

OCTOBER 2, 1971

ANNUAL FALL MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,  
DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS  
OF THE DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE INC.

Woodrow Wilson Birthplace  
Staunton, Va.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President-General Franklin Bache Satterthwaite at the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace, Staunton, Virginia.

The following members were present: Mr. Satterthwaite, John M. Fultz Jr., Mrs. William G. Kalbfleisch, Mrs. Barbara Brooks Walker, Mrs. James Waller Callison (our hostess for the weekend), Mrs. Lionel T. DeForest, Miss Juliana T. Paca, Percy H. Goodsell Jr. and Mrs. H. Richard Schumacher.

In the absence of Secretary-General Truxtun R. Brodhead, who was sick, Jack Fultz read the minutes of the May meeting, which were accepted. (The board was saddened to learn later of the death of Mr. Brodhead on October 27th. Mr. Brodhead was 73 years old, although he appeared younger.) Mrs. Schumacher was asked to take the minutes of the Staunton meeting.

Registrar-General Barbara Kalbfleisch reported we have 13 new senior members, six of whom were juniors, and five new juniors. There was one reinstatement, one resignation and one death. Ten members were dropped because they did not pay their dues for two years.

<u>Status of Membership</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
On the roll May 15, 1971	557	231
Deceased	-1	-
Resigned	-1	-
Dropped	-10	-
Reinstated	1	-
Reclassified from junior to senior	6	-6
New	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
On the roll Oct. 2, 1971	559	230

The Registrar-General's report was unanimously accepted.

(See Attachment I for the Registrar's Report and List of Members Who Were Dropped.)

On the subject of members who are two years delinquent in paying dues, the President-General raised the question of whether he should continue to write them and urge them to pay up. After discussion, it was decided that he should not.

It was reported that Mrs. Howard E. Cox, a DSDI member whose son married Tricia Nixon, said she had not filled out papers for her children when she joined because she had received such a long-looking form and felt she had to rewrite her own application several times.

Barbara Kalbfleisch explained that although the application form for those who have parents or ancestors who belonged to the DSDI looks long, it actually can be short and easy to fill out. The applicant only has to list the ancestor who belongs to the DSDI and then fill out information on the generations from that ancestor down to himself.

After some discussion it was decided to keep the present application forms.

Barbara Kalbfleisch read a letter from a member who asked why Mrs. Cox had Philip Livingston listed as an ancestor in the Year Book since she is collaterally descended from him. It was decided that in the next Year Book, Philip Livingston and William Floyd should not be listed by Mrs. Cox's name and only Francis Lewis.

Treasurer-General James P. Hopkinson sent a report read by Jack Fultz. As of Sept. 15 the DSDI had \$23,318.94 in the treasury up from \$21,354 when the fiscal year ended April 30. The complete report appears on Attachment II.

Mr. Fultz reported an audit had been made at the request of the outgoing Treasurer-General Natalie L. Densmore and the accounting for the year ended April 30 was correct.

He said the income from the scholarship fund is now running at about \$700 a year and reported that \$600 was paid out to the 1971 scholarship winner, Miss Margaret W. Patterson of Indianapolis, Ind.

Barbara Kalbfleisch reported that the Pennsylvania Historical Society, where the DSDI has a work area, seems to want to get rid of us. It was suggested that we might offer to give the society more each year than we currently do. Mrs. Kalbfleisch also reported the work area is dirty. Percy Goodsell noted that the

Leach papers, compiled about 1910 by a Philadelphia genealogist named Leach, are kept by us at the Historical Society. They show all Signers' descendants up to about 1910. The Sons of the American Revolution also have a copy which is microfilmed and there is a microfilmed copy at the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society.

It was suggested we send a list of those Signers who had no descendants to the New York Times along with a list of those who signed the Declaration so that wedding and engagement announcements could be more accurate. It was suggested we also send these to the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin and Inquirer. Percy Goodsell said he would supply the list.

At the suggestion of Franklin Satterthwaite it was moved that the names of lost members, those whose mail is returned with no forwarding address, be listed in the Bulletin.

Percy Goodsell then made a motion, which was adopted, regretting the absence of Truxtun Brodhead and wishing him a speedy recovery. (Mr. Satterthwaite sent a letter to this effect to Truxtun before his death.)

Percy then reported on the Bicentennial. He reported \$25 in contributions from two Connecticut historical societies to whom he had showed his slides of Signers' houses.

He then unveiled a design for the three-foot wide by five-foot high bronze memorial to the Signers which will be placed on the white marble East wall of the U. S. Capitol. This was done by Allen Robbins, of New York, an ecclesiastical sculptor, and was most enthusiastically received by the board. Percy, who had displayed several proposed designs at earlier meetings, said he is awaiting one more and hopes to show it soon. Then a decision on the design will be made and efforts to raise another \$12,000 for the memorial will begin in earnest. \$4,161 is already in the Bicentennial Fund.

