

ANNUAL CONGRESS  
of the Members of the  
Descendants of the Signers of the  
Declaration of Independence, Inc.

East Wing, Independence Hall  
Philadelphia, Pa.

16 May, 1959

The meeting was called to order by the President-General, Mr. Percy H. Goodsell, Jr., at 2:45 P.M.

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

Mr. Melford O. Anderson, Superintendent of Independence National Historical Park was introduced by the President-General and gave an interesting account of the research and restoration work done on Independence Hall and the Park during the past year. He called attention to the fact that Independence Hall was not built with the expectation it would last forever and it has been found to be in deplorable condition. This condition is being remedied as quickly as time and funds permit. Possibly if we all write to the Hon. Fred A. Seton, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C. urging him to complete the work of restoration as quickly as possible and telling him of our desire to return to the Assembly Room for our Annual Congress where we met for 49 years, we will at least show him how deeply interested we are in Independence Hall.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-GENERAL:

The President-General thanks the Pennsylvania State Society and the Entertainment Committee, Miss Hopkinson and Mrs. Light for the Sedgely Club, Miss Lee, Miss Densmore and Mrs. Patterson, the Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks, the Superintendent of the Independence National Historical Park Project, and the Secretary-General.

On Washington's Birthday the Society was represented at the 176th Annual Dinner of the New York Society of the Cincinnati at the Union Club by the President-General.

On Wednesday, April 1st, a delegation from the Society composed of Miss Cornelia Livingston Van Rensselaer Strong, Governor of New Jersey, Mrs. Graeme Donald, Treasurer of the New York State Society, Mrs. John Kean, Mr. Robert Livingston Clarkson, Jr., Mr. Allen Gouverneur Wellman and Mr. Douglas Graham Smyth, President, Vice-President and Secretary, respectively, of the New York State Society, and the President-General presented a framed copy of the Trumbull painting of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence to the aircraft carrier U.S.S. "Independence". The ceremony took place on the flight deck before the officers and a detachment of the crew, the President-General making the presentation to the Commanding Officer, Captain McElroy. Afterwards the party were shown over the ship.

On Wednesday, April 15th, the President-General and Mr. Clarkson, represented the society at a reception for the officers of the patriotic societies of New York tendered by the New York division of the General Society of the War of 1812.

On Saturday, May 2nd, the President-General unveiled a tablet in memory of General Philip Schuyler on the walls of Fort Schuyler.

On Sunday, May 10th, Mr. Allen G. Wellman, Vice-President of the New York State Society, represented the national organization at a church service held in old St. Paul's Chapel, New York, under the joint auspices of the New York State Society of the Cincinnati and the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut to commemorate the 176th anniversary of the founding of Cincinnati.

The President-General represented the society at the Spring Garden Party of the Colonial Dames of America on Monday, May 11th. Our Insigne was placed at Arlington.

Copies of Declaration are obtainable from the President-General.

Invitations from the President-General National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 were received.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD:

Many of the matters summarized in the following reports were reported at the Board meeting held in the morning.

#### REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENTS GENERAL:

Dr. T. McKean Downs was present but had no report.

#### SUMMARY OF REPORT OF REGISTRAR-GENERAL:

Mrs. Patterson reported 6 new members: #1189 Thomas Graham, Jr., #1190 Dr. Edward H. Roberts, #1191 Rear Admiral Dashiell Livingston Madeira, U.S.N. (Ret.), #1192 LIFE MEMBER Mrs. Jay C. Kuhn, #1193 Mrs. William Catlin, #1194 Mrs. James Waller Callison; 12 new Junior members: #480 Lynn Marie McCormick, #481 Lynn Kirkland Taylor, #482 to #487 Kate Noble, Edward H. Jr., David Hall, Suzanne Jennifer, Jean Middleton and Duncon McLoughlin Roberts, #488 to #491 James M., Jr., Jeanne Allison, Linda B. and Catey Lynn Detwiler.

Three deaths #1025 Lewis Merrill Scott April 4, 1959; #722 Mary Rankin Knox April 18, 1959 and #407 Grace Luella Wicks Edwards May 7, 1959.

