

MINUTES OF MEETING - BOARD OF MANAGERS,
Descendants of the Signers of the
Declaration of Independence, Inc.
At the Colony Club, New York City

Saturday, February 13, 1965

President-General Marsden Churchill Smith called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

PRESENT:

Those present were: Miss Juliana Tilghman Paca, Mrs. John Kean, Miss Emily G. Hopkinson, Miss Cornelia L.V.R. Strong, Mrs. William Ward III, Mrs. L. Lee Layton, Miss Martha Nye Jackson, Miss Mildred W. Lee, Mrs. Helen Welwood Gravales, and Miss Natalie L. Densmore; Messrs. C.B. Axford, Edward B. Walker Sr., Allen J. Wellman, Percy Hamilton Goodsell Jr., Merwin Broxton Worth, Daniel W.B. Flint, Milton Addison Thomas.

MINUTES:

In the absence of Secretary-General Thomas Graham, who sent his regrets for his inability to attend because of impaired health, the minutes of this meeting were taken by Asst. Secretary-General D. Flint. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT

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

New Adult Members:

Signers

1330	Agnes Braxton Collison Page (Mrs. Cary Lee Page, Jr.) 104 Courier Place, Spartanburg, S. C.	Carter Braxton
1331	Agnes Battelle Bonell De Forrest (Mrs. Lionel Theodora De Forrest) 1115 Thirty-sixth Street Galveston, Texas 77552	Frances Lewis

*Moving to
Ward St.
Marlboro, Tex*

New Junior Members:

570	Katherine MacNaughton Whitney 4128 Beechwood Road, Richmond, Va. 23235 (Born Dec. 7, 1956) Adult #1241	Benjamin Harrison
571	Anne Wallace Pyne "Hedgeleigh" - Linwood, Maryland 21764 (Born Feb. 6, 1962) Adult #1305	William Floyd
572	Elizabeth Glover Pyne "Hedgeleigh" - Linwood, Maryland 21764 (Born March 16, 1963) Adult #1305	William Floyd
573	Elizabeth Gibbs Layton Chester Road - Boxboro, West Acton, Mass (Born Aug. 20, 1955) Adult #1265	Oliver Wolcott

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		<u>Signers</u>
574	Virginia Farquhar Layton Chester Rd - Boxboro, West Acton, Mass (Born Aug. 27, 1958) Adult #1265	Oliver Wolcott
575	Margaret Blair Fox c/o Lt. Col. Clarence Hendrickson 208A - Fourth St., APO 953 San Francisco, Calif. (Born Nov. 5, 1951) Adult #1265	Oliver Wolcott
576	William Robert Fox IV c/o Lt. Col. Clarence Hendrickson 208A - Fourth St., APO 953 San Francisco, Calif. (Born Aug. 18, 1950) Adult #1265	Oliver Wolcott
577	Madelyn Chenault Brinker 90 Kingsbury St., Wellesby 81, Mass. (Born July 14, 1954) Adult #1265	Oliver Wolcott
578	Ellen Layton Brinker 90 Kingsbury St., Wellesby 81, Mass. (Born Nov. 11, 1957) Adult #1265	Oliver Wolcott
579	Marianne Morrison Brinker 90 Kingsbury St., Wellesby 81, Mass. (Born April 22, 1953) Adult #1265	Oliver Wolcott

Reinstatements:

1205	Robert R. Livingston 417 Woodlyne Ave., Hendersonville, N.C.	Philip Livingston
413	Robert Innes Center 240 E. 76th St., New York 21, New York	Francis Lewis

One Set of Supplemental Papers for:

1147	Sarah Izard Lynch (Mrs. William Fisher Lynch II) Heather Drive - Greenville Manor Wilmington, Delaware	Benjamin Harrison
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Deaths:

1193	Mrs. William Catlin 1269 Hollywood Ave., Jacksonville 5, Florida (Died November 27, 1964)	Robert Morris
453	Mrs. George Mercer, Jr. 680 Madison Avenue, New York 21, New York (died Dec. 1964)	John Hart

TREASURER-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Treasurer-General, Miss Natalie L. Densmore, reported for the period November 1, 1964 to January 31, 1965 total assets of \$7,785.04; cash \$1,658.67; Bi-Centennial Fund \$2,249.25. A more detailed report is attached and made a part hereof.

