The PineyWoods Chapter will have its Third Anniversary on February 3, 1997 and this will be celebrated at the Thursday, Feb. 20th meeting.

## COMPATRIOT'S BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

10 .....	James Richards, Sr.
12 .....	Larry Martin
16 .....	Dennis Key
28 .....	Jason Beihl

### FEBRUARY

2 .....	Donald Richards
5 .....	David Richards
6 .....	Roy Nelson
9 .....	Richard Freeman
10 .....	Jere Banewski
10 .....	James Richards, Jr.

14 .....	James Green
15 .....	Chad McEver
22 .....	Woody Reese
23 .....	Thomas Green
25 .....	Jeffrey Polich
26 .....	Andrew Evans

### MARCH

4 .....	Steven Richards
11 .....	Michael Young
12 .....	Edward Nagle
13 .....	Michael McEver
15 .....	Donald MacGregory

## PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

The following is the proposed PineyWoods Chapter Bylaws change recommended by the PineyWoods Board of Directors:

### Current

#### Article III - Election of Officers and Delegates

Section 1. Nominations: Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the regular meeting at which officers are to be elected, the Board of Directors shall nominate candidates for officers of the Chapter. The Board shall nominate one candidate for each office of the Chapter, and deliver its report to the Secretary, who shall forthwith mail to each member a copy of same. Such nominations shall not preclude nominations by members of the Chapter who may make such nominations from the floor at the election meeting of the Chapter.

### Proposed

#### Article III - Election of Officers and Delegates

Section 1. Nominations: Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the regular meeting at which officers are to be elected, the Board of Directors shall *appoint a Nominating Committee to be composed of at least two past Chapter Presidents and two members at-large who have regularly attended the meetings during the year and who will not be nominated for an office for that year.* The *Nominating Committee* shall nominate one candidate for each office of the Chapter, and deliver its report to the Secretary, who shall forthwith mail to each member a copy of same. Such nominations shall not preclude nominations by members of the Chapter who may make such nominations from the floor at the election meeting of the Chapter.



## COMPATRIOT'S PATRIOTS

**JOHN OLIVER ALBRIGHT #119889 - TX#7911**

**5TH GREAT GRANDFATHER**

**LIEUTENANT PELEG RANDALL**

Peleg Randall was born on 19 April 1748 in Stonington, CT, the son of Nathan Randall and his second wife, Eleanor Cottrell. Peleg's grandfather, John Randall, Jr., had come to America as a small child in 1667 and upon achieving manhood had built a sturdy farmhouse on the outskirts of Stonington which survives today as a colonial bed and breakfast. On 12 March 1772 in Stonington, Peleg married Hannah Palmer, whose family had come to Charlestown, MA in 1629.

At the beginning of the Revolution, Peleg's Palmer in-laws raised a company of militia where Peleg served initially as Sergeant and later as Lieutenant. He was present at the Battle of Saratoga and took charge of his company when his captain was killed.

After the war, Peleg became a Baptist minister in Stonington but like so many of his generation, yearned to move on. By 1784 he moved his family to Lincoln Township in Madison County, NY where he continue to preach. He told many tales of his exploits to his grandson, Asa Kinney, who then sought his own adventure; first in the frontier land of Wisconsin, then in the California Gold Rush, later in the Civil War and finally in the vast ranch lands of western Kansas.

Peleg remained in Lincoln until his death on New Year's Day, 1831 and is buried with his wife in Chaffee's Cemetery in the township.

**M. BEN GANTT, JR. #140232 - TX#7084**

**PATRIOT JOSHUA SCOTT**

During the Revolutionary War, Joshua Scott served as a private in the light dragoons under Capt. John Reid, Lt. Col. Wade Hampton and Gen. Sumter during 1781. Joshua was born before 1765 in Rowan County, North Carolina and died about October 1825 in Golconda, Pope County, Illinois.

Joshua was in the Beech Fork area of Jefferson County, Kentucky in 1780 and he appears on the tax list of Nelson Co., KY in 1789. The tax lists of Livingston Co., KY show Joshua paying taxes on property from 1803 to 1815.

Joshua moved from Kentucky across the Ohio River to the Illinois Territory in about 1814, where he held numerous county offices.

Joshua Scott married Mary \_\_, who died about 1844 in Hernando, DeSoto County, MS possibly during a Smallpox epidemic. There were 5 children listed in Joshua's will. Joshua and Jane were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Golconda, Pope Co., IL when it was formed in 1817.