All standing a silent prayer was offered for those departed members.

It was announced that the Board authorized a resolution to be sent to Mrs. Edwards' family expressing our deep regret and sympathy.

#### REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN-GENERAL:

We are looking forward to an interesting report to be published in the Bulletin.

#### SUMMARY OF REPORT OF TREASURER-GENERAL:

The Treasurer-General summarized his report and the full report is appended to these Minutes.

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Miss Lee reported that our student Dwight Day, Jr. is doing well at Hampton-Sidney College, majoring in five subjects and showing great proficiency in languages. He is most appreciative of our assistance.

REPORT OF GOVERNORS:

NEW YORK: Mr. Axford reporting for the New York State Society spoke of the growth and the importance of cocktail parties to bring members together.

MARYLAND: Miss Paca, Governor for Maryland, with her usual enthusiasm, spoke of the great interest aroused in our Society in Maryland as the result of her most successful meeting at Annapolis and tour of the Eastern Shore in the Fall of 1958. We are confident that we will find many new members in Maryland.

PENNSYLVANIA: Miss Densmore spoke of the apathy that existed in the Pennsylvania Society and of her unsuccessful efforts to arouse some interest. The Secretary-General pointed out that Mrs. Harold H. Morris of Villa Nova had offered to bring together a group of prominent Philadelphia women, members of the Society with the idea of laying plans for obtaining new members and increasing the attendance at the dinner following the Annual Congress.

MASSACHUSETTS: The Secretary-General received a letter from Mrs. Walker, our Governor, saying that she intends to gain some new members through the Bostonian Society which meets in the Old State House. Mrs. Walker has had our members in the Social Register designated by the letter "D".

OLD BUSINESS: The usual fee of \$25.00 to the Land Marks Society for the use of the Powel House for our Board Meeting and luncheon was approved.

Mr. Thomas Graham, Secretary-General, reported on various matters. The Freedom Week Committee has asked our Society to assist them, by performing a most interesting and important duty. Our State Governor will be called upon in this connection, but it is the hope of the Freedom Week Committee that our members in each of the 13 original states will participate and attend the ceremonies of Freedom Week particularly those on July 4th at Independence Hall, when the original flag with the 49th star for Alaska will be dedicated. Their letter is appended hereto and should be read by all our members.

The Secretary-General spoke of the efforts being made in our behalf for our return to the Assembly Room in Independence Hall. A letter from Michael Francis Doyle, Esq. is appended hereto.

The Secretary-General spoke of the Franklin Day exercises on January 17, 1959, when he placed a wreath on the grave of Benjamin Franklin along with many other organizations. A letter from the Poor Richard Club is appended hereto.

The Secretary-General spoke of his visit to Allentown to represent Christ Church and our Society at the dedication of a replica of the Liberty Bell to commemorate

the safe keeping of the Liberty Bell and the Bells of Christ Church at Zion Reformed Church in Allentown during the occupation of Philadelphia by the British.

The Secretary-General spoke of the efforts to preserve the birthplace of Dr. Benjamin Rush "Byberry". A letter from Colonel Frank W. Melvin, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission is appended hereto.

The Secretary-General read an article by Dr. Lawrence M. Gould, President, Carleton College, Minnesota, entitled "Why Men Survive".

#### WHY MEN SURVIVE

"I do not believe the greatest threat to our future is from bombs or guided missiles. I don't think our civilization will die that way. I think it will die when we no longer care - when the spiritual forces that make us wish to be right and noble die in the hearts of men. Arnold Toynbee has pointed out that 19 or 21 notable civilizations have died from within and not by conquest from without. There were no bands playing and no flags waving when these civilizations decayed; it happened slowly, in the quiet and the dark when no one was aware.....'If America is to grow great, we must stop gagging at the word spiritual.' Our task is to re-discover and re-assert our faith in the spiritual, non-utilitarian values on which American life has really rested from its beginning."

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The President-General spoke of Mrs. Patterson's 16 years of dedicated service as Registrar-General and Mr. Simmons' service to the Society as Treasurer-General. A rising vote of thanks was given these loyal members.

