

Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence, Inc.

Board Meeting
Colony Club
New York, N. Y.

February 15, 1958

The meeting was called to order by the President-General, Mr. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., at 11.30 A.M.

In the absence of the Chaplain-General, Mr. Goodsell offered the Society Prayer.

Those present were: Mr. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., Mrs. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Mrs. J. Howard Patterson, Mr. Wentworth Seton Simmons, Mr. Edward R. Finch, Jr., Mr. John P. Duane, Miss Juliana T. Paca, Miss Emily G. Hopkinson, Mr. Pennington Satterthwaite, Mr. C. B. Axford, Mr. Allen G. Wellman, Mr. Robert L. Clarkson, Jr. and Mr. Thomas Graham.

In view of the fact that the Minutes of the previous meeting had been mailed to all members of the Board, on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Minutes.

The reports of the President-General, Vice-Presidents-General, and the Historian-General were deferred to the General Meeting of the membership.

REPORT OF THE REGISTER-GENERAL was received and approved.

NEW MEMBERS

#1171	John Herbert Mears, Jr. Manor Vale Farm Catonsville, Maryland	SIGNER: Benjamin Harrison
#1172	Alan Penniman Hoblitzell 6005 North Charles Street Baltimore 12, Maryland	SIGNER: William Paca
#1173	Robert Livingston Strong 15 Oak Knoll Road Summit, New Jersey	SIGNER: Philip Livingston
#1174	Eleanor Livingston Poe Barlow (Mrs. Joel Barlow) 5285 Partridge Lane, N.W. Washington, D. C.	SIGNER: Robert Morris

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

#463	Sandra Lind Mears, b. January 14, 1940	SIGNER: Benjamin Harrison
#464	Susan Penny Mears, b. November 1, 1941	SIGNER: Benjamin Harrison
#465	Nancy Claiborne Mears, b. September 6, 1943	SIGNER: Benjamin Harrison

#466 John Herbert Mears, III, b. May 1, 1949 SIGNER: Benjamin Harrison
 #315 G.Mother #1171 Father: John Herbert Mears, Jr.
 Manor Vale Farm
 Catonsville, Maryland

#467 Marion Hale, b. September 24, 1951 SIGNER: William Ellery

#468 Thomas May Hale, b. August 28, 1952 " " "

#469 Philip Prescott Hale, b. April 16, 1954 " " "

#470 Henry Stedman Hale, b. July 13, 1956 " " "
 #1103 G.Mother; Father Thomas Hale
 Off Beacon Street
 Marblehead, Mass.

DEATHS

#251 Miss Mary Hart Darragh 11/8/57
 #1038 Heyligier deWindt 11/29/57
 #584 Mrs. C. Emory McMichael 1/17/58
 #707 Mrs. Warren W. Cunningham Date Unknown

RESIGNATION

#1082 Marquise dePolignac 2/15/58

REPORT OF TREASURER-GENERAL:

The report was read by the Treasurer-General and was approved as read. A copy of the report is appended to the Minutes of the General Meeting. The following were dropped for non-payment of dues for two years.

#969 Mr. Huntington Wolcott Frothingham
 #1007 Mrs. Marshall McCormick Milton
 #749 Mrs. F. Linsley Roessler

43 members are behind in current dues
 10 members are one year behind.

#1056 Mrs. Joseph Kolb Shoemaker was reinstated to membership.

REPORT OF STATE GOVERNORS:

The reports were deferred to the General Meeting.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Secretary-General was instructed to contact the Chairman Mrs. Densmore and send out a card with the ticket prior to March 18, 1958.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Miss Mildred Lee wrote a letter regretting that she was unable to be present and mentioned that she had received a letter from our Scholarship student, Miss Cynthia H. Darragh stating that she was getting on well at Wayne State University.

REPORT OF BULLETIN COMMITTEE:

Mr. Axford asked for news items of interest to the membership and the President-General spoke of the great value of the Newsletter particularly if it can be mailed at regular intervals and carry plans for forthcoming meetings in order to stimulate attendance. Also a list of those whose present whereabouts are unknown with the hope that any member who has this information will send it to the Secretary-General.

OLD BUSINESS:

The President-General will contact our Governor-at-Large, Mr. Hugh Gwynn Postles of Arlington, Virginia, to ascertain what action has been taken to restore our insignia to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which had been removed by vandals.

Miss Paca made a full and most interesting report of the plans for the Maryland meeting this coming Fall at Annapolis. A further report will be made at the annual Congress in May.

Mrs. J. Howard Patterson reported for the Pennsylvania State Society plans for the Annual Congress to be held on Saturday, May 17th, and Sunday, May 18th, 1958. Notices have been sent to the entire membership. The program sounds most interesting. In connection with the Congress it is noted that the Philadelphia membership has recently been showing greater interest and we hope that everyone of our Philadelphia membership, if possibly able to do so, will attend the meetings and particularly the dinner at the Acorn Club.

There being no further new business the meeting adjourned by motion duly made and seconded, at 1 P.M.

The Board Meeting was followed by a delicious luncheon at the Colony Club and we are all most grateful to Mrs. Graeme Donald for making it possible for our Society to enjoy the hospitality of this beautiful Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Graham

Report of Delinquent Members

February 1, 1958

Current Dues.....	43
One Year Back.....	10
Two Years Back.....	3

Dropped

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