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Registrar-General's Report

A visit to Signer John Hart's home



John Hart's home in Hopewell, N.J.

Three DSDI members were in Hopewell, N.J., in April and visited the home of Signer John Hart. This home is privately owned and the current owner, James Jeffers, was most welcoming. Nancy McBride Wark from North Carolina, Mary McBride from California and Jill Haimes from Pennsylvania, descendants of John Hart, were given a tour of the property and the barn. The owner shared some details we felt other Hart descendants would like to know.

The barn seen in the photos was built by John Hart out of material from another building on the property predating his ownership. You can see the notches from the prior use. This barn has a second floor that was used to store the grain for the mill.

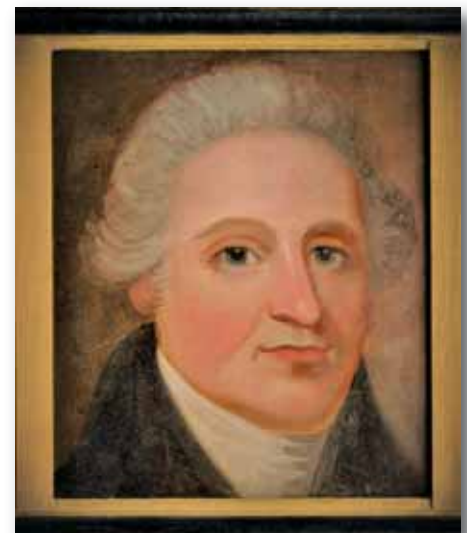
At the time John Hart lived here, the spring had a spring house over it and that is where the food was kept cool. The slate slabs near the spring are from John Hart's original fireplace in the house.

There are three sections of the house. The stone section with the front porch is what existed when Hart bought the property as his first home with his bride, Deborah

Scudder Hart. He added the middle section to make room for his 13 children. The third section was added after Hart's passing and the house was sold. It appears that a member of the family that originally owned the house bought it back and added the third section.

The property, during Hart's time, had about 600 acres reaching all the way to the town of Hopewell. He donated a portion of his land to the Baptists and they built the Hopewell Baptist Meeting House.

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John Hart Portrait at the University of Virginia.

Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence

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Dear fellow Society members.

In past years, the Board decided to move to two general meetings a year with one meeting being held electronically. This format seems to work very well with the functioning of the Society and on the pocketbooks of the board members who travel to all the meetings. One thing we have learned is to be flexible. As always we are looking for hosts in new and exciting places and are always happy when someone wants to host a meeting. This is the case for the next few years and it looks like we will be having three general meetings in 2018. The first will be at Stratford Hall in Virginia the weekend of April 21, then of course Philadelphia over the 4th of July, and then the weekend of Sept 28th we will meet in Litchfield, Connecticut. This promises to be a very busy year.



We are expanding our presence on the internet. During the fall cyber meeting we discussed the option of expanding our visibility on Facebook and 2nd VPG Cari Haimes has done a great job launching a closed Facebook account. A closed account is only visible to the members of the Society that have signed on and requested access to the Facebook page. The content of these pages will not be available to the general public. We can use the Facebook page to share stories about events relative to the DSDI and share communication with each other. To join go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DSDI1776> and request access to the site. I would also advise you to reach out to the Registrar-General and provide him with a current email address so that we can update our records. On that thought, it would not be a bad idea to make sure all the information we have about you is updated. Over time members move, or have life-changing events that cause them to change the information about themselves, and between periodic mailings, dues billing and sending copies of the Spirit of '76 newsletter we have fallen out of touch with some of our members. We want to stay in touch with you.

We would like everyone to know that we are in the process of updating and expanding our website capabilities and have been experiencing some difficulties with our old website service. If you have had any troubles contacting any of our officers through the DSDI1776.com website please let me know and I will gladly get your request or email to whomever you intend. My email is vabelling@msn.com. We hope that this has not been too much of an inconvenience to anyone.

I hope to see as many of you as possible this spring at Stratford Hall!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Bruce W. Laubach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

R. Bruce W. Laubach
President-General
DSDI, Inc.

A visit to Signer John Hart's home, *continued*

Both Hart and his wife are buried in the connected cemetery, though neither was Baptist. Today, the house sits on about three acres.

The current owner had us stand in the back yard and look out at the tree line. He told us to use our imaginations and realize that Hart had two of his sons, Jesse and Nathaniel, ride out to meet George Washington after Valley Forge and bring him and his men to his property to encamp. This meant about 12,000 troops with wagons, cannons, horses etc. camped out on the property and drinking from the spring.

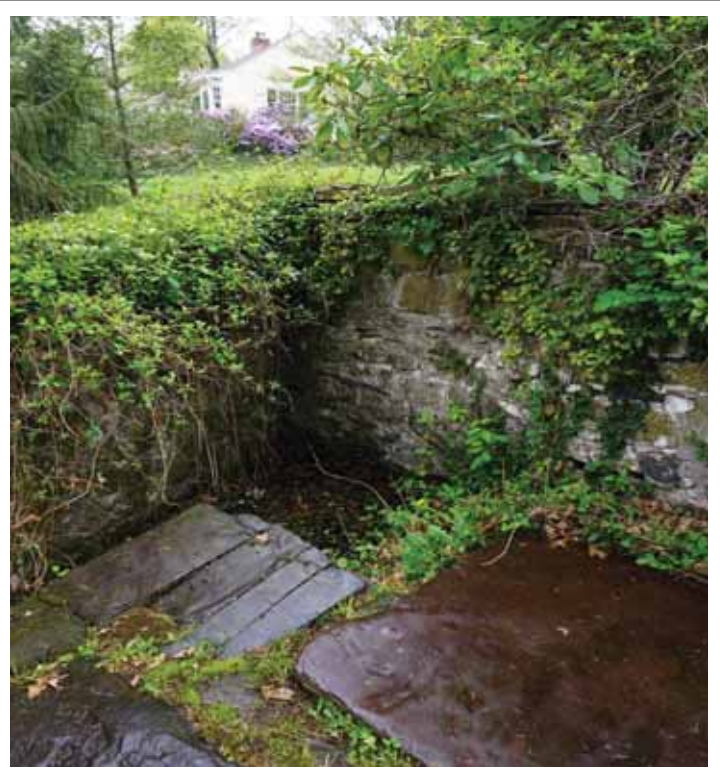


Rear of Hart's original structure.

