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DSDI's Annual Congress



DSDI's Annual Congress took place July 3-4 in Philadelphia. For a report on the meeting and our wonderful Bell Tappers, please turn to pages 5 & 7.



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How to submit to The Spirit of '76

Submissions to The Spirit of '76 may be sent to:
dsdispiritof76@gmail.com.

From the President-General



Greetings, fellow Descendants!

I am honored to become the new President General of the Society. I will say that this was not a position that I planned on reaching, but one I intend to serve to the best of my abilities. I was quite happy as Secretary before being whisked into a new path. The two Vice Presidents and I are now starting our potential three-year terms together. Thank you, Mid Ramsey and Sheryll Pope Albert, for accepting these new challenges. Hopefully this will give us the orderly succession plan we have lacked in recent years.

I want to thank Nancy McBride Wark for three years of exemplary service to our Society despite health challenges to herself and her husband Ray. I sincerely hope that I can serve the Society as well as she has. I would also like to thank Barbara Greeley for her time as Second Vice President and wish her well in her new position as the Pennsylvania Governor-General; Stacie Pagano for another successful Tapper program and Annual Meeting; Stacey Bohning for handling the meeting registration; and Treasurer Scott Lewis for managing the challenges of our finances and the difficulties of our hotel and other meeting contacts. Thanks also to the other key officers, Stephanie Nelson, for stepping forward to serve as Chaplain for our annual meeting and to Sheryll Albert and Ellen Brinker for the two wonderful monument dedications in Philadelphia to wives of the Signers. They plan to bring this wonderful program to its conclusion this year.

I would like to thank Wendy Davis-Bushey, Jill Haimes and Shirley Smith for their continued service at Registrar-General, Scholarship Chair and Wives Biography chair. The work of each board member is commendable and very much appreciated. I want to thank them in advance for their continued service and advice.

This brings me to our other new officers. Bill Nelson as Assistant Treasurer, and Stacey Bohning as Chaplain. They are each moving up from At-Large Governors. Stacie Pagano and Christian Burke will be our new Governors at Large. I am sure that these new officers will add their own style and insight to the Society. We also have two new State Governors General - Barbara Greeley for Pennsylvania and Jennifer Anne Murillo for New Hampshire. Finally, I would like to make one final position announcement. After serving faithfully as our Spirit newsletter editor for fifteen years, Hunter George will be retiring after this issue. Hunter, thank you for your patience, commitment and the quality publication you have given us these many years. Once Hunter officially steps down, John Works has agreed to step up and become the new Editor and At Large Governor, of course only if Hunter does not abandon him.

As we leave Philadelphia, we look forward to a more relaxing meeting in New Bern, NC. Sheryll Albert and Nancy McBride Wark are putting the finishing touches on that meeting to try to make it very affordable. Please set aside September 26-27 so you can attend.

Leroy A. Keller, Jr.

President-General

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Annual Meeting Photos



Andy Keller and Nancy McBride Wark at Liberty Bell



Past President General Laurie Croft recites the Declaration of Independence



At Heyward plaque dedication: Front row, Stephanie Nelson, Ellen Brinker, Rev. Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman, Michelle Diamond and friend from Montrose Memorial, Nancy Wark, Kate Randall, Parish Manager; Rear: Sheryll Pope Albert, Keith Betten, author of Mrs. Heyward's Biography, Andy Keller



New officers attending the meeting: Andy Keller, President General, Sheryll Albert, Second Vice President General, Stephanie Lynn Nelson, Historian General, Donald Ward, Assistant Historian General, Marianne Brinker, Secretary General, and Scott Lewis, Treasurer General



Benjamin Harrison V descendants and family: Addie, Inge, Nicole and Charlie Tingle



William Hooper descendants and family: Tucker, Susan, Laurie and Marshall Croft, Susan and Laurie Croft with son Marshall, wife Alyson, and Tapper grandchildren Ashby and Marshall Jr.

