

BOARD MEETING

Descendants of the Signers of the  
Declaration of Independence, Inc.  
Colony Club, New York City

February 15, 1964

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

Those present were: Thomas Graham, Mrs. William Ward, III, Miss Natalie L. Densmore, Miss Cornelia L.V.R. Strong, Miss Martha Nye Jackson, Percy Hamilton Goodsell Jr., C. B. Axford, Miss Mildred W. Lee, Marsden C. Smith, Miss Juliana Tilghman Paca, Mrs. John Kean, Milton Addison Thomas, Allen J. Wellman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary-General, Mr. Thomas Graham and were approved as read.

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

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL

The Registrar-General, Mrs. William Ward III, reported:

Senior Members:

Signers

1307	Virginia Elizabeth Campbell 215 Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D.C.	John Hart
1308	Julian Stuart Gravely, Jr. 55 Pineapple St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	Carter Braxton
1309	William Witherspoon Woods Davis 711 Frank Blvd., Akron, Ohio	John Witherspoon
1310	Henry Fulton Davis, 3rd 101 Fieldstone Road, Westwood, Mass.	John Witherspoon
1311	Hilda Stedman Whitman (Mrs. Eben Esmond Whitman), Sharon, Conn.	William Ellery
1312	William Bradford Shubrick Clymer Harrisville, N. H.	George Clymer
1313	Helen Thornton Welwood Gavales (Mrs. Manuel Gavales) (Phrixo Emmanovil Constantine Gavales) 115 E. 90th St., New York City	Matthew Thornton
1314	John Morton Fultz, 3rd 550 Hansell Road, Wynnewood, Pa.	John Morton
1315	Herman Prioleau Hamilton 132 West End, Chester, South Carolina	Thomas Heyward, Jr.

Reinstatements :Signers

835 Roger S. Pratt  
223 Minnesota Ave., Buffalo 15, N. Y.

1233 Count Joseph de Forras  
Thonon, France

Deaths

681 Miss Mabel Russell  
121 Elm St., Orrville, Ohio  
Died January 23, 1964  
John Morton

899 Mrs. Ralph Carmalt Wilson (Governor for Delaware  
1 The Kings Highway, Dover, Delaware  
John Hart

Junior Members :

553 Stephen Van Rensselaer Pyne  
Linwood, Carroll Co., Maryland  
Born March 30, 1960 -- Adult #1305 (father)  
William Floyd

554 Anne Hale  
Hine's Point, Vineyard Haven, Mass.  
Born Nov. 21, 1961 -- Adult # 1103  
William Ellery

555 Elizabeth Graham Minich  
2801 N.W. 80th St., West Hollywood, Fla.  
Born May 7, 1959 -- Adult # 612 (Grandfather)  
#1125 (Mother)  
George Ross

556 Catherine Emlen Minich  
2801 N.W. 80th St., West Hollywood, Fla.  
Born Dec. 27, 1960 --Adult #612 (Grandfather)  
#1125 (Mother)  
George Ross

557 Carter Braxton Dunning  
332 E. Beverly St., Staunton, Va.  
Born Oct. 23, 1962 -- Adult # 998 (Uncle)  
Carter Braxton

558 Ann Robbins Brackett  
58 Dwight St., Brookline 46, Mass.  
Born Sept. 12, 1957 -- Adult # 987  
Francis Hopkinson

559 Newton Craig Brackett III  
58 Dwight St., Brookline 46, Mass.  
Born Sept. 5, 1959 -- Adult # 987  
Francis Hopkinson

560 James Scott Brackett  
58 Dwight St., Brookline 46, Mass.  
Born May 10, 1962 -- Adult # 987  
Francis Hopkinson

561 Nevin Graham Standish  
777 Darby-Paoli Road, Bryn Mawr, Pa.  
Born March 25, 1959 -- Adult # 612  
George Ross

562 Julia Elizabeth Brackett  
58 Dwight St., Brookline 46, Mass.  
Born July 20, 1963 -- Adult # 987  
Francis Hopkinson

REPORT OF TREASURER-GENERAL

3.

The Treasurer-General, Miss Natalie L. Densmore, reported for the period October 1, 1963 to January 31, 1964 total assets of \$7,017.12; cash \$1,412.29; Bi-Centennial Fund \$1,085.85 in savings at 4%. A copy of the full report is attached to the minutes of the General Meeting.

REPORT OF STATE-GOVERNORS

The reports were deferred to the General Meeting.

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Miss Lee reported for the Scholarship Committee.

The President General appointed Mrs. Landreth Lee Layton Jr. Governor for Delaware.

OLD BUSINESS

The Secretary-General read a resolution of the Society in memory of William McKendree Scott who departed this life June 24, 1963 and a letter from his widow, thanking us for the resolution and our expression of sympathy.

The Secretary-General spoke of the Poor Richard Club celebration of the 258th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin and the placing of a wreath by our society on his grave.

The Secretary-General referred to the site of the Graff House where Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration and the plan to rebuild the house. A committee has been formed to further this objective of which he is a member.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Secretary-General spoke of the plan to record the places of birth, burial, and the dates thereof by Mrs. Joseph Hauck of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and her son, with the assistance of the Library of Congress. He also spoke of plans for the Annual Congress and the Sunday following at the Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge.

No report was received from the Nominating Committee, of which Colonel Holt is chairman.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Graham  
Secretary-General