

11. General Meeting of the Society

The meeting was called to order by President-General Pyne at 9:27 A. M., April 8, 1978 in the Chart Room, Ramada Inn, New Bern, North Carolina. President-General Pyne asked the Reverend Cannon Harold Bend Sedgwick, Chaplin-General to lead a prayer.

The Chair introduced Susan Center Klein, Secretary-General Pro-Tem. The Chair introduced Anna B. Hall Member-at Large, and Nominee for the Office of Treasurer-General.

The minutes of the meeting at Newport, Rhode Island were read and ammended as follows: Correction - the tomb of Elbridge Gerry is in good condition. The grounds need to be kept.

Treasurer-General Whitney gave a summary of the treasurer's report.

Registrar-General Kalbfleisch reported 8 new Senior Members, 1 reinstatement, 8 dropped members and 2 resignations, giving a total of 748 Senior Members. She further reported 4 new Junior Members and 5 transfers to the Senior roll for a total of 278 Junior Members.

The Chair observed that Honorary Presidents-Generals Agnes B. DeForest and Franklin Bache Satterthwaite had contributed much to the broadening trend of the geographical spread of the meetings of the Society. He noted the contribution and organization made by Pennsylvania Governor-General William Ward IV resulting in a memorable candlelight meeting last year in Philadelphia. He observed with regret the sudden departure of Mr. Satterthwaite, who attended yesterday's meeting, due to the serious illness of his one year old granddaughter in Toronto.

The Chair congratulated Assistant Secretary-General Passano, Jr. for the quality and organization of the new Year Book. The names of the membership are now on magnetic tape. It was observed by Mrs. DeForest and Mrs. Kalbfleisch that the names of married women are not listed in the general alphabetical section. This was noted and will be included in future printing.

Reporting for the Pennsylvania Society, Mr. Ward announced the annual meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn. The Chair recognized, in addition to Mr. Ward's, the effort of Dorothy Charlton Hauck toward a delightful, successful meeting last year.

The Chair urged those Virginia members present to contact Virginia Governor-General Burke regarding the proposed general meeting of the parent society in Fredericksburg March 31, April 1 and 2, 1979.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilmot Coale Clarke and Elizabeth Wight Brown congratulated Second Vice-President-General Mrs. Coley for the fine weekend she organized here in New Bern.

Mrs. Brown suggested Yorktown, Virginia as a meeting site the 2nd week of April 1981. The Thomas Nelson house is there.

The President-General read the report of the Nominating Committee.


The Chair introduced the subject of wearing of revolutionary costumes at the banquet of the forthcoming meeting to be held in Philadelphia. Mrs. DeForest mentioned Alice and Leroy Chapman. Their photograph in the costumes they wore to the banquet last year appears in the August 1977 newsletter. The members present voted to resolve to state in the forthcoming newsletter that members be invited to wear costumes, or black tie. The resolution was carried.

The Chair announced the Fall Meeting will be held in Norwich, Connecticut, October 13, 14, 15, 1978.

Mrs. DeForest asked for news and photographs for the newsletter. She introduced Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Bone, Sr., Normal, Illinois, who have shown extraordinary interest in the Signers of the Declaration by visiting many of their homes and gravesites.

The Chair asked Mr. Passano, Jr. to call the Roll. Descendants of the Signers present stood as follows: William Ellery 1, William Floyd 1, Philip P. Livingston 1, Francis Lewis 3, Francis Hopkinson 1, John Hart 5, Benjamin Franklin 1, John Morton 1, Samuel Chase 2, Thomas Jefferson 1, Benjamin Harrison 4, Thomas Nelson, Jr. 2, Thomas Heyward, Jr. 1, Arthur Middleton 1, Carter Braxton 1.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 A. M.


Susan Center Klein
Secretary-General Pro-Tem

SENIOR MEMBERS

05	Robert Clinton Patterson 6960 Warwick Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46220	William Floyd
1806	Roger Michael Schmitt (PERSONAL) 95 Wall Street, 11th Floor, New York, N.Y., 10005	Richard Henry Lee
1807	Elinor Brown Funk (Mrs. Warren Saylor Funk) 1103 North Covell Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57104	Roger Sherman
1808 (Jr. 757)	Janet Anderson McKean (Miss) 5 Fairlane Drive, Canton, N.Y., 13617	George Clymer
1809 (Jr. 543)	Elizabeth Anne Shelton (Miss) 171 S. Citrus Ave., Los Angeles, California, 90036	William Ellery
1810 (Jr. 521)	Frank Marion Galleher, III 301 Oak Lane, Richmond, Virginia, 23226	Carter Braxton
1811 (Jr. 553)	Stephen VanRensselaer Pyne "Hedgeleigh", Linwood, Md., 21764	William Floyd
1812 (Jr. 769)	Amy Allison Allen (Miss) 7631 River Point Drive, Houston, Texas, 77063	Thomas McKean