Annual Meeting Photos



Leadership of DSDI is passed from Nancy McBride Wark to new President General Andy Keller



John Hart descendants and family: Steve Etchison, Karen and Jim Etchison, Nancy White, and Diane and Bobby Edwards



Philip Livingston descendants and family: Kim, Artie, Ivan, Sara and Philip Livingston



DSDI members and guests at annual meeting



At McKean plaque dedication: Ellen Brinker, Stephanie Nelson, Nancy Wark, Marianne Brinker, Sheryl Albert

DSDI Annual Meeting in Philadelphia

- ▶ DSDI members gathered in Philadelphia, PA on July 3rd and 4th to celebrate the Let Freedom Ring Ceremony and our annual meeting in Independence Hall. Following our Board meeting on Thursday, we gathered at Carpenters' Hall, site of Benjamin Franklin's Library Company of Philadelphia and the First Continental Congress. Executive Director of Carpenters' Hall, Michael Norris, joined us to give an intimate discussion on the history of the Hall and the exciting events it will be hosting this summer. We even got to tour the not-normally viewed second floor!

The excitement started early on the 4th with our Bell Tapper practice, on an absolutely, unseasonably, gorgeous day. This was followed by a lovely buffet breakfast and recognition of our Junior Members, by Nancy Wark, President General, and Michael Whelan, President of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution. We were lucky to have a large crowd join us in the Liberty Bell Pavilion as we watched our ten Bell Tappers tap the Liberty Bell, alongside the Independence National Historic Park Service. At Independence Hall we heard remarks from Ranger Jason A. Thompson, coordinator for the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, before our normal business started.

Our time together in Philadelphia wrapped up with a casual picnic style dinner and guided walking tour of the historic sites. Thanks to all who joined us for an amazing celebration in the Birthplace of America!



Special notice for July 4, 2026

For those members and Tapper families looking ahead to 2026, please note that because of an incredible confluence of events in Philadelphia next 4th (250th, FIFA World Cup, MLB All-Star Game), the room block will be out much earlier than normal and is expected to fill fast. Prices during this time in Philadelphia are significantly higher than normal and we were lucky to secure the very central Hilton Garden Inn with a room rate of \$399 per night. Due to the other events in the city at this time, hotel and Airbnb options are very limited. I encourage you to book once you see the link on our website or email communications.

Please reach out to me with any questions at stacie.pagano@gmail.com.

Stacie Pagano
Meeting Host/At-Large Governor



(L-R) Deputy Consul of Mexico, Dulce Zamora; NM Legislature Minority Whip, Rep. Alan Martinez; PPG John Glynn; NM SAR Regent, Eleanor Ortiz; NM SAR President, Robert Vance; and Honorary Consul of Spain, Cynthia Garcia

Albuquerque Bell Tapping

- ▶ The 5th Annual National Liberty Bell ceremony was held at Albuquerque's replica of the Liberty Bell at noon (MST) July 4. After the bell tapping, the Declaration of Independence was read by NM Legislature Minority Whip, Rep. Alan Martinez, followed by a roll call of the Signers. NM SAR Regent Eleanor Ortiz spoke about Santa Fe Presidio's support of the revolution. The Rio Grande Symphonic Band and the Young at Heart Choir provided patriotic music.

Two more Signers' wives' recognized with plaques

- ▶ On July 3, 2025, the Signers' Wives' Plaque Recognition Committee had the honor of dedicating two commemorative plaques in Philadelphia to celebrate the patriotic contributions of wives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Sarah Armitage McKean -

At Laurel Hill East Cemetery, a dedication ceremony took place to honor Sarah Armitage McKean, second wife of Thomas McKean of Delaware. They were married in September 1774 on the eve of the American Revolution.

The plaque recognizes Sarah's dedicated support and enduring commitment during the American Revolution. The New Castle Court House Museum in Delaware notes that, in 1780, women from prominent political families, including Sarah Armitage McKean, organized the Philadelphia Ladies' Association to sew clothes and raise money for the Continental Army.

In 1798, Thomas and Sarah McKean's daughter, Sally, followed in her parents' political footsteps and married the Spanish Ambassador to the United States, Don Carlos María Martínez de Yrujo y Tacón - and their son, Carlos Martínez de Yrujo y McKean, served as Prime Minister of Spain in 1847. Thomas and Sarah McKean were initially buried at the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia but were re-interred at Laurel Hill in 1843.

Elizabeth Matthews Heyward -

A ceremony commemorating Elizabeth Matthews Heyward, first wife of Thomas Heyward Jr. of South Carolina, was held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Heyward's courage during the British occupation of Charleston in 1780 and her defense of the Revolutionary cause is deeply respected.

In 1781, she made an arduous journey to Philadelphia to reunite with her husband who had spent 11 months on a British prison ship before his exchange for a British officer.



