

Descendants of the Signers of
the Declaration of Independence, Inc.
Board Meeting
Powel House
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 17, 1958

The meeting was called to order by the President-General, Mr. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., at 11:20 A.M.

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

Those present were: Miss Juliana T. Paca, Mr. Wentworth Seton Simmons, Mr. Thomas Graham, Miss Natalie L. Densmore, Mrs. J. Howard Patterson, Dr. T. McKean Downs, Mrs. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Major William McK. Scott, Mr. John P. Duane, Mr. C. B. Axford, Mr. Milton Addison Thomas, Mr. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr.

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 REGISTRAR-GENERAL was received and approved.

NEW MEMBERS

#1175 Douglas Grahame Smyth
27 East 63rd Street
New York 21, New York
SIGNER: Francis Lewis

#1176 Avis Densmore Stuart
(Mrs. Edward George Stuart)
Warren Lane, Meadowbrook Heights
Charlottesville, Virginia
SIGNER: John Hart

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

#471 Jaqueline Marshall Braxton, b. December 8, 1937
#472 Merwin Carter Braxton, b. January 31, 1940
SIGNER: Carter Braxton
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DEATHS

#87 Alexander Coxe Williams
#335 Jasper Eaton Dickinson
March 15, 1958
March 26, 1958

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.

39 members are behind in current dues.
9 members are one year behind.
2 members are two years behind.

The Treasurer-General reported three new Life Members.

REPORT OF STATE GOVERNORS:

The reports were deferred to the General Meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Miss Lee reported and her report will be included in the Minutes of the General Meeting.

REPORT OF BULLETIN COMMITTEE:

No report was received, but the President-General spoke of the importance of publishing the Bulletin at stated intervals, and the need for the membership lending its support with news items.

OLD BUSINESS:

Miss Paca, our Governor for Maryland, reported on plans for the coming fall meeting at Annapolis. The program will be outlined more fully in the Minutes of the General Meeting.

The Secretary-General reported on the plans to preserve the Rush Homestead at Byberry. Here again the subject will be reviewed in full in the Minutes of the General Meeting.

Miss Lee reported on the arrangement for the Society dinner to be held in the evening at the Acorn Club. All places having been subscribed for the list is closed.

It was unanimously approved that the Society should hold its February meeting again next year at the Colony Club in New York. The Club is conveniently located, extremely attractive and suitable for our meeting.

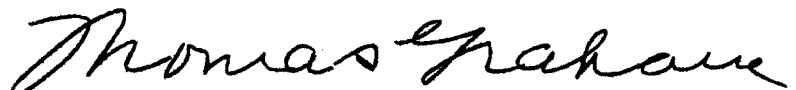
Miss Lee reported on the meeting held in the Mayor's Office relating to the Freedom Week celebration and particularly the ceremonies to be held at Independence Hall on the Fourth of July. A letter was read by the President-General from the Freedom Week Committee inviting our Society to participate and it was approved that the invitation be accepted by the President-General.

NEW BUSINESS:

The President-General proposed a Membership Committee for the Philadelphia area in view of the fact that we have approximately one hundred members in this area, many of whom are not very active, in addition to a number of Juniors, who it is hoped can be elected to Senior Membership. The Committee will consist of Mrs. Richard G. Park, Jr., Mrs. Francis Von A. Cabeen, Mrs. J. Howard Patterson, Mr. Harold H. Morris, Miss Mildred W. Lee, Miss Mary W. Graham and Miss Emily G. Hopkinson.

There being no further new business a motion to adjourn was moved and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 12.20 followed by the usual delicious luncheon served at the Powel House.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary-General