

57th ANNUAL CONGRESS - Board Meeting of  
the Descendants of the Signers of the  
Declaration of Independence, Inc.  
The Powell House, Philadelphia, Pa.

May 16, 1964

The meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order by the President General, Mr. Marsden Churchill Smith, at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Percy H. Goodsell, Jr. read the Society Prayer.

Those in attendance were: Marsden Churchill Smith, Thomas Graham, Mrs. William Ward, III, Miss Natalie L. Densmore, Miss Emily Hopkinson, Edward Hopkinson, III, Percy H. Goodsell, Jr., Miss Mildred W. Lee, Miss Juliana T. Paca, C. B. Oxford, Edward B. Walker, and Daniel W. B. Flint.

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as read.

The report of the President-General was made, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes of the General Meeting.

The report of the Historian General was deferred to the General Meeting.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL

The Registrar-General, Mrs. William Ward, III, submitted the following report:

Senior Members Elected for May 16, 1964.

Signers

1316	Thomas Roderick Dew, Jr. 207 E. 76th St., New York 21, N.Y.	Carter Braxton
1317	John Izard Middleton, 45 E. 66th St., New York, N. Y.	Arthur Middleton
1318	Samuel Duffield Hopkins, 3rd., Box 938, Coral Gables, 34, Florida Former Junior Member # 268	George Ross
1319	Richard Glenn Moore, 3613 Radnor Ave., Long Beach, Cal. Former Junior Member # 479	John Hart
1320	<i>Miss</i> Joan Caresse Sullivan, 6416 N. Park Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. Former Junior Member # 540	John Hart
1321	Grace Morris Barlow, 5285 Partridge Lane, Washington, D. C. Former Junior Member # 303	Robert Morris
1322	Frederick Huntington Chatfield, 8375 Camargo Club Drive, Cincinnati 43, Ohio Life Member.	Oliver Wolcott
1323	Charles Wolcott Chatfield, Rockport, Maine Life Member.	Oliver Wolcott

Senior Members (cont'd)Signers

1324 Miss Carola Collier,  
Apt. 15 J. 350 E. 52nd St., New York, N. Y. } Elbridge Gerry

Junior Members Approved for Membership in our Junior Rolls

563 Constance Gardner Lex,  
418 Fishers Road, Bryn Mawr, Pa. Richard Henry Lee  
Born May 15, 1961 -- Adult # 422

564 John Barclay Lex,  
418 Fishers Road, Bryn Mawr, Pa. Richard Henry Lee  
Born July 19, 1962 -- Adult # 422

565 Elizabeth Meredith Clymer,  
1453 Milwaukee St., Denver 6, Col. George Clymer  
George Read  
Born March 3, 1964 -- Adult # 1312

566 John Dorris McAlister,  
26 Lynnwood Drive, Rochester 18, N.Y. John Hart  
Born Dec. 18, 1959 -- Adult # 1281

567 William Brewster McAlister,  
26 Lynwood Drive, Rochester 18, N.Y. John Hart  
Born Aug. 22, 1963 -- Adult # 1281

Remarks :

1098 Mrs. John Kean,  
Elizabeth, N. J. Roger Sherman  
has become a Life Member.

1312 A set of Supplemental Papers have been received from  
#1312, Mr. William Branford Shubrick Clymer, Harrisville, N. H.  
He is descended from George Clymer and George Read.

The Board paused in tribute to the memory of

1106 Mrs. Frank Leonard Hiller  
2031 - 9th Ave., San Francisco, Cal. Robert Morris  
who passed away November 25, 1962.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER-GENERAL

The Treasurer-General, Miss Natalie L. Densmore, reported for the period May 1, 1963 to April 30, 1964, total assets of \$7,059.07; cash \$1,670.25; Bi-Centennial Fund \$1,121.31 in savings at 4%. A copy of the full report is attached to the minutes of the General Meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report should contain a breakdown of all contributions made by the Society in order that the general membership be aware of our work and also for Internal Revenue Department reasons.

The following list of members who are delinquent in their dues was read.

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Notices will be sent to them and if the dues are not paid, the member will be dropped from the rolls of the Society at the next meeting of the Society in accordance with Act V, Sec. 4 of the Society Constitution.

#848 Joseph Boyd Baker, Loveland, Colo.	# 826 John Henry Myers, Princeton, W.Va.
#1240 Spotswood Braxton Hall, Richmond, Va.	#1100 Mrs. Philip A. Read, Alexandria, Va.
#1111 Mrs. John V. Koppelman, Baltimore	#1061 Mrs. Macon A. Stevenson, Jacksonville, Ala.
#1181 Mrs. Calvin Lee Lane, Wilmington, N.C.	# 941 Mrs. Nicholas B. Wainwright, Ambler, Pa.
#1205 Robert R. Livingston, Hendersonville, N.C.	
#1109 Rev. Frederick Myers Morris, N.Y., NY.	

Miss Densmore further reported that a statement to the effect that contributions to the Society are tax deductible as charitable contributions be added to all Society dues notices.

#### REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Miss Mildred Lee, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, reported that our scholar, Richard Logan Scholl, descendant of Benjamin Franklin, is graduating from Brown University this year and has received a scholarship to study for a Master's Degree at Brown.

The Society's other scholar, Miss Lucy Day, has one more year and her grant will be continued for that year.

A motion was defeated to raise the scholarship grant from \$250 to \$300 because of insufficient funds.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Graff House Reconstruction

Mr. Graham reported that progress is being made to recreate the Graff House, a rooming house in Philadelphia, wherein Jefferson lodged and drafted the Declaration of Independence.

A resolution for an appropriation from the U.S. Government to acquire the lot and to reconstruct the Graff House will be introduced shortly. The building will be open to the public and be administered by the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior.

A motion was moved, seconded, and passed that a letter be sent by the Secretary General to the authorities expressing the Society's gratitude for the excellent progress being made to recreate the old building.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Bi-Centennial Celebration

Upon a motion passed, a standing committee was created to study possible ways in which the Bi-Centennial of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence can be best observed by the Society. Mr. Percy Goodsell, Jr. was appointed chairman.

##### Flag Cases

Mr. Graham's motion that the Society purchase new carrying cases for the Society's flags was passed unanimously.

Commemorative Stamp

A letter was read concerning a special commemorative stamp in observance of the 150th anniversary of our national anthem. The government at this time does not plan such an issue.

A motion was passed to have the Secretary General write to the Post Master General, Washington, D. C. stating the Society is in favor of the issuance of such a commemorative stamp.

Old Swedes Church, Delaware

Mr. Addison Thomas informed the Board of the burning of the roof of the old church in which the Society has been a guest. The DuPont family is paying for the repair. However, in view of our close connection with the church, a motion was passed to send a token contribution of \$10 to be added to the repair fund.

Valley Forge Transportation

It was agreed that the Society would rent a bus to transport members to Valley Forge and return. The cost of same is \$53.50. All persons using the bus are requested to contribute to help defray the expense.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL W. B. FLINT

Assistant Secretary-General