

DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INC.
BOARD MEETING
Colony Club
New York City, N.Y.

February 14, 1959

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: Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., Miss Emily G. Hopkinson, Col. Henry Winston Holt, Mrs. William H. Suttentfield, Robert L. Clarkson, Jr., Miss Natalie L. Densmore, Miss Cornelia L. V. R. Strong, Pennington Satterthwaite, Miss Mildred W. Lee, Mrs. Graeme Donald, C. B. Axford.

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.

In the absence of the Registrar-General the following names were reported as approved for admission to membership.

Senior Members

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| #1184 | Mr. Arthur Howell Gerhard, Jr.
LIFE MEMBER
347 East 84th Street
New York 28, N. Y. | <u>Signer:</u> Arthur Middleton |
| #1185 | Virginia Wintermote Moore
(Mrs. Paul Bertram Moore)
2140 Fanwood Avenue
Long Beach 15, California | <u>Signer:</u> John Hart |
| #1186 | Mr. Julian Kean Roosevelt
Centre Island
Oyster Bay, Long Island, N.Y. | <u>Signer:</u> Lewis Morris |
| #1187 | Rear Admiral Schuyler Neilson Pyne, U.S.N.
New York Naval Shipyard
Brooklyn 1, New York | <u>Signer:</u> William Floyd |
| #1188 | Mr. Charles Marshall Davison, Jr.
722 Fontaine Street
Alexandria, Virginia | <u>Signer:</u> Robert Morris |

Junior Member

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| #479 | Richard Glenn Moore
b. May 13, 1943
(son of Mrs. Paul Bertram Moore) #1185 | <u>Signer:</u> John Hart |
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Death

#509 Helen Rutherford Peabody Satterthwaite

October 28, 1958

A loyal member of this Society for many years. A silent prayer was offered for Mrs. Satterthwaite, all standing.

REPORT OF TREASURER-GENERAL:

The report was read by the Assistant Treasurer-General and was approved as read. A copy of the report is appended to the Minutes of the General Meeting.

44 members are behind in current dues.

23 members are one year behind.

One life member has been added.

One member, Major Robert Willoughby Williams, has paid his dues, and offered his resignation.

Mr. Howard Duane has tendered his resignation but action has been deferred pending payment of back dues.

Major Williams' resignation was accepted with regret.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Miss Strong, the Chairman, submitted the following report:

PRESIDENT-GENERAL: Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT-GENERAL: Thomas McKean Downs, M.D.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT-GENERAL: Richard Blackburn Tucker

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL: The Rev. Francis Hopkinson Craighill, Jr.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL: Mrs. J. Howard Patterson

HISTORIAN-GENERAL: Milton Addison Thomas

TREASURER-GENERAL: Miss Natalie Lolita Densmore

ASSISTANT TREASURER-GENERAL: Wentworth Seton Simmons

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Thomas Graham

ASSISTANT-SECRETARY-GENERAL: Clinton Burgess Axford

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Miss Mildred Lee, Chairman, reported that our present scholar, Dwight Day, Jr. was doing well at Hampden-Sidney College. Major Scott's application for a scholarship for his grandson was discussed. It was felt that the Society could not afford two scholarships simultaneously, and it was pointed out that the award is on a year to year basis and that Student Day's family understand that his selection was on this basis. Action was left to the Scholarship Committee, with a further report to be made at the May meeting of the Society to be held in Philadelphia. The matter of members of the Society making contributions to the Scholarship Fund was discussed. While these contributions would be most welcome no action was taken.

The matter of sending a Christmas present of five dollars to the student was discussed and the Board ruled that this should not be done in the future.

Attention was called to the By-Laws which provide that candidates for the scholarship must be of good character, good scholastic standing and must be recommended by their school.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE:

Mr. Axford, the Chairman, reported that the current bulletin is incomplete and though over a year has passed since the last previous bulletin was issued he has not yet found time to complete it. The Board voted to complete the present bulletin, publish and mail the same to the membership and then discontinue publication until further notice. Attention is called to the fact that the Secretary-General will publish matters of interest to the members in the Minutes of the meetings, mailed to the members regularly three times a year.

OLD BUSINESS:

The President-General read a letter from Mr. Edward Walker regarding arrangements made with the guardian of Miss Sallie Beach, Honorary Historian-General to have the Society papers in Miss Beach's possession forwarded to the Virginia State Society, and then to the Secretary-General, c/o of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

The President-General reported that the Society's insigne had been acquired to replace the one stolen from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington and this insigne would be forwarded with a brass dedication plaque to be placed in the museum of Honor at the Tomb.

Miss Juliana Tilghman Paca, our very efficient and hard working Governor for Maryland, reported on the great success of the Annapolis meeting last October. She also spoke of the large number of guests who attended the various affairs.

The President-General called for a vote of congratulation on the great success of the meeting and the excellent arrangements made at Annapolis and on the Eastern Shore. This was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The President-General revealed that he had discussed the possibility of a gift by the Society to the new Aircraft Carrier Independence and the Board expressed approval leaving the choice of the gift to the President-General.

Plans for the May meeting in Philadelphia May 16-17 were discussed. A Committee consisting of Miss Emily Hopkinson, Miss Mildred Lee and Miss Natalie Densmore will handle the meeting on behalf of the Pennsylvania Society. It was reported that Miss Hopkinson has engaged the Sedgley Club in Fairmount Park for the annual banquet.

A report was made that the Powel House has raised its meeting rental fee to \$50.00. It was hoped that for our small group the fee should remain at \$25.00, otherwise the Board might decide to have their meeting and luncheon elsewhere.

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

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The Board Meeting was followed by the usual 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 House.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Graham
Secretary-General