

**Brief History of the Organizing of the
NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF
ANTEBELLUM PLANTERS 1607-1861**

October 1997

The Organizational Meeting of the Society was held 17 October 1997 at the Doubletree Hotel Park Terrace on Embassy Row, 1515 Rhode Island, Washington DC, with thirteen members in attendance. The Organizing Officers were:

President General	Charles Owen Johnson
Vice President Gen.	Frances Keller Barr
Secretary General	Sarah Jane Dunaway
Treasurer General	Richard Bender Abell
Genealogist General	Hardwick Smith Johnson, Jr., EdD
Historian General	Patricia Scruggs Trolinger
Chaplain General	Rev. Dr. Dixon A. Barr
Council Members	Isabelle Morrison
	Anne Baldwin Holle
	Gabrielle Bielenstein
	Neal Holland Duncan
	Grahame Smallwood, Jr.

At this meeting the proposed Bylaws were reviewed, a membership committee established and the ribbon and insignia design discussed. A circular design for the insignia emblem was suggested, the center being an etching of Mount Vernon surrounded by a band of corn, tobacco and wheat stalks. Brown, green and wheat were the preferred colors. A committee chaired by Richard Abell was appointed. Also discussed was the idea that the Society would meet in DC each April and hold a separate event at a different plantation and/or rural site in a different state each fall. A date was set for the first annual meeting to be held in April 1998 in Washington DC. At this meeting a nominating committee would be elected to present a slate of officers for the 1999-2001 administration.

April 1998

The First Annual Meeting of the Society was held on 16 April 1998 at the Washington Club, 15 Dupont Circle, Washington DC, Charles Owen Johnson, President General presiding. The business meeting began at 3:00 p.m.. The Roll of Founder Members was read by Genealogist General Hardwick S. Johnson, Jr. It was reported by Treasurer General Richard Bender Abell that the Society had a balance of \$5055.25 in the Burke & Herbert Bank of Alexandria VA. The design for the insignia was presented to the membership as discussed at the Organizational Meeting of October 1997. The certificate design was discussed and hunter green was chosen for the ink color to represent agricultural. The first nominating committee was elected: Dr. Dixon A. Barr (chairman), Sarah Dunaway, Patricia Trolinger, Audrey Karlovich and Betty Bernstorf. It was announced that the fall 1998 meeting would be held at Gunston Hall in Virginia. An afternoon tea was served, consisting of scones, tea sandwiches, assorted French pastries, fresh fruit, non alcoholic sherbet punch, a Champagne punch, hot tea and coffee at a cost of \$17.00 per person.