

General Meeting
Charleston, SC

The meeting was called to order in the Thomas Lynch room of the Mills-Hyatt House on Saturday, February 10, at 2:40 P.M. About 70 members and guests were in attendance.

Vice President-General Frederick Wallace Pyne read the Prayer of the Society and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Pyne then called the roll of the Signers and the descendants, including many children, arose to be recognized. The count was as follows:

Signer	General Meeting	Banquet
William Ellery	1	1
Oliver Wolcott	7	7
William Floyd	3	3
Francis Lewis	3	3
Francis Hopkinson	1	2
John Hart	3	3
John Morton	3	3
Benjamin Harrison	2	2
Carter Braxton	3	3
John Penn	2	2
Edward Rutledge	2	6
Thomas Heyward, Jr.	8	5
Arthur Middleton	7	10
Total	45	50

Secretary-General Fultz read the minutes of the 1972 Fall Meeting in Boston, and they were approved as read.

President-General DeForest praised Vice President-General Pyne, Haschl Heyward, Governor for South Carolina, and Mrs. Heyward for the excellent meeting arrangements.

Mr. Axford then offered a resolution of thanks to the Committee for their hard work in making the meeting so successful. The members approved the resolution with acclaim.

In speaking of the needs of the Society, the President-General noted that an appeal would be made for funds to complete the purchase of the Bicentennial Plaque.

Registrar-General Barbara Kalbfleisch announced the election of 12 new Seniors, 3 Reinstatements, and 5 Juniors. One member resigned and there were 4 deaths, one of whom, Miss Lena Forsberg Wilkins, of Washington, D.C. was a member of the Society since 1919. There are now 583 Senior

members and 238 Juniors.

Mrs. DeForest disclosed that the Board had discussed the idea of admitting collateral descendants to membership, but had decided not to since we had a small organization and the record-keeping and mailing expense would not be warranted.

Treasurer-General Hopkinson said that in the past nine months \$4900 had been received from dues and fees, \$1300 interest and \$1500 in contributions. Expenses in the same period were \$7600, leaving an excess of revenues over expenses of \$100. Fund balances as of February 3, 1973 were \$6100 in the General Fund, \$14,300 in the Scholarship Fund, \$3100 in the Bicentennial Fund, and a reserve of \$1500 for reprinting the Yearbook.

Mr. Hopkinson remarked that he had been reminded recently of the debt that the younger members of the society owed to the older members. He had gone through the ancient records of the society which his cousin, who died last December, had accumulated over the years. He noted that the balance of funds in the treasury as of July 1, 1919 was \$935. He said a lot of people had worked hard to raise the funds to today's figure of \$25,000. As a result we are now able to give an \$800 scholarship award each year, and are well on the way to the installation of a memorial plaque in the Capitol in 1976.

Mr. Axford asked whether contributions to the society were tax-deductible. Mr. Hopkinson replied that they were, and checks should be marked "contribution".

Mary Schumacher, President of the New York State Society, reported that thirty members attended the opening night of the motion picture "1776" at Radio City Music Hall. She also said that the April meeting would be addressed by Thomas Hoving, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, who would show slides of a new wing to be added by 1976 as a Bicentennial project.

Barbara Walker, Massachusetts Society President, said the Boston meeting had brought in two new members, and that interest in the society was growing in that area.

Speaking for the south Carolina Society, President Hasell Heyward extended a cordial welcome to all, and apologized for the snowstorm, which was the first in Charleston since 1899. Mrs. Kathleen Daugeette Carson, Governor of the Georgia Society, while reminiscing about her early days in the Society, read excerpts from a letter her mother had written from Philadelphia during the 1952 Annual Congress. Mrs. Daugeette wrote of her feeling of awe, being privileged to sit in Independence Hall, in the very room where the Signers made their courageous decisions.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following resolution, which was approved by the Board of Governors at the Fall Meeting in Boston, October 14, 1972 and submitted to the members of the Society by mail in accordance with Article XII of the Constitution, was read by the Secretary-General:

RESOLVED: that Article IV, Section 4, of the constitution of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Inc. be amended to read as follows:

Article IV, Section 4. In the event of the death, resignation, or disability of any officer of the society, occurring between sessions of the Annual Congress, the President-General may in his discretion appoint another member to fill such vacancy for
*the unexpired term, until the next annual. election. In the event *
*of the death, resignation, or disability of the President *
*General, the First Vice President-General shall become the *
*President-General, and the Second Vice President-General shall *
*become the First Vice President-General for the unexpired term, *
*until the next annual election. A Nominating Committee of three *
(3) shall be elected by the Annual Congress for the nomination of all officers. This Committee shall keep in mind, in making nominations, proper geographical representation and shall report to the Board one name for each office ninety (90) days in advance of the Annual Congress. Notice of these nominations shall be mailed to all members of the society sixty (60) days in advance of the Annual Congress. Any ten members may nominate additional candidates for any office to be filled by sending written notice of such nominations to the President-General and the Secretary-General at least ten days in advance of the Annual Congress.