**ROBERT EDWARD MCKENNA - #145449 - TX# 7779**

**DONALD LAWRENCE MCKENNA - #145570 - TX# 7803**

**6TH GREAT GRANDFATHER PVT. - ELIJAH PEET**

Elijah Peet was the youngest son of James Peet, born 14 September 1760, Stratford, Connecticut, and died 26 Novem-

ber 1841. Elijah's 3rd Great Grandfather was John Peet, born about 1597 in Duffield Parish, Derbyshire, England and died 1 September 1684 in Stratford, Connecticut. John, the progenitor of the family, arrived in America on the ship, Hopewell, in 1635.

When Elijah was two years old, he was orphaned and placed by the town of Stratford with the family of Deacon Abel Seeley. When Abel Seeley died, his estate went to Elijah including a house in Bridgeport. In the memorial to Abel Seeley, a story was related concerning Elijah Peet. Elijah as "a soldier in the guard at New Field under the command of Lieut. Aaron Hawley, accidentally fell into a salt kettle on the 15th day of January 1778, and was thereby greatly scalded,, and was by said Lieut. Hawley put into the house and care of Abel Seeley and was there nursed and a surgeon employed to take care of said soldier, by all which a considerable expense accrued to Abel Seeley and that the accounts thereof have been presented to the. . ."

Elijah Peet enlisted in February 1777 as a private in the company of guard under Lieut. Aaron Hawley in Colonel Samuel Whiting's Connecticut Regiment. He served under Lieut. William Hall in said regiment, and was at the burning of Fairfield, Connecticut by the British. He served in the army until 1 January 1778.

In 1778 Elijah entered on board an armed sloop belonging to Newfield, Connecticut to go to Boston to sell provisions and grain. Elijah stayed in this business until 1805. Elijah's three elder brothers were also Patriots in the fight for liberty.

Elijah was allowed a pension due to his military service upon his application executed 26 July 1832. At that time, he resided in Bridgeport, Connecticut. His widow, Anna Bibbins Peet was allowed a pension upon her application of 26 April 1843.

**JEFFREY M. MEADOWS #142213-TX#7350**

**5TH GREAT GRANDFATHER - BOAZ WALTON**

Boaz Walton was the fourth child of Joseph Walton and Sarah Roberts and was born in Byberry Township, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania in 1737. He married three times and fathered a total of 16 known children. I descend from the third child, Hannah Walton, of Boaz Walton's second marriage to Hannah Ashton, which took place in 1766 in Byberry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Boaz first served as a private in 1778 in the Second Company, 3rd Battalion, Northampton County, Pennsylvania Militia and was discharged. He re-enlisted in the Second Company, 6th Battalion, Northampton County and served as a Private Second Class.

Boaz Walton died on 2 August 1823 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania and is buried in the Denmark Manor Cemetery, also in Westmoreland Co., PA.

**JEFFREY M. MEADOWS #142213-TX#7350**

**5TH GREAT GRANDFATHER - MARTIN HAUSER**

Patriot Martin Hauser is the fifth great grandfather of Compatriot Jeffrey M. Meadows, who descends from the 6th child, Elizabeth Hauser born 31 July 1772 and died on 25 November 1809, who married Matthaia Reich.



Martin Hauser was the son of Martin Hauser (born 6 November 1696 in Riquewihir, Alsace and died on 2 June 1761 in Bethania, Stokes Co, NC) and Maria Margaret Schaefer. The came to America in 1727 on the ship Milly, landing at Philadelphia on 30 September 1727.

Martin was born on 16 October 1733 in Skippack Township, Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania. He married Susannah Maria Kessler, born 2 July 1735 in Hanau, Prussia on 27 July 1760 in Maryland.

Martin Hauser died on 9 November 1794 in Bethania, Stokes Co., NC. Susannah Kessler Hauser died on 6 August 1817. They are both buried in "The Hutburg," the Salem Moravian Cemetery, Salem, Stokes County, NC, now in Forsyth County.

Hauser, as a resident of Surry Co., NC during the Revolutionary War, he served as Justice of the Peace. He was also listed as a Private in Captain Henry Smith's Company of Col. Joseph Williams Regiment of Surry Co., NC, on 16 July 1778. Being of the Moravian faith, he was protected by law from bearing arms, however, he was drafted by the Surry County Militia and served.

Martin Hauser's parents, Martin and Maria Margeret Schaefer Hauser moved the family from Pennsylvania to join the Moravians in Surry County, NC in 1762 as the first land grant was made on 27 August 1672 from the Right Honorable John Earl Granville.

