

## II. General Meeting of the Society

The general meeting was called to order by President-General Agnes B. DeForest at 4:30 P.M. in the Great Hall of the Wren Building in the College of William and Mary.

Chaplin-General, The Rev. Harold Bend Sedgwick, gave the Society prayer after which Rieman McNamara led the Society in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Vice-President-General Pyne introduced those members attending their first meeting.

Secretary-General Hope Middleton Wood read the minutes of the Annual Fall Meeting held in Saratoga Springs. The minutes were approved as read.

Registrar-General Barbara M. Klabfleisch announced the election of 14 seniors, 6 juniors, 3 supplementary, 2 reinstatements and 4 deceased. There is a total membership of 607 senior members and 252 junior members.

President-General DeForest announced with regret the resignation of Julia Wilcox as Assistant Registrar-General but was pleased to add Sally Middleton Hawkridge had accepted the appointment as her replacement.

Mr. Pyne reported the Boards action that with the exception of the Annual Meeting, that there be some latitude allowed as to time and place of meetings and that meeting sites be designated at least 18 months in advance. He also reported that the plans were proceeding satisfactorily for the placing of the plaque in Washington in 1976.

In the absences of the Treasurer-General James Paul Hopkinson, Mrs. Kalbfleisch gave a summary of his report noting that the revenue exceeded expenditures by \$1,870.00 since May 1, 1973.

Mary Schumacher reported that with the resignation of Julia Wilcox only one more issue of the Signers Bulletin would be possible and she asks for volunteers for the job.

New York State Society President, Mary Stokes Schumacher reported that the State Society was extremely active including involvement in a play based on the life of signer William Floyd.

Under other State business, Mrs. William F. Brown urged the membership to visit historic Old Salem at the Fall Meeting October 11, 12, 13, 1974 in Winston-Salem.

Canon Sedgwick presented a resolution, prepared by Mr. Axford, on behalf of the Society in memory of the late Gabriella Hopkinson Patterson which was unanimously approved.

Second Vice-President General Brinker reported on a letter from a group interested in restoring the Liberty Bell and another letter from Leo Boller, who is trying to preserve Fort Wadsworth as a National Park and would like the backing of the D.S.D.I.

Thomas Heyward called the Roll of Signers and the descendents rose to be recognized.

The meeting was adjourned after a Benediction by Canon Sedgwick.

Respectively Submitted



Hope Middleton Wood  
Secretary-General

## REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT

March 22, 1974

Senior Members

## LIFE MEMBER

1591	Katharine Reese Huber (Mrs.) Cedar Creek Ranch, P.O.Box 38, Gainesville, Mo., 65655	Oliver Wolcott
LIFE MEMBER 1592	Barbara Seymour Reese R. D. 2, Box 260, Havre de Grace, Md., 21078	Oliver Wolcott
1593 (Jr. 364)	Hugh Gwynn Tyler P. O. Box 198, Waverly, Virginia, 23890	Carter Braxton
1594	Lettice Sands Phelps Stokes (Mrs. James Graham Phelps Stokes) 88 Grove Street, New York, N.Y., 10014	Philip Livingston
1595 (Jr. 575)	Margaret Blair Fox Colby College, Waterville, Maine, 04901	Oliver Wolcott
1596	Mildred Page Nelson Passano (Mrs. Edward Magruder Passano) P.O.Box 534, Route #5, Easton, Md., 21601	Thomas Nelson Jr.
1597	John Dandridge Nelson Hanover Courthouse, Virginia, 23069	Thomas Nelson, Jr.
1598	Sidney McIlvain Kutz 611 North Fifth Street, Reading, Penna., 19601	John Morton
1599	Elizabeth McIlvain Bausher (Mrs. Jordan Lee Bausher) P. O. Box 418, R.D.#3, Reading, Penna., 19606	John Morton
1600	Thomas Breese Baker 756 North Roosevelt Ave., Loveland, Colo., 80537	George Ross
1601	Katherine Braxton Hall Walker (Mrs. Allan Elliott Walker, Jr.) 2924 Cleveland Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20008	Carter Braxton
1602	Charlotte Katharine Boardman 129-06 Seventh Ave., College Point (Flushing), N.Y., 11356	Roger Sherman
1603	Veronica Margaret Wenchell (Mrs. Walter Thomas George Wenchell) 165 Little Whaleneck Road, Merrick, L.I., N.Y., 11566	Francis Lewis
1604	William Eliot Boardman 4306 Maple Road, Lynnwood, Wash., 98036	Roger Sherman

