



# Piney Woods Pine Shavings

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## JOHN M. KEAHEY TO PRESENT A "LIVING HISTORY" AT THE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 MEETING

The PineyWoods Chapter Meeting for Thursday, November 20, will feature as guest speaker, John M. Keahey and his presentation of "The Uniforms and Equipment of the American Revolution," in the form of a 'living history.' This 'living history' is the portrayal of life in the past using actual artifacts or, as in his presentation, reproductions of artifacts, to better understand how our ancestors lived their daily lives.

Keahey studies history as a hobby. He is forty seven years old and is a graduate of the College of William and Mary in Virginia and has a Master's Degree from the University of Connecticut. By profession he is a petroleum geologist. His interest in the past is life long, but is currently focused on what he calls "the nuts and bolts of history." Not the broad patterns of history, but the personal experience of people in the past.

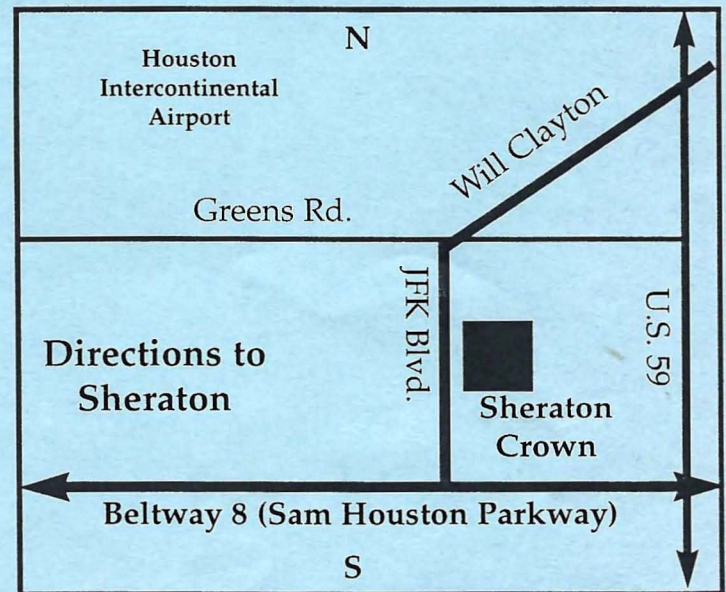
We will see his interpretation of what life was like for the average soldier of the Revolutionary War period. The weapons, colorful uniforms, and personal equipment for both a British and American soldier will be shown and discussed. The comparison between British and American soldier will better illustrate the period and the problem Americans of that time had in providing enough food, clothing and equipment for their soldiers.

Mr. Keahey emphasizes the human experience of the period. His speaking style is geared to

audiences of all ages, with a dry sense of humor which keeps his talks fun, fascinating and informative. After hearing and seeing Keahey's presentation on soldiers of the American Revolution, you will come away with a better appreciation of what our ancestors went through in order to bring the United States of America into existence.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. with social time at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Crown Hotel in one of the banquet rooms at 15700 JFK Blvd., Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport, Houston, Texas.

Please find your RSVP form enclosed with this newsletter and return your check with this form to the PineyWoods Chapter by the deadline of Saturday, November 15.



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## PineyWoods Chapter Constitution and Bylaws Changes Passed By Vote Of Members

Compatriots of the PineyWoods Chapter passed the proposed Constitutional and Bylaws changes proposed by the PineyWoods Chapter Board of Directors. These proposed changes were voted on by PineyWoods Chapter Compatriots at the October 16 "Members Only" Meeting and were passed.

## PineyWoods and Paul Carrington Chapters Holds Genealogical Workshop In Houston

The PineyWoods Chapter, in conjunction with the Paul Carrington Chapter scheduled a "Genealogical Workshop" for Saturday, October 18, 1997.

The event was held at the Houston Public Library (branch) at 4100 Montrose in Houston from 10:30 a.m. - until Noon.

The speakers were TXSSAR Compatriots Henry Guest (Paul Carrington), Thomas Green (PineyWoods and Paul Carrington), Robert McKenna (Piney-

Woods) and Kim Morton (PineyWoods).