History books say that Hart's property was left in ruin by the British but obviously that's not the case. Hart invited the Patriot troops to encamp and that resulted in some damage.



Barn showing second story for grain.



Site of the Spring House.

George Washington stayed at the Hunt home to sleep but had dinner at Hart's home on June 23 or 24, 1778. It is during this time that the Battle of Monmouth was planned. It appears John Hart was present for the battle, with Washington and his generals Lee, Lafayette and Steuben.

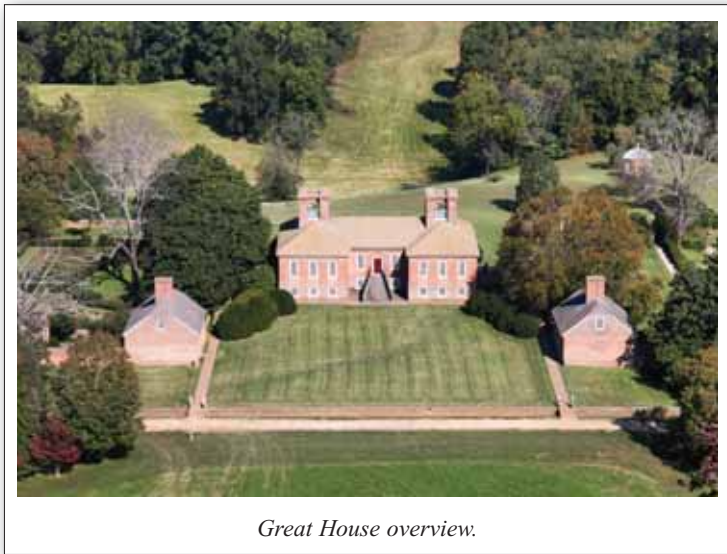
This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these three descendants. We were thrilled that we could walk where John Hart walked. We saw the outside of the house where he raised his family. We were amazed to know that the spring gave water not only to Hart and his family but to 12,000 troops that fought in the Revolutionary War, and that the barn had been built by Hart's own hands. We all left with memories that will never be forgotten.

Nancy McBride Wark



Mary McBride, James Jeffers (owner), Jill Haimes, Nancy McBride Wark

Explore Stratford Hall Plantation at DSDI Spring Meeting



Great House overview.

Pack your suitcase for the best casual weekend ever for the DSDI Spring Meeting at Stratford Hall, Va., April 20-22. All ages can explore nature and history at the 1,900 acre plantation owned by Thomas and Hannah Lee, fifth great-grandparents of a DSDI member. Two of their sons, Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, signed the Declaration of Independence. They both grew up in the Great House, which all can tour.

We'll register at the Cheek House close to the Great House Friday from 1-3pm. Pick up a map or two and sign up for guided tours of the Great House. Have lemonade and homemade cookies in the Cheek House and meet other DSDI members there, or see the museum at the Information Desk close to the duPont Library. The board will meet from 2-4pm at the Council House and join us all at a Happy Hour at Cheek House from 5-6pm with Virginia wines and sodas. A family-style dinner will be at the dining room next to the Cheek House.

Dinner will be at the Dining Room for a buffet. Stratford Hall's President John Bacon will welcome us for a promising, casual weekend, or little ones can watch a movie at the Cheek House. Afterwards, toast marshmallows at a bonfire outside. With good skies, we'll look through at a telescope.

On Saturday morning, we plan to meet at the Stratford beach with a paleontologist to search 15-million-year-old fossils, such as shark and crocodile teeth, stingray bars and scallop shells. We often find whale and dolphin bones, sand dollars, tree oysters and coral from the same period of time. Plan to take the fossils home.

Young folks and their families may sign up for a Mini Camp that morning instead of the beach, re-living 18th century life on this Virginia plantation. Stratford offers carding and

spinning wool, or you can make and lay bricks, march with the militia, make candles and dig as an archaeologist. If there is interest, Stratford will work with DSDI to make the most memorable experiences for the families of all ages. We'll make plans around your wishes. We'll need a minimum number of folks to sign up for Mini Camp.

Lunch will be provided at the Stratford dining room and then we'll hold a general meeting. Afterward, we'll travel to the plantation's grist mill where the farmer will teach us to grind the Stratford oats, corn or wheat.

Students might want to order a box lunch and take bikes to explore the plantation together. We'll have several suggestions for them to debate history, which they might want to present at dinner.

Saturday evening, we'll meet at the Council House close to the Dining Room for a Virginia-style buffet. No neckties allowed but Signer Richard Henry Lee is expected to arrive and entertain all of us. We should expect to sign our names with quill pens for good measure. Plan to take a lot of selfies with R. H. Lee.

Millennials (age 18-25) could spend a late evening together, ordering pizza or leaving the plantation to explore the local restaurants.

On Sunday, kayaks will be available to paddle on the Potomac River for those who request them. Others may choose to worship at the family church, visit the Lee cemetery, see Menokin, the home of Signer Francis Lightfoot Lee, taste local wine, or hike the plantation's 1,900 acres. There are lots of trails, deer and birds to observe, so bring your binoculars and camera.



Making bricks at Stratford Hall.

Some will stay within the property at cabins or hotel rooms, but others may prefer to stay at other hotels or bed and breakfasts. Transportation is available from golf carts to vans if requested in advance. Contact Stratford property lodging at (804) 493-1967 or email reservations@stratfordhall.com.

For other lodging, see accompanying article or contact Lucy below.

Can't wait to see you at Stratford!