The amendment to the Constitution to raise the Life Membership to \$150.00 was voted on and a postal card will be sent to the full membership for final action at the October meeting.

Mr. Axford suggested a resolution of thanks to Mr. Doyle and to the Freedom Week Committee for their recognition of our Society. This was approved and copies of these resolutions are appended hereto.

The Nominating Committee report was made by Miss Paca in the absence of the Chairman Miss Strong and there being no further nominations the Vice-President-General Dr. Downs, instructed the Secretary-General to cast one vote for the nominations submitted. The Committee's report is appended hereto.

Miss Cornelia L. Van Rensselaer Strong, Miss Eliza Coale Funk and Mrs. William Ward, III, were elected as the Nominating Committee for the coming year. Miss Strong to act as Chairman. The Committee will welcome suggestions which will be held confidential.

The President-General thanked the Society for their support and suggested that it was most important to build up the Society especially in Philadelphia where for so many years it played a leading part.

The Secretary-General read the Declaration of Independence and also read the list of Signers and those Descendants present rose to the names of their illustrious ancestors: George Ross 1, Oliver Wolcott 1, Samuel Adams 1, Thomas McKean 1, Samuel Chase 1, William Paca 2, John Hart 4, Francis Hopkinson 1, John Morton 3.

In accordance with a resolution by the Board of Governors on July 3, 1912, the following name is to be carried forever upon the roll of the Society:

#78 Williams, Charles Duane

Benjamin Franklin

Died on the S.S. Titanic, April 14, 1912, to save the lives of others.

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The members and their guests enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Sedgeley Club in Fairmount Park and heard an excellent talk by Mr. David Taylor who spoke on the subject of the Signers. The following day, Sunday, the members and their guests attended Church at Swedesboro and after luncheon at the Salem Country Club visited the Salem Historical Society.

As there was no further business to transact the meeting was adjourned at 4 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas Graham*  
Secretary-General

A P P E N D I X

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DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INC.  
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER-GENERAL  
 May 1, 1958, to April 30, 1959

Balance on Hand, May 1, 1958

Accounted for as follows:

Cash, Provident Tradesmens Bank & Trust Co., Swarthmore, Pa.	\$ 669.43	
(Of this amount \$326.50 reserved for the Bi-Centennial Fund)		
U. S. Savings Bond-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, reserved for Bi-Cen. Fund	500.00	
U. S. Treasury Bond-4% " " " " "	500.94	
U. S. Treasury Bond-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	500.00	
Scholarship Fund (17 shares of A. T. & T. Stock)	<u>2,730.96</u>	\$ 4,901.33

Receipts, May 1, 1958, to April 30, 1959

Interest and Dividends	\$ 198.00	
Dues and Enrollment Fees	2,200.00	
Miscellaneous	46.30	
Total Receipts	<u>2,444.30</u>	\$ 7,345.63

Disbursements, May 1, 1958, to April 30, 1959

Printing	\$1,284.75	
Officers' Expenses	110.81	
Expenses of Philadelphia Congress, 1958	110.87	
Expenses of Annapolis Meeting, 1958	130.11	
Expenses of New York Meeting, 1959	139.73	
Contributions and Gifts	215.51	
Scholarship Grants	250.00	
Miscellaneous	91.11	
	<u>2,332.89</u>	

Balance Remaining, May 1 \$ 5,012.74

Balance on Hand, April 30, 1959

Cash, Provident Tradesmens Bank & Trust Co., Swarthmore, Pa.	\$ 780.84	
(Of this amount \$436.50 reserved for the Bi-Centennial Fund)		
U. S. Savings Bond-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, reserved for Bi-Cen. Fund	500.00	
U. S. Treasury Bond-4% " " " " "	500.94	
U. S. Treasury Bond-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	500.00	
Scholarship Fund (17 shares A. T. & T. at cost)	<u>2,730.96</u>	\$ 5,012.74

*Wentworth Seton Simmons*  
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DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INC.  
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER-GENERAL  
 MAY 1, 1959

NET ASSETS, VALUE AS OF MAY 1, 1959, AS REQUESTED AT BOARD MEETING  
 in NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 14, 1959

