

II. General Meeting of the Society

The meeting was called to order by the President-General at 3:00 P.M. in the Francis Scott Key Hotel.

The Prayer of the Society was read by Mrs. Lionel T. De Forest, Representative from South Carolina on the Board of Governors.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the First-Vice President-General.

In the absence of the Secretary-General, Mr. Fultz read the minutes of the Sixty-third Annual Congress.

President-General Satterthwaite gave a summary of the Questionnaire which was sent to all members. He said 36 percent replied, and of these 60 percent were women. 25 members proposed the names of 30 to 40 new members, and 110 additional names were listed of family who were not members of the D.S.D.I.

Of those who replied 25 percent said they had personal property once belonging to the Signers, and many of these are willing to loan items to the Antiques Show in Philadelphia next April.

The questionnaire turned up 10 members who volunteered to help in publishing the D.S.D.I. Bulletin making it possible to have a Spring issue in addition to the Fall issue, edited by Mrs. H. Richard Schumacher, and the Winter issue, edited by Miss Elisabeth Hopkinson O'Connor.

In answer to the question about hobbies, there were 21 gardeners, 45 sports enthusiasts, 18 who enjoyed reading, 12 painters and art lovers, 7 Bridge players, 17 housecrafters, 8 genealogists, 6 historians and several photographers, antiques buffs and musicians.

The replies indicated a need for more activity in parts of the country not now served by State Societies. Mr. Henry F. Davis, III, newly-appointed member-at-large on the Board of Governors has been working with Mrs. Barbara Brooks Walker of Boston to form a State Society in Massachusetts; and Mrs. Lionel T. DeForest of Beaufort, South Carolina is planning more activity in her home State. As an aid to expanding our organization, Mr. Fultz with the help of Mrs. Richard B. Light, Jr. has prepared a listing of members by Zip Code number.

Mr. Satterthwaite noted that half of our members have joined in the past ten years. He felt that there was, therefore, a need to consider up-dating our activities without in any way disparaging those of the past. He said he had asked the Board to encourage activity by the creation of standing committees in four fields of interest in addition to the present Scholarship and Publicity committees. These would function along with the special ad hoc committees such as the Bicentennial Committee to cover the wide range of interests shown in the replies to the questionnaire. The six standing committees would be as follows:

1. Historical and Biographical - to prepare bibliographies and disseminate information about the lives of the Signers.
2. Publicity - to publish the D.S.D.I. Bulletin and other news of activities of the Society.

3. Commemorative Events - to cooperate with other patriotic societies in organizing public ceremonies.
4. Landmarks - to inventory and foster interest in the preservation of homes of the Signers, monuments and other related landmarks.
5. Scholarship - to publicize annual competitions and select the winners.
6. Ecology - to study ways in which our Society might help to preserve our heritage of natural resources.

Registrar-General, Mrs. Kalbfleisch, reported that the Board had elected eleven new Seniors and three Juniors. (There was one resignation and eleven members were dropped for non-payment of dues. The members present then arose for the reading of the names of five deceased members and a silent prayer was offered. (The complete report appears in Attachment I)

In the absence of the Treasurer-General, Mrs. William Ward III reported that Mr. Henry Bower had given \$500 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of his nephew, Lawrence Campbell Fuller, Jr., descendant of George Ross, who died March 30, 1970.

Scholarship Committee Charman, Dr. Downs, being absent, Mr. Fultz reported that the award had again been given to Miss "Candy" Goldrick of Tulsa, Okla., descendant of John Hart, who is a graduate student at the University of Missouri. He also announced that the Board had voted to increase the scholarship to \$600 for the next (1971-72) academic year.

Mr. Satterthwaite expressed concern for the speedy recovery of Mr. Goodsell who was injured in an automobile accident. He reported for the Bicentennial Committee that several artists were preparing sketches of the plaque proposed for the Capitol in Washington.

Mr. Fultz announced that Mrs. Andrew Kidd, of Vero Beach, Florida, had given the Society a Miniature of Francis Lewis, a ring made from the Seal of the Governor of New York which was used by Morgan Lewis, Francis' son, when he held that office, and certain documents and mementoes handed down in Mrs. Kidd's family. All of these items were displayed at the meeting. The Miniature and the Ring are to be loaned for exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York.