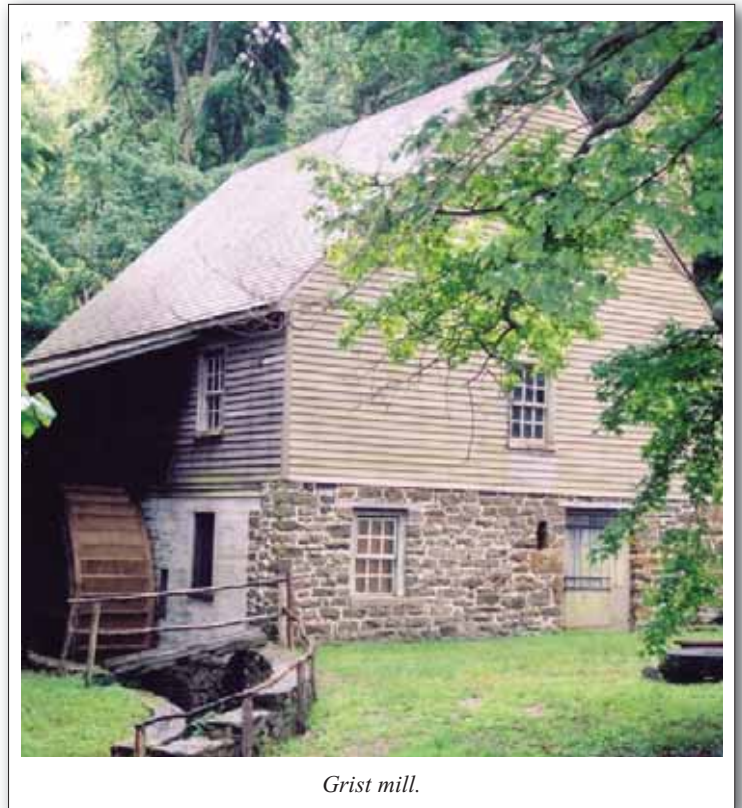
Future Meetings

Philadelphia, PA: July 2018
Windsor/Litchfield, CT: Fall 2018

Possible Future Meetings:

Southern Maryland
Atlanta, GA: Fall 2019
Trenton, NJ
We're happy to hear suggestions.

Lucy Duke Tonacci
tonacci@comcast.net



Grist mill.

DSDI Spring Meeting Schedule

Friday, April 20, 2018

- 1:00-3:00pm Registration at Stratford Hall Cheek House. Sign up to visit the Great House with a guide.
- 2:00pm Board Meeting at the Council Hall next to the dining room
- 4:30pm Climb the Stratford Hall chimneys (limited number)
- 5:30pm Happy Hour at the Cheek House
- 6:30pm Supper at the Dining Room
- 7:30pm Welcome from John Bacon, President Executive Director of Stratford Hall
- 8:30pm Bonfire

Saturday, April 21, 2018

- 9am-noon Search for 15-million-year-old fossils on the beach with a paleontologist
- 9am-noon Mini Camp for young families. Minimum of 20 people
- Noon Lunch at the dining room (Young folks to leave with a box lunch and bikes. Debate history and present thoughts at supper.)

- 1:00pm DSDI Meeting
- 2:00-5:00pm Grind the Stratford Hall corn at the Grist Mill with the farmer
- 5:30pm Happy Hour at Cheek House
- 6:30pm Dinner at Council House
- 7:30pm Richard Henry Lee, Signer who grew up at Stratford, speaks and dances with us

Sunday, April 22, 2018

- Church of your choice
- Explore the family graveyard at Burnt House Field
- See Menokin, Signer Francis Lightfoot Lee's home in Warsaw, Va.
- Hike the 1,900-acre plantation
- Taste local wine at nearby vineyards
- Shop at the Stratford gift shop
- Kayak on the Potomac (must reserve in advance)
- Search for sharks' teeth on the beach



Great House with Lighting Treatment.

Happy Surprises Found at Stratford Hall

Recently I visited Stratford Hall, Va., which was in a tizzy. The librarian told me they had been cleaning one of the cabins and took down some framed pictures. “They thought it was a Xerox of a letter from Robert E. Lee at the beginning, but wanted to be sure,” said the librarian. “They found it was the real thing.” That was exciting, particularly since Robert E. Lee was born at Stratford in the Great House.

I left the librarian and walked down on the beach. Within a minute or two, I picked up the biggest shark’s tooth I’ve ever found: a Mako, about 15 million years old. Now it’s mine.

You never know what you’ll find at Stratford Hall! Don’t miss the fun there for our DSDI Spring Meeting, April 20-22, 2018. Share a cabin with other DSDI members as each room has its own bath. For info, call Stratford lodging at (804) 493-1967, or email reservations@stratfordhall.org. Ask for DSDI lodging inside or outside the plantation, or contact me at tonacci@comcast.net

Lucy Tonacci



At the shore.

Lodging near Stratford Hall

Hotels, Cabins and Bed and Breakfasts within 30 miles of Stratford Hall.

Stratford Hall, VA—Within the plantation, there is a small hotel (“Cheek House”), a large cabin (“Astor House”) and many small individual cabins available to rent through “The Inn of Stratford Hall.” There is a waiting list for the hotel, but a few cabins are available. Each bedroom in each cabin has its own private bath, so it’s possible to share with other DSDI members. For more information about Stratford lodging, call (804) 493-1966.

Staying away from Stratford Hall, but within 30 miles

Montross, VA—The Inn at Montross-804-493-8624

Colonial Beach, VA—River Edge Inn-804-410-2024

Westmoreland State Park—Cabins close to Stratford

Dahlgren, VA—Four hotels are very close together and about 20 minutes from Stratford. The rate is about \$100 per night per room. It is possible to arrange transportation.

- Hampton Inn 540-625-2333
- Holiday Inn (Opened Fall 2017) 540-625-2034
- Quality Inn 540-663-3060
- Country Inn and Suites by Carlson 540-644-1500

Tappahannock, VA –

- Holiday Inn 804-445-1200
- Essex Inn bed and breakfast 804-443-9900

Additional information is on the DSDI website, and by asking Lucy at tonacci@comcast.net



The Inn of Stratford Hall.

Fall 2018 meeting in Connecticut

The DSDI 2018 Fall meeting will take place on the last weekend of September in Windsor and Litchfield, Connecticut.

On Friday, Sept. 28, we will experience early Windsor, which was settled in 1633. Several generations of the Wolcott family lived in Windsor prior to moving on to other towns. On Saturday, Sept. 29, we will take a bus to the lovely town of Litchfield where we will see the area Oliver Wolcott, one of the four Signers from Connecticut, called home.

Windsor is located 9 miles north of Hartford, off Interstate 91. Our hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn, is on Corporate Drive in Windsor. The hotel offers a shuttle bus from Bradley International Airport (BDL). There is also an Amtrak connection from Hartford to Windsor (WND).

For those who can come a day early or stay a day later, there are many places to visit in the Greater Hartford area, including Old Wethersfield (south of Hartford), the Mark Twain house and the New England Air Museum.

