

Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence
Spring Meeting
Richmond, Virginia
March 23, 1990

The Spring Board meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was held at the Jefferson-Sheraton Hotel in Richmond, Virginia, on the 23rd day of March, 1990, at 4:00 p.m. Rieman McNamara, Jr., President-General, presiding.

The Board meeting was held with the following present: F. Nelson Light, The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr., Richard H. Corson, M.D., Frederick W. Pyne, Rieman McNamara, Jr., Dorothy S. Kennedy, Francis D. Irving, John D. Nelson, Lain Hawkridge, Nina H. Hopkins, Marianne Brinker, Rosa Maude Cowan, Constantia W. Allnutt, Ruth March Hagan, Elizabeth T. Kratz, Gabrielle Maupin Bielenstein, Mark C. Ward, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, Robert M. Hawkridge, Anna W. Hall, Agnes C. Carstarphen, and Allan M. Heyward.

The meeting was opened with prayer by The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr., Chaplain-General.

Minutes of the October meeting in Connecticut were read by F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General, and approved as circulated.

Treasurer-General, William Ward, not being present, the Treasurer's report was presented by the President-General and accepted as presented. The President-General also reported two recent memorial gifts to the Scholarship Fund, one in memory of former President-General Schuyler Pyne (1964-7) and one in memory of Marsden C. Smith, President-General in 1963-4. Total value of this Fund now is \$134,735.

Registrar-General's report was submitted by Ruth March Hagan. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve 15 new Senior members, 10 new Junior members, and 1 reinstatement. One resignation and 5 deaths were reported. Prayer was said for the deceased members by The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr.

Gabrielle Bielenstein, Projects Committee Chairman, reported on the Leach Papers Project and asked Lain Hawkridge to update the Board on his contracted work. He felt that our custom software was unsatisfactory and with the help of Governor Dick Corson, had located and tested a commercial product called "Roots III" which was fully satisfactory. The Board passed a motion to approve an expenditure of \$210 to buy the software and \$50 for 120 discs so that he could proceed. He is working on Carter Braxton now, has completed 38 records, and estimated he could now do 5 to 10 records per hour worked. He agreed to work at least 5 hours per week, and would send out a completed Signer's data to our descendants to review and possibly correct, and that data could be linked to our records. He will make a further report on his progress at the Philadelphia meeting.

The computerized membership list is ready to go to the printers and should be printed and distributed about the time of the Philadelphia meeting. This was reported by Mrs. Kalbfleisch who also distributed a list of "missing members" for help in locating current addresses.

Possible project concerning the Signers' portraits in the Second Bank of Philadelphia was not updated as Philip Pyne was not present.

Fred Pyne reported for Stephen Pyne that the blazer patches for the Society are ready to be contracted. It was moved, seconded and passed that the wording on the ribbon under the crest should be "LIVES FORTUNES SACRED HONOR" and will be sold by the Society for \$25.00 each. A check for \$1000 made payable to Rainbow Industries, Inc. was authorized to pay for the original order of 50 patches. This was moved, seconded and passed.

Barbara Kalbfleisch reported that she was turning over the search for our original charter to Edward R. Finch, Chancellor-General, and further announced our next meeting in Saratoga, NY with the dates in the program corrected to the dates in the Spirit of '76, namely October 5-7, 1990.

Dorothy S. Kennedy reported the Nominating Committee's actions as follows:

"According to Article IV, Section 4, the Nominating Committee presented the following nominations for office and were approved by the Board of Governors.

President-Gen'l	Barbara Kalbfleisch (Mrs. William G.)
1st. VP-General	Dr. Richard H. Corson
2nd. VP	Gabrielle Bielenstein (Mrs. Hans)
Chaplain-Gen'l	The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr.
Secy-Gen'l	F. Nelson Light
Asst. Secy.	Ms. Nina Hill Hopkins
Treasurer-Gen'l	William Ward, IV
Asst. Treasurer	Ms. Marianne M. Brinker
Registrar-Gen'l	Ruth Hagan (Mrs. J. Bruce)
Asst. Registrar	Betty Kratz (Mrs. Charles)
Historian-Gen'l	Philip Schuyler Pyne
Asst. Historian	Mark C. Ward
Chancellor-General	Edward Ridley Finch"

Fred Pyne reported for the Scholarship Committee and advised that we have approximately \$10,000 for scholarships. He further reported that he has sent out about 22 application packages. (The new system is working well.)

The State Societies reported as follows:

The President-General reported the details for the weekend meeting. State President Francis Irving delivered a check for \$212 to the Scholarship Committee and reported for the Virginia Society as to work being done to locate the grave of Carter Braxton.

Connie Allnutt reported for the Maryland Society which will meet May 5 at St. Mary's City.

Barbara Kalbfleisch reported for the Pennsylvania Society and plans for the Philadelphia meeting in June.