	<u>COST</u>	<u>VALUE, MAY 1</u>
Cash, Provident Tradesmens Bank & Trust Company Swarthmore, Pa. (Of this amount \$436.50 reserved for Bi-Centennial Fund)	\$ 780.84	\$ 780.84
U. S. Savings Bond-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, reserved for Bi-Cen.	500.00	465.90
U. S. Treasury Bond-4%, reserved for Bi-Cen.	500.94	490.12
U. S. Treasury Bond-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	500.00	420.60
Scholarship Fund - 17 shares of American Telephone & Telegraph Stock (per share - \$252.25)	2,730.96	4,288.25
	\$5,012.74	\$6,445.71

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 Ass't Treas.-General

## Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence

INCORPORATED

Officers, 1959-1960

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4, of the Constitution, the Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for office for the term 1959-1960

President-General

Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr.  
"Tenacre," Purchase Road, White Plains, New York

First Vice-President-General

Thomas McKean Downs, M.D.  
"Green Peace," Mount Pleasant Road, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Second Vice-President-General

Richard Blackburn Tucker  
Kingston Hall, Port Haywood, Virginia

Honorary Chaplain-General

The Reverend Ernest A. Harding  
Old Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chaplain-General

The Rev. Francis Hopkinson Craighill, Jr.  
Route #3, Hendersonville, N. C.

Registrar-General

Mrs. Henry Norris Platt  
6 Norman Lane, Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Honorary Historian-General

Miss Sallie Spotswood Beach  
3615 Carolina Avenue, Richmond 22, Va.

Historian-General

M. Addison Thomas  
Manheim Garden Apt., Philadelphia 44, Pa.

Treasurer-General

Miss Natalie L. Densmore  
110 Chester Pike, Ridley Park, Pa.

Assistant Treasurer-General

Wentworth Seton Simmons  
114 Yale Avenue, Swarthmore, Pa.

Secretary-General

Thomas Graham  
2129 Delancey Place, Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Assistant Secretary-General

Clinton Burgess Axford  
"American Banker," 32 Stone Street, New York 4, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

Juliana Tilghman Pace

Cornelia Livingston Van Rensselaer Strong  
Chairman

Nominating Committee



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

CITIZENS' FREEDOM WEEK COMMITTEE

MAYOR RICHARDSON DILWORTH  
*Honorary Chairman*

WILLIAM GOLDMAN  
*General Chairman*

RALPH W. PITMAN  
*Treasurer*

ROOM 201, CITY HALL  
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April 24, 1959

Mr. Thomas Graham, Secretary-General  
Society of the Descendants of the  
Signers of the Declaration of  
Independence  
2129 Delancey Place  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Graham:

Last year the members of the Society of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence were kind enough to participate in the opening day program for Freedom Week and contributed immeasurably to making this one of the most moving and inspiring ceremonies to be presented by the City of Philadelphia.

We are once again in the process of formulating our plans for the 1959 observance of Freedom Week, June 28 to July 4, and we turn to your organization for cooperation in inviting the governors of the thirteen original colonies to join us in our national pilgrimage to Independence Hall on July 4.

Specifically, we would like to have a representative selected in each of the thirteen states. This person will be officially invited by William Goldman, who has been appointed by Mayor Richardson Dilworth as Chairman of Freedom Week, to head his state delegation to the national pilgrimage.

We plan to have special floral pieces made up in the form of the Liberty Bell which will be flown to the thirteen states. We will advise each state chairman when the Liberty Bell will arrive in his state

Prior to the arrival of this floral piece, an appointment will have been set up with the governor of the state to receive the Liberty Bell. Such appointment can either be made by this office or by the individual himself if he prefers to do so. We would like the chairman to compose a delegation to join him in his visit to the governor, and we would, if possible, like to have included among that group a youngster in colonial costume so that the press could get some colorful pictures.

*Celebrating the 182nd National Observance of Independence Day*

April 24, 1959

The national press has already been alerted and expressed an interest as well as actually stating that they are recognizing Philadelphia's Independence Day observance as the official one in the United States. We will alert the press and photographers when the appointed day arrives for the presentation of the Liberty Bells but we would hope that the state chairman would follow through on a state level.