Above: Elizabeth Matthews Heyward Plaque
Below: Sarah Armitage McKean plaque dedicated



Tragically, she passed away in childbirth the following year alongside her newborn son and was laid to rest in an unmarked grave at St. Peter's Episcopal Churchyard. Her legacy is now honored with a beautiful cenotaph and plaque prominently placed at the churchyard entrance.

A biographical tribute - authored by Keith Betten, parishioner and member of the Historical Committee at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, detailing Mrs. Heyward's contributions - was read to those assembled for the dedication. The biography is available on St. Peter's Church History Page. <https://www.stpetersphila.org/history/elementor-847842-copy/>

Looking Ahead

With the continued assistance of Shirley Smith and Nancy Wark, the Committee is working toward the completion of additional dedications in 2025 to honor:

- Ann Marshall Dill Witherspoon Walker (Pennsylvania)
- Ann Remington Ellery (Massachusetts)
- Anne Aylett Lee (Virginia)
- Anne Gaskins Lee (Virginia)
- Christina Ten Broeck Livingston (New York)
- Hannah Jack Thornton (New Hampshire)
- Mary Trumbull Williams (Connecticut)

These Signers' wives deserve recognition for their enduring support and sacrifices that helped shape our Nation.

Sheryll Albert and Ellen Brinker, Co-Chairs

2025 Bell Tappers



Adelaide Inge Tingle

Benjamin Harrison V

Age 9
Vestavia, AL
4th grade
Vestavia Hills Elementary
Cahaba Heights



Marshall St Julien Croft, Jr.

William Hooper

Age 9
Richmond, VA
3rd grade
St Christopher's School



Charles Montgomery Tingle

Benjamin Harrison V

Age 12
Vestavia, AL
7th grade
Liberty Park Middle School



Ashby Jane Croft

William Hooper

Age 12
Richmond, VA
7th grade
St Catherine's School



Timothy Klingler

John Hart

Age 16
Phoenix, MD
11th grade
Dulaney High School in
Baltimore



Broderick Ward

John Morton

Age 10
Gambrills, MD
4th grade
The School of the
Incarnation



Eloise Croft

William Hooper

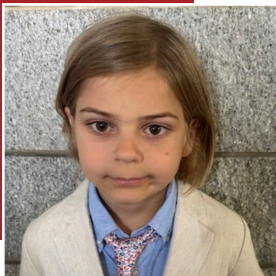
Age 10
Washington, D.C.
5th grade
Capitol Hill Day School



Arthur Remy Livingston

Philip Livingston

Age 8
Chapel Hill, NC
3rd grade
Frank Porter Graham
Elementary School



Edward Croft

William Hooper

Age 7
Washington, D.C.
2nd grade
Capitol Hill Day School



Philip Robert Livingston IV

Philip Livingston

Age 10
Chapel Hill, NC
5th grade
Frank Porter Graham
Elementary School



Join us for fall meeting in New Bern, NC

- ▶ New Bern was established in October 1710. New Bern is the second-oldest European-settled colonial town in North Carolina, after Bath. Royal Governor William Tryon commissioned the construction of Tryon Palace built between 1767 and 1770 as the first permanent capital of North Carolina and a home for the Royal Governor and his family. It served as the capitol from 1770 to 1792. Governor Tryon only lived in Tryon Palace for a year. After the American Revolution (1775-1783), New Bern became wealthy and quickly developed a rich cultural life. At one time New Bern was called “the Athens of the South,” renowned for its Masonic Temple and Athens Theater. These are both still very active today.

We will gather at the DoubleTree by Hilton Riverfront, 100 Middle St., New Bern, NC Sept. 25-27. To book, use the link

www.dsdi1776.com/member-dashboard for our DSDI block on the website so we are credited with your room for our contracted room block. (Please don't call the hotel to make the reservation.) **The last day to book the hotel is August 26, 2025.** The hotel is adjacent to a lovely marina with free parking. Getting to New Bern: Air Travel - Coastal Carolina Regional Airport is three miles from the hotel, and Amtrak Travel - offers service to New Bern.

