

II. General Meeting of the Society.

The meeting was called to order by President-General Agnes B. DeForest at 2:00 P.M. in the "Long Room" on the second floor of Independence Hall. About fifty members and guests were present.

Honorary Chaplain-General the Reverend Dr. Ernest Harding gave the prayer of the Society.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary-General Fultz.

The Secretary-General read the minutes of the 1972 Annual Congress. The minutes were approved as written.

President-General DeForest reported on the results of the protest directed against the Columbia Broadcasting System's plan to broadcast X-rated movies on television. CBS has replied that they have no plans for such broadcasting; and Mrs. DeForest believes this to be a direct result of the highly-successful letter-writing campaign and publicity given throughout the country.

Honorary President-General Percy Goodsell introduced sculptor Alan Seebree Robbins of New York, who is now executing the memorial plaque. Mr. Robbins expressed his delight on being invited to meet with the Society in Independence Hall. He displayed a sketch of the plaque, and observed that the names of the Signers would be deeply inscribed so as to be legible for all time to come.

Registrar-General Barbara Kalbfleisch announced the election of ten Seniors, one reinstatement, and eleven Juniors. She also reported two resignations and five deaths. There are now 587 Senior members and 249 Juniors.

Treasurer-General James Paul Hopkinson reported that revenues for the fiscal year amounted to \$8600, including \$1700 in contributions. Expenses were also \$8600, including the initial payment of \$3500 toward the Bicentennial Plaque. This leaves \$9500 remaining to be paid on the Plaque, of which \$3500 is in hand and \$6000 remains to be raised.

Bicentennial Committee Chairman Percy Goodsell reported that Artist Tom Pool had sold at least one more painting and had contributed half of the proceeds to the Fund. Mr. Goodsell also had raised \$70 by giving three talks on "Homes of the Signers".

Speaking for Dr. Norton Downs, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Mr. Fultz reported that three descendants had applied for the 1973-74 award of \$800.

Mrs. Schumacher, reporting on Publications of the Society, complimented Editor Julia Wilcox on the new "Spirit of '76" format of the D.S.D.I. Bulletin. Mrs. Wilcox was responsible for the art work and make-up which had brought many favorable comments from the members. Mr. Axford proposed a resolution, which was approved, commending Mrs. Wilcox on her work.

Reports of the State Societies

Mrs. Barbara Walker, Governor for Massachusetts reported interest among Adams and Wolcott descendants, and said she was concentrating her efforts on bringing in Junior members.

New York State Society President Mary Schumacher reported 55 members who attended two meetings a year.

Mrs. Tommie Callison, past President of the Virginia State Society extended an invitation to the Society to meet in Williamsburg in the Spring of 1974.

Hasell Heyward, representing South Carolina, said there would be a State Society there in 1974.

Unfinished Business

Honorary-President-General Franklin Satterthwaite discussed the status of the Morgan Lewis Miniature and Ring, which had been donated to the Society by Mrs. Andrew Kidd, of Vero Beach, Florida, a descendant of Francis Lewis.. Mr. Satterthwaite said present plans are to offer these treasures to the Society of the Cincinnati for safekeeping in the Anderson House Museum, since Morgan Lewis was a charter member of that Society.

Acting as directed by the Board of Governors at previous meetings, Mr. Axford presented three resolutions in memory of former officers now deceased:

Thomas Graham, former Secretary-General
deceased April 30, 1972

W. B. Shubrick Clymer, President-General
deceased May, 15, 1972

Emily Gilpin Hopkinson, former Registrar-General, Governor-at-Large, and member of the Society for 55 years
deceased December 11, 1972

These resolutions, unanimously approved, and signed by the President-General and the Secretary-General will be transmitted to the families of the deceased.

A fourth resolution, also prepared and presented by Mr. Axford, was approved, honoring retiring Secretary-General Fultz in recognition of seven years of service.

First Vice President-General Pyne summarized four constitutional amendments which had been approved by the Board of Governors, and which would be presented to the membership for vote at the Fall Meeting. The intent of all four was to give more flexibility in the administration of the society's affairs.

Mary Schumacher, President of the New York State Society, reviewed plans for the 1973 Fall Meeting which will be held in Saratoga Springs, New York, on October 5, 6, and 7.

Nominating Committee Chairman Mary Schumacher offered the following nominations of officers for the year 1973-74, and they were elected by unanimous voice vote:

President-General	Mrs. Lionel T. DeForest
First Vice President-General	Frederick Wallace Pyne
Second Vice President-General	Mrs. Morrison W. Brinker
Chaplain-General	The Rev. Canon Harold Bend Sedgwick
Registrar-General	Mrs. William G. Kalbfleisch
Assistant Registrar-General	Mrs. Julia Morris Wilcox
Historian-General	Charles Marshall Davison, Jr.
Treasurer-General	James Paul Hopkinson
Secretary-General	Mrs. William Spaulding Wood II
Assistant Secretary-General	Mrs. Joseph B. Hauck
Chancellor-General	Edward Ridley Finch, Jr.

