

**PETE & BETTY RAWSTRON
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

Pete and Betty started square dancing in Boston in 1946. Moving to San Francisco in 1963, they were active in the local association for square dance promotion. They moved to Nashville in 1972.

They were active in the Tennessee State Association of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc. from the very beginning. Pete and Betty attended the first meeting when the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and the first state president was elected. They worked on the first three state conventions which were held in Nashville and co-chaired the 7th Tennessee State Festival, as it was called in those days. They served as Area Coordinator/Vice President for Area II, and as Corresponding Secretary for five terms under three different presidents. Pete and Betty's last position with TSASRDC, Inc. was as Membership Chairman. As a result of their leadership and successful campaign, the State of Tennessee adopted square dancing as the state's Official Folk Dance.

They retired and moved to Cape Cod in 1984. They were elected directors to the LEGACY board at the Reno, Nevada, meeting and were successful in having square dancing designated the Massachusetts State Folk Dance. They have been active as moderators and panelists at several National Square Dance conventions.

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