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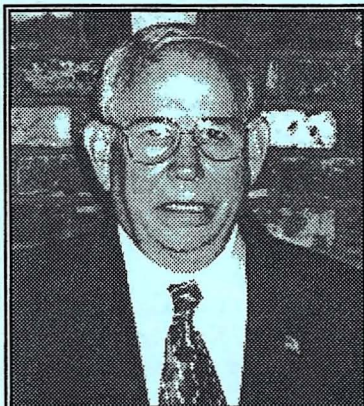
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B. Rice Aston

The March 20, 1997 Meeting of the PineyWoods Chapter will

Texas Society President B. Rice Aston To Be Guest Speaker and Installing Officer at March 20th Dinner Meeting

be held in a banquet room at the Sheraton Crown Hotel at 15700 JFK Blvd., Houston Intercontinental Airport, Houston, Texas with 1997-1998 TXSSAR President, B. Rice Aston as our special guest and installing officer.

President Aston is currently the Chairman, TXSSAR Committee to Review National History Standards, Member NSSAR

Committee to Preserve American History.

The social time will be begin prior to 7:00 P.M. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Please find the enclosed RSVP form and return it along with your check to the Chapter by the deadline of **Saturday, March 15.**

ONE MAN'S VIEW OF THE SAR

"Recently a friend who knows of my membership in the SAR asked about our organization. In response, I spoke of the requirements for becoming a member and of our efforts in promotion patriotism by sponsoring essay contests in our schools and by awarding medals to outstanding people in our communities. He listened, and then he commented that it sounded like a worth cause, but I could tell that he wasn't inspired by it. This bothered me. Later that evening, I thought about what I had said and realized how superficial it had been. It occurred to

me that what I should have talked about was the excitement of identifying a patriot ancestor and documenting their contributions to the founding of our great nation. Then I should have discussed how through the SAR a compatriot can work today to sustain and promote the legacy that our forefathers left us. And finally, I should have communicate the satisfaction that I get from honoring my patriot ancestor and the fulfillment I feel from preserving our nation for our descendants. Needless to say, the

next time someone asks about the SAR, I hope that I will be able to convey an inspiring view of what we are all about.

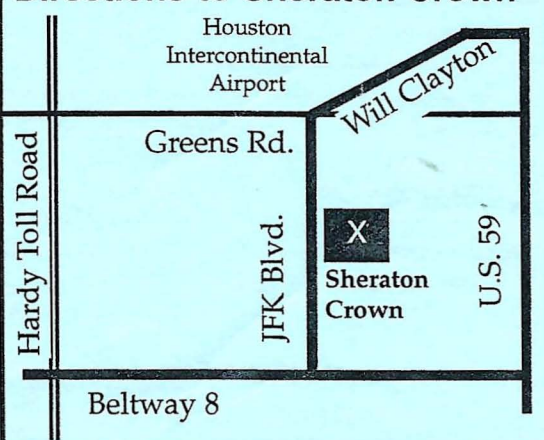
Compatriot John Oliver Albright
NSSAR #119889, TXSSAR # 7911
PineyWoods Chapter #51
Kingwood, Texas



Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Basham

Compatriot Bryon L. Basham and wife Bobbie Jo Carrico Basham recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 17 October 1996. The PineyWoods Chapter Compatriots offer our sincere Congratulations.

Directions to Sheraton Crown



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PINEYWOODS DELEGATES SELECTED FOR TEXAS SOCIETY 102ND ANNUAL CONVENTION

The PineyWoods Chapter slate of delegates have been selected to officially represent the Chapter at the 102nd Annual Texas Society Convention to be held at the Omni Hotel, in Richardson on March 14-16, 1997.

The official delegates voting for the PineyWoods Chapter at the Saturday, March 15 session are: Thomas M. Green, Bernard S. Balser, Donald W. Lemon, Jeffrey M. Meadows, Worthy R. Warnack, Sr., Jack C. Ward, Cannon H. Pritchard, M. MacLeod Smith, Ky W. White, Michael D. Young, and Robert E. McKenna.

Another Compatriot of the PineyWoods Chapter will attend the convention and will vote under his primary chapter, Paul Carrington #5, Allan Henshaw.