The floral invitation will be presented on behalf of Mayor Dilworth and the Freedom Week Committee.

We would hope that the state chairmen would be successful in arousing interest in a group of people from his state to join us at Independence Hall on July 4 to share in the historic ceremonies that will take place. In any event we hope that at least the state chairman will come so that the thirteen states could be represented, and this individual be introduced as the representative from his state.

Unfortunately, we produce Freedom Week on a limited budget and are not in a position to pay expenses. However, we always have a lovely luncheon following the Fourth of July ceremonies, which incidentally begin promptly at 11 A.M. and last for about one hour, and we would be pleased to have these representatives as our guests at the luncheon.

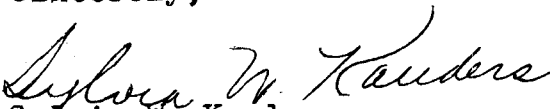
Our program on July 4 will feature a pageant of flags presented by the Girl and Boy Scouts in which the flags of the original colonies will be presented. At the conclusion of this pageant, the new 49-star flag will be raised officially for the first time. The flag that will be raised is the original working flag presented to Philadelphia by President Eisenhower and this will indeed be a historic moment which we will all share.

The overall theme is a Salute to Alaska, and the keynote speaker will be the U. S. Senator from Alaska Ernest Gruening. He will be presented with the flag placed in a specially made container created out of wood from an oak tree taken from the courtyard of Independence Hall.

There are a number of other illustrious people who have been invited to participate in the program but we refrain from making this public until we have a firm commitment from them. When we have definite knowledge we will advise the state representatives.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience as to the willingness of your organization to join us in this program. Naturally we are eager to get underway as there are many details to be worked out. It should be a stirring and exciting experience for all, and we look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,

  
Sylvia W. Kauders  
Special Events Coordinator



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

CHAIRMAN

Feb. 25, 1959

Mr. Thomas Graham  
Secretary-General  
Descendants of the Signers of the  
Declaration of Independence  
2129 Delancey Place  
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Tom:

This is to acknowledge yours of 2/24/59 re "Byberry", birthplace of Dr. Benjamin Rush. Of course I am with you, and the other organizations named, all the way down the line. Speaking for the State Commission, I will throw the full weight of the Commonwealth behind your proposal.

The foregoing is on the assumption that you want 5 acres, not 50 acres.

Thank you for your clipping disclosing Governor Lawrence's views on historical preservation. That is, of course, our Commission measure. We tried for it all during the Leader administration, but failed because of the political and tax wrangles. It is not the strongest bill that I could hope for, but I am satisfied that it is the only one that will stand a chance of passage at this session. The Republican leadership of the Senate, last session, sent word to me right at the beginning that any zoning bill would never get out of a pigeonhole. I believe that the bill now contemplated can be passed upon the Governor's insistence. It is a great victory for our Commission to have our measure introduced as a part of the administration program.

With great regard, I remain

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. Melvin".

FRANK W. MELVIN,

Chairman,

1011 Commercial Trust Bldg.  
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

LAW OFFICES  
MICHAEL FRANCIS DOYLE  
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*1500 Girard Trust Building  
Broad & South Penn Square  
Philadelphia*

February 20, 1959

Dear Mr. Graham:

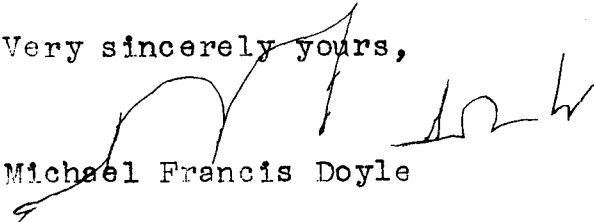
I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 19, also the year book for 1956, of the descendents of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and am deeply grateful to you for the same.

It is my intention to champion your cause for your rights to Independence Hall as was guaranteed to your distinguished organization since its foundation, and you may depend that I shall vigorously make every effort to have your former privileges and rights reinstated.

