

ANNUAL WINTER MEETING of  
DESCENDANTS of the SIGNER  
DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE

New York, N.Y., February 1

I. Meeting of the Board of Governors

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. in the residence of Mrs. Robert McCurdy Marsh, 570 Park Avenue, New York, by President-General Franklin Bache Satterthwaite.

The following members were present: Franklin Bache Satterthwaite, Henrietta Scott Gay, Barbara Ann Megill, Martha Nye Jackson, Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., H. Haines Stockton, William B. Shubrick Clymer, Milton Addison Thomas, John Morton Fultz, Jr., Emily G. Hopkinson, C. B. Axford, and Mildred W. Lee.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Registrar-General Henrietta Gay proposed four (4) new Seniors, two (2) reclassified from Juniors, and seven (7) new Juniors. She also reported three (3) deaths. The count of membership now stands at 535 Seniors and 224 Juniors. (The full report is included as Attachment I.)

Mrs. Gay introduced newly appointed Assistant Registrar-General Miss Barbara Ann Megill of Philadelphia to the Board.

Regarding the pending proposal to have the Society's membership applications microfilmed, the President-General reported that the Executive Committee had recommended against this because of the inaccuracies and omissions that have occurred over the years. Mr. Goodsell felt that these records were no worse than those of other societies and asked the Executive Committee to reconsider. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that Mr. Goodsell be authorized to proceed with this project and contact the Church of the Latter Day Saints to arrange for the microfilming at no charge to the Society. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer-General Natalie Densmore being absent, Mr. Fultz read her interim report, which listed total assets in the amount of \$20,650.81. The Scholarship fund accounted for \$11,040.43; the Bicentennial Fund, \$3,329.32; the Mercer Legacy, \$2,404.33; \$508.61 reserved for the Year Book; and \$3,368.12 in cash. The Board accepted the report and again commended Miss Densmore for her hard work in caring for the Society's funds.

The Board set the date of the 1970 Annual Meeting: May 16 and 17.

Bicentennial Committee Chairman Percy Goodsell reported that the size of the proposed plaque has now been specified (3'8" x 5'3") and he intends to ask several sculptors to submit designs and estimate prices, on a no-fee basis. The Board urged him to proceed with this important step which must be taken before we can appeal for the necessary funds.

The Scholarship Committee has so far received no applications for this year's award. Dr. Downs has been asked to contact previously unsuccessful candidates. Mrs. Gay reported that she had recently referred a candidate to Dr. Downs.

Nominating Committee Chairman Percy Goodsell proposed the reelection of all the present Officers with the exception of Registrar-General Mrs. Gay, who has asked to be relieved of her duties in May. The Committee has accepted Mrs. Gay's resignation with appreciation of over two years of excellent performance and has nominated Assistant Registrar-General Miss Barbara Ann Megill to take her place.

#### Bicentennial Resolution

First Vice President-General John Morton Fultz, Jr. reported that he attended a meeting of the Philadelphia 1976 Bicentennial Corporation on December 15, 1969 at which the assembled representatives of patriotic and historical societies were asked to support the Corporation in a request for Federal funds to complete the restoration of Independence Hall and other historic buildings in Philadelphia before the 1976 celebration. Mr. Fultz asked the Board to endorse the following resolution:

"RESOLVED that all the organizations represented at the December 15th briefing in the First Bank of the U.S.A. endorse the program to complete Independence National Historical Park by 1976, and request that the \$18 million required to finish remaining projects in the Park be appropriated by the federal government. "

The resolution was unanimously approved by the Board, and the Secretary-General was directed to inform the Philadelphia 1976 Bicentennial Corporation of this action.

Mr. Brodhead

#### 1971 Winter Meeting

Mr. Satterthwaite expressed concern over the rising cost of dining in New York and said it might be necessary to charge \$10.00 next year. Various alternatives were suggested, including a change of venue to Connecticut or suburban New York. Mr. Goodsell suggested reverting to an earlier practice of conducting a Board meeting, followed by a Board luncheon, an afternoon General Meeting and a cocktail party. It was felt that the New York State Society should consider all suggestions, but that in the final analysis it was their decision as the host society that should prevail.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.