* Denotes sentence added.

The amendment was approved by unanimous voice vote, thereby making Mrs. DeForest President-General and Mr. Pyne First Vice President-General.

The First Vice-President-General asked the members to give some thought to four future amendments to the constitution which had been under discussion, and which he hoped to propose formally at a later date.

1. Remove the \$400 limitation from the scholarship award.
2. Give the Board of Governors discretionary power to decide the frequency of publication of the Year Book.
3. Assign specific duties to the two Vice Presidents-General.
4. Provide more flexibility in the setting of meeting dates and selecting locations.

Mr. Pyne went on to say that the Board had scheduled the next three meetings as follows:

66th Annual Congress Philadelphia May 12 and 13, 1973
1973 Fall Meeting Saratoga Springs October 5,6,7 1973
1974 Winter Meeting Williamsburg February-March 1974

The President-General asked for reactions to the four proposed changes. Treasurer-General Hopkinson was of the opinion that the purpose of directives in the Constitution was to protect against a "do-nothing" Board.

Mr. Axford felt that certain responsibilities were delegated to the Board of Governors, who should make the decisions, and that the Officers were not supposed to "run the show".

Honorary President-General Schuyler Pyne suggested that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for further

study and recommendation for action by the Board.

President-General DeForest read a letter which she had received from member Daniel W. B. Flint, calling attention to the Columbia Broadcasting System's proposal to show X-rated movies on television. She said that the Board had discussed various courses of action and had decided to urge the members to write in protest to Dr. Stanton, President of CBS. She distributed copies of a letter which could be used as a guide.

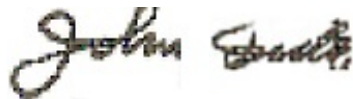
A member proposed that the Board write a formal resolution protesting the CB5 proposal. Mrs DeForest replied that this had been considered and rejected by the Board in the belief that the greatest impact would be obtained by a flood of protests from individuals throughout the Country.

A question was asked about plans for meetings in 1976, Mrs. DeForest said nothing had yet been decided, but that the Society would surely have a ceremony in Washington for the presentation of the Plaque, probably in the Spring of 1976. She said the Board would be glad to receive names of possible sponsors of a Washington meeting.

The Secretary-General reminded the members that applications were now being received for the scholarship award of \$800 for the academic year 1973-74. He said a letter would be sent out to all members shortly after the first of March.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Morton Fultz".

John Morton Fultz,
Secretary-General

Attachments:

- I Registrar-General's Report
- II Treasurer-General's Report

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT
February 10, 1973

Senior Members		
LM 1552	John Snowden Chatfield 24 Gramercy Park, New York, New York, 10003	Oliver Wolcott
LM 1553	Helen Huntington Chatfield Black (Mrs. Robert Lounsbury Black, Jr.) 5900 Drake Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45243	Oliver Wolcott
LM 1554 Jr. 395	Gay Middleton Mason (Mrs. Frank Nicols Mason) 60 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15228	Arthur Middleton
LM 1555	Ann Stirton Howard 514 Cornell Avenue, San Mateo, California, 94402	Josiah Bartlett
LM 1556	Robert Bartlett Howard 514 Cornell Avenue, Sn Mateo, California, 94402	Josiah Bartlett
LM 1557	Charles Gracie Davis, Jr. R D #2 - Route 15, Essex Junction, Vermont, 05452	John Morton
1558	Carol Rode Knott (Mrs. Richard Francis Knott, IV) 134 Melrose Avenue, Kenilworth, Illinois, 60043	George Read
1559	Diana Rede Cabell (Mrs. Mayo Cabell) 424 Windemere Drive, Baldwin Acres, Staunton, Va.	George Read
1560	Evamon Wells Green (Mrs. Gary Leroy Green) 8004 Carriage Lane, Richmond, Va., 23229	Carter Braxton
1561	James Monroe Wells, III 4514 Hanover Avenue, Richmond, Va., 23221	Carter Braxton
1562	Nona Conger Rutherford (Mrs. Edwin Keatley Rutherford) 930 North Hill Drive, West Chester, Pa., 19380	Richard Stockton

1563	Diana Kinloch Nelson Houser (Mrs. Horace Milton Houser, II) 14 Prospect Street, Greenwich, New York, 12834	Thomas Nelson, Jr.
Junior Member		
693	Andrew Bardwell Detwiler 1916 Queens Way, Chamblee, Georgia, 30341 b. 3-14-65	John Morton
694	Tyler Morton Dillon 607 Summit Drive, Greenville, S.C., 29609 b. 11-29-72	John Morton
695	Michael Hartman Fultz 243 Friendship Drive, Paoli, Pa., 19301 b. 12-21-72	John Morton
696	696 Ida Katherine Read 3866 Wieuca Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, 30342 b. 8-12-55	John Hart
697	697 Philip Allen Read, Jr. 3866 Wieuca Road, Atlanta, Georgia, 30342 b. 9-01-66	John Hart
Reinstatements		
930	Marie D. Bergen (Mrs. John W. Bergen) R F D #4, West Brattleboro, VT 05301	George Read
1059	Dorothy Scott Shull (Mrs. Kenneth Edgar Shull) 23 Bala Ave. Bala Cynwyd, Penna., 19004	Benjamin Franklin
1452	John Ervin Inge 4 Meadow place, Lattington, L.I., N.Y. 11560	Benjamin Harrison
Resignations		
1148	Martha Jefferson Taylor Stedman (Mrs. Edgar Stedman) Resigned December 10, 1972	Thomas Jefferson