The topics of the workshop were an overview on record sources and maintenance, completing an NSSAR application as well as what is considered proof, use of computers for application preparation, internet and family genealogy and a brief view of the SAR organization and what membership entails.

There were approximately 25 participants at the workshop.

## Compatriots Celebrating Birthdays

### November Birthdays

06 ..... Marshall C. Battle  
11 ..... Harold L. Green, Jr.  
13 ..... Byron L. Basham  
15 ..... Worthy R. Warnack, Sr.  
16 ..... Allan M. Henshaw  
20 ..... Paul T. Luther  
25 ..... Jack C. Ward  
29 ..... Ron B. Austin

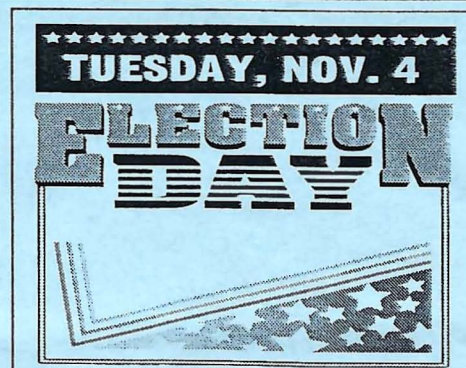
10 ..... Clay V. Warlick  
14 ..... Forest B. Rees  
17 ..... Robert E. Simmons  
19 ..... Scott E. Leonard, III  
24 ..... William N. Foster  
26 ..... Harold L. Green, D.D.S.  
27 ..... John B. Dorsey  
29 ..... Charles S. Fox  
30 ..... M. Ben Gantt, Jr.

### December Birthdays

04 ..... Kenneth R. Vaughn  
07 ..... Richard W. McCaine  
08 ..... James R. Sloan  
09 ..... M. MacLeod Smith, Jr.

### January Birthdays

10 ..... James P. Richards, Sr.  
12 ..... Larry G. Martin  
16 ..... Dennis M. Key  
28 ..... Jason L. Beihl





# Compatriots Patriots

**Arlon Joe Williams NSSAR #147860 - TXSSAR #8046**  
**Patriot Stephen Williams - 3rd Great Grandfather**  
**Arlon Joe Williams, Jr. NSSAR #147861 - TXSSAR #8047**  
**4th Great Grandfather**

Stephen Williams was born on May 9, 1760 in Bute Co., North Carolina, the son of Richard and Ann Williams. Stephen's father was a blacksmith and farmer and Stephen described himself as being the same. Stephen was taught to read and write by his father.

Stephen has the distinction of being one of a few who fought in three major wars: the American Revolution, the War of 1812 and the Texas Revolution.

Eighteen year old Stephen enlisted for his first term in November of 1778. Three terms of service during the American Revolution, Stephen fought at the Battle of Brier Creek, Camden and then at Eutaw Springs, SC.

In 1779, Stephen married Delilah Stallings and they had moved to Spanish Louisiana by 1806 in St. Helena Parish. During the winter of 1814/1815, Stephen served at Madisonville in the War with the British.

Stephen lost his partner in life about 1825. The itch to move on sprang up again in 1830 as Stephen moved to Texas with his daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Michael Dailey. They settled near Jasper County, Texas. Stephen was supposed to be staying with his daughter Altazera while his son-in-law Stephen Everitt was in San Felipe attending the Consultation for the formulation of the Republic of Texas but he slipped out at the ripe young age of 75 to enlist in the Texas Militia with his son-in-law, Michael Dailey, and four grandsons: William Allen, A. Jackson Youngblood, Stephen Williams Jr., and Richard Williams. Stephen was a Sergeant in Captain Chesser's Company. And served at the siege of Bexar.

Stephen died back home in Jasper County about 1839-1840. He was buried in the family cemetery and later moved to the State Cemetery in Austin in 1939.

We are descended from his son, William "Buck" Williams.

