

OCTOBER 6 1962(?)

Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Governors,
Gadsby's Tavern,
Alexandria, Virginia

The meeting was called to order by the President-General, Mr. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr. at 11:15 A.M.

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

Those present were:

Miss Juliana T. Paca	C. B. Axford
Edward B. Walker	Colonel Henry Winston Holt
Miss Emily G. Hopkinson	Marsden C. Smith
Mrs. William Ward, III	Miss Natalie L. Densmore
Thomas Graham	Mrs. Marsden C. Smith
Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr.	Milton Addison Thomas

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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:

New Senior Members

		<u>Signer</u>
# 1286	Mario d'Urso Viale di Villa Grazioli, 4 A Rome, Italy	LIFE MEMBER George Clymer
# 1287	Ellen Louise Pyne (Formerly Junior 315 Long Hill Drive 513) Short Hills, New Jersey	William Floyd
# 1288	Ian Howland McGee 2421 North Front Street Harrisburg, Penna.	John Hart
# 1289	Marianne Gibbs Layton Brinker (Mrs. Morrison Whittemore Brinker). R. D. #2 Hillview Road Allentown, Penna.	Oliver Wolcott

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| # 1290 | Penelope Rodney Layton Fox Henrickson
(Mrs. Clarence Henrickson)
Hartley, Delaware | Oliver Wolcott |
| # 1291 | Alfred Wolcott Gibbs Layton
99 Wilbur Drive
Newington 11, Conn. | Oliver Wolcott |

Deaths

A descendant of

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| # 348 | Commander Matthew Thornton Betton | Matthew Thornton |
| # 284 | Mrs. Francis Von A. Cabeen | George Ross |
| # 942 | William Braxton Dew | Carton Braxton |
| # 504 | Mrs Graeme Donald | Philip Livingston |
| # 648 | Mrs. Grayson Mason Hall | Thomas McKean |
| # 827 | Mrs. Robert E. Pflaumer | John Hart |

All standing, a silent prayer was offered for our departed members.

REPORT OF TREASURER-GENERAL:

The Treasurer-General reported as of September 30, 1962 total assets of \$8,865.05 with an operating cash balance of \$2,291.91. A copy of the full report is attached to the minutes of General Meeting. Those dropped for arrears in dues 13.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

In the absence of Miss Lee the report was read by Miss Hopkinson. Miss Hopkinson read a letter from Mrs. Shull stating that her son, Richard, our scholar at Brown University, is entering his Junior year. He is employed in the summer by the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company and serves as a waiter in the Faculty Club at Brown University during the college term.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Secretary-General read a letter from a Doctor O'Neill, who is forming a group of doctors who might be interested in the preservation of the Benjamin Rush homestead at Byberry. He also called attention to an article appearing in the publication of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, "Philadelphia Medicine" giving a history of the property with illustrations. He also called attention to the fact that the President had signed the bill for the preservation of the "Grange", the home of Alexander Hamilton and the interest

taken by Mrs. John Kean, President of the New York State Society in bringing this about.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Secretary-General spoke of the project of the Independence National Historical Park to establish a museum in the building of the Second Bank of the United States and he read a letter from the Superintendent of the Park asking our society to sponsor the movement to collect portraits of the Signers, documents with their signatures, etc. Mr. Axford offered the following resolution:

"Resolved that our members, Mrs. William C. Carson and her brother, Mr. C. W. Daugette, be commended for their interest and desire to cooperate in the work of the Society of Descendants in perpetuating the ideals and memory of the Signers, and that we recommend that they continue their consideration of the project of assembling Portraits, documents, and other memorabilia of the Signers for display as part of the Independence National Historical Park, with a view to making more definite recommendations as to action by the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, bearing in mind that the Society is not a fund-raising organization."

There being no further new business the meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary-General

The Board Meeting was followed by a luncheon for the Board at the Old Club Restaurant, Alexandria.

A brief ceremony was held for the Society at the Shrine of the Declaration of Independence in the National Archives prior to the general meeting.