

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

Winston-Salem, North Carolina
October 11, 12 and 13, 1974

I. Meeting of the Board of Governors

The meeting was called to order by President-General DeForest at the home of Mrs. William F. Brown on Friday, October 11, at 4:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Agnes B. DeForest, Virginia Elizabeth Campbell, Eliza Coale Funk, Marianne Layton Brinker, Daniel Hasell Heyward, Jr., Frederick Wallace Pyne, Harold Bend Sedgwick, Elizabeth Wight Brown, Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., Doris R. Coley, James Paul Hopkinson, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, and John Morton Fultz, Jr.

Chaplain-General Sedgwick opened the meeting with a prayer.

In the absence of the Secretary-General, Treasurer-General Hopkinson read the minutes of the last meeting and they were accepted as read. The President-General then appointed John Morton Fultz Secretary Pro-tem.

Treasurer-General Hopkinson gave his report, which appears as Attachment I to these minutes. In the period from May 1 to October 8, 1974, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$2200.00. Mr. Hopkinson voiced his confidence that the additional \$1100.00 needed for the Bicentennial Plaque would be obtained by 1976.

Thirteen members delinquent in dues were dropped as required by Article V, Section 4 of the constitution.

Bicentennial Committee chairman Goodsell reported that he had given the Treasurer-General a check from the Hebron Historical Society, received for his slide lecture on homes of the Signers.

Turning to the presentation of the Bicentennial Plaque in March of 1976, Mr. Goodsell outlined the tentative arrangements made by Vice President-General Pyne, which will feature an address by the President of the United States. Mr. Goodsell is continuing to negotiate for a banquet at Anderson House, Headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati, following the presentation ceremony.

Mr. Goodsell asked the Board to support the Patriots' Ball which is to be held in New York on April 19, 1975, commemorating the close of the Colonial period and the beginning of the Revolutionary period. Upon motion duly proposed and seconded, the Board voted to donate \$200.00 to the Ball committee to aid in securing ballroom reservations.

Mr. Fultz, reporting for Mr. Ward and his committee for 1976 activity in Philadelphia, said it was planned to stage a one week exhibit of artifacts and possessions of the Signers, probably in Independence Hall, the exhibit to be manned by D.S.D.I. members in period costumes. This activity would be scheduled for "Freedom Week" which is an annual Philadelphia event during the last week in June. Mr. Fultz asked that publicity be arranged and all members be requested to send to Mr. Ward a list of artifacts, documents, etc. which were original possessions of the Signers and which the

members would be willing to loan for the exhibit. Items would be secured in glass cases and full insurance would be provided.

New Business

The annual scholarship award was increased to \$900.00 effective retroactively with the 1974-75 award. The Treasurer-General was directed to send current recipient Philip Nelson Light a check for \$100.00 supplementing the \$800.00 he has already received.

The Treasurer-General was authorized to transfer the sum of \$1823.52 from the General fund to the Yearbook fund.

Doris Coley distributed copies of the D.S.D.I. informational leaflet which she had revised and reprinted at the low cost of \$110.00 per 1000.

The President-General asked for volunteers to assist the new editor of the Signers' Bulletin, Florence Maupin, Governor for Washington, D.C.

Registrar-General Kalbfleisch proposed for election ten Senior members, four of whom were Juniors, one reinstatement, and four Juniors. There were four deaths. The complete report appears as attachment II to these minutes. All proposed members were elected unanimously.

The President-General asked for discussion of ways to relieve the Secretary-General of some of her duties. Mr. Fultz was of the opinion that the Secretary-General should be free to organize her job to her liking and that any proposals for reorganization should come from her. The Board stands ready to act on any proposals she may have.

Vice President-General Pyne submitted a list of possible meeting locations:

Fall Meetings	Newport, R.I.
	Portsmouth, N.H.
	West Point, N.Y.
Winter Meetings	Savannah, Ga.
	New Bern, N.C.
	Fredericksburg, Va.

Mr. Goodsell urged that, in order to conserve fuel and keep costs down, future meetings be limited between Massachusetts and Virginia.

Mrs. Brown read a report from Rieman McNamara, President of the Virginia State Society, telling of a recent meeting at Windsor, where the Executive Director of the Richmond Bicentennial Commission was the speaker. The next meeting, on November 2nd will be at the home of Benjamin Harrison. This is the first of seven meetings scheduled to be held at the Signers' homes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M. with the viewing of a television news program on which Mrs. Brown appeared for a discussion of the Winston-Salem meeting.