Masonic Lodge: On Friday (business attire) we will gather early evening to begin a tour of the Masonic Temple (now known as the St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 3) and Athens Theater (now known as the Rivertowne Players). The Masonic Temple was chartered on Jan. 10, 1772, by Joseph Montfort, Provincial Grand Master of Masons for the United States. Experience the unique Masonic symbolism



in the frescoes painted in the mid-1800s and restored in 2000. The main lodge room features trompe l'oeil paintings that date to 1860. If time allows, we can visit the Masonic Theater and learn about its storied past as one of America's oldest theaters. The tour will be led by the Master of St. John's Lodge No. 3, Arthur Romans. You can view George Washington memorabilia. A Toast to The Flag, and Old Glory Speaks will be recited by Dr. Robert Mull. We have an outstanding Guest Speaker, Mark Pace, for a presentation titled: *A Malcontented People/Armed Insurrection in NC 1677 - 1775*. Historian Pace will give an overview of the tumultuous, confusing, comical, and sometimes tragic attempts by early citizens to address their grievances, which led to more stable governance. Following the presentation, we will enjoy a buffet dinner.

Trolley Tour: On Saturday we will begin our morning with an informative 1.5-hour ride on the New Bern Historic Trolley Tour highlighting the history and architecture of the former royal capital of North Carolina and a famous duel between political rivals. The trolley will drop us off at The Chelsea where we will have a box lunch and the DSDI Meeting at 12:30 p.m. After lunch, we will walk to Tryon Palace (.4 mile) for a 2 p.m. tour.

The palace is small, and an experienced guide will divide us into groups to see different areas.

Here is how to navigate Tryon Palace with limited mobility:

- Palace Access:
 - o The first floor of the main Palace building is accessible by wheelchair via a ramp.
 - o The Palace Kitchen, Office, and Stables are also accessible ramps.
 - o Other historic houses on the grounds may only have steps, so alternative viewing options like a photo album of the second floor are available.

- Restrooms: Accessible restrooms for all genders are located at Way Station and the Palace Stables.
- Gardens: The gardens are accessible but be aware that some surfaces may be uneven.

At the conclusion of the Palace Tour the grounds are open to explore. A short walk back to the hotel and refresh for dinner at The Chelsea (.3 mile).

Evening at The Chelsea for Program and Dinner at 6:15 p.m. - (Cocktail attire) Our program and dinner begin at 6:15 p.m. at The Chelsea, 335 Middle St., New Bern (.3 mile from the hotel). As we gather for our social time, we will be joined by some distinguished guests from the Revolutionary Era. Our speaker is Bob Ainsley, Past President of the New Bern SAR, who will present "New Bern Resolves, America's First Provincial Congress."

Scavenger Bear Hunt Prize - Before we leave for the night, for those that participated in the New Bern Historic Scavenger Bear Hunt a prize will be given to the first-place winner. There are 105 Bears located throughout town: however, only thirty are in the historic district (a map will be provided in your welcome/registration packet).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text either Nancy Wark at 408-813-5622 or Sheryll Albert at 252-314-8377.

We hope to see you in New Bern!

Sheryll Albert and Nancy Wark, co-hosts.

DSDI Scholarships



- ▶ DSDI has awarded 56 scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year. The total amount of the awards is \$302,600 from the Charles Mitchell Trust and \$27,000 from the DSDI Scholarship Fund. Here is the essay prompt for this year's scholarship competition:

The Declaration of Independence sought to provide rights to, and empower, the American colonists in response to the King's tyranny. Most famously, we see this emphasized in the below quote from the preamble of the Declaration:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. - That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

The DSDI works to honor the bravery and sacrifices the Signers made to give America that opportunity. As part of this organization, please write about:

1. Why honoring this part of American history is important to you.
2. Your duty as a descendant of a Signer to keep history alive and in the forefront.
3. How you use, or plan to use, these beliefs to empower your fellow citizens.

D. Jill Haimes, Scholarship Chair

Name	Signer
Isaiah Bainbridge	John Hart
Justin Bainbridge	John Hart
Emma Barrett	John Hart
Grace Barrett	John Hart
David Barrow	Arthur Middleton

