

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING of the
DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS of the
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, Inc.

Morristown, New Jersey
February 15, 1975

I. Meeting of the Board of Governors

The meeting was called to order by President-General DeForest at the Governor Morris Inn in Morristown on Saturday, February 15, 1975.

The following members were present: Agnes B. DeForest, William Ward, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., Sally Middleton Hawkridge, Harriet Jackson Ely, Doris Rennell Coley, Eliza C. Funk, Marianne G. L. Brinker, Frederick Wallace Pyne, Mary S. Schumacher, C. B. Axford, Gabrielle Maupin Bielenstein, James Paul Hopkinson, Hope Middleton Wood.

President-General DeForest opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were approved as read.

Registrar-General Kalbfleisch reported 7 new seniors, 12 new juniors, 1 reinstatement and 3 deaths resulting in a total of 618 seniors and 264 junior members.

Bi-Centennial Committee Chairman Goodsell reported that the Patriots Ball was cancelled because of lack of financial support but that another ball may be scheduled in conjunction with New York's 350th anniversary celebration.

Mr. Goodsell also reported that funds were received toward the bicentennial plaque as a result of the sale of a painting by Thomas Poole. In addition further contributions were received from four societies for whom Mr. Goodsell gave his slide presentation.

No report from the Publicity Committee other than the continuing difficulty of acquiring help to prepare the Signers Bulletin. Mrs. DeForest volunteered to take care of the fall issue.

Treasurer-General Hopkinson reported that interest on the Scholarship fund was approximately \$1,000.00 and that revenues for the period of May 1, 1974 thru February 10, 1975 exceeded expenditures by \$4,800.00. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was resolved that the Treasurer-General be authorized to redeem the 5% Growth Savings Certificate of Deposit dated January 22, 1969 in the face amount of \$3,000.00 bearing Serial # 6301 727 G and to reinvest the proceeds at his discretion.

The Nominating Committee made the following report which after some discussion was approved as follows:

President-General	Frederick Wallace Pyne
First Vice President-General	William Floyd Haneman
Second Vice President-General	Mrs. Craig McDonald Coley
Chaplain-General	The Reverend Harold Bend Sedgwick
Registrar-General	Mrs. William G. Kalbfleisch

Assistant Registrar-General
Historian-General
Treasurer-General
Secretary-General
Assistant Secretary-General
Chancellor-General
Honorary President-General

Mrs. Robert McLain Hawkrige
Mrs. Morrison Whittemore Brinker
James Paul Hopkinson
Mrs. William Spaulding Wood, II
Mrs. Joseph B. Hauck
Edward Ridley Finch, Jr.
Mrs. Lionel T. DeForest

William Ward, Governor for Pennsylvania, reported that the Artifacts Show decision will be made by the time of the Annual Congress.

Upon motion of Mr. Ward the date of the Annual Congress was changed to May 17th and 18th, 1975 to avoid conflict with the Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Ward further moved that the 1976 Annual Congress be restricted to a Board Meeting, luncheon and General Meeting, in view of the Society's activities in Washington in March and over the Fourth of July in Philadelphia. Upon motion of Mr. Goodsell May 15th is the date set for the 1976 Annual Congress.

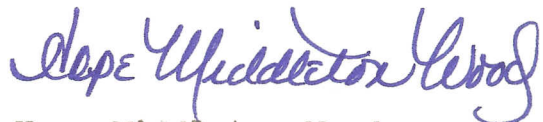
Upon a motion by Mrs. Wood, the Board unanimously agreed to reimburse Mr. Fultz for expenditures in the preparation and posting of the Geographical index.

The Board was informed that preparations were completed for the Lexington-Concord meeting October 10th including an invitation from Chaplain-General Sedgwick to host the Board meeting and cocktails to follow.

It was moved and passed that a formal presentation increasing dues for Life Members be added to the agenda for the Annual Congress.

The meeting was then adjourned by the President-General.

Respectively Submitted



Hope Middleton Wood
Secretary-General