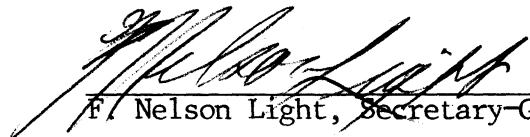
The President-General made the report for the New York Society in the absence of their president, Ms. Collier, who has resigned her position.

The President-General reported that spouses of our members attending this meeting were organizing as a social auxiliary known as SODS (Spouses of Descendants of Signers), and that a distinctive pin had been made available through the efforts of Mr. Philip Kennedy. On motion approved, the Board authorized reimbursement for the cost of 100 pins to Mr. Kennedy at approximately \$3 each and their resale to SODS at \$5.

Percy Goodsell had written to ask the Board for help for the Benjamin Franklin-American Cultural Center in London in the amount of \$100. This was moved, seconded and passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. and was followed by a reception in the Rotunda Mezzanine of the Jefferson-Sheraton Hotel hosted by the Virginia Society.

Respectfully submitted,


F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General

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Descendants of the Signers of the
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Spring General Meeting, Battle Abbey
Richmond, Virginia
March 24, 1990

The Spring general meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was called to order by the President-General at 9:30 a.m. on the 24th day of March, 1990, in the Battle Abbey, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia.

Meeting was opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance led by The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr.

New members were introduced and the following is a list of those attending their first meeting: William Hearne Brockenbrough Moore, Edward B. Patrick, William Byrd Harrison, Judi Nelson Konrad, Anne Nelson King, Christopher John Konrad, Lindsay Page King, Mary Thorne Quimby Karch, Leroy A. Keller, Jr., Maria Nelson Gantt Keller, and Virginia Gantt Allen.

Minutes of the last meeting in New Haven, Connecticut were read by the Secretary-General, F. Nelson Light, corrected and approved.

President-General, Rieman McNamara, Jr., reported the activities of the Board of Governors on the afternoon of March 23, 1990, as follows:

SODS (Spouses of Descendants of Signers) had met and formed an auxiliary social organization, with the spouse of the President-General as their leader;

The Board approved the design for a Society crest to be worn on members blazers, to be sold at \$25 each;

A contribution of \$100 is being given to help in the support of the Benjamin Franklin House-American Cultural Center in London.

The following officers reported:

Treasurer's report on finances reviewed by the President-General.

The Registrar-General made her report on new members elected, and those dropped or deceased.

The Nominating Committee Report was made by Dorothy Kennedy as to proposed new officers for 1990-91.

Fred Pyne reported on the Scholarship program which expects to award \$10,000 to scholars this year.

Gabrielle Bielenstein reported that the Leach Papers' project is moving forward now with improved software for the computer and a plan to accomplish this project.

STATE SOCIETIES REPORTING:

Host Rieman McNamara reported on the activities for the remainder of Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Irving reported for the Virginia Society.

Connie Allnutt reported for the Maryland Society.

Barbara Kalbfleisch reported for the Pennsylvania Society.

It was further reported that the New Jersey and Southeast Societies are still working on their charters.

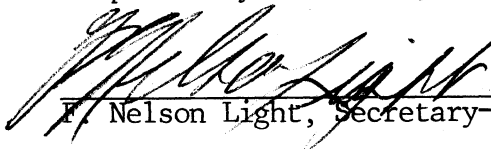
Roll call of the signers was held and again called at the banquet in the Empire Room of the Jefferson-Sheraton Hotel on Saturday night the 24th of March, 1990, and was as follows:

	General Meeting	Banquet
Samuel Adams.....	1	1
Oliver Wolcott.....	3	2
William Floyd.....	2	2
John Witherspoon.....	1	1
John Hart.....	5	5
Benjamin Franklin.....	3	3
John Morton.....	0	1
George Ross.....	1	1
George Read.....	1	0
Samuel Chase.....	1	1
Thomas Stone.....	2	2
Richard Henry Lee.....	1	1
Benjamin Harrison.....	4	7
Thomas Nelson, Jr.....	16	7
Carter Braxton.....	4	4
Thomas Heyward, Jr.....	4	4
Arthur Middleton.....	0	1

Talks were given by Dr. Charles Bryan, Director, Virginia Historical Society, and Dr. James C. Kelly on Patrick Henry and was enjoyed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. and was followed by a tour of Battle Abbey, a bus tour of the Richmond Historic Area, and lunch at Mr. Patrick Henry's Inn. After lunch, we attended a re-enactment of Patrick Henry's speech at the St. John's Episcopal Church. A dinner dance was held on Saturday night in the Empire Room of the Jefferson-Sheraton Hotel. On Sunday morning, the membership attended worship services at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, which is the church of Rieman McNamara, our President-General.

Respectfully submitted,


F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General
