

Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence
Spring Meeting, Charleston, SC
March 3, 1989

The Spring meeting of the Board of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was held at the Mills House Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina, on the 3rd day of March, 1989, at 4:00 p.m. Rieman McNamara, President-General, presided.

The Board meeting was held with the following present: Rieman McNamara, Herbert N. Tucker, Jr., Agnes C. Carstarphen, John D. Nelson, Gabrielle Maupin Bielenstein, Allan M. Heyward, Doris R. Coley, Bobbie DeForest, William Ward, IV, Sally Middleton Hawkridge, Constantia W. Allnutt, Lain Hawkridge, Frederick W. Pyne, Richard H. Corson, Francis D. Irving, Nina H. Hopkins, Philip Schuyler Pyne, Rosa Maude Cowan, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, and F. Nelson Light.

The **Prayer** of the Society was given by Chaplain-General Herbert N. Tucker, Jr.

Minutes of the fall meeting were corrected by correcting the spelling of the name Philip and approved as mailed.

Treasurer's report, made by William Ward, IV, Treasurer-General, was approved as presented.

Registrar-General's report was given by the First Vice-President, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch. All of the new Senior and Junior members and change of status were voted on after receiving the amended report of the Registrar-General. The opinion of the Chancellor-General as to the dropping of delinquent members was read by the President-General in the absence of Chancellor-General, Edward Ridley Finch. Action was then taken to drop the delinquent members shown on the Registrar-General's report. The deceased members were noted and prayer was led by the Chaplain-General.

The First Vice-President noted that the next three (3) meetings will be in New Haven, Philadelphia and Richmond.

Nominating Committee report was given by Connie Allnutt, and the slate was accepted as read.

The Scholarship Committee reported that the suggestion that there be a distinction between male and female descendants not be incorporated but that the loading of grants would continue to be weighed in favor of undergraduate work rather than graduate work. The new scholarship applications are not to carry the telephone number of Ruth Hagan.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Ruth Hagan and Bill Ward for their help.

Spirit of '76 was asked to get their mailing labels from William Ward to have the results of the latest changes from the computer on the labels.

Publicity Committee - President-General reported that Stephen Pyne had accepted the job as chairman.

Young Descendants Committee - Philip Pyne, Chairman, reported on his activities to encourage interest by our younger members.

The following State Governors reported:

South Carolina -Allan Heyward gave the details for the Saturday tour of Middleton Place and Middleton Place House. The Board was invited to the Heyward-Washington House for a reception after the meeting.

Delaware - Rieman McNamara read a letter from Dick Cooch, Governor for Delaware, who related a recent sale of a Caesar Rodney letter for \$400,000.00.

Virginia - Francis D. Irving, IV, reported for the Virginia Society and announced he was checking on the descendants grave sites in Virginia, and where there was some maintenance needed, was seeing to that.

Pennsylvania - Barbara Kalbfleisch reported on plans for Annual Congress in May.

Maryland - Connie Allnutt reported for the Maryland Society about plans for a Spring meeting.

New York - Gabrielle Bielenstein reported for the Society in the absence of the President.

Eligible members for a proposed regional state society are to meet on Saturday following the general meeting in order hopefully to organize and file an application for their charter, as promoted by our governors for South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia.

Reporting on the Leach Papers Project, Governor Lain Hawkrige reported problems with the software for our computer, but that there was progress getting the Leach Papers into the computer. To date, he has charged only 6 hours labor against the \$4,000.00 advance payment.

Bill Ward reported that as soon as address corrections are completed, we plan to get out a 1989 updated yearbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m., and followed by a reception in the Heyward-Washington House hosted by Governor Allan Heyward and President-General, Rieman McNamara.

Respectfully submitted,


F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General

Descendants of the Signers of the
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General Meeting, Charleston, SC
March 4, 1989

A general meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was held at the Mills House Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, on March 4, 1989, at 9:00 a.m. President-General Rieman McNamara, Jr. presided. It was the largest attendance in recent memory, about 100 including members, families and guests.

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chaplain-General Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr.

Introduction was made of the new members attending their first meeting and were as follows: Torie Hopkins Bonnett, Lucy Anderson Roy, Molly Fraser Roy, Heather Winston Roy, Fraser Gianaras Bond, Christopher Gianaras, Diana Fraser Gianaras, Marjorie Heyward Mingledorff, Annely Middleton Klingensmith, Ian McLain Hawkridge, Philip R. Livingston, Caroline W. O'Neale, Dolly Anderson Roberts, Allan M. Heyward, Jr., George C. Heyward, Mercade A. Cramer, Jr., Caroline Ladue Mann, Susan Adger Mann, Laura Heyward, Anne Heyward Tryhalski, and Bill Britton.

Gov. Allan Heyward announced the arrangements for the tour of Middleton Place and Middleton Place House and the walking tour of that part of Charleston around the Old Wall City.

The minutes of the Princeton, New Jersey meeting were read and filed as amended.

Report on the Board meeting of March 3rd was given by the President-General.

Treasurer-General's report was made.

Registrar-General's report was made by Barbara Kalbfleisch, First Vice-President, in the absence of the Registrar-General.

Prayer was given for our deceased members by the Chaplain-General, Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr.

Fred Pyne reported for the Scholarship Committee.

Lain Hawkridge reported the progress on the Leach papers.

Gabrielle Bielenstein gave the report for the New York Society.

Francis D. Irving made the report for the Virginia Society.

First Vice-President Kalbfleisch reported for the Pennsylvania Society.

The meeting for the proposed Southern States Regional Society was

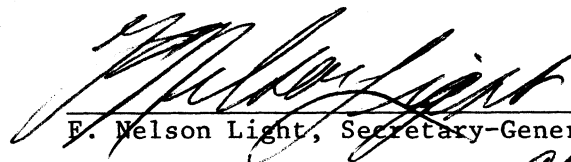
announced to meet immediately following the adjournment of the General Meeting.

Fred Pyne read the Declaration of Independence. William Ward led the roll call of signers at the general meeting, and Philip Pyne read the roll at the banquet on Saturday night. Those representing the signers were as follows:

	General Meeting	Banquet
Josiah Bartlett.....	1	0
Roger Sherman.....	2	2
William Floyd.....	3	1
Philip Livingston.....	1	0
Francis Lewis.....	2	2
John Witherspoon.....	1	1
Francis Hopkinson.....	0	4
John Hart.....	2	0
Benjamin Franklin.....	2	2
John Morton.....	1	1
George Ross.....	2	2
George Read.....	1	1
Richard Henry Lee.....	1	1
Benjamin Harrison.....	1	1
Thomas Nelson, Jr.....	4	4
Carter Braxton.....	2	5
Thomas Heyward, Jr.....	29	19
Arthur Middleton.....	7	3

Benediction was given by the Chaplain-General, Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr., and the meeting was adjourned by the President-General Rieman McNamara at 10:00 a.m. for tour of Middleton Place House and lunch at Middleton Gardens. The banquet was held at the Mills House Hotel and featured a talk on the South Carolina signers and the state's role in the war, presented by Jack Leland.

Respectfully submitted,


 E. Nelson Light, Secretary-General
 Approved
 15 May 89