Marianne Brinker



Erin P. Hayde, New Hampshire DSDI Governor, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in a ceremony at the National Archives November 2017. Pictured are three generations of Samuel Adams Descendants in front of the Declaration of Independence. From Left to Right: Rylin Hayde (11th Generation), Lt. Col. Hayde (10th Generation), and Dr. Susan Peterson (9th Generation).



WE NEED YOU

Have you considered serving in DSDI leadership? We have two openings: Assistant Secretary General and Assistant Treasurer General. In a few years, we will need a new Treasurer General and we certainly hope we'll be prepared for the change. If you are interested in taking an active role in the Society, please contact our First Vice President General, Lucy Tonacci, at tonacci@comcast.net. She has been asked to make recommendations to the board for new board members. The nominees are voted in during the general meeting each July 4th but don't wait for July to start!

We would love to have you on the board.

Let's Get Social!

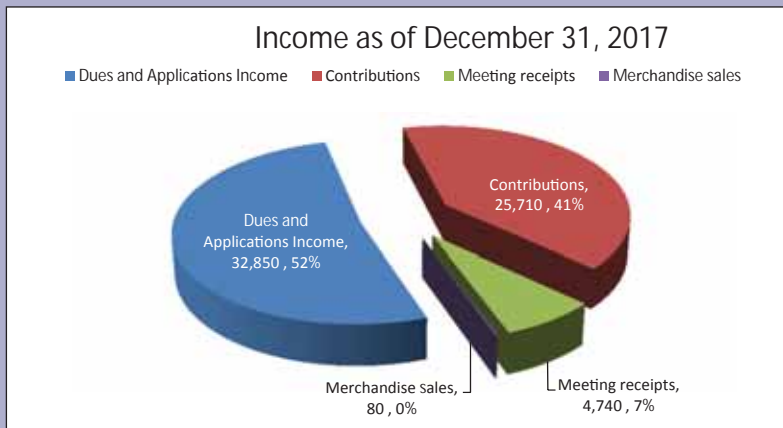
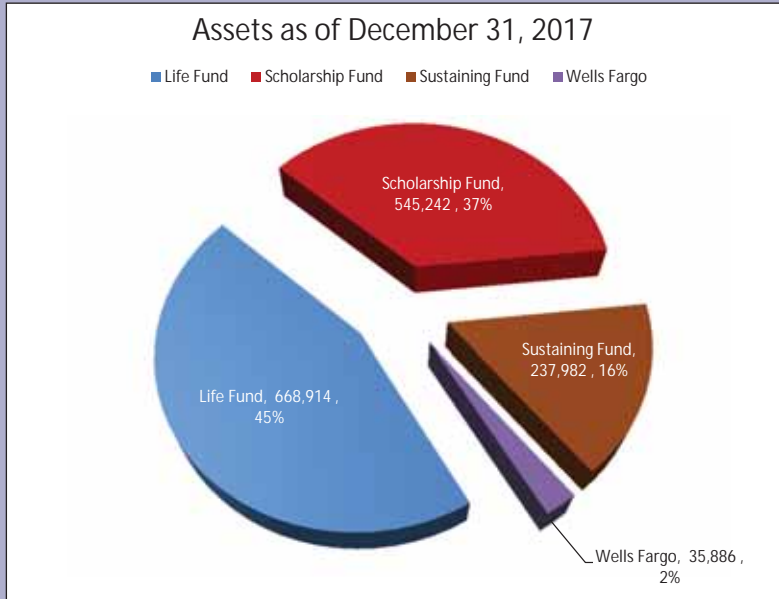
The DSDI is excited to announce the launch of its official Facebook page. Join your fellow members to network and share information of interest to all, including announcements, photos, events and activities. Log on to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DSDI1776>.



Treasurer-General Report

Balance Sheet

Our fair market value of our assets on December 31, 2017 was \$1,488,024 and represents an increase in assets since the last report on April 30, 2017 of about \$126,996.

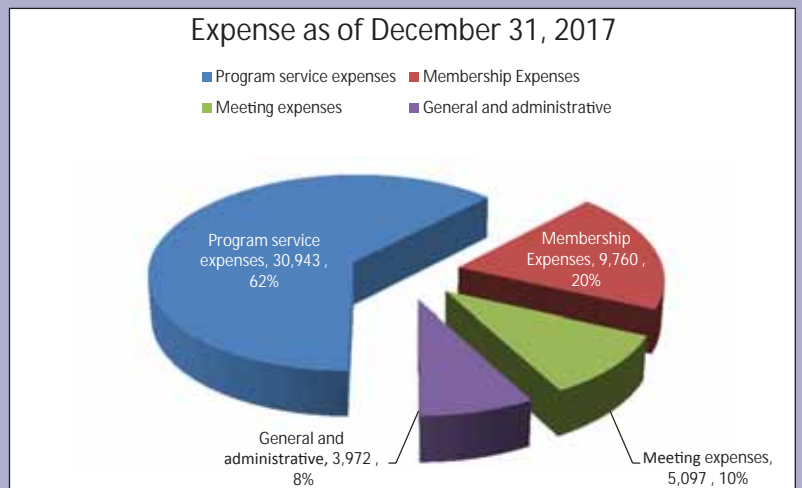


Income

Our ordinary income and expenses represents income and expenses associated with membership. Ordinary income for the eight months of the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2017 was \$63,380.

Expense

Our ordinary expenses for the eight months ending on December 31, 2017 were \$49,772, for a total ordinary income of \$13,608.



Applying for a DSDI Scholarship

Scholarships are available to DSDI members enrolled full-time in any post-secondary education institution including, but not limited to, undergraduate trade schools, colleges or universities, graduate schools or professional degree programs. If you received a scholarship in a previous year, you must complete a new application. There is no limitation to the number of years that you may apply.

Applicants will need to supply the following:

- Personal information, including name, address, school, GPA, etc.
- A one- to two-page response to the essay prompt, which will be found on the application.
- A one-page resume, outlining education, work history, awards, activities, etc.
- Estimated financial information, including tuition costs.
- Two letters of recommendation (one scholastic recommendation; the second one can be a scholastic or non-scholastic recommendation).
- An academic transcript(s) from the last educational institution attended (high school seniors must include the fall semester of their senior year; other first-time applicants the last full academic term transcript). The student must request this from their school(s) and this must be submitted directly from the school to the Scholarship Committee.