The question of whether the DSDI should have an art committee to decide on the final design was then debated and it was decided that Walter Simmons, a DSDI member, who has an art store in Philadelphia, be asked to help make the final selection. Percy noted that the architect at the U. S. Capitol will have to approve the selection. A motion was passed to ask for Mr. Simmons' help and to make the final choice at the May Congress in Philadelphia.

Fund raising was then discussed and names for the Bicentennial Fund Drive were suggested. It was decided to ask Henry F. Davis III of Westwood, Mass. to head the fund raising committee.

A number of fund raising devices were suggested, but it was decided to leave the decisions up to the fund raising chairman and his committee. Among the suggestions were that there be co-chairmen for several of the big cities; that a descendant of every Signer represented in our membership be put in charge of his family and write to all its members urging them to contribute. Another idea was a calendar with pictures of Signers' houses which could be sold. Percy Goodsell said he had such a calendar which was put out by a regular printing company a few years ago.

Mrs. Barbara B. Walker, our Massachusetts governor, reported that she and Henry Davis III had had no luck in revitalizing the DSDI in Boston so far. Out of 10 persons she sent applications to, only one, who only summers in Massachusetts, followed through.

On the subject of future meeting sites, Percy Goodsell suggested that a special summer meeting might be held in New England, perhaps in Portsmouth, N.H. He noted that we have an active New Hampshire governor in W. B. Shubrick Clymer.

Franklin Satterthwaite reported our North Carolina governor, Mrs. William H. Suttentfield, had given him material about New Bern, N.C., with the suggestion it might be a good meeting site. Since New Bern is just over the Virginia border and distant from Charlotte where Mrs. Suttentfield lives, it was voted to accept New Bern as a meeting site and leave it to the Virginia society to set the date.

Franklin Satterthwaite suggested that a limit of two or three years be put on the offices of President-General and Vice-Presidents General and that a change be made in the Constitution.

He also suggested that the DSDI consider again having a third vice president so that people who have worked hard and long can be rewarded or so that there would be a position for people on their way up.

After a discussion Percy Goodsell moved that the term of office of the President General and Vice Presidents General be limited to three years and the motion was carried unanimously.

After 30 days notice this will be voted on at a general meeting of the DSDI.

A suggestion was made by Mrs. Kalbfleisch to limit the terms of all the other officers, but it was decided not to take up this question yet.

It was decided that Milton Addison Thomas, who retired last spring after serving many years as historian, should be appointed to the board at large and that Mrs. J. Howard Patterson of Ireland be reappointed to the board at large.

Jack Fultz reported the National Portrait Gallery, a division of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., has asked the DSDI for help in locating and building a file of photographs of portraits of the Signers. He suggested that a news item about this be carried in the Bulletin.

Mrs. Schumacher reported a movie is being made about the Signers' furniture and belongings which were shown at the University Hospital Antiques Show in Philadelphia last April. She suggested that the DSDI might rent the film and try to set up DSDI meetings in places like Los Angeles at a member's home where the movie might be shown. She also suggested this as a fund raising device. (Later note: Apparently the movie which is being edited by Catherine Drinker Bowen is not finished yet.)

Mrs. Walker related that when she saw the play "1776" in Boston she was invited back stage afterwards and presented with a facsimile of the Declaration which the actors sign each night. They all signed their stage names such as John Hancock except one who signed his own name and Percy Goodsell spotted this immediately.

The meeting was adjourned by President-General Satterthwaite at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schumacher  
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REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT

Senior Members

1498	Laura Haines Belman (Mrs. Murray Joel Belman), 4711 Reservoir Road, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20007	William Ellery
1506 (Jr. 576)	William Robert Fox IV c/o Mrs. Marianne S. G. Layton, 200 North State St. Dover, Delaware, 19901	Oliver Wolcott
1507	Daniel Hasell Heyward, Jr. Boundary Street, Bluffington, S. C., 29910 <i>JAF 5/9/71</i>	Thomas Heyward, Jr.
1508	Pocahontas Wight Edmunds (Mrs. Richard Coles Edmunds, Sr.) "Bonbrook", Halifax, Virginia, 24558	Benjamin Harrison
1509	Kathryn Morris Wilkinson (Mrs. John Butler Wilkinson) 764 Pine Avenue, Redlands, Calif., 92373	Lewis Morris, III
1510 (Jr. 340)	Donald Goodwin Cassels, Jr. 315 Calhoun St., Johnston, S.C., 29832	Francis Hopkinson
1511	Alfred Baker Spalding, Jr. Box 93, Ross, California	John Hart
1512	Eleanor Marshall Armistead Reasoner (Mrs. Houck William Reasoner, Jr.) 2408 North Pierce Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72207	Robert Morris
1513 (Jr. 444)	Donald Scott Goldbloom 200 Cross Keys Road, Apt.-48 Baltimore, Md., 21210	Benjamin Franklin
1514 (Jr. 535)	Stanley Kite Ward 116 Locust Lane, Media, Penna., 19063	John Morton
1515 (Jr. 622)	Katrina VanSant McNeal (Mrs. J. R. McNeal), 1333 Kingfisher Court, Virginia Beach, Va., 23451	John Hart

