

II. General Meeting of the Society

The meeting was called to order by President-General Pyne at the Islander Sheraton Hotel, Newport, Rhode Island, October 15, 1977.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer-General's report showing a checking account balance of \$8,459.82 and total assets of \$32,031.32 was approved as read.

The Registrar-General reported a present membership total of 751 Senior members and 279 Junior members.

President-General Pyne requested the membership to contact members of the Project Committee with suggestions for new enterprises or areas of activity for the D.S.D.I. In connection with this he reported Board approval of an expenditure of funds to send a young Descendant, Frank Mason, to a study group in Washington. He also announced a proposed New England tour organized by Mr. Brinker and Canon Sedgwick which will be described in the "Spirit of Seventy-Six."

Governor for Massachusetts Walker told of her continuing efforts to enlist new members for the D.S.D.I. and repeated the thanks of Admiral Wiley of the U.S.S. Constitution for the Society's gift towards its restoration.

Speaking for the Governor of Connecticut, Honorary President-General Goodsell requested approval for the expenditure of \$1,000 to pay for a muster of the Brigade of the American Revolution at the Society's next meeting in Connecticut. It was resolved to submit the matter to the Projects Committee for consideration.

Reporting for the New York Society, Mrs. H. Richard Schumacher announced that Society member, Mrs. William Manger is attempting to raise money to purchase the Oliver Wolcott house and maintain it as a museum.

Governor for Washington, Miss Campbell requested the Society consider a contribution for the maintenance of the tomb of Elbridge Gerry. No action was taken.

Historian-General Brinker reported on a new procedure for the scrapbook which includes not only activities of the Society for that particular date but also a clipping of a national or international news item for the same date. She also reported the receipt of a booklet by Bruyn A. Glann entitled "Proudly They Signed."

Secretary-General Wood announced this year's scholarship recipients are Miss H. Marie Suthers, a Junior at Ohio State and descendant of Francis Lewis and William H. Bingham, a descendant of Robert Morris, who will be entering the University of Virginia in the fall. Total Scholarship award was \$1,200.00.

Honorary President-General DeForest announced the mailing of a letter of appreciation to Ernest A. Harding, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, to be included in a bound volume of similar letters for his retirement. She suggested a proper project for the D.S. D.I. would be the updating of the Leech papers and their publication in bound form for sale.

Mrs. Robert Morris Marshall read a recently discovered letter from Robert Morris to his son-in-law and asked for suggestions for its proper disposal.

Following the reading of the Roll Call of the Signers by Richard Rodney Cooch the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Hope Middleton Wood

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Secretary-General

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

Treasurers' Report as of
September 30, 1977

Balance in checking account-Southern Bank		\$8,459.82
Scholarship Fund:		
Opening Balance	\$13,340.18	
Contributions	1,630.50	
Interest	489.31	
Paid Scholarships	<u>(1,200.00)</u>	19,259.99
Project Fund:		
Opening Balance	\$ 393.30	
Contributions	481.00	
Interest	<u>21.80</u>	891.10
General Fund Savings:		
Opening Balance	\$ 3,417.04	
Contributions	5.00	
Interest	<u>62.96</u>	3,485.00
Year Book - Opening Balance		<u>(64.59)</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>\$52,031.32</u>

ASSETS

Cash - Savings Account- Virginia Federal	\$ 7,571.50
Cash- Checking Account- Southern Bank	8,459.82
Diamond State Bond	10,000.00
Southwestern Bell Bond	<u>6,000.00</u>
	<u>\$52,031.32</u>

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

CHECKING ACCOUNT AS OF
SEPTEMBER 30, 1977

Balance in Southern Bank		<u>\$8,459.82</u>
Beginning Balance Apr. 30, 1977		\$6,165.86
<u>Monies Received:</u>		
Phila. Meeting	\$1,160.00	
Dues	4,434.00	
Interest	445.71	
Scholarship Fund	1,667.50	
General Fund	5.00	
Project Fund	<u>481.00</u>	
<u>Total Monies Received</u>		<u>8,193.21</u>
		\$14,359.07
<u>Less Disbursements:</u>		
Postage	\$ 180.99	
Newsletter	293.85	
Telephone	26.36	
Certificates	105.00	
Phila. Meeting	1,113.26	
Stationery & Printing	1,622.53	
Scholarship Transfer	2,111.50	
Transfer to Savings	<u>445.71</u>	
<u>Total Disbursements</u>		<u>5,899.25</u>
<u>Balance in Checking Account</u>		<u>\$ 8,459.82</u>

SENIOR MEMBERS

1799 r. 759)	Timothy Michael Kennedy RFD #1, East Meadow Lane, Pembroke, New Hampshire, 03275	Samuel Adams
1800 r. 794)	Patrice Louise Bache (Miss) 2 Longstreet Lane, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433	Benjamin Franklin
1801 (Jr. 717)	Denis deViry Frelinghuysen 170 Prospect St., Princeton, N.J., 08540	George Read
1802 (Jr. 222)	Margaret Carleton Reeves Barron (Mrs. Frank Eugene Barron, Jr.) 326 Wilson St., Eden, N.C., 27288	George Read
1803	Marjorie Lorene Horton Green (Mrs. Alvia Winfred Green) 530 Todd Ave., Beaumont, Texas, 77707	John Hart
1804	Diane Seabrook Cassels (Miss) 201 Calhoun St., Johnston, S.C., 29832	Francis Hopkinson

6 New Members

JUNIOR MEMBERS

807	Leslie Nicole Baumgartner Route 2 - Box 151, Auxvasse, Mo., 65231 Sr. #1684	George Taylor b. 3-9-77
806	Catherine Magruder Passano 3925 Linkwood Road, Baltimore, Md., 21210 Sr. #1596	Thomas Nelson, Jr. b. 9-19-75

2 New Members

TRANSFER FROM REGULAR TO LIFE MEMBER

1768	Katherine MacNaughton Whitney (Miss)	Benjamin Harrison
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RESIGNED

1409	William Lowndes Peple, Jr., M.D.	John Hart
1692	Andrew Pratt Spalding	Thomas McKean

2 Resignations

DROPPED MEMBERS

1275	Robert Bogardus Parker, III	Oliver Wolcott
1391	John F. McCormick, Jr.	John Hart
1400	Miss Millicent Livingston Wilkins	Philip Livingston
1554	Mrs. Frank Nicols Mason	Arthur Middleton
1569	Mrs. Peter M. Sieglaff	George Read
1580	Roy Warren West	John Hart
1600	Thomas Baker	George Ross
1626	Dr. William Landrum Heyward	Thomas Heyward, Jr.

8 Dropped Members

DEATHS

319	Gwendolyn Farnum Lee Baugh Beard (Mrs. Robert F. Beard)	John Morton Died Apr. 26, 1977
418	Miss Lucy Carter Lee	Richard Henry Lee Date of Death Unknown
1716	Miss Elizabeth A. Davis	John Morton Died May 31, 1977

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

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ANALYSIS OF REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT

<u>SIGNER</u>	<u># OF NEW MEMBERS:</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Samuel Adams	1	SENIORS 758	RECOUNT of Members per New Yearbook
Benjamin Franklin	1	6+	New Members
John Hart	1	<u>764</u>	
Francis Hopkinson	1	2-	Resignations
Thomas Nelson, Jr.	1	8-	Dropped Members
George Read	2	<u>3-</u>	Deaths
George Taylor	<u>1</u>	751	
	8		
		JUNIORS 281	May 14, 1977 Report
		2+	New Members
		<u>4-</u>	Transfer to Senior Roll
		279	

Barbara M. Halbfloesch
Registrar-General