Complete instructions and guidelines can be found on the DSDI Website at www.dsdi1776.com under *The Group*.

Applications for the 2018-2019 academic year became available Dec. 1, 2017 with a March 16, 2018 deadline at the following address: <http://dsdi.awardspring.com>

D. Jill Haimes
DSDI Scholarship Chairman

I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for DSDI's consideration and generous scholarship. I look forward to representing the values set forth by the DSDI in my college community.

*Kind regards,
Emily Hubbard*

I want to thank you again for this amazing opportunity. It is an honor to be awarded this scholarship and I am truly blessed. This helps tremendously with my tuition and helping me further my education. Thank you for your generosity.

Daniel Waldmann

Annual Fund Drive

We have begun our Annual Fund Drive for 2017-2018, with letters sent out in early November. This season we are particularly excited about our expanding Scholarship program, growing social media presence and our upcoming April 2018 meeting set for Stratford Hall, Virginia. Please consider supporting the programs being offered this year and the mission of our Society by making a donation.

Contributions can be sent to Johnny Alexander, Treasurer-General. Questions can be directed to Cari Haimes, Annual Giving Chair, at Cari.Haimes@gmail.com.



DSDI members Ellen Brinker, Laura Belman and Madelyn Brinker Sturgeon toured the Library of Congress in Washington October 14, 2017.

Let Freedom Ring DSDI Bell Tappers Program

The Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, (PSSR) sponsors the "Let Freedom Ring" each July 4 at the Liberty Bell Pavilion in Philadelphia. Junior Members of the DSDI are invited to symbolically tap the Liberty Bell and to participate in the Let Freedom Ring program. This is a great honor for both the DSDI and its Bell Tappers.

We appreciate the Independence National Park Service and the PSSR for the invitation to participate in this wonderful and symbolic event.

To be designated as a Bell Tapper by the DSDI the following requirements must be met.

1. Must be a Junior Member of the DSDI, whose membership has been accepted by the Board prior to being placed on the Tappers list.
2. Must be between the ages of 7 and 17 years on the 4th of July of the year they are to tap the bell.

The tapper's date of birth, address, phone number and all contact information for the sponsor and for the parents must be received by us before the tapper's name can go on the list.

We currently are filling 2026 and after. The slots go fast. If the child is not a Junior Member parents should contact the DSDI Registrar Jim Alexander. Registration forms are on the website www.dsdi1776.com. Jim's email address is webmaster@dsdi1776.com.

For more information on the Bell Tapper program, contact:

Eugene A. Mayhew, 302-328-5194,
genecarol@comcast.net
Stacy Mayhew Clements, 610-909-0578,
clementsconnect@gmail.com

New DSDI Governor in North Carolina

Hello to the North Carolina members DSDI. My name is Nancy McBride Wark and I am a descendant of John Hart and live in Marvin, N.C., very near the South Carolina state line. President-General Bruce Laubach and 1st Vice President-General Lucy Tonacci have asked me to serve as the new North Carolina Governor. I was honored to be considered and will do my best to keep our North Carolina descendants informed of upcoming events within the society. This will be made easier if you let me know your preferred/current email address.

Our President-General would like us to have a presence in North Carolina, to attend events in our state, and represent our beloved society. Please let me know if you have any suggestions of events we could attend or participate in. If you do attend events within the state where you could easily represent DSDI make sure you send a write-up and photo to me and I will see that it gets into our newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you at Stratford Hall in the Spring.

My email is nancywark1@hotmail.com and my phone is 704-256-3263.

Nancy McBride Wark
Governor, North Carolina State Society



Yorktown Day

Members of the DSDI helped to celebrate Yorktown Day Oct. 19. This is the date General Cornwallis surrendered to the Continental Army under the command of General George Washington. This surrender would not have been possible without the help of the French, provided by the Marquis de Lafayette, and the French fleet under the command of Admiral Comte de Grasse.

The celebration of the day consisted of the laying of wreaths at the French cemetery, the French battery, the grave of Thomas Nelson Jr., a parade and commemorative ceremony at the Yorktown monument.

The following members of the DSDI attended the wreath laying at Thomas Nelson Jr.'s grave: R. Bruce W. Laubach, President-General; Lucy Tonacci, 1st Vice President-General; Andy Keller, Historian General; John Gottwald and his children John Warriner Gottwald and Lauren Mary Gottwald; Betsy Gottwald and Thomas J. Nelson. All with the exception of Lucy Tonacci are descendants of Thomas Nelson Jr. Lucy is a descendant of Richard Henry Lee.



Lauren and John Gottwald with Tom Nelson telling them about Thomas Nelson's grave. John Gottwald and Anne Page of the Page Nelson society in the background (all Nelson descendants).



Lauren and John Gottwald with Bruce Laubach presenting the wreath at Thomas Nelson's grave.

Gifts and Contributions Annual Fund Drive

November 1, 2016 – October 31, 2017

The Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence wishes to thank all of those who have so generously participated in the Annual Fund Drive. Your gifts are most important and will enable the Society to continue all its programs, including research and education while preserving the legacy of our forefathers. This report spans the Annual Giving program from **November, 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017**, and about \$29,950 was received.

Signers

Mr & Mrs Bill Hawes

Delegates

James Herbert Alexander

Col George H C Berger

Edward S Croft, III

Sons and Daughters of Liberty

Johnny Dow Alexander
Angus S Lamond, Jr

Laura H Belman
Constance S Wahlg

Timothy E Coy
Hope Middleton Wood

Patriots

James S Bainbridge
A Christian Burke
Shelley Cruz
Walley Grover Francis
Hunter Thompson George
D Jill Haines
Tillie Page Laird
Scott Richard Lewis
Annalise M Marcus
Rieman McNamara, Jr
George Braxton Mitchell

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Landon Bell Lane, Jr

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Martin Everard Mason
Charles W McNeilly
Lisa R Moore, Jr
George J Olney
Clarence W Senn, Jr
Nancy McBride Wark
Robert Mason Blake
Stevenson Weston Croft
Lynda Carol Dresser
David B Fultz