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Junior Members

716	Thomas Kinney Read Frelinghuysen 170 Prospect St., Princeton, N.J., 08540 Sr. #1239 8th Desc.	George Read b. 8-14-53
717	Denis deViry Frelinghuysen 170 Prospect St., Princeton, N.J., 08540 Sr. #1239 8th Desc.	George Read b. 11-8-59
718	Thomas Heyward Motte Hamilton 31 Howells Road, Belmont, Mass., 02178 Sr. #1564 8th Desc.	Thomas Heyward, Jr. b. 3-31-69
719	Jacob Lee Bausher Box 418, R. D. #3, Reading, Pa., 19606 Sr. #1599 9th Desc.	John Morton b. 6-22-61
720	Christopher McIlvain Bausher Box 418, R. D. #3, Reading, Pa., 19606 Sr. #1599 9th Desc.	John Morton b. 1-23-63
721	Robert Floyd Kunz Promenadegasse 31, Vienna, Austria 8th Desc	William Floyd b. 11-11-64

Supplementary Memberships

1482	Elizabeth Wight Brown (Mrs. William Francis Brown) 709 Roslyn Road, Winston-Salem, N.C., 27104	Benjamin Harrison (Two Lines)
1505	Virginia Wight Lamb (Mrs. Anderson Wade Lamb, Jr.) 1410 Park Avenue, Richmond, Va., 23220	Benjamin Harrison (Two Lines)
1508	Pocahontas Wight Edmunds (Mrs. Richard Coles Edmunds, Sr.) 655 Mountain Road, Halifax, Va., 24558	Benjamin Harrison (Two Lines)

Reinstatement Members

1170	The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr., S.T.M. Tector St. George's Parish, Accomac, Virginia, 23301	Richard Henry Lee
848	Joseph Boyd Baker, III 707 W. Fifth Street, Loveland, Colo., 80537	George Ross

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Deceased Members

756	Gabriella Biddle Hopkinson Patterson (Mrs. J. Howard Patterson)	Francis Hopkinson
	"Date of Death Unknown"	
1413	Mary Chase Postell Berger (Mrs. Homer Hecker Berger)	Samuel Chase
	Died 10-3-73	
1467	Frances Barnard O'Connor Havemeyer (Mrs. Frances Barnard Havemeyer)	Francis Hopkinson
	Died 2-5-74	
1338	James Ambler Johnston	Carter Braxton
	Died 2-7-74	

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

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ANALYSIS OF REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The following signers have new members represented as shown:

14 Senior Members  
6 Junior Members  
2 Reinstatements  
22

SIGNER:                      # NEW MEMBERS:

Carter Braxton	2
William Floyd	1
Thomas Heyward, Jr.	1
Francis Lewis	1
Richard Henry Lee	1
Philip Livingston	1
John Morton	4
Thomas Nelson, Jr.	2
George Read	2
George Ross	2
Roger Sherman	2
Oliver Wolcott	<u>3</u>
	22

	<u>NEW</u> <u>TOTALS:</u>
<b>SENIORS</b>	595 Oct. 1973 Report
	<u>4</u> -Deaths
	591
	16+ (14 New Reinstatements)
	<u>607</u>
<b>JUNIORS</b>	248 Oct. 1973 Report
	<u>2</u> -Trsf. to Seniors
	246
	<u>6</u> +New
	252

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara M. Kallfus*

DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INC.  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period 5/1/73 to 3/15/74

REVENUES:

Dues and Fees		\$ 5,520.00
Interest - General Fund	\$147.22	
Yearbook Fund	81.05	
Scholarship Fund	906.07	
Bi-Centennial Fund	191.03	1,325.37
Contributions - Scholarship Fund	\$1,177.00	
Bi-Centennial Fund	3,049.50	4,226.50
Miscellaneous		29.00
Total Revenues		<u>\$11,100.87</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Meetings - Philadelphia - 1973 - Expense	\$815.17		
Income	895.00	\$(79.83)	
Saratoga - 1973 - Expense	\$475.73		
Income	511.00	(35.27)	\$ (115.10)
Printing			1,456.10
Postage			139.72
Certificates			164.00
Scholarship			800.00
Contributions			120.00
Bulletin			218.00
Yearbook			1,428.04
Bi-Centennial Plaque			5,000.00
Miscellaneous			19.11
Total Expenditures			<u>\$9,229.87</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures			<u>\$1,871.00</u>

Fund Balances as of 3/15/74

	General	Yearbook	Scholarship	Bi-Cen.	Total
Balance as of 4/30/73	\$5,148.14	\$1,537.53	\$14,345.73	\$3,787.47	\$24,818.87
Increase or (Decrease)	3,694.39	(1,346.99)	1,283.07	(1,759.47)	1,871.00
Balance as of 3/15/74	<u>\$8,842.53</u>	<u>\$ 190.54</u>	<u>\$15,628.80</u>	<u>\$2,028.00</u>	<u>\$26,689.87</u>

FUND ASSETS:

Checking Account	\$5,912.08	\$(1,423.04)	-	\$(1,885.50)	\$ 2,603.54
Savings Account	2,930.45	1,613.58	\$ 5,528.80	109.21	10,282.04
Bank Certificate	-	-	-	3,804.29	3,804.29
Utility Bond	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
Total Assets	<u>\$8,842.53</u>	<u>\$ 190.54</u>	<u>\$15,628.80</u>	<u>\$2,028.00</u>	<u>\$26,689.87</u>

Members delinquent in dues for the years ended July 3, 1973 and July 3, 1974

1453 Miss Eleanor Poe Parlow	Address unknown
1446 Mrs. Wallace E. Butler, Jr.	Calibogue Cay, Hilton Head, South Carolina
1503 Mrs. Donald Douglas Case	1413 Joshua Clayton Road, Dover, Delaware
1510 Mr. Donald G. Cassels, Jr.	315 Calhoun Street, Johnston, South Carolina
1014 Mr. James Brown Craighill	914 American Building, Charlotte, North Carolina
1007 Mr. Lewis Jeremy Crews, Jr.	2403 Raymond Avenue, Richmond, Virginia
1109 Mr. Thomas Graham, Jr.	Address unknown
1520 Miss Eleanor B. A. Knipp	Gibson Island, Maryland
1291 Mr. Alfred W. G. Layton	Chester Road, Boxboro R.D., West Acton, Mass.
1205 Mr. Robert Rutledge Livingston	417 Woodlyne Ave., Laurel Park, Hendersonville, N.C.
1348 Mr. Peter Bowdoin Middendorf	1412 Malvern Ave., Baltimore, Md.
1480 Mr. James Conard Search	2473 Dale Road, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
1456 Mrs. L. Pierre Teillon	137 Elfreth's Alley, Philadelphia, Pa.
1462 Mr. John Terrell Wilkins III	729 5th Avenue W., Hendersonville, N. C.

To date one hundred twenty-five responses have been received to the Bi-Centennial mailing. Total pledges amount to \$3,660.00, of which \$2,833.00 has been paid. Of the total anticipated cost of the plaque of \$13,000.00, the sum of \$8,500.00 has been paid to the sculptor. This leaves a balance to be expended of \$4,500.00. The present balance in the Bi-Centennial Fund of \$2,000.00 plus the uncollected pledges of approximately \$800.00 leaves a deficit in the funds available of approximately \$1,700.00.

March 18, 1974

*James Paul Holbrook*  
Treasurer-General