REPORT OF GOVERNORS

The Governors present made no report.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS REPORT

Mr. Goodsell read the Committee on Nominations report. The report will be published and distributed by mail in accordance with the by-laws.

OLD BUSINESS

The officers and board members expressed their deep appreciation to Mrs. Kane for acting as hostess at last year's luncheon held at the Colony Club and for the splendid arrangements she made for this year's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Flint proposed the following resolution which was seconded and approved:

RESOLVED: "That the president appoint an advisory committee within the next two months to investigate methods by which the Society may be more effective in perpetuating the ideals and principles for which our forefathers fought, suffered and died."

Mr. C.B. Axford discussed the Declaration of Independence House and Library Inc., a non-profit corporation formed to recreate the Graff House at 7th & Market Streets in which Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Axford moved that the Society contribute \$100 towards this effort which was unanimously approved. Mr. Thomas Graham is a member of the Board of Directors of this corporation as is Edward Hopkinson, Jr.

Mr. Percy Goodsell read a letter from Mrs. Benjamin McF Hines regarding her intention of presenting the Society with a photo copy of the Lynch Genealogy.

Miss Densmore announced that "Carvel Hill", the Paca Homestead, located in Annapolis, Maryland, is scheduled for demolition. Miss Densmore moved that the Secretary-General of our Society compose a letter addressed to Governor J. Millard Tawes, Annapolis, Md., advising him of the Society's opposition to the demolition of "Carvel Hill" and our hope that it will be preserved. This motion was passed unanimously.

Miss Densmore discussed plans for the Philadelphia meeting to be held on May 15th and 16th. The schedule includes a Board Meeting and Luncheon at the Powell House, a Dinner at the Union League on Saturday evening and a tour of Washington's Crossing Park on Sunday.

NECROLOGY

President-General Smith requested those present to rise for a moment of silence for those members who recently passed on.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, the President closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel W. B. Flint
Asst. Sect.-Gen.

DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INC.
REPORT OF THE TREASURER-GENERAL
November 1, 1964, to January 31, 1965

Balance on Hand, November 1, 1964		
Cash (Checking Account) Fidelity-Phila. Trust Co.	\$ 2,022.89	
William McK. Scott Scholarship Fund	57.50	
Bi-Centennial Fund - Phila. Saving Fund Society	1,239.81	
U.S. Savings Bond - 2½%, reserved for Bi-Centennial	500.00	
U.S. Treasury Bond-4%, " " "	500.94	
U.S. Treasury Bond-2½%	500.00	
Scholarship Fund (57 sh. A. T. & T. Stock at cost)	3,319.62	
	<u>8,140.76</u>	\$ 8,140.76
Receipts, November 1, 1964, to January 31, 1965		
Interest on Bonds	\$ 16.25	
Dividends on Stock (Scholarship Fund)	57.00	
Contributions to Scholarship Fund	00.00	
Dues and Enrollment Fees	170.00	
Contributions to Bi-Centennial Fund	00.00	
Miscellaneous (Rosette)	1.00	
Contribution for Freedoms Foundation	10.00	
	<u>254.25</u>	
Total Receipts		254.25
Total Assets		\$ 8,395.01
Disbursements, November 1, 1964, to January 31, 1965		
Printing	\$ 192.06	
Officers' Expenses (postage and secretarial service)	58.71	
Contributions:		
Scholarship Award to Miss Lucy Day	125.00	
Freedoms Foundation	10.00	
Annual Fall Meeting (Williamsburg) Deficit	201.05	
Miscellaneous (Engrossing, Removal of Registrar's file)	23.15	
	<u>609.97</u>	
Total Disbursements		609.97
Balance remaining January 31, 1965		\$ 7,785.04
Accounted for as follows:		
Cash (checking account) Fidelity-Phila. Trust Co.	\$ 1,658.67	
William McK. Scott Scholarship Fund	57.50	
Bi-Centennial Fund - Phila. Saving Fund Society	1,248.31	
U.S. Savings Bond - 2½%, reserved for Bi-Centennial	500.00	
U.S. Treasury Bond- 4%, " " "	500.94	
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	<u>7,785.04</u>	
Total Assets		\$ 7,785.04

Natalie L. Densmore, Treasurer General

Wentworth S. Simmons, Ass't. Treas. Gen.

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