Elizabeth N Gottwald
Robert Davis Keller
R Bruce W Laubach
Thornton C Lockwood
Eugene A Mayhew
Michael Miller
Anthony Morris
Virginia I Owens
David E Stuart
John Witherspoon
Alan P Zdimal

Bell Ringers

Emily S Bagwill
James Robert Blake
Truxtun E Brodhead
Marshall A Burke
Mercade A Cramer
Danielle D Cross
Susan Rittenhouse Phillips Dewing
Justin Wolcott Erickson
Edith Read Brodhead Good
Mary Louise Guertler
Lauren Elizabeth Lee
Anna Heatherington Menegaz
Katherine P Payne
Gill Read

Alice Ryden
Susan Bergen Schultz
Linda Coley Teare
Douglas Macon Valentine
Richard N Williams
David Crenshaw Barrow, III
Taylor Robert Blake
Katharine Van R Brush
Peyton Royal Burke
Anne Carrington Croft
Donald E DeGain
Brennan Erickson
Prescott Evarts, III
Douglas Lane Gray

Niña H Hopkins
A Heath Light
Janet L W Nolan
Alyson Laure Rawitch
Francis D Rogers, Jr
Sharon Marie Schmelling
Grace Keiper Staller
Florence Mears Thompson
Nancy King Waites
Frederick J Wilson
George Heaton Barrow
Elise Rutledge Bradford
Susan Jane Spalding Bull
Elizabeth Robison Cabell

Stevenson Weston Croft, Jr
Derek J DeGain
Bradley Fisher Erickson
Donna D Gonzalez
Barbara T Greeley
Tillie Page Laird
Annalise M Marcus
Frank C Page
Sarah E Rawitch
Kameron Dominic Schultz
Livingston D Sutro
Karen L Turner
William B Ward
Jere Warthen Witherspoon

Foundations

The Mark C Pope, III Foundation

Matching Grant

Ameriprise – on behalf of Stevenson Weston Croft
IBM – on behalf of Melvin P Livingston
Schwab – on behalf of George B Mitchell

1776 Legacy Society

These members have included a gift to DSDI in their wills.

James Herbert Alexander

Rieman McNamara, Jr

Hope Middleton Wood

The Annual Giving Fund period began November 1, 2016 and ended October 31, 2017

Gifts and Contributions Annual Fund Drive

November 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

The Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence wishes to thank all of those who have so generously participated in the Annual Fund Drive. Your gifts are most important and will enable the Society to continue all its programs, including research and education while preserving the legacy of our forefathers. This report spans the Annual Giving program from **November, 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**, and about \$13,500 was received.

Delegates

James Herbert Alexander

Col George H C Berger

Sons and Daughters of Liberty

Johnny Dow Alexander

Laura H Belman
Edward S Croft, III

Timothy E Coy

Patriots

Thomas Lynch Adams, III
Nancy Ware Hankins Boyle
Lawrence McMahan Croft
Lynda Carol Dresser
Elizabeth N Gottwald
R Bruce W Laubach
Lynn Sheppard Manger
Eugene A Mayhew
Katherine Wilson McNeilly
Elizabeth W Nolan
Virginia I Owens
Gill Read
Nancy McBride Wark
Hope Middleton Wood

James S Bainbridge
A Christian Burke
Stevenson Weston Croft
Walley Grover Francis
Mary Louise Guertler
Fred Levenstein
Annalise M Marcus
Rieman McNamara, Jr.
Michael Miller
George J Olney
Constance Powers
Jamie M Singer
Gail Feaster Welch

Robert Mason Blake
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Caroline H Davidson
David B Fultz
Constance Nelson Lane
Scott Richard Lewis
Martin Everard Mason
Charles W McNeilly
Anthony Morris
George J Olney, IV
Debra J Rafferty
William Sutherland Strong
Jere Warthen Witherspoon
Alan P Zdimal

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Daniel W Bache
George Meredith Bergen
Sonya V Brittingham
Anita Marion Davis
John Glynn, III
A Heath Light
Lisa R Moore, Jr
Edward A Pasco
Alice Ryden
Shirley Diana Hunter Smith
Elizabeth C Zakas

Emily S Bagwill
John B Bonsey
Jean Wood Brydon
Sarah S Drake
Barbara T Greeley
Marsha H Martin
Janet L W Nolan
Susan C Pasco
Sharon Marie Schmelling
Florence Mears Thompson
Louis E Zakas
Virginia M Zakas

Elizabeth McIlvain Bausher
Elise Rutledge Bradford
Carolyn B Cooper
Hunter Thompson George
Landon Bell Lane, Jr
Ann R Clarke McAlister
Cabell C Pasco
Katherine P Payne
Clarence W Senn, Jr.
Karen L Turner
Marietta Edmunds Zakas

Foundations

The Mark C Pope, III Foundation

Matching Grant

Ameriprise – on behalf of Stevenson Weston Croft

1776 Legacy Society

These members have included a gift to DSDI in their wills.

James Herbert Alexander

Rieman McNamara, Jr
Hope Middleton Wood


Roger M L Schmitt

The Annual Giving Fund begins November 1, 2017 and ends October 31, 2018

Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence

ORDER FORM: DSDI JEFFERSON CUP

*** Available for Purchase by DSDI Members Only ***

 <p>View larger image at dsdi1776.com</p> <p>\$40.00 <u>each</u> <i>Includes</i> <i>Priority Mail Shipping</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pewter Jefferson Cup 8oz (3.25" Diameter, 2.75" High) Engraved on one side with “Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence” Member’s name and, if desired, DSDI # “Signer” Signer’s name and state and on the other side with DSDI logo & “We pledge to each other our lives our fortunes and our sacred honor”</p>		
# CUPS ORDERED	@\$40.00 EACH	Merchandise Total	\$ _____

Mail Completed Order Form To:

Ruth M. Hagan - 449 Fletcher Road, Wayne, PA. 19087

Email: orders@dsdi1776.com

Check Enclosed payable to “Camelot Pewter” AMEX VISA M/C DISCOVER

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Card CV2 # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE: DSDI Member Name & Number for each Jefferson Cup ordered. If more than 2 cups are being ordered, please reproduce form or include the following information for each cup ordered.

