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**PETER KIVETT FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (PRELIMINARY)**

The Peter Kivett Family Association, Inc. Annual meeting was held via Zoom on October 24, 2021. The 2020 Annual Meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. The meeting for 2021 was also impacted by Covid-19 in that the usual meeting location at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Liberty, NC continued to have restrictions for large indoor gatherings. With the assistance from Dr. Paula Weller, the PKFA Board of Directors chose to have the meeting via Zoom. The PKFA would like to thank Dr. Weller and husband, Paul for their assistance in making this “virtual” meeting possible.

President, Ron Cheek, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Attendees were from various locations including North Carolina, South Carolina, California, Washington, Ohio, New Jersey, Maryland, Florida, and England. President Cheek then asked for reports from the Board of Directors:

<b>Treasurer:</b> Edna Jo Hackett	<b>Historian:</b> Dr. Paula Weller
<b>Secretary:</b> Shirley K. Shepard	<b>DNA Project Director:</b> Bill Kivett
<b>Property &amp; Assets Manager:</b> Jerry Kivett	<b>NC Activities Coordinator:</b> Jan Cheek

A summary of their reports follows on page 2 of this document.

President Ron Cheek made note that there was no old business on the agenda. New Business primarily concerned the existence and acquisition of the Peter Kivett Bible.

President Cheek presented the slate of officers for 2021-2022 Board of Directors which was voted on and passed by attendees.

<b>President:</b> Ron Cheek	<b>Vice President:</b> Peggy Cheshire	<b>Secretary:</b> Jan Cheek
<b>Treasurer:</b> Edna Jo Hackett	<b>Historian:</b> Dr. Paula Weller	<b>DNA Project Director:</b> Bill Kivett
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A moment of silence was observed for those who had passed away in the two last years. Those remembered were:

Beverly Kivett, Pleasant Garden, NC, 3/19/21  
 Everette Kivett, Burnsville, NC 4/7/20  
 Charles Kivett, W. DesMoines, Iowa 1/7/21

As is the PKFA’s tradition, President Cheek acknowledged the oldest and youngest female and male attendees at the 2021 Zoom meeting as follows:

<b>Youngest Female:</b> Stacy Lovelock	<b>Youngest Male:</b> John Sharpe
<b>Oldest Female:</b> Sally Kivett Story	<b>Oldest Male:</b> Bill Kivett (S.C.)

In conclusion, President Cheek again thanked Paul and Paula Weller for being the hosts for the 2021 Annual Meeting of the PKFA via Zoom. “It would not have been possible without their assistance.” He also thanked all of the attendees for their involvement as well.

Following a personal Benediction, the meeting was adjourned by President Cheek

Respectfully Submitted  
 Jan Cheek, PKFA Secretary  
 10/29/2021





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**SUMMARY OF 2021 ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS (PRELIMINARY)**

**Secretary – Shirley K. Shepard**

No report submitted for 2000 due to meeting in 2020 cancellation. If anyone knows of address and/or email changes that have occurred especially since 2019, please forward them to Jan or Ron Cheek. We have numerous returned meeting announcement postcards and emails.

**Property & Assets Report – Jerry Kivett**

McMasters Cemetery update – The cemetery has been mown consistently for the past two years. The fire ant problem is on-going but working on solutions to abate.

**Historian – Dr. Paula Weller**

Dr. Weller made note of her attendance at the Alamance Battleground State Historical Site’s Annual Descendants Gathering. This final battle of the Regulator Movement is of importance because Peter Kivett was known to be a Regulator. Dr. Weller reported on the task of finding a suitable home for the accumulation of many notebooks of ancestry and research provided by former PKFA Historian, Mr. Bill Kivett. The Board of Directors has agreed to work with the High Point Public Library’s Heritage Research Center to accomplish this task. The owner of the original Peter Kivett Bible contacted the PKFA with news of the Bible’s existence. The owner has not given any indication of their willingness to part with the Bible, but should this occur, the PKFA Board of Directors has a plan for its preservation with the High Point Public Library. Dr. Weller’s Historian’s report can be found in its entirety as page 3 following this summary.

**DNA Project Report – Bill Kivett (Taylors, South Carolina)**

Mr. Kivett spoke of research he has been doing for the past 2 years with Ms. Sue Robinson of London, England in tracing Peter Kivett to Rotterdam, Holland. Ms. Robinson discovered records of a young Peter Kivett with similar vital information that is strong evidence of being the same as our ancestor. There is still a strong Kivett family presence still residing in the Rotterdam area, unfortunately, none feel compelled to submit a DNA sample for testing so as to confirm their heritage with “our Peter”. Bill also reported on his research regarding the Peter Kivett Bible. The owner contacted PKFA asking for help in tracing it to our ancestor Peter as the original owner. Bill, with information provided by Peter Kivett descendant, Delores Harvell, was able to determine how and to whom the Bible was handed down through the generations to its current owner. Bill concludes, by using handwriting comparisons, dates, and family members, “there is strong circumstantial evidence” that this Bible did belong to our ancestor Peter. View all of Bill’s research narratives for both projects and Bible pictures at the <https://pkivfa.org> website.