First Vice President-General Pyne revealed tentative plans for meetings in the Bicentennial year, 1976. He spoke of a May meeting in Washington, D.C. at which the memorial plaque would be dedicated, and a July Fourth meeting in Independence Hall.

The annual reading of the Declaration of Independence was given with feeling and reverence by First Vice President-General Pyne.

Second Vice President-General Marianne Layton Brinker called the roll of the Signers and the descendants arose to be recognized:

<u>Signer</u>	<u>General Meeting</u>	<u>Banquet</u>
Samuel Adams		5
William Ellery	3	1
Oliver Wolcott	5	6
William Floyd	4	2
Francis Lewis	1	1
Lewis Morris	3	1
Francis Hopkinson	2	2
John Hart	4	5
Benjamin Franklin	2	2
John Morton	4	3
Samuel Chase	2	1
William Paca	2	1
Benjamin Harrison	3	2
Carter Braxton	1	2
Thomas Heyward, Jr.	1	1
Arthur Middleton	4	3
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The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Immediately following the meeting, the new officers, in caucus, elected a Nominating Committee consisting of Mrs. Barbara Brooks Walker, Franklin B. Satterthwaite and John Morton Fultz, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,
John Morton Fultz, Jr.
John Morton Fultz, Jr.
Secretary-General

Attachments: I, II, III.

SENIOR MEMBERS

1564	Daniel Heyward Hamilton, Jr. 31 Howells Road, Belmont, Mass., 02178	Thomas Heyward, Jr.
1565	Philip Livingston Strong 93 North Main Street, Cranbury, N.J., 08512	Philip Livingston
1566	Mattison Dan Darragh, USAF Ret. Rt. 3, Box 27, Caesar Road, Picayune, Miss., 39466	John Hart

LIFE MEMBER

1567	Rose Jackson Sheppard (Mrs. John Wade Sheppard) "Longleat", 535 Lake Ave., Greenwich, Conn., 06830	Oliver Wolcott
1568	Mary Potter Kitchel (Mrs. William Lloyd Kitchel, II) Line House, 6411 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, Del., 19806	George Read
1569	Renee Potter Sieglaff (Mrs. Peter Maynard Sieglaff) 923 Westover Road, Wilmington, Del., 19807	George Read

LIFE MEMBER

1570	Mary Ely Brennan (Mrs. Charles Martin Brennan, III) 129 Davis Street, Hamden, Conn., 06517	Oliver Wolcott
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1571	Alice Ely Chapman (Mrs. Leroy Ralph Chapman) 636 Edgely Ave., Glenside, Penna., 19038	Oliver Wolcott
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LIFE MEMBER

1572	Nancy Ely Kales (Mrs. William Robert Kales, II) 2634 Broderick Street, San Francisco, Calif., 94123	Oliver Wolcott
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LIFE MEMBER

1573	Jane Seymour Ely 221 Everit Street, New Haven, Conn., 06511	Oliver Wolcott
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JUNIOR MEMBERS

698	Harry Borthwick Strong 93 North Main St., Cranbury, N.J., 08512 Sr. #1565 8th Desc. b. 8-22-52	Philip Livingston
699	Thomas Livingston Strong 93 North Main Street, Cranbury, N.J., 08512 Sr. #1565 8th Desc. b. 6-25-57	Philip Livingston
700	Glen VanRensselaer Strong 93 North Main Street, Cranbury, N.J., 08512 Sr. #1565 8th Desc. b. 4-12-62	Philip Livingston
701	Dana Marie Darragh Rt. 3, Box 27, Caesar Road, Picayune, Miss., 39466 Sr. #1566 8th Desc. b. 12-18-66	John Hart
702	John Hart Stevenson 3017 Avalon Street, Houston, Texas, 77019 Sr. #1504 8th Desc. b. 3-6-68	John Hart
703	Elizabeth Anne Stevenson 3017 Avalon Street, Houston, Texas, 77019 Sr. #1504 8th Desc. b. 1-23-67	John Hart
704	Susan Elaine Stevenson 5542 Windswept Lane, Houston, Texas, 77027 Sr. #1504 8th Desc. b. 4-4-56	John Hart
705	Thomas Mitchell Stevenson 5542 Windswept Lane, Houston, Texas, 77027 Sr. #1504 8th Desc. b. 1-19-59	John Hart