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Signer Name _____	from Sta te: _____
Shipping Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip _____
Member Name _____	Member N umber _____
Signer Name _____	from Sta te: _____
Shipping Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip _____

Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence

ORDER FORM: ROSETTES, BLAZER CRESTS

Available for Purchase by DSDI Members Only

IMAGE	ITEM	PRICE / EACH	QUANTITY	TOTAL
	DSDI - Rosette (3/8" diameter)	\$12.00 <i>Includes Shipping</i>		
IMAGE	ITEM	PRICE / EACH	QUANTITY	TOTAL
	DSDI – Blazer Crest (Magnetic) (2.5" W x 3" H) Magnetic-backed crest can be clipped into a blazer pocket	\$40.00 <i>Includes Shipping</i>		
	DSDI – Blazer Crest (Clutch) Clutch-backed crest can be pinned onto a blazer pocket	\$40.00 <i>Includes Shipping</i>		

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 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE: Member Name & DSDI Member Number for each Item ordered.



Member Name _____ Member Number _____

Member Name _____ Member Number _____

Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence

ORDER FORM: INSIGNIA & LAPEL PIN

Insignia Available for Purchase by DSDI Members Only

	INSIGNIA On Society Ribbon	MINATURE (9/16" x 3/4")	QTY	LARGE (1 5/8" x 1 3/4")	QTY
	Gold Filled	\$110.00		\$280.00	
	Bronze Gold Plated	\$85.00		\$180.00	
	10k Gold	\$335.00		\$1875.00	
	14K Gold	\$475.00		\$3025.00	
	* Gold Filled Lapel	\$125.00		n/a	
	LAPEL PIN Gold Filled (1" x 1 1/8") Signer's Name engraved on reverse side			\$80.00	

* clutch pin back, not on ribbon

Merchandise Total	
Tax (FL 6%, NJ 7%, PA 8%)	
Shipping & Handling	\$8.00
GRAND TOTAL	

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Email: orders@dsvi1776.com

Allow 6-8 weeks for delivery

* Call 800-786-5890 for current pricing

Check Enclosed payable to "Hamilton Jewelers" AMEX VISA M/C DISCOVER

Credit Card Number: _____

Card CV2 # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE: DSDI Member Number & Name for each Insignia ordered.

Include Signer's Name only for the Lapel Pin

Member Number _____ Member Name _____ *Signer _____

Member Number _____ Member Name _____ *Signer _____

Shipping Address _____

(if different) City State Zip

Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence

ORDER FORM: SIGNET RING AND INSIGNIA PENDANT

*** Available for Purchase by DSDI Members Only ***

SIGNET RING		14K Gold	SIZE	10K Gold	SIZE	Sterling Silver	SIZE	
Cushion shaped signet ring 23mm Approximate weight in 14K: 23 DWT		\$1,750		\$1,085		\$225		\$
Round solid signet ring 20 mm Approximate weight in 14K: 11 DWT		\$850		\$600		\$195		\$
Round signet ring 20 mm semi-solid Approximate weight in 14K: 8-9 DWT		\$695		\$525				\$
Round solid signet ring 16 mm Approximate weight in 14K 6.5 DWT		\$595		\$445		\$175		\$
Round signet ring 16mm semi-solid Approximate weight in 14K 4-5DWT		\$470		\$350				\$


Men's rings over size 13 and ladies' rings over size 8 will incur an extra charge to keep the base shank adequately thick.

Please be aware that a significant change in the current price of Gold or Sterling Silver could change the costs cited.

INSIDE ENGRAVING:

add \$15.00

\$

INSIGNIA PENDANT		14K Gold	Sterling Silver	
23 mm top to bottom and is appropriate for both men and women.		\$395 incl. 18" cable chain	\$75 incl. 1.1 mm 18" box chain	\$
		\$295 without a chain	\$125 incl. 3 mm 20" rounded wheat chain	\$
MERCHANDISE TOTAL				\$
Pennsylvania Residents: Tax (PA 6%)				\$

Shipping costs for individual or multiple items sent to same address

*** If ordering more than 1 item, please duplicate order form and calculate shipping accordingly. ***

Total value of order	under \$250	\$10.00	\$
	\$250 - \$749	\$20.00	\$
	\$750 - \$1,249	\$30.00	\$
	\$1,250 - \$2,000	\$40.00	\$

ORDER TOTAL

\$

Note: All orders will require a signature when received

Mail Completed Order Form To:

Ruth M. Hagan: 449 Fletcher Road, Wayne, PA. 19087 Email: orders@dtdi1776.com for information

Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery

Enclose Check payable to "Mary G. Nolan"

Member Number _____ Member Name _____

Shipping Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DSDI Registrar-General's Report

Fall Online Board Meeting

October 12, 2017

These candidates have met the genealogical requirements for membership into our Society.
The Board approved them in session.