**John Oliver Albright #119889 - TX 7911**  
**Patriot Jedediah Hurd - 5th Great Grandfather**

My patriot ancestor, Jedediah Hurd, must have been a restless man. He was born on 14 Oct. 1721 in Woodbury, CT the son of John Hurd III and Elizabeth Hinman. On 12 Aug. 1741, he married Abigail Baker of Woodbury where from 1742 to 1756 their family grew to include two sons and six daughters. By 2 Mar. 1764 the family had moved to Lanesborough, MA, where Jedediah and Abigail were amongst the founders of the Congregation Church and where the family grew by another daughter and two more sons.

With the outbreak of hostilities with England, on 14 Oct. 1777 near Lanesborough, Jedediah is listed among the subscribers to the "Company of Silver Greys," a local volunteer militia.

In 1929, the SAR chapter of Northwest Mass. Erected a marker in memory of the "Silver Greys," including Jedediah Hurd. By the height of the Revolution, the family had moved to Adams, MA where on 20 Mar. 1779, Jedediah Hurd was chosen as a member of the Adams Committee of Safety.

Following the War, Jedediah continued to move around. His name appears on a list of the early inhabitants of North Adams, MA, in 1785 and he appears in Vermont in the 1790 Census. By 1792, he had moved to Amenia, NY where he probably was living with his daughter Abigail and her husband Gideon Castle. Jedediah passed away on 9 Oct. 1792 and is buried in the "Cemetery at the Old Steel Works," in Dutchess County, NY.

**John Oliver Albright #119889 - TX 7911 • Patriot Captain Joseph Kinne - 6th Great Grandfather**

Joseph Kinne, Jr. was born in Preston, CT, 17 Feb. 1717/18, the son of Joseph Kinne Sr. And Keziah Peabody. Members of the Kinne family were among the early settlers of Massachusetts arriving in Roxbury in 1625 and relocating to Salem by 1653. During the infamous "Salem Witch Trials," Joseph Sr.'s grandfather Henry Kenny was a town Constable for Salem and was one of the misled people who testified that he had seen the accused woman practice their witchcraft.

On 10 June 1742 in Preston, CT Joseph Jr. Married Sarah Blunt and together they had six children: Lucy (1743); Sarah (1745); Elizabeth (1748); Experience (1750); Keziah (1752); and Dorothy (1754). When his first wife passed away in late 1754, Joseph Jr. Married Jemima Newcombe, widow of Jonathan Lamb of Norwich, CT and together they had eleven children who lived to be adults.

While living in Preston, CT, Joseph Jr. Was active in the affairs of the community. By 1761 he was in command of the local militia and in 1763 he was chosen as the representative for Preston to the Connecticut General Assembly. By 1775 Joseph and Jemima had moved to Grafton County, NH, where the outbreak of hostilities with Britain, Joseph Jr. Was appointed Captain in the local militia. After the war, Joseph Jr. Remained in Grafton County where he passed away on 15 Oct. 1793.

## Schedule of PineyWoods Chapter Meetings & Events

**1997:**

**Thursday, November 20**  
**Dinner Meeting with mem-**  
**bers, wives and guests at the**  
**Sheraton Crown;**  
**guest speaker: John M. Keahey**

**1998:**

**Thursday, January 15**  
**Dinner Meeting with**  
**members, wives and guests**  
**at the**  
**Sheraton Crown;**  
**guest speaker**

**Thursday, February 19**  
**"Members Only" Meeting;**  
**Nomination and Voting on**  
**1998-99 Chapter Officers**

**March 13-15, 1998**  
**103rd Annual TXSSAR**  
**Convention in Kerrville**

**Thursday, March 19**  
**Chapter Dinner Meeting for**  
**members, wives & guests,**  
**Installation of**  
**1998-99 Chapter Officers;**  
**John C. "Jack" Haughton,**  
**Installing Officer**  
**and Guest Speaker at the**  
**Sheraton Crown**



## TXSSAR 103rd Annual Convention To Be Held March 13-15, 1998

KERRVILLE — Reservations are now being taken by the Kerrville Holiday Inn YO! Call Now. The room rate is \$70 single or double occupancy. The cut-off date is February 12, 1998. Make your room reservations BEFORE January 15, 1998 and we will enter your name in a drawing for dinner for two, Friday evening in the Sam Houston Dining Room. Winner will be announced at the Friday evening welcome reception.

