

ANNUAL WINTER MEETING of the
DESCENDANTS of the SIGNERS of the
DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE, INC.

New York, N.Y., February 19, 1972

I. Meeting of the Board of Governors

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Richard Schumacher, 1133 Park Avenue, New York, by President-General Franklin Bache Satterthwaite.

The Board was welcomed by Mrs. Schumacher, who is President of the New York State Society, and Mr. Schumacher. There were nine in attendance, despite snow and inclement weather, those present being: Mary Stokes Schumacher, Franklin Bache Satterthwaite, Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., W. B. Shubrick Clymer, James Paul Hopkinson, Barbara Brooks Walker, C. B. Axford, Charlotte D. Marsh, and John Morton Fultz.

The President-General asked Mr. Axford to take the minutes.

Minutes of the October meeting in Staunton, Va., which had been written by Mrs. Schumacher in the absence of Secretary-General Truxtun R. Brodhead, were read by First Vice President-General John Morton Fultz, and unanimously accepted and approved after motion of Honorary President-General Percy H. Goodsell.

President-General Satterthwaite reported acceptances of appointment as Governors-at-large from Mrs. J. Howard Patterson, former Registrar-General of the Society, and M. Addison Thomas, former Historian-General, both of whom expressed warm appreciation of the honor accorded them.

In the absence of Registrar-General Barbara Kalbfleisch, who could not get to New York until afternoon because of the weather, it was agreed that approval of the new members to be presented by her would be postponed until just before the afternoon general meeting of the Society when the Board would reconvene for this purpose.

The text of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Society to limit the terms of officers was presented by First Vice President-General Fultz, in the absence of the Secretary-General, and it was approved by unanimous vote of the Governors, a necessary step for its presentation to the Annual Congress of the Society in May. (Text of the amendment is attached.)

Treasurer-General James Paul Hopkinson presented his report, indicating a total of \$25,735.66 in the Society's general and special funds as of February 16, 1972. (See Treasurer's Report attached.) He reported uncollected dues amounting to about \$900, with 50 members delinquent one year, 20 two years, and 8 three years, and said that duplicate bills were sent out to them in February. He suggested need for assistance on the large amount of clerical work involved in the office, and this was discussed by various Governors. Also discussed was the need for clarification of the Federal Income Tax status of the Society's funds. No action was taken on these subjects, but the desirability of finding some way to give the Treasurer-General assistance was generally conceded.

In the course of the discussions, the desirability of creating a three year budget as a guide to uses of the Society's funds was suggested, as was also the possibility of channelling any surplus into the Bicentennial Fund.

It was noted that the income from the Scholarship Fund had been in

excess of \$800, and it was voted to increase the annual grant to \$700. This would leave sufficient margin to cover administrative expenses, such as printing and postage for the annual scholarship letter.

Historian-General Shubrick Clymer reported on the desirability of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, as a meeting place for a future Fall Meeting of the Society, noting the many old dwellings and the restoration work going on in the Strawberry Banks section. There was general agreement among the Governors that he should pursue the suggestion with ideas for local arrangements, pending clarification of the invitation from the Society's Governor from North Carolina, Mrs. William H. Suttentfield for the 1972 Fall Meeting in New Bern, N.C.

In the Absence of Honorary President-General Schuyler N. Pyne, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Schumacher reported that a slate had not yet been completed, since the nomination of a new Secretary-General to succeed Mr. Brodhead had not been settled.

Subsequent to the meeting the Nominating Committee agreed upon the following nominees:

President-General	W. B. Shubrick Clymer
First Vice President-Gen.	Mrs. Lionel T. DeForest
Second Vice President-Gen.	Frederick Wallace Pyne
Honorary Chaplain - Gen.	Rev. Dr. Ernest A. Harding
Registrar-General	Mr. William G. Kalbfleisch
Asst. Registrar-General	Mrs. Julia Morris Wilcox
Historian-General	Benjamin Harrison Walker
Treasurer-General	James Paul Hopkinson
Asst. Treasurer-General	Wentworth Seton Simmons
Secretary-General	John Morton Fultz, Jr.
Asst. Secretary-General	Mrs. Joseph Bernard Hauck
Chancellor-General	Edward Ridley Finch, Jr.
Honorary President-Gen.	Franklin Bache Satterthwaite

The next issue of the "DSDI Bulletin" is about ready for printing, it was reported by Mrs. Schumacher, who also reported on the New York Society's meeting at the Schumachers' apartment last October at which Brother Quinn spoke on the Signers. She mentioned that the New York Society would meet on March 28 and the speaker would be John Pell, Chairman of the New York Bicentennial Commission; also that the New York Society was contemplating a tour in April to "Morven", home of New Jersey Signer Richard Stockton and now the residence of the Governor of New Jersey. Also, Mrs. Schumacher said, lists of Signers who had no descendants had been supplied to the New York Times as a guide to their reporting on claimed descendants of the Signers.

Mr. Satterthwaite mentioned that the grave of Lewis Morris in Morrisania, The Bronx, is not being well maintained. No action was taken on this, but the New York Society will investigate.

Mr. Goodsell took note of the fact that, while the Bicentennial Fund now has \$4500, an additional \$12,000 will be needed to obtain and install the plaque for which the D.S.D.I. has permission, in the Capitol in Washington. He hopes to have alternative models to present to the Annual Congress in May. Mr. Satterthwaite thanked him for

his contribution of \$80.00 to the Fund, made up of honoraria which he received from showings of slide photographs of the homes and homesites of the Signers. Mr. Goodsell said that he has more talks scheduled before other patriotic groups.

Mr. Satterthwaite brought up the question of disposition of the miniature portrait of Francis Lewis, Signer for New York, which had been presented to the Society by Mrs. Andrew Kidd of Vero Beach, Fla. One idea was that it might be loaned to the Fraunces Tavern Museum of the Sons of the Revolution in New York. However, he suggested that it might better be sent to the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, which has requested portraits of the Signers. There appeared to be no dissent to this suggestion and unless there is some opposition it will be done.

The President-General also discussed the idea of a special series of postage stamps, commemorating the Signers, to be issued in 1976. Mrs. William F. Lynch II, Governor for Delaware, has been pursuing this project with postal authorities, he said, and would welcome any suggestions.

Following adjournment of the Board Meeting, those in attendance enjoyed a buffet lunch prepared and hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Schumacher.

Reconvening at the hall of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the Board heard the report of Registrar-General Barbara Kalbfleisch. She proposed 18 new senior members, 4 reinstatements, and 6 new junior members. There were 5 deaths and 1 resignation. The proposed members were elected by the Board, and the resignation was accepted. The status of membership is as follows:

		<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
10-2-71	On the Roll	560	230
2-19-72	Report - Deceased	5	
	Resigned	1	
	Dropped		
	Reinstated	4	
	Reclassified		
	New	18	6
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2-19-72	On the Roll	576	236

The complete Registrar-General Report is attached.

Following this report, the Board of Governors adjourned to participate in the program of the General Meeting.

C. B. Axford,
Secretary, pro tem.