1516	Stephanus VanCortlandt Morris 3021 P Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20007	Lewis Morris
1517 (Jr. 617)	William Thomas Betton, Jr. 120 Flagstone Drive - Apt. 12 Nashua, New Hampshire, 03060	Matthew Thornton

Junior Members

677	John Chase Belman 4711 Reservoir Road, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20007 b. 7-17-67 Sr. # 1498	William Ellery
678	Owen Wolcott Belman 4711 Reservoir Road, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20007 b. 7-18-69 Sr. # 1498	William Ellery
679	Russell George Dietz, II 26 Bay Third St., Islip, L.I., New York 11751 b. 11-1-68 Sr. # 1259	John Morton
680	Jennifer Jeanne Dietz 26 Bay Third St., Islip, L.I., New York 11751 b. 6-6-70 Sr. # 1259	John Morton
681	David Buffum Fultz, Jr. 243 Friendship Drive Paoli, Penna., 19301 b. 4-7-70 Sr. # 1355	John Morton

Reinstatement

1180	Elizabeth Wilmot Coale Clarke ✓ (Mrs. John White Clarke) 210 Longstreet Drive Wilmington, N. C. 28401	Samuel Chase
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Resignation

1196 Henry Norris Platt ✓  
7 Carey Drive, Ambler, Penna. 19002  
Effective July 3, 1971

Thomas Jefferson

Death

1136 Roger Sherman Boardman ✓  
Date of death unknown

Roger Sherman

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Kalbfleisch

Analysis of Registrar-General's Report

18 New Members

13 Senior Members  
5 Junior Members

The following Signers are represented:

<u>SIGNER</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>
William Ellery	3
Benjamin Franklin	1
Benjamin Harrison	1
John Hart	2
Thomas Heyward, Jr.	1
Francis Hopkinson	1
Lewis Morris	2
Robert Morris	1
John Morton	4
Matthew Thornton	1
Oliver Wolcott	1
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MEMBERS DELINQUENT WITH DUES - DROPPED OCTOBER 2, 1971

		<u>Member since</u>
1149	Mrs. George C. Currie, Bryn Mawr, Pa.	1957
1384	Mrs. C. L. Dimos, Charlottesville, Va.	1967
1334	Mr. Pattison Fulton, Far Hills, N.J.	1965
1425	Dr. Alexander Franklin H. Goetz, Altadena, Cal.	1969
1227	Mrs. Dudley F. Hawkes, Princeton, N.J.	1960
1424	Mrs. Hugh Dean James (nee Goetz), Seattle, Wash.	1969
1319	Mr. Richard Glenn Moore, Seal Beach, Cal.	1964
872	Mrs. William Allen Tyler, Jr. (nee Postles) Waverly, Va.	1944
1400	Miss Millicent Livingston Wilkins, Hendersonville, N.C.	1968
1395	Mrs. John D. Woodward, Dorval, P.Q., Canada	1968

DSDI BOARD MEETING, Oct. 2, 1971  
 STAUNTON, VA.  
 ATTACHMENT II

DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INC.

Statement of Fund Balances as of September 15, 1971

	General Fund	Scholarship Fund	Bicentennial Fund	Yearbook Fund	Total Funds
Balances - 4/30/71	<u>\$4,262.33</u>	<u>\$12,082.23</u>	<u>\$4,159.59</u>	<u>\$850.25</u>	<u>\$21,354.40</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Dues	\$3,085.00				\$3,085.00
Interest		\$350.00			350.00
Contributions		99.00	\$49.00		148.00
Phila. Meeting	523.50				523.50
Miscellaneous	13.24				13.24
Total Revenues	<u>\$3,621.74</u>	<u>\$449.00</u>	<u>\$49.00</u>		<u>\$4,119.74</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Meeting Expenses	\$ 683.09				\$ 683.09
Printing	591.67				591.67
Postage & Minutes	98.90				98.90
Certificates	51.54				51.54
Scholarship Award		\$600.00			600.00
Accountant Fee	125.00				125.00
Safe Deposit Box	5.00				5.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,555.20</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>			<u>\$2,155.20</u>
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN FUND	<u>\$2,066.54</u>	<u>(\$151.00)</u>	<u>\$49.00</u>		<u>\$1,964.54</u>
Balances - 9/15/71	<u>\$6,328.87</u>	<u>\$11,931.23</u>	<u>\$4,208.59</u>	<u>\$850.25</u>	<u>\$23,318.94</u>

September 15, 1971

James Paul Hopkinson  
 Treasurer-General