**NC Activities Report – Jan Cheek**

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the PKFA was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions and out of an abundance of caution for attendees. The Board of Directors voted to hold a “virtual” meeting via Zoom for 2021 also due to Covid-19 restrictions at our usual meeting venue, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church,

**Treasurer – Edna Jo Hackett**

11/24/2019	2019 Meeting Date Beginning Balance:	\$4,632.77
	2020 Income: Membership Fees and Donations	355.00
	2020 Expenses: Maintenance and Mowing of McMasters Cemetery	(615.00)
	2019 Meeting Supplies & Church Facilities Donation	(119.86)
	www.pkivfa.org URL Annual Domain Registration	(19.95)
	www.pkivfa.org 3 year Web Site Provider Fee	<u>(214.20)</u>
11/23/2020	2020 Cancelled Meeting Date Balance:	\$4,018.76
	2021 Income: Membership Fees and Donations	290.00
	2021 Expenses: Maintenance and Mowing of McMasters Cemetery	(270.00)
	www.pkivfa.org URL Annual Domain Registration	<u>(19.95)</u>
11/24/2021	Ending Balance	\$4,018.81





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**2021 ANNUAL MEETING HISTORIAN FULL REPORT AS SUBMITTED**

On June 19, 2021, as your Historian, I attended the Alamance Battleground State Historic Site's Annual Descendants Gathering. This year was the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Alamance. This battle took place on May 16, 1771 and was the final battle of the Regulator Movement, a rebellion in colonial North Carolina over issues of taxation and local government control. Many colonial residents in the Piedmont counties of North Carolina petitioned the NC Assembly and Governor Tryon about corruption of local officials and excess taxes and fees. In one of these petitions, Regulator's Advertisement Number 9, our ancestor Peter Kivett's signature is included. We do not know if Peter participated in the Battle of Alamance but approximately 2,000 Regulators gathered in what is now Alamance County, NC to impress the Governor with their numbers in hopes he would give in to their demands. Although Governor Tryon and his militia were outnumbered at least 2 to 1, the Regulators were no match to the armed and well-trained soldiers. The battle lasted only two hours and resulted in a defeat of the Regulators. Some Regulators moved West out of the area, while many who stayed, took an oath of loyalty to the royal government. That is why many in what is now Randolph County, NC fought on the side of the British at the beginning of the American Revolution. However, many German-born Regulators, whether they took an oath or not, joined or supported the Patriots of the American Revolution. Peter Kivett is one of those German-born Regulator who served as a juror and provided supplies to the local American militia.

As noted in my last year's report, the PKFA was tasked with finding a home for records accumulated and maintained by our previous Historian, Bill Kivett. As a reminder, these records contain ancestral charts, obituaries, stories, photos, and letters from hundreds of individuals over the years, in addition to copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates, family Bible pages, and census records related to the Kivetts and connected families. In total, there is approximately 14 feet of material contained in binders that go from original PKFA records up to the year 2020.

In 2019, prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, Ron Cheek and I met with Marcellaus Joiner, Supervisor of the Heritage Research Center at the High Point Public Library, and Reference Librarian Larry Cates, also a Peter Kivett descendant, to discuss housing the PKFA records. During the pandemic, Marcellaus and Larry evaluated the Center's space utilization and informed us in August of last year that we could start transferring materials when COVID-19 abated. Now we can bring notebooks to the Center, but our Board has decided to digitally scan each notebook to maintain a backup copy of this data for the PKFA. I am just starting this process, but it is anticipated that this will be completed for our annual meeting next year and announced via our website.

Finally, the owner of the original Peter Kivett Bible emailed Ron Cheek in May 2021 with news of the existence of the Bible. Bill Kivett contacted the current owner and has researched the history of ownership of the Bible back to Peter Kivett. Ron Cheek visited the NC Archives to discuss how their staff would store and preserve the Bible if it were donated to the agency. Unfortunately, it does not accept family Bibles, only copies of family data sheets and publication information from the Bible. Paula Weller then contacted Marcellaus Joiner and Larry Cates of the Heritage Research Center of the High Point Public Library about preserving the Bible. They are willing to accept a donation of the Bible and would utilize a paper conservator to examine the Bible to recommend preservation, display, and storage techniques. This would be a valuable addition to a research hub for the Kivett family in Guilford County, NC. Ron has reached out to the owner with this information and has not received a response. The Board approved supporting the placement of the Bible in the event we have the opportunity.

This ends my report,

Respectfully,  
Dr. Paula M. Weller, Historian