LIFE MEMBER

706	Robert Monteith Ely 221 Everit St., New Haven, Conn., 06511 Sr. #1501 8th Desc. b. 2-4-58	Oliver Wolcott
707	Sally Horton Hawkrige 320 Highland Road, R.D. #1, West Chester, Pa., 19380 Sr. #1496 7th Desc. b. 8-20-61	Arthur Middleton
708	Robert McLain Hawkrige, Jr. 320 Highland Road, R.D. #1, West Chester, Pa., 19380 Sr. #1496 7th Desc. b. 5-12-58	Arthur Middleton

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REINSTATEMENTS

1100	Ida Katherine Constable Read (Mrs. Philip Allen Read) 3866 Wieuca Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga., 30342	John Hart
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RESIGNATIONS

1485	Lea Cabeen Hussey (Mrs. Richard Hussey) Resigned-January 1973	George Ross
1435	William Lowndes Resigned-March 12, 1973	John Hart

DEATHS:

778	Miss Louisa Morris Barrett Died--Sept. 17, 1972	Lewis Morris
1250	Genevieve Charlton Sullivan (Mrs. Herbert B. Sullivan) Died-- Nov. 5, 1972	John Hart
463	Selma Florence Valette Armstrong (Mrs. Ernest Armstrong) Died-- Dec. 31, 1972	John Morton
773	Anna Greenlee Keesey Jefferies (Mrs. Joseph H. Jefferies) Died-- Feb. 10, 1973	John Morton
809	Frederica Carlotta Prentiss Haldeman (Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Haldeman) Died-- Apr. 17, 1973	William Floyd

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

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ANALYSIS OF REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT

21 New Members
 10 Senior Members
 11 Junior Members

The following Signers are represented:

<u>SIGNER</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>
John Hart	6
Thomas Heyward, Jr.	1
Philip Livingston	4
Arthur Middleton	2
George Read	2
Oliver Wolcott	<u>6</u>
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Respectfully submitted,
Harbor M. Rappaport
 Registrar-General

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

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period 5/1/72 to 4/30/73

REVENUES:

Dues and Fees		\$5,616.00
Interest - Yearbook Fund	\$ 63.63	
Bi-Centennial Fund	251.11	
Scholarship Fund	853.73	
General Fund	<u>132.50</u>	1,300.97
Contributions - Yearbook Fund	\$ 5.00	
Bi-Centennial Fund	410.00	
Scholarship Fund	<u>1,264.00</u>	1,679.00
Total Revenues		<u>\$8,595.97</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>	(10.36)
Charleston 1973 - Expense	\$1,194.78	
Income	<u>1,417.50</u>	(222.12)
Philadelphia 1973 - Expense		<u>200.00</u>
Printing		\$ 439.05
Postage		2,841.04
Certificates		273.69
Scholarship		132.00
Contributions		700.00
Bulletin		105.00
Legal and Accounting		290.47
Bi-Centennial Plaque		240.00
Miscellaneous		3,500.00
Total Expenditures		<u>\$8,626.25</u>
Excess of Expenditures over Revenue		<u>\$30.28</u>

Fund Balances as of 4/30/73

	General	Yearbook	Scholarship	Bi-Cen.	Total
Balance as of 4/30/72	\$5,480.89	\$1,468.90	\$12,928.00	\$4,971.36	\$24,849.15
Inc. or (Dec.)	(332.75)	68.63	1,417.73	(1,183.89)	(30.28)
Balance as of 4/30/73	<u>\$5,148.14</u>	<u>\$1,537.53</u>	<u>\$14,345.73</u>	<u>\$3,787.47</u>	<u>\$24,818.87</u>

FUND ASSETS:

Checking Account	\$2,364.91	\$ 5.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 2,884.91
Savings Accounts	2,783.23	1,532.53	3,895.73	103.75	8,315.24
Bank Certificate	-	-	-	3,618.72	3,618.72
Utility Bond	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
Total Assets	<u>\$5,148.14</u>	<u>\$1,537.53</u>	<u>\$14,345.73</u>	<u>\$3,787.47</u>	<u>\$24,818.87</u>

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

1455 Mrs. Douglas Maitland Gibson	162 Glen Rd., Toronto 287, Ontario, Canada
1285 Mr. Alan Van Keuren McGee	16 Silver St., South Hadley, Mass. 01075
016 Mrs. Powers Nash	Via Traro Genoino, Positano, Salerno, Italy
1351 Dr. W. Mayo Smith, Jr.	18 Lilac Rd., R.D. #2, Allentown, Pa. 18103
620 Mr. Floyd Tallmadge Starr	Laverock, Philadelphia, Pa. 19118

Constitutional Amendments

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS

Amended to read:

SECTION 2. The general affairs of the society shall be conducted by a Board of Governors consisting of the elective officers of the society, ex-Presidents-General, and one member from each of the thirteen original States, one from the District of Columbia, and four or more members at large from any of the States, or from the District of Columbia, who shall be nominated and elected yearly by the incoming officers of the society immediately following the annual election. In those States having subordinate societies the Presidents of said societies shall represent their States on the Board of Governors. The President-General shall be the Chairman of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall prescribe its own By-Laws. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the President-General or by five members of the Board upon request to the President-General.

