

Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Governors
English Speaking Union,
Baltimore, Maryland,

October 26, 1963

The meeting was called to order by the President-General, Mr. Marsden Churchill Smith, at 10.30 A.M.

Those present were: Thomas Graham, Marsden C. Smith, Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr. Rear Admiral Dashiell L. Madeira, C. B. Axford, Mrs. William Ward, III, Wentworth S. Simmons, Edward Hopkinson, III, Miss Juliana T. Paca, Miss Mildred W. Lee, Emily G. Hopkinson, Hugh G. Postles, Milton Addison Thomas.

The President-General offered the Society Prayer in the absence of the Chaplain-General.

Mr. Thomas Graham, Secretary-General, read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved with correction.

The reports of the President-General, Vice-President-General and Historian-General, were deferred to the general meeting.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL

Senior Members :

Signers

1303	Charles Wolcott Henry, Jr., 81 West Laurel St., Lake Forest, Ill.	Oliver Wolcott
1304	Susanne Tyler Dunn Rierson, (Mrs. James Robert Rierson) 3209 Ann Arbor Ave., Abilene, Texas formerly Junior Member #350	Robert Morris
1305	Frederick Wallace Pyne, "Hedgleigh", Linwood, Md.	William Floyd
1306	William Earl Pauver 215 Columbia Ave., Elyria, Ohio formerly Junior Member #532	John Morton

Junior Members :

549	Benjamin Ruggles Woodbridge Strong, Jr. 235 Grant Ave., Highland Park, N. J. Born Sept. 4, 1958 - Adult #849	George Read
550	Harmon Pumpelly Strong 235 Grant Ave., Highland Park, N. J. Born Aug. 31, 1952 - Adult #849	George Read
551	Charles Wolcott Henry, 3rd. 81 West Laurel St., Lake Forest, Ill. Born Oct. 2, 1957 - Adult #1303	Oliver Wolcott
552	Mark Cummings Henry, 81 West Laurel St., Lake Forest, Ill. Born Sept. 2, 1959 - Adult #1303	Oliver Wolcott

Deaths:

		<u>Signers</u>
917	Mrs. Alfred Gustav Jaeger, Mondree, Austria Died June 2, 1963	Oliver Wolcott
669	Charles Edward Brinley, Chestnut Hill, Pa. Died July 7, 1963	Oliver Wolcott
608	Major William McKendree Scott, Washington, D.C. Died June 24, 1963	Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Axford prepared a resolution to be sent to Mrs. Scott, expressing the sympathy of the Society and our sense of loss.

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

REPORT OF STATE GOVERNORS

The Reports were deferred to the General Meeting.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Miss Lee, chairman, reported that Richard Shull was at Brown University, Providence, R.I., is due to graduate next June 1964, and is doing well in all his studies.

Then Miss Lee brought up a request from Mrs. Dwight Day of Richmond, asking if her daughter Lucy Page Day could receive the scholarship for the winter 1964-'65 at Salem College, Va., her last year at college. After discussion, the Board voted YES.

Mr. Axford said he thought the assistance is too small. He suggested we put a line on our yearly bills, asking for a contribution from members to a scholarship fund. This was approved by the Board.

REPORT OF TREASURER-GENERAL

In the absence of the Treasurer-General Mr. Simmons, the Assistant Treasurer-General read the Treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of the General Meeting. Balance on hand \$8,464.74 including operating cash balance of \$2,106.21 and BiCentennial fund of \$1,075.05.

The following were dropped from the rolls of the Society for non-payment of dues for two years:

# 1233	Count Joseph de Forras Savoie, France
1218	Mrs. Esta C. H. Leavell, Cambridge, Mass.
440	Colonel George H. Walton, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

OLD BUSINESS

Admiral Madeira spoke of increasing membership. Mrs. Ward suggested raising registration fee. No action was taken by the Board.

Article IV, Section 3 of the By-Laws was changed to read; "The name of Charles Duane Williams, descendant of Benjamin Franklin, who died on the S.S. Titanic, April 14, 1912, to save the lives of others, as representative of all those who, since the signing of the Declaration, have given their lives for their countrymen, shall be carried forever on the roll of the Society and be called whenever the names of the Signers be read."

It was voted to hold our winter meeting February 15, 1964 at the Colony Club in New York. However, the matter may be left in the hands of the New York State Society, and Mr. Goodsell was requested to transmit this information to them.

Mr. Axford spoke of the substantial contributions received by our Society for the Freedom Foundation Garden at Valley Forge and proposed to communicate with certain members who might be inclined to contribute. He described the garden and the walk with the stones or bricks from the homes of the Signers, given by Mrs. Charles Jenkins in memory of her husband who collected them.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hopkinson discussed the resolution before Congress regarding the Star Spangled Banner. Mr. Graham mentioned that minor repairs have been made to our Society flags, but they are in a bad state of repair, and it was decided to do nothing further about them at this time.

Mr. Graham read the Resolution of Philadelphia City Council "memorializing the United States National Park Service to retain the statues of Commodore John Barry and General George Washington at Independence Hall and Independence Square, adopted unanimously by the Council at a meeting held June 20, 1963.

There being no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Graham
Secretary-General

The meeting was followed by a delicious luncheon at the club rooms of the English Speaking Union.