

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.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary-General and were approved as read.

Honorary President-General Percy Hamilton Goodsell called the roll of the Signers as their descendants rose to be recognized.

The Registrar-General's report was read by Sally Hawkrige and showed that with the addition of a new member, we now have 608 senior members and 252 junior members.

Treasurer-General DeForest reported on the theft of 9 Bronze Plaques from Christ Church, five of which were from Signers graves. Rev. Harding informed us that the cost of their replacement will be borne by the Franklin Mint.

First Vice President-General Pyne reported on the locations of future meetings and stated the winter meeting for 1975 will be held in Morristown, New Jersey on February 15th and 16th.

Reporting for Massachusetts, Mrs. Walker announced the plans of Boston 200 to have a year of celebrations in 1975. She also reported that arrangements have been made for a descendant to read the Declaration from the Boston State house on July 4th.

Mary Schumacher reported that the New York Society is still working on the movie about the life of William Floyd.

Mr. Goodsell reporting for the Bicentennial committee stated that he has shown his slide presentation to 3 organizations, all of which contributed to our fund.

It was reported to the membership that the Board approved an increase of \$100 in the scholarship grant which would make it a total of \$900.

Our President-General announced the approval of the Board to endorse the efforts of Mr. Leo Boller to have Fort Wadsworth made into a living National Park under the guidance of the National Park Service.

Mr. Pyne reporting for the nominating committee offered the following nominations for the 1974-1975 which were unanimously elected by a voice vote:

President-General

First Vice President-General

Mrs. Lionel T. DeForest

Frederick Wallace Pyne

Second Vice President-General
Chaplain-General
Registrar-General
Assistant Registrar-General
Historian-General
Treasurer-General
Secretary-General
Assistant Secretary-General
Chancellor-General

Mrs. Morrison W. Brinker
The Rev. Canon Harold Bend Sedgwick
Mrs. William G. Kalbfleisch
Mrs. Robert McLain Hawkrige
Mrs. Craig McDonald Coley
James Paul Hopkinson
Mrs. William Spaulding Wood, II
Mrs. Joseph B. Hauck
Edward Ridley Finch, Jr.

Mr. Goodsell reported on a letter from the Curator of Anderson House expressing their gratitude for the loan of Francis Lewis' ring and the minature of Morgan Lewis. He further announced the Board's approval of the D.S.D.I. patronage of the Patriots Ball to be held in New York, April 19, 1975.

Mrs. DeForest requested that members write to Mr. Stuart Schulberg, Executive Producer of the Today Show, N. B. C. News, New York, New York in an attempt to have a show about the Signers in 1976.

A motion was made by Mr. Goodsell that the 1975 nominating committee be composed of Elizabeth Brown, John Fultz and Franklin Satterswaithe. This was passed.

Following the reading of the Declaration of Independence by James Hopkinson, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted



Hope Middleton Wood
Secretary-General

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT

June 8, 1974

Senior Member

SENIOR MEMBER
1605

Richard Ingraham Ely
23 Rogers Avenue, Somerville,
Mass. 02143

Oliver Wolcott

Changes of Name

1573

Jane Seymour Ely
NEW NAME -- Mrs. John Inman Pearce, Jr.

Oliver Wolcott

1324

Carola Sabine Collier
NEW NAME -- Mrs. Roger Marcel Berthelot
NEW ADDRESS
- - 20 Waterside Plaza, Apt. 27D
New York, N.Y. 10010

Oliver Wolcott

Jr. 542

Richard Nixon Manganaro
NEW NAME -- Nicholas Waln Manganaro

Oliver Wolcott

There are no new Junior Members and no deaths to report this time.

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ANALYSIS OF REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The only signer with one new member represented this time is:
Oliver Wolcott

| NEW | TOTALS |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| SENIORS | 607 March 1974 Report |
| | 1+ New |
| | 608 |
| JUNIORS | 252 No change from March 1974 report |

Respectfully reported,

Barbara M. Kalbfleisch

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

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Year ended April 30, 1974

REVENUES:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Dues and Fees | | \$5,706.00 |
| Interest - General Fund | \$147.22 | |
| Yearbook Fund | 81.05 | |
| Scholarship Fund | 906.07 | |
| Bi-Centennial Fund | <u>191.03</u> | 1,325.37 |
| Contributions - Scholarship Fund | \$2,252.00 | |
| Bi-Centennial Fund | <u>3,049.50</u> | 5,301.50 |
| Miscellaneous | | 29.50 |
| Total Revenues | | <u><u>\$12,362.37</u></u> |

EXPENDITURES:

| | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Meetings - Philadelphia - 1973 - Expense | \$815.17 | | |
| Income | <u>895.00</u> | \$(79.83) | |
| Saratoga - 1973 - Expense | \$475.73 | | |
| Income | <u>511.00</u> | (35.27) | |
| Williamsburg - 1974 - Expense | \$1,656.05 | | |
| Income | <u>1,340.00</u> | <u>316.05</u> | \$ 200.95 |
| Printing | | | 1,516.34 |
| Postage | | | 149.72 |
| 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><u>\$9,616.16</u></u> |

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures \$2,746.21

Fund Balances as of April 30, 1974

| | <u>General</u> | <u>Yearbook</u> | <u>Scholarship</u> | <u>Bi-Cen.</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Balance as of 4/30/73 | \$5,148.14 | \$1,537.53 | \$14,345.73 | \$3,787.47 | \$24,818.87 |
| Increase or (Decrease) | <u>3,494.60</u> | <u>(1,346.99)</u> | <u>2,358.07</u> | <u>(1,759.47)</u> | <u>2,746.21</u> |
| Balance as of 4/30/74 | <u><u>\$8,642.74</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 190.54</u></u> | <u><u>\$16,703.80</u></u> | <u><u>\$2,028.00</u></u> | <u><u>\$27,565.08</u></u> |

FUND ASSETS:

| | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Checking Account | \$5,712.29 | \$(1,423.04) | \$ 1,075.00 | \$(1,885.50) | \$ 3,478.75 |
| Savings Accounts | 2,930.45 | 1,613.58 | 5,628.80 | 109.21 | 10,282.04 |
| Bank Certificate | - | - | - | 3,804.29 | 3,804.29 |
| Utility Bond | - | - | 10,000.00 | - | 10,000.00 |
| Total Assets | <u><u>\$8,642.74</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 190.54</u></u> | <u><u>\$16,703.80</u></u> | <u><u>\$2,028.00</u></u> | <u><u>\$27,565.08</u></u> |

June 8, 1974

James Paul Hopkinson
Treasurer-General