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## Greetings from the Governor General

It is a great honor to serve as the Governor General of First Families of Kentucky.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead our society for the next two years.



We are fortunate to have an impressive team of officers for this biennium who are dedicated to the continued success and growth of this organization. The other officers comprising the Council of First Families of Kentucky for 2019-2021 are:

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Historian General

Lynn Turner Shea of Louisville;

Chancellor General

Donna Dodd Terrell Jones of Lexington; and

Chaplain General

Elizabeth Reynolds Kuster of Paris.

## First Families of Kentucky

### Luncheon

Saturday, the 2nd of November

Two thousand and Nineteen

### Spindletop Hall

3414 Iron Works Pike

Lexington, Kentucky

Social hour eleven-thirty

Luncheon at twelve noon

\$30.00 per person

Speaker Lauren Clontz

“Dr. Ephraim McDowell: Pioneer  
Surgery in 1809”

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Frieda Curtis Wheatley continues to serve as the Editor of the Kentuckian and we are grateful for the tremendous work that she renders to First Families and the exceptional newsletter she produces. J. Murel Wheatley is our webmaster and Foster Ockerman, Jr., has been appointed to serve as Parliamentarian to the Council.

My profound gratitude is expressed to Arthur Dietz for his exemplary leadership as Governor General during the past two years, and for his invaluable advice and guidance in my transition. Serving as Treasurer General during the administration of Governor General Lynn T. Shea and Parliamentarian on the Council of Governor General William C. Shrader gave me valuable insight and experience and they too have been and continue to be admirable leaders and members of First Families.

We look forward to a productive two years. Thank you for your continued involvement in and commitment to First Families of Kentucky.

Please make plans to attend the Fall Luncheon on Saturday, 2 November 2019, at Spindletop Hall in Lexington. Lauren Clontz of the Ephraim McDowell House in Danville will present a program entitled "Dr. Ephraim McDowell: Pioneer Surgery in 1809."

I look forward to working with you as we continue to honor those who settled the Commonwealth and as we make contributions to worthy projects and other organizations that preserve and foster the appreciation of our history and enhance the quality of life in Kentucky.

Governor General Stephen L. Collins

**Menu**

**Grilled Lemon-Rosemary Chicken**

**with roast fingerling potatoes, haricot verts, &  
chipotle Remoulade**

**Baby wedge salad,**

**Blue cheese crumbles, grape tomato, hard boiled egg,  
Applewood smoked bacon, blue cheese dressing**

**Dessert: Lemon Chess Pie**

**Tea, coffee, & water will be served with meal**

**Cash bar**

**Please note special dietary needs with your reservation.**



## First Families of Kentucky Banquet



Kay & Ed Thomas



Betsy & Ted Kuster



Sharon & Dennis Withers



Donna & Robert Hughes



Art Dietz



Speaker Betsy B. Smith



Lynn T. Shea



Julia Slayton



Stephen Collins



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Woodford Ragland, Rebecca Ragland, Sean Ragland, Ted Kuster





Art Dietz, Jack Early, James Hancock



Jerry Ford, Fay Charpentier-Ford



William Schrader III, Susan Smith, Paul Smith



Joyce Miller, Larry Miller



Jean Dietz, Art Dietz



Art Dietz & Betsy Smith as Jemima Boone





Karen Emberton, Joyce Collins



Jana Bailey



John Myles



John Parsley, Myrna Parsley



Trish Aaron, John Aaron

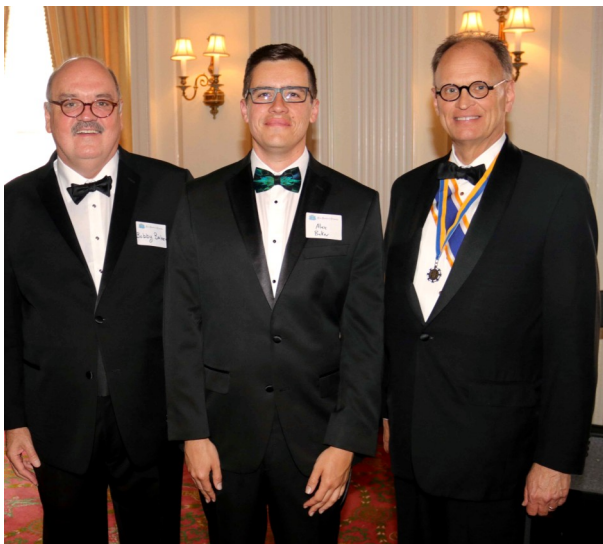


Doris Tabb, Donna Hughes, Lynn Shea, Donna Jones,  
Sharon Withers



Woodford Ragland accepts the donation for the  
Children of the American Revolution project.





Bobby Baker, Alex Baker, Stephen Collins



Roger Goodin



Donna Goodin



Nancy W. Walker, Paul Walker



Ruth Smith, Leslie Smith



2019-2021 Council: Stephen Collins, Donna Hughes, Robert Hughes, Nancy Lutz, Sharon Withers, Lynn Shea, Betsy Kuster, Donna Jones



Earl Myers

## Bond

William Bond, our ancestor, was born in 1740 St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County, Virginia. He served as a Private in the Revolutionary War for three years first enlisting in September 1777 with the 1st Virginia commanded by Captain Mayo Carrington. He also served under Captain Littleberry Mosby and Colonel Samuel Elbert of the 2nd Georgia. He was wounded at the Battle of Brandywine.

After his first wife died in the 1780's, William Bond and children James, William, Anthony and Sallie relocated to Woodford County, District of Virginia with several other families. Some accounts have him in the area as early as 1785. He married Sarah Cranson in December 1790 and they lived in what is now present day Anderson County.