Victoria Barrow	Arthur Middleton
Caroline Beecher	John Morton
Charlotte Beecher	John Morton
Sean Bowman	Francis Lewis
Dallin Burke	Thomas Nelson Jr.
Ethan Burke	Thomas Nelson Jr
Julian Byrnes	John Morton
Claire Casey	Thomas Heyward, Jr.
Fielding Croft	William Hooper
Margaret Davis	Thomas Nelson Jr
Seina Dowgiewicz	Josiah Bartlett
Garnett Edmunds	Benjamin Harrison V
Ryane Farrell	Philip Livingston
Katherine Gleason	John Morton
Brady Glynn	Richard Stockton
Elise Gresham	Richard Henry Lee and Robert Morris
Luke Gresham	Richard Henry Lee and Robert Morris
Anna Hadley	Benjamin Harrison
Tonirose Heyward	Thomas Heyward Junior
Allison Hubbard	John Witherspoon
Margaret Long	Philip Livingston
Caroline Lowery	Thomas Heyward Jr.
Oliver McDermott	Roger Sherman
Benjamin McKenna	Thomas Mckean
Alexander McLaurine	Thomas Heyward Jr.
Clara Miller	Carter Braxton
James Mogg	John Hart
Josh Morton	John Morton
Brooke Nelson	Thomas Nelson Jr.
Stephanie Nelson	Thomas Nelson, Jr.
Cabell Pasco	William Hooper
Lucy Paynter	Robert Treat Paine
Malia Pollock	Robert Treat Paine
Isabella Ramsay	John Witherspoon
Theresa Ramsay	John Witherspoon
Pauline Singer	Richard Stockton
Casey Smith	Thomas Nelson Jr.
Madison Stromberg	John Morton
Reilly Stromberg	John Morton
Anna Thomas	Oliver Wolcott
Caitlin Thomas	Oliver Wolcott
Jackson Turner	John Penn
Charles Wahlig	John Hart
Rory Wahlig	John Hart
Zahra Walker	John Hart
Andrew Ward	John Morton
Caroline Witherspoon	John Witherspoon
John Witherspoon	John Witherspoon
Griffin Yandell	Richard Stockton
Kannon Zdimal	Philip Livingston
Kooper Zdimal	Philip Livingston

TREASURER-GENERAL'S REPORT

ASSETS

The market value of our assets as of April 30, 2025, was \$1,969,443 and represents a \$141,904, or 7.8%, increase in market value since April 30, 2024.

OPERATING REVENUES

Our operating revenue primarily represents income associated with contributions, membership dues and amounts received from members to cover the cost of their attendance at DSDI meetings. Revenues totaled \$104,446 for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2025.

OPERATING EXPENSES

DSDI operating expenses for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2025 were \$115,579, resulting in an operating loss of \$11,133. Together with net investment income and gains/losses on investments, net income was \$143,127 for the year.

Assets as of April 30, 2025



■ Scholarship Fund	\$587,763 30%
■ Life Dues Fund	\$923,999 47%
■ Sustaining Fund	\$434,401 22%
■ Wells Fargo	\$23,280 1%

Operating Revenues for Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2025



■ Contributions	\$25,838 25%
■ Misc Revenue	\$4,024 4%
■ Dues & Applications	\$42,480 40%
■ Meeting Receipts	\$32,104 31%
■ Meeting Expenses	\$1,000 1%

Operating Expenses for Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2025



■ Program Service	\$51,668 45%
■ Meeting Expenses	\$37,502 32%
■ Membership	\$15,197 13%
■ General & Administrative	\$9,774 9%
■ Merchandise	\$1,438 1%
■ Meeting Receipts	\$1,000 1%

How to order DSDI merchandise

- ▶ Want a DSDI brooch, a ring, a pendant? How about a Christmas ornament, rosette, wine glass, tie or blazer crest? These and other items reflecting your membership in DSDI are available to order. It's easy.



Go to <https://www.dsdi1776.com/member-resources/merchandise/>
Or email: dsdimerchandise@gmail.com.



GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

DSDI has two methods for contributing to support the mission of education about our ancestor Signers of the Declaration of Independence. The first method is the 1776 Legacy Society. Membership in this Society is achieved by leaving a portion of your estate to DSDI. The second method is to make donations during the annual appeal, dues collection or any other time of the year that is convenient.

1776 LEGACY SOCIETY

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

- Hope Middleton Wood
- James Herbert Alexander
- Rieman McNamara, Jr
- Elizabeth C. McNeilly
- Roger M L Schmitt
- Leroy "Andy" Anderson Keller, Jr.

In addition, the late Lynda Carol Dresser left a sizeable contribution that is restricted to supporting efforts to remember her Signer John Hart.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Donations from November 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Thank you to the members of The Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence that have so generously participated in the Annual Appeal. 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. Each report of the Annual Appeal presented in the Spirit '76 reports on donor activity since the previous list of donations published in the Spirit '76. This report includes Annual Appeal donations received in the period from November 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, totaling about \$8,000.