The PineyWoods Chapter #51 is competing in the TXSSAR Louis J. Rumaggi Americanism Contest, Yearbook Contest, E. Marshall Hunter Attendance Competition, Joseph S. Rumbaugh Orations Competition, and the Outstanding Chapter Activities Contest.

COMPATRIOT BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
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| 2 |Donald Richards |
| 5 |David Richards |
| 6 |Roy Nelson |
| 9 |J. Richard Freeman |
| 10 |James Richards, Jr. |
| 10 |Jere Banewski |
| 14 |James Green |
| 22 |Woody Reese, D.D.S. |
| 23 |Thomas Green |
| 25 |Jeffrey Polich |
| 26 |Andrew Evans |

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-------------------------|
| 4 |Steven Richards |
| 11 |Michael Young |
| 12 |Edward Nagel |
| 15 |Donald MacGregory |
| 22 |Richard Lowstetter |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------------|
| 1 |Patrick Whipple |
| 3 |Robert McKenna |
| 14 |Byron Ratterree |
| 14 |Allen Green, Jr. |

Your Newly Elected 1997-1998 PineyWoods Chapter Officers Are As Follows

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Compatriot's Patriots

JOHN OLIVER ALBRIGHT #119889 - TX#7911 5TH GREAT GRANDFATHER - JOSEPH BULL

Joseph Bull was born 11 Feb 1735 in Hartford, CT, the son of Daniel and Hannah Wadsworth Bull. He was a businessman with close connections to the merchant community in and around New York City. On 16 Nov 1761 in Westchester Co., NY, he married Esther Gedney, the daughter of John Gedney, a major land owner in the White Plains and Mamaroneck areas just north of New York City.

By 1774, the edicts of the Crown were making it increasingly difficult for Joseph and others to conduct business in the Colonies; so in May of that year the conservative merchants of New York City appointed the "Committee of Fifty-One" to present a united front in communicating their grievances to King George. As others, including Joseph Bull, joined the group and it became the "Committee of Sixty" and later the "Committee of One Hundred."

On 23 April 1775, when news of the Battle of Lexington was received by the Committee, it renamed itself the "Committee of Resistance," assumed control of the Crown's military stores in the area, seized several Royal vessels in the harbor, and took absolute possession of the city. Later the Committee was again renamed, this time as the "Committee of Safety of New York City."

On 22 Aug 1776, the British landed on Long Island and began threatening New York City. And when the American forces under General Washington were forced from the vicinity, most of the members of the Committee also left the city.

Joseph brought his family to Hartford, CT, arriving there by late September. On 12 Jun 1777 the Council of Safety of the State of Connecticut granted Joseph permission to return temporarily to Westchester County, NY, which was then occupied by the British, to tend to his properties there.

Joseph lived in Hartford until his death on 22 Feb 1797 and is buried at the Center Church of Hartford. Only three of his children survived infancy: sons James I. and William G. and his daughter, my ancestor, Esther Margaret Bull.

KY W. WHITE #144836 - TX#7702

4TH GREAT GRANDFATHER - PATRIOT ROBERT EVERETT

Robert Everett or Everitt, Immigrant, Colonist and Revolutionary War Veteran, tutor, scholar and farmer is a very interesting man.

We know that he was born in England close of the year 1750 and that he arrived in the Colonies prior to the outbreak of hostilities. One family legend has him arriving in 1774 with his sister, but this has not been documented to any one's satisfaction. We have not been able to determine anything else about this background prior to the Revolution. We do not know anything of his parents or siblings, or where he was from before he arrived in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

The earliest official record of this ancestor is found in the National Archives, as a family record kept by him in his own handwriting. It appears that he first applied for a pension from Blount Co., TN in 1818. In this record he spelled his name Everitt. Also in this application for pension dated 1826, he gives his Revolutionary War service record. These pension papers state that he is an English scholar. An application after his death for unpaid pension by his son, James Everett in 1845, gives the names of the children or Robert Everett and much information concerning them.

Although we do not know when he left England and where he first set foot on American soil, we know that he enlisted for a period of 18 months and enlisted at Lexington, Rockbridge Co., VA in July 1780 or a little earlier. He was in Captain Adam Wallace's Company of Infantry of Colonel Hawes' Virginia Regiment. Later he was also in Captain Sigismund Stribling's Company under Major Smith Snead.