DEATHS		
1509	Kathryn Norris Wilkinson	Lewis Morris Died - 1970
998	Maj. Gen. U.S.A - Henry Winston Holt	Died -10-15-72
256	Emily Gilpin Hopkinson	Francis Hopkinson Died - 12-11-72
275	Lena Forsberg Wilkins	Benjamin Harrison Date of Death Unknown

May the souls of these members and all others who have departed this life, rest in thy Heavenly Kingdom, now and forever, Amen.

Analysis of Registrar-General's Report
17 New Members
12 Senior Members
5 Junior members

The following Signers are represented

SIGNER	NEW MEMBERS
Josiah Bartlett	2
Carter Braxton	2
John Hart	2
Arthur Middleton	1
John Morton	4
Thomas Nelson, Jr,	1
George Read	2
Richard Stockton	1
Oliver Wolcott	2
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Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kalbfleisch
Registrar-General

DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INC.

REVENUES:

Dues and Fees					\$4,872.00
Interest	Yearbook Fund			\$ 63.63	
	Bi-Centennial Fund			251.11	
	Scholarship Fund			853.73	
	General Fund			<u>132.50</u>	1,300.97
Contributions - Bi-Centennial Fund				\$ 345.00	
	Scholarship Fund			<u>1,189.00</u>	<u>1,534.00</u>
Total	Revenues				<u>\$7,706.92</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Meetings	New York 1972			\$ 75.00	
	Philadelphia 1972	Expense	\$1,199.63		
		Income	<u>802.50</u>	397.13	
	Boston 1972	Expense	734.64		
		Income	<u>745.00</u>	<u>(10.36)</u>	\$ 461.77
Printing					2,066.39
Postage					214.81
Certificates					104.00
Scholarship					700.00
Contributions					105.00
Bulletin					90.07
Legal and Accounting					240.00
Bi-Centennial Plaque					3,500.00
Miscellaneous					<u>105.00</u>
Total Expenditures					<u>\$7,587.04</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures					<u>\$119.93</u>

Fund Balances as of 2/3/73					
	General	Yearbook	Scholarship	Bi-Cen.	Total
Balance as of 4/30/72	\$59480.89	\$1,468.90	\$12028.00	\$4,971.36	\$24,849.15
Inc. or (Dec.)	<u>617.46</u>	<u>63.63</u>	<u>1,342.73</u>	<u>(1,903.89)</u>	<u>119.93</u>
Balance as of 2/3/73					<u>\$24,969.08</u>
Fund Assets:					
Checking Account	\$2,660.12		\$375.00		\$3,035.12
Savings Accounts	2,783.23	\$1,532.53	\$3,825.73	\$103.75	8,315.24
Bank Certificate				3,618.72	3,618.72
Utility Bond			10,000.00		10,000.00
Due - Bi-Cen. to Gen.	<u>655.00</u>			<u>(655.00)</u>	
Total Assets	<u>\$6,098.35</u>	<u>\$1,532.53</u>	<u>\$14,270.73</u>	<u>\$3,067.47</u>	<u>\$24,969.08</u>

DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INC.

Members delinquent in dues for the years ended July 3, 1972 and July 3, 1973

Number	Name	Address
99	Mr. Martin Booth	07042 Valentine Drive Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647
1344	Mrs. William E, Felts, Jr.	805 Lake Boone Trail Raleigh, North Carolina 27607
1283	Mr. Daniel Waldo Boone Flint	Flintlock Farm Sassamansville, Pa. 19472
1455	Mrs. Douglas Maitland Gibson	162 Glen Road Toronto 287, Ontario, Canada
1365	Mrs. Francis Oakes Hunnewell	286 Boulevard St. Germain Paris 7, France
1285	Mr. Alan Van Keuren Mcgee	16 Silver Street South Hadley, Mass. 01075
1016	Mrs. Powers Nash	Via Trara Genoino Positano, Salerno, Italy
351	Dr. W. Mayo Smith, Jr.	18 Lilac Road, R. D. #2 Allentown, Pa. 18103
620	Mr. Floyd Tallmadge Starr	Laverock, Philadelphia, Pa. 19118
1432	Miss Sarah Currier Van Sant	30 Hamilton Lane Darien, Connecticut 06820

1435	Mr. William Lowndes Wilson	4715 Pocahontas Avenue Richmond, Virginia 23226
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Members of the Board are requested to review the above list and take appropriate action to avoid the necessity of dropping these members.