In calling on the representatives of the State Societies, the President-General said he wished to express the appreciation of all for the excellent arrangements furnished by Col. Pyne and his Maryland Society. Past President of the Maryland State Society, Miss Juliana Paca, also expressed her pleasure in having the meeting in Frederick. The Virginia State Society was represented by Mrs. James A. Waller, Jr. of Blacksburg, descendant of Thomas Nelson, Jr. South Carolina was represented by Mrs. Lionel T. DeForest, member of the Board of Governors. Mrs. DeForest said she was attempting to arrange a Winter meeting of the Society in Beaufort, S.C. in the near future.

Concerning the Winter meeting in February 1971, the President-General said that several alternatives were under consideration. If held in the North it might be in New York City, Morristown, N.J. or in Connecticut. However, if possible, he felt there was considerable support for going to Charleston or Beaufort, and a final decision would be made before the first of December.

Under New Business, Mr. Clinton Axford offered a resolution that the Secretary-General be directed to express to the City of Frederick, Maryland their approval of that City's display of patriotism in adding the United States Flag to the uniform of its police department. The resolution was approved unanimously by the members present, and the Secretary-General was directed to carry it out, sending a copy of the letter to Col. Pyne.

Honorary President-General Schuyler N. Pyne called the roll of the Signers and the descendants rose to be recognized. Those present at the meeting and at the banquet that evening were as follows:

	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Banquet</u>
Roger Sherman	1	1
William Floyd	2	2
Francis Lewis	1	1
Lewis Morris	1	1
Francis Hopkinson	2	2
John Hart	2	2
Benjamin Franklin	1	1
John Morton	3	2
Samuel Chase	1	1
William Paca	2	2
Thomas Jefferson	1	1
Thomas Nelson, Jr.	1	1
Carter Braxton	1	1
John Penn	1	1
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The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


John Morton Fultz, Jr.
Secretary Pro-Tem.

Senior Members

1472	Charles Gracie Davis (Jr-71) 354 Washington Street, Duxbury, Mass., 02332	John Morton
1473	John de Navarre Macomb, Jr. (V) 503 Arbor Vitae Road, Winnetka, Ill., 60093	Philip Livingston
1474	Vera Sherman Brubaker (Mrs. John Warren Brubaker) 2508 Via La Selva, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., 90274	Roger Sherman
1475	Julia Morris Wilcox (-Div.-Mrs. Starling Sullivant Wilcox III) 286 Garfield Ave., Collingswood, N. J., 08108	Lewis Morris
1476	Alexander Pendleton Turner 2405 Sequoyah Trail, Norman, Oklahoma, 73069	John Penn
1477	Katherine Stonestreet Davison (Miss) 1504 Park Avenue, Richmond, Virginia	Robert Morris
1478	Emily Newbold Campbell Wood (Mrs. Harleston Read Wood) "Camp Discharge", Springmill Road, Gladwyne, Penna.	George Ross
1479	Philip Burwell Roulette (The Rev.) 6042 Hunt Ridge Road, Baltimore, Md., 21210	Benjamin Harrison
1480	James Conrad Search 2473 Dale Road, Huntingdon Valley, Penna., 19006	John Hart
1481	Marguerite June Search (Miss) 2473 Dale Road, Huntingdon Valley, Penna., 19006	John Hart
1482	Elizabeth Wight Brown (Mrs. William Francis Brown) 709 Roslyn Road, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27104	Benjamin Harrison

Junior Members

667	William Starling Wilcox 286 Garfield Avenue, Collingswood, N. J., 08108	Lewis Morris
668	Andrew Sullivant Wilcox 286 Garfield Avenue, Collingswood, N. J., 08108	Lewis Morris
669	Timothy Pickering Wilcox 286 Garfield Avenue, Collingswood, N. J., 08108	Lewis Morris

Deaths

461	Katharine Morton Harley Cello d. 8/31/70 (Mrs. Stanley Cello)	John Morton
590	Sue Morton Black Collins d. 9/13/70 (Mrs. Joseph Harrison Collins)	John Morton
628	Howard Norman Bechtel d. 7/1/70	John Hart
934	Peter H. Wolcott Jackson Date of Death Unknown	Oliver Wolcott
966	Gladys Mills Phipps d. 10/19/70 (Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phipps)	Francis Lewis

Resignation

1150	Mrs. Morrison Ulman (10/22/69)	Philip Livingston
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Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Kallflüsch

Registrar-General