He served in the battles of Guilford Court House and in the battles of Camden, Ninety-Six, and Eutaw Springs as well as a number of skirmishes. He was discharged at Salisbury, NC in January 1782 and his discharge was signed by Captain Stribling and Major Snead. His final pay was dated as of 19 Dec. 1782.

One and one-half years after his discharge, he married at the age of 33, to the widow of another Revolutionary War veteran. She was Margaret Cox, widow of Thomas Lockhart. She had one son, Charles Lockhart, whom Robert raised as his own.

Upon their marriage, Robert moved in with her on the farm that she had inherited from her late husband and which now, upon her marriage, went in total to the boy, Charles. Margaret was born in 1753, as she was 68 years of age in 1826.

These pension papers state that he is an English scholar. In another location there is a copy of a receipt signed by him for tuition received from Nancy Toles. Since there were few

schools in this period, he may have taught in his home. This receipt is included in the Parham Papers of the McClung Collection of the Lawson McGhee Library in Knoxville, TN. Here he is listed as an early settler on Crooked Creek by 1800.

Exactly when he and his growing family came to Blount Co, TN is unknown, but William lists his birthplace as Virginia in 1793 and Robert Everett is shown in the Blount Co tax rolls of 1800. He is the only Everett listed on the rolls in 1800. He bought land on Crooked Creek and this is probably what brought the Whites to this area outside of Maryville. He was fifty years old in 1800 and his children were adolescents. After his death in 1842, his son-in-law, Isaac White built a saw mill on Crooked Creek very near to the farm of Robert.

Robert Everett eventually spent the remainder of his life on Crooked Creek farming and teaching. One of the boys that he taught was Isaac Anderson. He supposedly taught him to write with a quill pen and ink made of pokeberry juice. Isaac Anderson later became prominent in Maryville and Blount County in the opening decades of the 19th Century. He became a Presbyterian minister and the founder of Maryville College.

Robert built a log cabin for his family on Crooked Creek and he lived in it until he died. It was still standing in the 1930s and I have a photo of it. The cabin was moved sometime in Robert's time across the road to be nearer a spring.

His health began to decline about 1818 because this is when he filed for his first pension on June 6, 1818. In his application of 1826 at the age of 76, he states that he is in bad health having a rupture "right side of belly which pains and disables."

His worth at this time was 50 acres of upland, 1 mare and 1 colt, 2 cows and 1 calf, 14 head of hogs, 3 ploughs, harness and chains, necessary bedding and clothing for his family. Debt owed to him amounted to \$6.50 and he owed a bill to Dr. Thomas for \$6.50. He had two daughters living at home, Ann and Peggy. Peggy is disabled by a very large wen on her neck. He describes his wife as about 68 and very frail.

He died on May 23, 1827 and is buried at Law's Chapel on White's Mill Road. This is in the Old Crooked Creek area. Robert Everett was buried on half mile east of White's Mill on Crooked Creek on the side of a hill thought now to be under a house. This became Will Baring's farm. In 1934, there was no sign of the grave as the land had been plowed over, built up, and the road changed so no one was exactly sure of where the grave was by 20 or 30 feet.

In 1940, the DAR put up a commemorative marker near the gravesite. The marker was moved to Piney Level Cemetery in 1979 to prevent its destruction.

M. MACLEOD SMITH, JR. #145616 - TX#7814

PATRIOT JOSEPH PRINTUP

Joseph Printup was born on 3 April 1746 in Ancram, Columbia (now Greene County) New York. Joseph lived his entire adult life in Montgomery County, NY in the heart of the Mohawk Valley. In his thirties, Joseph participated in the Revolutionary War. He served as a lieutenant in Captain Abraham Yates' Company, Third Company, in the 3rd Regiment of the Tryon County Militia commanded by Colonel Frederick Visscher (Fisher). Joseph fought in the Battle of Oriskany on 6 Aug 1777. The Battle was one of the bloodiest battles fought hand-to-hand in the American Revolution and was a major con-

tributing factor in the British failure in the northern campaign in America.