With kindest regards and very best wishes,

I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

  
Michael Francis Doyle

Thomas Graham, Esq.,  
2129 Delancey Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.



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January 20, 1959

Mr. Thomas Graham  
Secretary-General  
Descendants of the Signers  
of the Declaration of Independence  
2129 Delancey Place  
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Mr. Graham:

Poor Richard's Franklin Day exercises last Saturday have been voted an outstanding success. We believe that our patron saint was honored in a way he would have approved.

Your interested participation contributed vastly to the affair and it is with a real sense of appreciation that I say: "Thank you."

The Officers and Directors of the Poor Richard Club have a hope that you'll continue to feel at home with us in all your future days.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

A. Edward Morgan

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# Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence



To: MICHAEL FRANCIS DOYLE, Esquire  
GREETINGS.

WHEREAS: The restoration and preservation of Independence Hall as our Nation's greatest shrine of liberty, and most precious relic of our founding fathers' patriotism and sacrifice, is a primary interest of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

AND WHEREAS: Generations yet unborn will understand better the ideals and principles upon which the United States of America was founded and, by which this Nation became so great in so short a period of world history, as they view Independence Hall and tread the rooms where once talked and walked the men who pledged their Lives, their Fortunes and their Sacred Honor for our independence.

AND WHEREAS: Michael Francis Doyle, of Philadelphia, citizen, patriot and member of the Bar, has labored without ceasing to foster proper restoration of Independence Hall and its surroundings of Revolutionary days, and has also evidenced his great esteem for our Society by his support of our tradition of holding our annual Congress in the Declaration Chamber, and his efforts on our behalf with the United States Secretary of the Interior.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: We, the members of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, in Congress assembled, at Independence Hall, this 16th Day of May, 1959, do hereby express and record our high regard for Michael Francis Doyle, a loyal and devoted friend, and also our sincere appreciation of his efforts in behalf of our aims and purposes.

Attest: PERCY HAMILTON GOODSSELL, JR.  

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*President General*

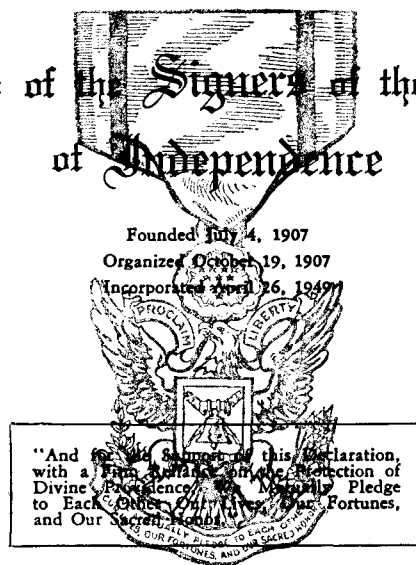
THOMAS GRAHAM  

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*Secretary General*

Philadelphia  
May 16, 1959

# Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence



## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION to the CITY OF PHILADELPHIA for its sponsorship of FREEDOM WEEK

WHEREAS: In the observance of Freedom Week, commemorating the momentous days which preceded the adoption of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, the City of Philadelphia exemplifies a laudworthy consciousness of the importance today of the Ideals and Principles of Freedom for which the Signers of the Declaration pledged their Lives, their Fortunes and their Sacred Honor.

AND WHEREAS: The Freedom Week celebration keeps alive the memory of the patriotism and sacrifice of our Founding Fathers, and inculcates in young and old respect and honor for our Shrine of Liberty, Independence Hall.

AND WHEREAS: The program and pageantry of Freedom Week annually presents an inspiring reminder to the people of all States of our noble heritage of Liberty, Justice and Equality, engrossed forever in the deathless logic of the Declaration of Independence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: We, the members of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, in annual Congress assembled, in Independence Hall, do earnestly commend the City of Philadelphia and its devoted officials and committees, for their great work in carrying forward Freedom Week as the patriotic climax of each year. May each year's observance be more dedicated, inspirational, and powerful in its influence for good citizenship!

Attest: PERCY HAMILTON GOODSSELL, JR.  
*President General*

THOMAS GRAHAM  
*Secretary General*

Philadelphia  
May 16, 1959