DELEGATES		
	Hunt Worth	
SONS and DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY		
Eugene Allen Mayhew	Robert Davis Keller	
PATRIOTS		
A. Christian Burke	Sheryl Pope Albert	Johnny Dow Alexander
William Sutherland Strong	Shirley Diana Hunter Smith	Anthony Morris
Debra J Rafferty	Thomas Blake Thacher	Susan Croft Pasco
Florence Mears Thompson	Linda Coley Teare	Leroy Anderson Keller, Jr.
David Buffum Fultz	Lee Thomas Dowgiewicz	John D. Herrick
Laura Haines Belman	Thomas Marshall Gresham	SEI Giving Fund
Kathryn Leah Heyward	George Meredith Bergen	

GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

BELL RINGERS		
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Anne Wright Brown	Allison Nancy Johnson	Thomas Bradford Johnson
Lauren Nye Johnson	Marshall A Burke	Carrie Lynn Schuler
Frederick J Wilson	Clarence W Senn, Jr	Richard Edgar Robinson
Connie Louise Mogg	Peter Warren Brubaker	Margaret Fisk Genvert
David Edward Stuart	Barbara Teter Greeley	Peter Carlin Stockett
Molly C. Nordmann	Lori Jain Harris Franklin	Richard Lee Miller
Tony Thomas Heyward	Cantey Foxworth	Joseph H. Rawl
Claiborne Thornton Marshall	Janet Louise Earle	Charles DePuy Robison, III
Jacqueline Kirkham-Voigt	Clara Bradford Stark	Jason Tighe Easterly
Nancy King Waites	Jefferson Randolph Walker	Douglas Macon Valentine
Nancy McBride Wark	Bayard B Leonard	

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Thank you to the members of The Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence that have so generously participated in the Scholarship Fund. Your gifts are most important and will enable the Society to continue the scholarship program. This report spans the Scholarship Fund donations from November 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, totaling about \$3,100.

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Karl E. Nelson		
SONS and DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY		
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PATRIOTS		
David Crenshaw Barrow III	D. Jill Haines	Stacey Bohning
BELL RINGERS		
Molly C. Nordmann	Lawrence McMahon Croft	Arthur Middleton Ramsey
MATCHING GIFTS		
American Online Giving Foundation		

DSDI REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT

PHILADELPHIA, PA MEETING July 3, 2025

16 New Senior Members:		
3913LM	Emily Remsen Hogan Roberts San Marcos CA	Francis Lewis - 9
3914	Thomas Chase Belman* Bloomington MN	Samuel Chase - 9 William Ellery - 10 Oliver Wolcott - 10
3915LM	Derek Eldon Munro Flemington NJ	John Hart - 10
3916LM	Lindsey Castrey Lake Oswego OR	Richard Stockton - 9
3917LM	Samuel Livingston Hogan Nokesville VA	Francis Lewis - 9
3918	Marlena Christine Newton Lake Orion MI	John Hart - 10
3919	Madison Grace Boos-Niespolo Lake Orion MI	John Hart - 11
3920	Anne Fielding Croft* Richmond VA	William Hooper - 10
3921	Sue Seaman Tichy Georgetown TX	John Hart - 9
3922	Taylor Reilly Hawkes Boulder CO	Oliver Wolcott - 9
3923	Madison Marie Stromberg* West End NC	John Morton - 10
3924	Owen Samuel Turner* Littleton CO	John Penn - 8
3925	David Willis Baker Elkins WV	John Hart - 9
3926	Melissa Jean Baker Nitterright Mount Pleasant PA	John Hart - 9
3927	Aleena Marie Nitterright Mount Pleasant PA	John Hart - 10
3928	Stella Rile Flannery* Hawthorne NJ	Philip Livingston - 11
* Junior Upgrade		
14 New Junior Members:		
J1738	Natalie Deas Roberts San Marcos CA	Francis Lewis - 10
J1739	Evelyn Grace Roberts San Marcos CA	Francis Lewis - 10
J1740	Reese Lin Castrey Lake Oswego OR	Richard Stockton - 10
J1741	William Joseph Castrey Lake Oswego OR	Richard Stockton - 10
J1742LM	Barrett Michael Bernard Middletown MD	Philip Livingston - 10
J1743LM	Maud Shelby Jin Philadelphia PA	John Hart - 10
J1744	Grant Buhler Hogan Nokesville VA	Francis Lewis - 10
J1745	Maxwell Kayne Newton Lake Orion MI	John Hart - 11