8 New Members

JUNIOR MEMBERS

809	Robin Mayhew 6 Alcott Drive, Wilmington, Delaware, 19808 Sr. #1775 b. 12-16-63	John Hart
810	Wendy Rebecca Mayhew 6 Alcott Drive, Wilmington, Delaware, 19808 Sr. #1775 b. 2-18-68	John Hart
811	Frank Nicols Mason, Jr. 563 W. Marshall St., West Chester, Pa., 19380 Sr. #1554 b. 3-19-61	Arthur Middleton
812	Arthur Middleton Mason 563 W. Marshall St., West Chester, Pa., 19380 Sr. #1554 b. 4-8-68	Arthur Middleton

4 New Members

TRANSFER FROM REGULAR TO LIFE MEMBER

Jr. #808 Catherine Magruder Passano Thomas Nelson, Jr.

DROPPED MEMBERS

1070	Mrs. John Warrick Malone	Benjamin Franklin
1131	Mervyn L. Lafferty, Jr.	John Morton
1158	John W. Stedman, Jr.	William Ellery
1207	Mrs. Ralph Brogan Burchenal	Philip Livingston
1260	Samuel Anthony Fortson, III	Philip Livingston
1321	Mrs. W. Bartz Schneider	Robert Morris
1471	Armistead Marshall Williams	Carter Braxton
1481	Marguerite June Search	John Hart

8 Dropped Members

REINSTATEMENT

1554 Mrs. Frank Nicols Mason Arthur Middleton

RESIGNATIONS

933	Mrs. James C. Wilson	John Witherspoon
1580	Mrs. Thomas C. Whitelock	William Floyd

2 Resignations

April 7, 1978

ANALYSIS OF REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT

<u>SIGNER</u>	<u># OF NEW MEMBERS</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Carter Braxton	1	SENIORS	749 Oct. 14, 1977
George Clymer	1		8+ New Members
William Ellery	1		1+ Reinstatement
William Floyd	2		<u>758</u>
John Hart	2		8- Dropped Members
Richard Henry Lee	1		2- Resignations
Thomas McKean	1		<u>748</u>
Arthur Middleton	2		
Roger Sherman	<u>1</u>		
	12		JUNIORS
			4+ New Members
			<u>5-</u> Transfer to Senior Roll
			278

Barbara M. Kalbfleisch

Registrar-General

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

CHECKING ACCOUNT AS OF
APRIL 4, 1978

Balance in Southern Bank Checking Account \$6,789.90

Beginning Balance April 30, 1977 \$6,165.86

Monies Received:

Dues	\$5,842.50	
Transfer from Sav.	3,301.87	
Phila. Meeting	1,160.00	
Newport Meeting	2,032.00	
Interest	795.71	
Project Fund	481.00	
General Fund	111.00	
Scholarship Fund	<u>1,679.50</u>	
<u>Total Monies Received</u>		<u>15,403.58</u>

Total Monies \$21,569.44

Less Disbursements:

Postage	\$ 400.40
Newsletter	898.60
Telephone	40.96
Certificates	150.00
Phila. Meeting	1,113.26
Newport Meeting	2,619.25
Stationery & Print	2,301.45
Scholarship Transf.	2,111.50
Transfer to Sav.	1,226.21
Yearbook	3,539.66
Storage	300.00
Binding Applications	52.00
Project Fund	<u>26.25</u>

Total Disbursements 14,779.54

Balance in Checking Account \$6,789.90

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

Treasurers' Report as of
April 4, 1978

Balance in checking account - Southern Bank \$ 6,789.90

Scholarship Fund:

Opening Balance	\$18,340.18	
Contribution	1,679.50	
Interest	884.03	
Paid Scholarship	<u>(1,200.00)</u>	19,703.71

Project Fund:

Opening Balance	\$ 388.30	
Contributions	481.00	
Interest	29.08	
Paid V. E. Campbell	<u>(26.25)</u>	872.13

General Fund & Year Book:

Opening Balance	\$3,417.04	
	<u>(64.59)</u>	
	\$3,352.45	
Contributions	111.00	
Interest	622.41	
Printing Year Book	<u>(3,539.66)</u>	<u>546.20</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$27,911.94

ASSETS

Southern Bank Checking Account Balance	\$ 6,789.90
Virginia Federal Bank Savings Account	5,122.04
Diamond State Bond	10,000.00
Southern Bell Bond	<u>6,000.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$27,911.94