

WINTER 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 2:35 P.M.

Mr. Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr. offered the Society Prayer.

The Secretary-General, Mr. Thomas Graham, read the names of the Signers and the following members answered to their ancestor's name:

Stephen Hopkins - - - 1	John Hart - - - - - 2
Oliver Wolcott - - - 4	Benjamin Franklin - - 2
Roger Sherman - - - - 2	John Morton - - - - - 1
George Read - - - - - 2	George Ross - - - - - 1
William Paca - - - - 3	Richard Henry Lee - - 1
William Floyd - - - - 2	Benjamin Harrison - - 1
Philip Livingston - - 2	Thomas Nelson Jr. - - 2
Francis Lewis - - - - 3	Thomas Heyward Jr. - - 1
Lewis Morris - - - - 2	

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with.

REPORT OF THE BOARD

The President-General reported that the Board met and settled various matters of business including the election of new members.

REPORT OF REGISTRAR-GENERAL

The Registrar-General, Mrs. William Ward III reported the election of nine senior members, ten junior members, two reinstatements and two deaths, those departed being:

No. 681	Miss Mabel Russell
No. 899	Mrs. Ralph Carmalt Wilson

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

REPORT OF HISTORIAN-GENERAL

The Historian-General, Mr. Addison Thomas, read a paper, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF TREASURER-GENERAL

Mr. Axford submitted the report in the absence of the Treasurer-General. A copy is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Miss Lee reported that our scholar at Brown University will graduate in June. There was considerable discussion about raising the amount of the scholarship, but a motion by Mr. Axford to this effect did not pass.

REPORT OF GOVERNORS

The Governors present made no report.

OLD BUSINESS

The report of the Nominating Committee was not received.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Kean spoke of a trip around the Island of Manhattan on May 28th. She welcomed the members and guests to the Colony Club and introduced the Speaker, Colonel Anastasio C. M. Azoy, Governor-General of the Society of the Colonial Wars, who gave a fine talk on the responsibilities of those who are descended from Founders of our Country.

Mrs. Frances W. Johnson of the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge extended an invitation to the Society to luncheon at the Freedom Foundation prior to the dedication of the garden and the bronze plaque of the Declaration of Independence given by our Society. May 16, 1964.

There being no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 3.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Graham  
Secretary-General