27 New Senior Members

3491	Alison Marie Katzfey 134 CR 409 George West, TX 78022-3855	Thomas Nelson, Jr. - 8	3505	Frances Elizabeth Newton Harwood 1501 Crofton Parkway Crofton, MD 21114-1531	Carter Braxton - 8
3492	Johnnie Lee Pope 4588 Highway 48 Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870-8503	William Hooper - 7	3506	John Otis Miller 770 S Maple St Sisters, OR 97759-9420	John Hart - 9
3493	Sheryll Pope Barnes 5372 Oak Level Rd Rocky Mount, NC 27803-8934	William Hooper - 8	3507LM	Michaela Marie Weeks* 111 New Gloucester Rd N. Yarmouth ME 0497-6143	Robert Treat Paine-9
3494LM	Charles Eric Webb 358 Peregrine Ct Jacksonville, FL 32225-3157	Carter Braxton - 9	3508	Julia Catherine Weston Daniels 5470 Chisolm Rd Johns Island, SC 29455-4721	William Hooper - 9
3495LM	Carter Wallace Mitchell 5311 Waneta Rd Bethesda, MD 20816-2126	Carter Braxton - 8	3509	Bozeman Dudley Hawkes 355 Norton St Boulder, CO 80305-5256	Oliver Wolcott - 9
3496	Hunter Thompson George, II 310 Birch St Fircrest, WA 98466-6681	John Hart - 9	3510	Kirstin Marie Baker Quillinan 2411 Hillside Dr Laramie, WY 82070-4839	George Ross - 10 Benjamin Harrison - 9
3497LM	Suzanne Rees Mitchel 8108 Connecticut Ave, Apt 607N Chevy Chase, MD 20815-2800	Carter Braxton - 8	3511LM	Edward Paul Keszenheimer, Jr. 402 Hwy. 27 S Tylertown, MS 39667-5506	John Hart - 10
3498LM	Keitt Caroline Trammell* 212 Fawn Ln Prattville, AL 36067-4228	Benjamin Harrison V - 10	3512	James Burke Morton 764 Three Chopt Rd Manakin-Sabot, VA 1	John Witherspoon - 8
3499	Colin Joseph Good 2000 State St Aubrey, TX 76227-1611	Francis Hopkinson - 9	3513LM	Anne Wright Brown 10375 Mackall Rd Saint Leonard, MD 20685-2490	William Floyd - 7
3500	Pamela William Ellis PO Box 141776 Gainesville, FL 32614-1776	John Hart - 9	3514LM	Kaitland Sorenson Barrett 588 Channing Ave Palo Alto, CA 94301-2825	John Morton - 8
3501	Johan Markl Perry Don Carlos 2948 Las Condes Santiago, Chile	Carter Braxton - 9	3515	Allison Christine Williams 179 East Taylor Rd Lodi, CA 95242-9233	Benjamin Franklin - 10
3502	Sayde Clare Perry Don Carlos 2948 Las Condes Santiago, Chile	Carter Braxton - 9	3516	Lindsey Anne Williams 179 East Taylor Rd Lodi, CA 95242-9233	Benjamin Franklin - 10
3503	Richard Michael Scully 1304 Rhawn St. Apr 420 Philadelphia, PA 19111-2874	John Hart - 8	3517LM	Mary Kate Layne Scully 104 Sourwood Dr Hatboro, PA 19040-192	John Hart - 10
3504	Danielle Adair Leblanc 1206 Jefferson Ave New Orleans, LA 70115-3014	Carter Braxton			

* Junior Upgrade

18 New Junior Members

J1513	Charles Christopher Webb 358 Peregrine Ct Jacksonville, FL 32225-3157	Carter Braxton - 10
J1514	Clara Rose Webb 358 Peregrine Ct Jacksonville, FL 32225-3157	Carter Braxton - 10
J1515	Sophia Grace Pfund 8022 Fenwick Ln Spring Hill, TN 37174-9258	John Hart - 10
J1516	Delaney Ann Pfund 8022 Fenwick Ln Spring Hill, TN 37174-9258	John Hart - 10
J1517	Madeleine Elise George 310 Birch St Fircrest, WA 98466-6681	John Hart - 10
J1518	Ryan Cooper George 310 Birch St Fircrest, WA 98466-6681	John Hart - 10
J1519	Madison Lynn Good 2000 State St Aubrey, TX 76227-1611	Francis Hopkinson- 10
J1520	Olivia Bernice Good 2000 State St Aubrey, TX 76227-1611	Francis Hopkinson- 10
J1521	Molly Paige Ellis PO Box 141776 Gainesville, FL 32614-1776	John Hart - 10
J1522	Maya Catherine Campbell 4 Dunlin Way Portsmouth, NH 03801-7308	John Morton - 9
J1523	Robert Arthur Hoa Leblanc 1206 Jefferson Ave New Orleans, LA 70115-3014	Carter Braxton - 9
J1524	William Charles Hoa Leblanc 1206 Jefferson Ave New Orleans, LA 70115-3014	Carter Braxton - 9
J1525	Harrison McCollister DeLong 3070 Greendale Dr. NW Atlanta, GA 30327-1609	Arthur Middleton - 9
J1526	Kahala Vanderbilt Barron 1 Hathaway Ln Savannah, GA 31411-1706	Arthur Middleton - 9

J1527LM	John Richard Scully 104 Sourwood Dr Hatboro, PA 19040-1922	John Hart - 10
J1528	Andrew Yunus Uz 1027 N Manchester St Arlington, VA 22205-1615	Richard Henry Lee - 9
J1529	Henry Levent Uz 1027 N Manchester St Arlington, VA 22205-1615	Richard Henry Lee - 9
J1530	Oliver Deniz Uz 1027 N Manchester St Arlington, VA 22205-1615	Richard Henry Lee - 9

1 Upgrades to Life Membership

J1115	Benjamin Stocking Wrobel 5 Sep 2017	John Penn
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2 Senior Members were Reinstated

2777	Julie Ann Pfund	John Hart
1806	Roger Michael L. Schmitt	Richard Henry Lee

3 Member deaths reported this period

1604LM	William Eliot Boardman 23 Aug 2017	Roger Sherman
2604LM	Luellen Senn Guyer 24 Jun 2017	Josiah Bartlett
2060LM	L. D. Shank 18 Jul 2017	John Hart

New Senior Member Applications by Signer

Carter Braxton	7	John Morton	1
William Floyd	1	Thomas Nelson, Jr.	1
Benjamin Franklin	2	Robert Treat Paine	1
John Hart	6	George Ross	1
Benjamin Harrison, V	2	John Witherspoon	1
William Hooper	3	Oliver Wolcott	1
Francis Hopkinson	1		

Seniors

1136	Total Active Membership, Last Report	148
25	New Members (does not include Junior upgrades) New Supplements (does not increase # of Members)	18
2	Junior Transfer to Senior	-2
-0	Resignation/Drop or non-transferring Juniors	-0
2	Reinstatement	—
-3	Deaths	—
26	Total Net Added this Report Spousal/Honorary	16
1162	Total Membership, This Report	164

Juniors

Inactive status

After a review of the payment systems the DSDI Treasury uses, the Treasurer recommends the following members be moved to inactive status. These members will remain in inactive status until they apply for reinstatement as active members.

Member Number	Name	City & State
1684	Mrs. Rebecca A. Baumgartner, Jr.	Auxvasse, MO
1887 LM	Mrs. William A. Krusen	Birmingham, AL
2216	Edward A. Young, III	Orlando, FL
2489	John D. Prevatt	Orlando, FL
2883	Michael Stuart McCormick	Chapel Hill, NC
3102	Mrs. George Mortensen	Cedar Park, TX

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Alexander, Registrar-General, DSDI



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Allow 6-8 weeks for delivery. Prices subject to change without notice.

Please send member name and number for whom grave marker is desired to orders@dsgi1776.com.

Approval and ordering information will be returned and applicant will order directly from supplier.

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