

Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence
Spring General Meeting
Williamsburg, Yorktown, VA
March 19, 1994

The spring general meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was called to order by President-General Richard Corson at 9:08 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 1994, in the Visitors Center, Yorktown, Virginia.

Prayer was said by The Rev. Herbert Tucker, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dick Corson.

Previous minutes were approved as read by Secretary-General F. Nelson Light.

Reports of the Officers

Bill Ward presented the **treasurer's report**.

The **registrar's report**, presented by Nina Hopkins, noted 17 new senior members for a total of 879 and 2 new junior members for a total of 127. Nina read the prayer for the 2 departed members.

Dick Corson announced donations to the **Sustaining Fund**.

Dick also reported that \$9000 is the maximum amount available to be awarded by the **Scholarship Committee**.

Betsy Gottwald notified the assembly that the time to meet for church on Sunday morning had been changed to 8:40 to attend the 9:00 service at Bruton Parish.

Allen Heyward reported that the society's fall meeting would be held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, instead of Boston, since the "fall leaf season" in Boston at that time is accompanied by higher rates and expenses.

Reports of State Societies

VIRGINIA: Dan McNamara officially welcomed the society to the spring meeting.

WASHINGTON, DC: Bunny Maupin reported that she had presented a wreath at the Jefferson Memorial.

New Business

Concerning meeting sites, the question was raised as to holding a meeting in a more western part of the country, and Savanna, Georgia, was suggested for the spring 1995 meeting. The annual congress will convene in Philadelphia on June 3-5, and the fall meeting is scheduled for October 14-16 in Portsmouth, NH.

The roll of the Signers was called by Allan Heyward at the general meeting and by Dick Corson at the banquet. The following Signers were represented by their descendants:

<u>SIGNER</u>	<u>GENERAL MEETING</u>	<u>BANQUET</u>
Philip Livingston	1	1
John Witherspoon	1	1
John Hart	1	1
John Morton	1	1
George Clymer		1
George Ross	1	1
Richard Henry Lee	1	1
Benjamin Harrison	1	1
Thomas Nelson, Jr.	7	8
Carter Braxton	4	5
Thomas Heyward, Jr.	7	4
Arthur Middleton		5

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Activities

Spouses of Descendants met at 5 p.m. Friday in the Williamsburg Lodge.

On Saturday morning we watched a film on the Yorktown Battle and took a walking tour of the British inner defenses, followed by a bus tour of the battlefield. After lunch at Grace Church, Yorktown, we heard a talk on "the colonial soldier" and enjoyed a tour and talk at the Nelson House.

We gathered for 9:00 a.m. Sunday church services at Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Nelson Light
Secretary-General