Call 1-800-HOLIDAY (1-800-465-4329) or 1-830-257-4440. You must identify yourself as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution to get the \$70 rate.

Those of you who want to bring their RV and stay a while in the Hill Country, will find several RV parks available. However at that time of year, they may be still a little booked

with "winter Texans," so it would be a good idea to make those reservations early. Call or write and we will send a list of the good local RV parks.

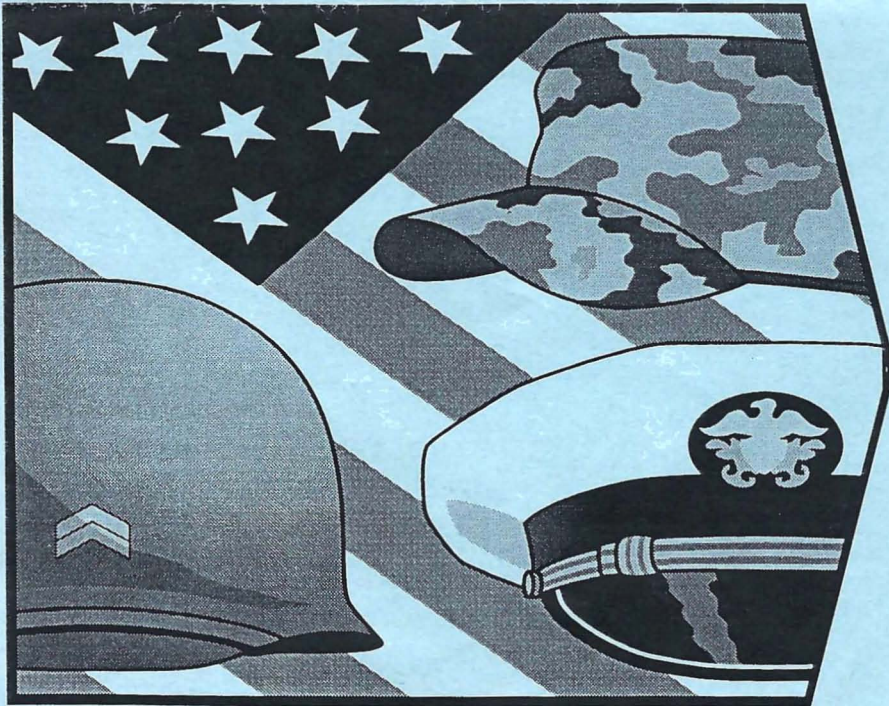
The fun begins Friday evening with the Welcome Reception, by the massive rustic fireplace in the lobby area of the hotel, with entertainment by one of our local pianists. Then it's out to dinner on your own. This will give everyone a chance to sample one of the excellent restaurants in Kerrville. Don't miss this opportunity! We will have a list of the best available when you check in.

Saturday evening will feature the President General's Reception and Annual Banquet. Featured entertainment at the Banquet will be The Black Bexar Pipes and Drums of San Antonio.

We have arranged with Mooney Aircraft for a special tour of their Kerrville manufacturing facility Friday afternoon. This will be especially interesting to the many pilots in our organization. Saturday tours of the Cowboy Artists of America Museum and James Avery Craftsmen are planned. Fredericksburg and Comfort are "on your own" to allow individual shopping schedules.

Something New for 1998! Are you Ladies bored waiting around the lobby during the final meetings on Sunday mornings? We are planning a Continental Breakfast and short program for the Ladies, to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. There will be a \$5 charge for this activity to offset the cost.

# HATS OFF



# TO OUR VETERANS

**On land. By air.**

**By sea.**

**On Tuesday,  
November 11,  
Veterans Day,  
we salute the  
men and women  
of our armed  
forces both past  
and present, for  
their bravery,  
dedication, and  
commitment to  
upholding the  
ideals and  
freedoms we  
enjoy today.**