On 24 October 1781, Lieutenant Joseph Printup was met by the enemy in a surprise attack at his home. He, along with some neighbors, were attacked by a party of British officers and Indians. Printup was cleaning his rifle and as the Indians approached his door, he fired on them as they rushed the house. He was over powered by the Indians and one placed the muzzle of his rifle near Printup's breast, drew the trigger, at that instant, Printup knocked the weapon down and it discharged and the bullet passed through the flesh part of his thigh. A Tory acquaintance in the British party saved Printup's life by telling the Indians to spare him and take him down river. A short distance later, a halt was made and the Indians again were about to kill him, when the Tory interceded. It was agreed that Printup would be spared as long as he could keep up. A friend of Printup, John Van C. Alstyne, let Printup lean on his shoulder and was thus able to continue the journey. Van Alstyne later said to Printup, "Were it not for you, I would now make my escape." Printup replied, "Never mind me; if you can escape, do so, and leave me to my fate." They were walking between two Indians. Van Alstyne sprang out, dashed up a ravine and escaped. The enemy did not fire on Van Alstyne due to being in enemy territory; they did not want to give themselves away. Again the Indian who had first captured Printup, was about to sink a tomahawk into his head, but was prevented by the Tory again. They pressed on crossing the Schoharie and Mohawk Rivers and arrived at Johnstown, NY. Upon arrival, a Mrs. Van Stikler, who resided in the town, interceded on Printup's behalf and Printup was left at her house, from which he return home. As a result of the injury, Joseph Printup was granted a military pension on 25 October 1786. He was never formally issued a certificate of pension, until about 40 years later, he applied for one. It was issued 17 days later on 19 January 1827.

On 2 Oct, 1786, Printup was appointed Captain of the Fifth Company in Lieutenant Colonel John Newkirk's regiment of the Montgomery Co. Militia in Brig. General Frederick Visscher's Brigade. He was succeeded as Captain by Peter Abraham Yates the following year.

A DAR marker has been place at the head of his grave-stone in the Maple Avenue Cemetery, Fultonville, Montgomery Co., NY. He died on 12 September 1831 at the age of 86.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PINEYWOODS COMPATRIOTS

March 14-16, 1997 - TXSSAR 102nd Annual Convention at the Omni Hotel in Richardson, hosted by the Plano Chapter.

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| April 18 | The Battle of Lexington & Concord |
| May 30 | Memorial Day |
| June 14 | Flag Day |
| July 4 | Independence Day |
| Sept. 17 | Constitution Day |
| Oct. 19 | Victory at Yorktown |
| Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day |
| Dec. 8 | TXSSAR Anniversary |
| Dec. 15 | Bill of Rights Day |
| Feb. 3 | PineyWoods Chapter Anniversary |
| Feb. 22 | Washington's Birthday |

SCHEDULE OF 1997-98 CHAPTER MEETINGS

Thursday, March 20, 1997 - Chapter Dinner Meeting for members, wives & guests, Installation of 1997-98 Chapter Officers, TXSSAR President B. Rice Aston, Installing Officer, Sheraton Crown

Thursday, April 17, 1997 - Board meeting 7 p.m. Kingwood Randalls

Thursday, May 15, 1997 - Dinner Meeting with members, wives and guests - guest speaker, Annual Awards Meeting, Sheraton Crown

Thursday, August 21, 1997 - Board meeting 7 p.m. Kingwood Randalls

Thursday, Sept. 18, 1997 - Constitutional Week Dinner Meeting with members, wives and guests, guest speaker, Sheraton Crown

Thursday, Oct. 16, 1997 - "Members Only" Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 20, 1997 - Dinner Meeting, members, wives and guests, guest speaker - Sheraton Crown

Thursday, Jan. 15, 1998 - Dinner Meeting with members, wives and guests, guest speaker - Sheraton Crown

Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998 - "Members Only" Meeting

Please send your typed contributions for the PineyWoods Pine Shavings to Bernie Balser, who will take the position of the Pine Shavings Editor in March.

Also needed is the biographical sketch of each proven Patriot by all members; that also includes supplemental Patriots. If you have not submitted your profile on your Patriots, please do so. They will be printed as space is available on a first come, first printed basis.