Deletions:

In addition to its meeting at Philadelphia, immediately preceding the Annual Congress, the Board of Governors shall hold at least two other meetings each year. One of these meetings shall be held in October and the other in February. One meeting yearly shall be held at some point north of Philadelphia and one meeting at some point south of Philadelphia.

Amended to read:

ARTICLE X

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Annual Congress of the society shall be held every year at Philadelphia, Pa., whenever possible in Independence Hall, on a Saturday between May 9 and June 13. The Board of Governors shall select the most convenient Saturday which is nearest May 15 or June 7; May 15 being the date on which the Virginia Convention adopted its famous resolution instructing the Virginia delegates in Congress "to propose to that respectable body to declare the United Colonies free and Independent States," and June 7 being the date on which Richard Henry Lee of Virginia moved a resolution in the Congress "that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

The society shall hold at least two other meetings each year at places and times of convenience and considering geographic distribution and related historic interest.

Amended to read;

ARTICLE VIII

PUBLICATIONS

SECTION 1. A Year Book detailing the activities of the society and containing a list of members and Junior members and a necrology with names of ancestors shall be issued every five years, ~~or as otherwise determined by the Board of Governors.~~

Addresses of Junior members may be omitted, but ancestors' names must be given for all members.

Amended to read:

ARTICLE X

SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship shall be awarded to a youth of good character for one year's tuition in college, or if the tuition should be granted by the college, the sum shall go toward general expenses of the scholar chosen. It shall be granted to a descendant of a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, of good scholastic standing and recommended by the school of which he or she is a graduate. It may be used for an undergraduate or postgraduate course. It shall be awarded for one year only at a time, but may be renewed from year to year. The President-General shall appoint a committee of three with discretionary powers to select candidates, decide on approved courses, communicate with schools and colleges, circularize the membership of the society, etc. This committee shall make an annual report to the Board of Governors which shall have ultimate power to award or withhold the scholarship.

Deletion:

of four hundred dollars (\$400)

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

ROLL CALL ~~DINNER~~ 66TH ANN. CONGR. DATE 5/12/73

LOCATION		A. GENERAL MEETING		B. BANQUET		
SIGNER		A.	B.	SIGNER	A.	B.
1	JOHN HANCOCK			GEORGE TAYLOR		
2	JOSIAH BARTLETT			JAMES WILSON		
3	WILLIAM WHIPPLE			GEORGE ROSS		
4	MATTHEW THORNTON			CAESAR RODNEY		
5	SAMUEL ADAMS		5	GEORGE READ		
6	JOHN ADAMS			THOMAS MC KEAN		
7	ROBERT TREAT PAINE			SAMUEL CHASE	2	1
8	ELBRIDGE GERRY			WILLIAM PACA	2	1
9	STEPHEN HOPKINS			THOMAS STONE		
10	WILLIAM ELLERY	3	1	CHARLES CARROLL		
11	ROGER SHERMAN			OF CARROLLTON		
12	SAMUEL HUNTINGTON			GEORGE WYTHE		
13	WILLIAM WILLIAMS			RICHARD HENRY LEE		
14	OLIVER WOLCOTT	5	6	THOMAS JEFFERSON		
15	WILLIAM FLOYD	4	2	BENJAMIN HARRISON	3	2
16	PHILIP LIVINGSTON			THOMAS NELSON, JR.		
17	FRANCIS LEWIS	1	1	FRANCIS LIGHTFOOT LEE		
18	LEWIS MORRIS	3	1	CARTER BRAXTON	1	2
19	RICHARD STOCKTON			WILLIAM HOOPER		
20	JOHN WITHERSPOON			JOSEPH HEWES		
21	FRANCIS HOPKINSON	2	2	JOHN PENN	2	
22	JOHN HART	4	5	EDWARD RUTLEDGE		
23	ABRAHAM CLARK			THOMAS HEYWARD, JR.	1	1
24	ROBERT MORRIS			THOMAS LYNCH, JR.		
25	BENJAMIN RUSH			ARTHUR MIDDLETON	4	3
26	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN	2	2	BUTTON GWINNETT		
27	JOHN MORTON	4	3	LYMAN HALL		
28	GEORGE CLYMER			GEORGE WALTON		
29	JAMES SMITH					
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The name of Charles Duane Williams, descendant of Benjamin Franklin, who died on the S.S. Titanic, April 14, 1912, to save the lives of others, as representative of all those who, since the signing of the Declaration, have given their lives for their countrymen, shall be carried forever on the roll of the society and be called whenever the names of the signers be read.