#### **CANNON H. PRITCHARD - #144043 - TX#7576**

##### **PATRIOT HANNAH ECHOLS MCBEE**

Hannah Echols McBee was born about 1741 in Halifax Co., Virginia and died after 1823 in Monroe County, Mississippi. She was about 17 years old when she married Vardry McBee based on the length of time that she lived.

After Vardry McBee's death in 1800, Hannah McBee, widow, continued to live in Kentucky until 1818 when she moved with her son Silas and his family to the Tombigbee Settlement (Monroe County) in Mississippi. She lived with or near her son on Silas McBee Creek from 1818 to about 1824-25. She was about 83-84 years at her death. Today, this creek runs through the City of Columbus, in Lowndes County. The creek was named for her son who founded the city and gave it its name. The location of Hannah McBee's grave is unknown although it was probably located in the oldest cemetery in Columbus.

Silas McBee's home in Columbus stood until 1947 when it was torn down for progress. He died in 1845 in Pontotoc County, MS, living near a daughter at the time.

Hannah Echols McBee, overseer and manager of Hannahs Cowpens, possessed the personal characteristics that made her quite suited for the demanding and harsh life as the overseer of her own cowpens. She was a member of the Religious Society of Friends, or the Quakers. Quakers shunned the practice of titles such as Sir, Mr. or Mrs. Quaker women were equal with men in sharing great hardship and danger and no task was ever viewed as arduous. Quakers were well known to be patient and generally determined to improve their lot.

Hannah McBee and her daughters, Rebecca, Lucy, Mary, Rhoda and Elizabeth assisted in establishing and keeping American Independence by attending to the wounded sol-

diers of their Limestone Springs home. The soldiers were from her husband's unit and Col. Roebuck's Regiment. By remaining at home, Hannah put herself and daughters in great danger because the British would surely have killed them for taking care of the wounded South Carolina soldiers.

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution have accepted Captain Vardry McBee, his wife Hannah Echols McBee and their son, Silas and established them as American Patriots who assisted in the cause to establish American Independence.

#### **CANNON H. PRITCHARD - #144043 - TX#7576**

##### **PATRIOT VARDRY MCBEE**

Vardry McBee was born on 23 December 1734 in Halifax Co., VA and died between September and December in 1800 in Logan County, KY. He married on Dec. 1758 in Halifax Co. VA.

Death record: Approved SAR/DAR applications show that Vardry McBee died in 1787 which was based on a deed in Spartanburg Co., SC, which stated that Vardry was "late" of this country. This statement only meant that he no longer lived in that county. Vardry McBee, in fact, moved to Logan County, KY from SC about 1795. He died in Logan Co., between Sept., - Dec. 1800. The Second Census of KY, 1800 shows he paid taxes on August 26, 1800 and the Logan Court named an administrator to inventory his Estate in the Jan., 1801 Court Session.

Because the Vardry McBee home was located on Kings Mountain at the village of Limestone Springs on Thicketty Creek, South Carolina, it was inevitable that their entire family would be caught up and involved in the American Revolution. Captain Vardry McBee was a local surveyor, farmer, and entrepreneur who owned thousands of acres of land including "Hannah's Cowpens" and the lime quarry. Capt. McBee had enlisted on 26 March 1776 in the SC 5th Regiment, but was later commissioned an officer in Colonel Roebuck's 5th Regiment. He served from 10 June 1780 to 10 Jan. 1782 and was a leader at the "Battle of the Cowpens" and the "Battle of Kings Mountain," in taking Fort Thicketty back from the British. All of Vardry and Hannah McBee's adult sons, including 15 year old Silas also served. They were Matthew, Samuel and Mathias McBee. Only Vardry McBee, Jr. stayed home because he was too young.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR PINEYWOODS COMPATRIOTS**

**January 16, 1997** - Presentation of the slate of officers by the nominating committee; Dinner Meeting for members, wives and guests; Sheraton Crown Hotel

**February 3, 1997** - 3rd Anniversary of the PineyWoods Chapter

**February 20, 1997** - Election of Officers for 1997-98; Selection of Convention Delegates; Members Only

**March 14-16, 1997** - TXSSAR Annual Convention at the Omni Hotel in Richardson

**March 20, 1997** - Installation of 1997-98 Officers; Dinner Meeting for members, wives and guests. Sheraton Crown Hotel. Guest Speaker & Installing Officer, TXSSAR President B. Rice Aston