William received a bounty of 100 acres of land located on Bailey's Run in Anderson County sometime after 1794. He also purchased an additional 100 acres next to his bounty land. Some of the land was later sold to son, John, where he built his first stone distillery in 1820. The distillery was later passed to John's son, William F. Bond and along with W.F. Bond's brother-in-law, Christopher Lillard, they distilled under the whiskey brand, Bond & Lillard.

In addition to John, William and Sarah Bond had several other children together including Ailsie, Isaac, Elizabeth and Martha. We descend through Martha who married Thompson Frazier August 2, 1825 in Anderson County. Thompson and sons, William Jefferson Frazier and Reuben Holman Frazier, also were distillers. William Jefferson Frazier distilled under the W.J. Frazier brand in Woodford County. Reuben Holman Frazier teamed with William Waterfill to create the Waterfill and Frazier whiskey brand.

William and Sarah Bond joined the Salt River Primitive Baptist church in Anderson County in 1801.

The church was founded in 1798 with seven charter members and continued holding services until the last member died in 1965.

He applied for a pension on several occasions and was finally granted \$8.00 per month on February 13, 1826. Unfortunately, he only received the pension for about a year, dying March 30, 1827. He is buried in the Bond Cemetery located on Bailey's Run creek on Wildcat Pike a few miles outside Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.

Susan Parker Long Mullins

Nancy Jo Long Mullins

## Elkin

Robert Elkin was born in 1745 in Brunswick County, Virginia, and was a Baptist Minister in Orange County, Virginia. He married Sarah Reardon in Virginia in 1768, and they had several children born in Virginia and in Kentucky.

Getting to what later became Kentucky was quite harrowing. It's been said that Cortes ordered his men to "burn the boats" upon arrival in Mexico. Robert Elkin and many others who signed on with the "Traveling Church" (which became known as the Captain Billy Bush Settlement in Clark County) didn't need to burn their boats, but did sell all their property to afford their trip to Kentucky County, Virginia in 1780. The trip was just on the fringe of the American Revolution, about the time of Cornwallis' surrender.

Along the way, there was concern about Indians in Kentucky. For three years, the group stayed in tents in the Holston River area awaiting word of when it would be safe to proceed. While there, Robert was appointed minister and held services regularly. One day, they heard horses coming from "the wrong direction" only to discover it was a messenger reporting it was time to move on to Kentucky.

Once in Clark County, Kentucky they built the Old



Stone Meeting House, the church was built between 1787-1793, on Lower Howard's Creek. (It later became known as the Providence Church.) The windows were tall and narrow, and were manned by men with guns to look out for Indians during their services. Elkin's house was built within sight of the church, and he rode his nag to church. It was the seventh Baptist organization in Kentucky to begin worship, and the first church in Clark County, Kentucky. The church still stands and services are still performed there.

Robert Elkin continued to lead the congregation until he passed away in early 1822.

Beth Breisch

## Memories of Bryan Station

When I, the author, was about six or eight years old, I went on one of my Great Maw's (great-grandmother Barker/Dodd's) excursions with her. She, a direct descendant of Samuel and Sarah Day Boone, took me to Bryan Station. On that 1950's excursion, after much back and forth "jockeying" of Great Maw's usual great big black (or once baby blue) Cadillac alongside the narrow rural road, Great Maw finally stopped with my passenger side window afforded the "best" view through the shrubbery of the famous Bryan Station fort and "women at the well" memorial site.

Then she proceeded to tell me the story of how, in the face of Indian attack, the women (at least one of whom was my relative) had so stoically and bravely gone to the well to secure water to be carried back inside the waterless fort for use during the at-any-moment anticipated siege.

After imparting the details of the women's heroism she then admonished me as follows: I was told that no matter what difficulties I would face in life it was highly unlikely that I would ever be asked

to endure the harrowing circumstances that these brave women had endured. I was told that these women had behaved bravely and with dignity and strong character under seriously adverse circumstances and that, in my life, when I thought times were difficult I was to remember these women's story and to remember that my problems were relatively minor and to conform my behavior to emulate their poise, demeanor and strength of character. I was told that, if called upon, I could do it too.

It is amazing how many times in my life I have pondered and drawn strength from Great Maw's Bryan Station lesson. When, in the summer of 2007, I was graciously invited to a re-enactment of the women going to the well, during the ceremony I sat on the back row between Dr. David McMurtry and Dr. Ron Bryant. As the re-enactors appeared and began their journey down the hill towards the well I found that tears uncontrollably welled up in my eyes and profusely ran down my cheeks. It was a very special moment in my life and one that I will never forget. I will always be grateful for the production of and the invitation to that event.

Donna Dodd Terrell Jones

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First Families of Kentucky  
Merchandise on the Members Only page of  
our website?





Children of the American Revolution State President, Woodford Ragland, chose as his state project the refurbishing of the Colonial Gardens kitchen at Duncan Tavern in Paris. It was restored in 1957 and by now needs work. The main thrust of the project is to remove the brick flooring, saving the brick to be reset after the surface beneath is leveled, sand is added and a moisture barrier installed. This will keep the moisture from coming up through the floor causing the brick to be uneven and difficult to walk on.

A second phase of the project has been determined and the walls will be cleaned and painted to give the basement room a bright clean look. The gift from the First Families of Kentucky is greatly appreciated and helped Children of the American Revolution reach its final goal.

It is interesting to note that the kitchen at Duncan Tavern was made the state headquarters of Children of the American Revolution at the time it was first restored. After this refurbishment the C.A.R. will again be able to meet in their headquarters.

Betsy Kuster