J1746	Melia Catherine Newton Lake Orion MI	John Hart - 11	
J1747	Morgan Claire Newton Lake Orion MI	John Hart - 11	
J1748LM	Matheson Hall Morgan Atlanta GA	Benjamin Harrison V - 11	
J1749	Xavier Jude Nelson Pflugerville TX	John Hart - 10	
J1750	Gwendolyn Maisie Haimes Aurora CO	John Hart - 10	
J1751	Katherine Lee Roberts Richmond VA	Richard Henry Lee - 9	
Additional Membership Changes:			
2 Reinstatements:			
#	Name	Date	Signer
1296	Thornton W. Marshall	14 Jun 2025	Matthew Thornton
3594	Marie Lee Pope	12 Jun 2025	William Hooper
2 recent Deaths reported this period:			
#	Name	Birth	Signer
1968	Ric Habbersett Groff	9 Jul 2024	John Morton
2085LM	Ellen N. Camp	9 Jun 2025	Robert Morris
2 Resignations:			
#	Name	Birth	Signer
2121	Lucy Winston A. Roy	30 Apr 2025	Thomas Heyward Jr.
2790	Lucy Tonacci	4 Jul 2025	Richard Henry Lee
New Senior Member Applications by Signer:			
Samuel Chase	1	Philip Livingston	1
William Ellery	1	John Morton	1
John Hart	7	John Penn	1
William Hooper	1	Richard Stockton	1
Francis Lewis	2	Oliver Wolcott	2
23 Members Inactivated (FY 25 dues not received, effective date 30 April 2025)			
#	Name	Signer	
1944	Virginia Vannoy Owens	John Hart	
2314	Amy E. Van Hagen	Benjamin Harrison, V	
3140	Kayla Renee Hunter	Abraham Clark	
3169	Dustin William Hunter	Abraham Clark	
3240	Kendal Murry McKeon	John Morton	
3248	Colleen Susan Daily-Page	John Hart	
3419	William Tallmadge Austin	William Floyd	
3432	Julia Elisabeth Bache	Benjamin Franklin	
3474	Steven Durwood Hart	John Hart	
3483	Harry (Henry) Guerard Heyward	Thomas Heyward Jr.	

3488	Stephanie Dawn Hanson-Mackley	John Hart
3527	Michaela Marie Miller	John Hart
3534	Molly Kincaid Henderson	Thomas Nelson Jr.
3558	Madelynn Elizabeth Hunter	Abraham Clark
3654	William Nicolas Urbina	Thomas Jefferson
3699	Sarah McKean Teillon	Thomas McKean
3740	Aprilia Amaia Grimaldo Welsh	William Floyd
3742	Braxton Jay Miller	Carter Braxton
3752	Emily Jane Simon	John Hart
3767	Jacob Alexander Bowman	Roger Sherman
3768	Joseph Lee Bowman	Roger Sherman
3787	Kierstin Anne Kimbell	Lewis Morris
3794	Julie Lynn Ford	John Hart
Seniors		Juniors
1284	Total Active Membership, Last Report	237
11	New Members (does not include Junior upgrades)	14
0	New Supplements (does not increase # of Members)	0
5	Junior Transfer to Senior	-5
-23	Converted to Inactive	0
-2	Resignations	0
2	Reinstatement	0
-2	Deaths	0
-10	Total Net Added this Report	9
1275	Total Membership, this Report	246

2026 DSDI Spring Meeting in Savannah

- ▶ To kick off the 250th anniversary year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, our spring meeting in 2026 will be held in Savannah on March 9-11. Our hotel will be the elegant Planters Inn located in the center of the beautiful historic district on Reynolds Square. Our banquet dinner will be held at 45 Bistro, a lovely restaurant located in The Marshall House, which dates back to 1851 and was the first hotel built in Savannah.

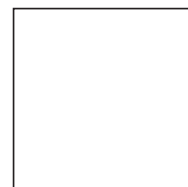
Savannah is uniquely walkable and our anticipated schedule will provide time for self-exploration along the River Front and other historic venues within easy walking distance. With luck, we'll be greeted by the first azaleas of spring! So mark your calendar to save the date and watch for updates during the year.

Weston Croft, host



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