

ANNUAL FALL MEETING of the
DESCENDANTS of the SIGNERS of the
DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE, Inc
Saratoga Springs, New York
October 5,6,7, 1973

I. Meeting of the Board of Governors

The meeting was called to order by President-General DeForest at 4:40 P.M. in the suite of the H. Richard Schumacher's at the Gideon Putnam Hotel.

The following members were present: Agnes B. DeForest, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, Mary Stokes Schumacher, Marianne Gibbs Layton Brinker, The Rev, Harold Bend Sedgwick, Frederick Wallace Pyne, Percy Hamilton Goodsell and Rieman McNamara, Jr.

Chaplin-General Sedgwick opened the meeting with a prayer.

In the absence of Secretary-General Wood, Mrs. Kalbfleisch read the minutes of the 66th Annual Congress in Philadelphia.

Registrar General Barbara Kalbfleisch proposed 17 senior members and 7 junior members. This number included a Life Senior member and a Life Junior member, and the transfer from junior membership to senior membership of 8 persons. They were all unanimously elected. There were 5 dropped members and 4 deceased members. This brought the status of membership to: 595 senior members and 256 junior members.

In the absence of Treasurer-General Hopkinson, Mrs. Kalbfleisch gave a summary statement of that report, which is attached. It was particularly noted that the recent brochure which was largely the work of Julia Morris Wilcox, had been successful in bringing in approximately \$1200 in the short period of 2 weeks since its publication.

Bicentennial Committee Chairman, Mr. Percy Goodsell gave a brief report which included an appreciation of the success of the brochure. Governor of Georgia, Mrs. Carson, had forwarded a check to Mr. Goodsell with a letter. Mr. Goodsell read the letter, which was highly commendatory of the brochure previously referred to and of the committee's efforts in arranging for the bas-relief plaque. Mr. Goodsell felt that the letter was symptomatic of general and wide acceptance of the Society's bicentennial efforts.

Publications Committee Chairman Mary Schumacher requested that the Committee be advanced \$250 to assist in the financial dealings connected with producing the Society's Newsletter. This was in the form of a motion, duly seconded and passed.

No special report from the Scholarship Committee was given at this time.

Nominating Committee report was given by Mr. Percy Goodsell in the absence of other members. He reminded the Board of Governors that names be submitted to the Board 90 days in advance of the Annual

Congress. With the changing of dates of meetings, this might present a future problem. After some discussion, it was agreed that, if necessary, such considerations would be handled by telephone or letter.

New Business

Mr. Rieman McNamara, Jr., the new Governor from Virginia, reviewed plans for the next meeting of the Society to be held at Williamsburg, March 22-24. There was considerable discussion regarding banquet expense. It was finally decided that a fee of \$15 would be charged, with the Society subsidizing any remainder, including the speakers honorarium. A few readjustments in time were suggested which are to be arranged by Mr. McNamara. President-General DeForest suggested that a Sunday luncheon be included if possible. Mr. McNamara was to make the necessary arrangements, revise the schedule and report the results to First Vice-President-General Pyne, who is responsible for setting up the program for delivery through the Secretary-General for printing.

A discussion was held regarding the Board's desires on a place and time for a meeting in 1976 to dedicate the bas-relief plaque. Rather than amend the Constitution to adjust the Annual Congress, Mr. Goodsell suggested that a mid-late March meeting might be desirable if the details can be worked out with the architect of the Capitol and the National Park Service. This was placed in the form of a motion, duly seconded, and passed. Mr. Pyne is to make arrangements and report from time to time to the Board of Governors.

Planning for future meetings through 1977 was briefly discussed, but no specific commitments were made other than a fall meeting in Winston Salem for 1974, Mr. Goodsell dissenting from agreement.

Following a blessing by the Rev. Mr. Sedgwick, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

II. General Meeting

The general meeting of the Society was called to order by President-General DeForest at 11:00 A.M. in the 1st floor conference room of the Gideon Putnam Hotel.

Chaplain-General, The Rev. Sedgwick, gave the Society prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The President-General asked that the First Vice-President-General Pyne introduce new members at the meeting.

In the absence of Secretary-General Wood, the minutes of the 66th Annual Congress were read by Mrs. Kalbfleisch.