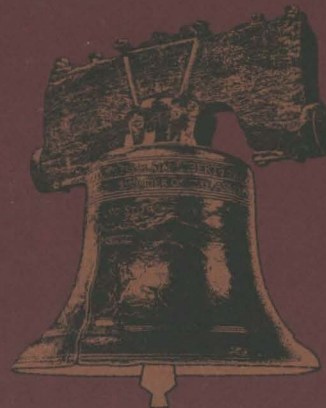


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President General and Mrs. Nolan W. Carson



The PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE...



The oath of office taken by incoming President General Carson was administered by Chancellor General Paul H. Walker, while Mrs. Carson proudly observed. This part of the installation ceremony was near the conclusion of the 97th Annual Congress.



Outgoing President General Clovis H. Brakebill presented the badge of office to newly elected PG Carson. This followed administration of the oath as described in the photo above.

Dear Compatriots:

I am grateful for the privilege of serving you as President General during the coming year. I will do my utmost to justify your confidence. Nancy and I plan to visit a number of State Societies and Districts and we look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible during our travels.

The Valley Forge Congress was a resounding success. It set an attendance record with 346 members and 265 guests for a total of 611 attendees.

All of us who attended the Congress join in thanking Pennsylvania Society President William G. Dorwart, Compatriot and Mrs. Ernest K. Bossert and all of the other members of the Host Committee who labored so long and hard to make the Congress enjoyable. Thanks also to Vice-President General Robert B. Vance of Georgia and the members of his Congress Planning Committee for their efforts in arranging future Congress sites and coordinating with each Host Committee to insure that our Congress functions smoothly.

I am grateful to all of you who traveled many miles from across the land, and even across the seas, to gather in Valley Forge. Many new friendships were made, many old ones rekindled and much important Society business was conducted.

The next Congress will be held July 2-6, 1988 at the Sheraton Premier Hotel across the Potomac River from Washington, DC. The room rates at this excellent new hotel will be even less than those at Valley Forge. The District of Columbia Society, which will host the Congress, is already hard at work planning what promises to be a memorable week for us in the Nation's capital.

I send my warmest congratulations to all of the other General Officers, Vice-Presidents General, Trustees and Alternate Trustees who were elected at the Congress. All of us have important obligations to the Society and its members and, with your help, I hope we can make this another year of major accomplishment for the Society we all serve.

The Executive Committee will have new faces this year with the addition of Compatriots Edward S. Hoyt of Florida; Stewart B. McCarty of the DC Society; Robert A. Ragland, Jr. of Tennessee; and Historian General James A. Westlake of Georgia. We welcome them and the enthusiasm and wisdom they will bring with them.

Efforts to increase our membership will occupy much of our time this year and I respectfully urge every SAR member to join us in identifying worthy men to join our Society. Executive Director Wayne Wiedman and our loyal Headquarters staff are dedicated to serving the State Societies, Chapters and individual members as promptly, cheerfully and effectively as possible. If we can help you with a problem or answer a question, please write or telephone headquarters. We will enjoy hearing from you.

Finally, my sincere congratulations to Former President General Clovis Brakebill for an outstanding year at the helm of the Society. It was a pleasure to serve under his leadership and his positive accomplishments will benefit the Society for many years to come.

Patriotically yours,

Nolan W. Carson

Nolan W. Carson
President General

THE COVER ILLUSTRATION was taken at National Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Behind President General and Mrs. Carson is a handsome copy of the famous "Signing of the Declaration of Independence" painting originally rendered by John Trumbull.

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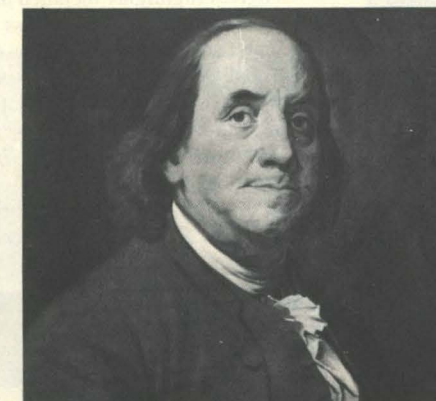
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Over 600 SARs, Guests Attend Congress



The Congress was opened with presentation of the Colors by the combined Color Guards of the California, Maryland, Massachusetts and New Jersey Societies. Music for the occasion was provided by the Upper Merion High School Concert Band.



Eagle Scout John H. Kedeshian received his \$4,000 scholarship check during the Monday luncheon from Former President General Arthur M. King. Also participating were PG Clovis H. Brakebill and Boy Scout Committee Chairman Robert E. Burt. A \$1,000 award was given to Valerie Scott for winning the Oration Contest. Making the presentation were PG Brakebill and Contest Committee Chairman Louis C. Alderman.



LEFT: Prior to the opening of the Congress, President General Clovis H. Brakebill and DAR President General Mrs. Raymond F. Fleck chatted informally. **CENTER:** On behalf of the Virginia Society, these Compatriots presented a painting of James Madison for National Headquar-



ters (from left), President James L. Mayer, George S. Knight and Braxton H. Tabb, Jr. **RIGHT:** President General and Mrs. Nolan W. Carson waved to over 600 Compatriots and guests who were on hand for the Wednesday banquet that featured his installation.

When the final tally was made of those on hand for the 97th Annual Congress this past June at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, the Credentials Committee reported that 346 Compatriots (293 as certified delegates) and 265 guests were registered — a record number for as far back as anyone could recall.

Throughout the entire several days of varied activities, it was most evident that the planning efforts the Pennsylvania Society had expended over the past two years were paying off. Attendees wholeheartedly agreed that arrangements had been well organized down to the last detail. Serving as Chairman of the Congress Planning Committee was Past Society President Ernest K. Bossert, while Mrs. Bossert chaired the Ladies Hospitality Committee. She was awarded the Martha Washington Medal by the National Society near the conclusion of the Congress.

Unanimously elected President General for a one-year term was Nolan W. Carson, a longtime member of the Ohio Society. All other officers selected by the Nominating Committee were also elected. The office of Secretary General was contested, as reported in the Congress Minutes elsewhere in this issue of the magazine.

Congress highlights included an impressive Memorial Service, business sessions, banquets, staging of the Douglass G. High Historical Oration Contest, presentation of national-level awards and a tour of Independence National Historical Park in downtown Philadelphia. All of these events are reported on succeeding pages. Also reported are Committee appointments and National and State Society officers.



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Following his address at the Monday luncheon, LTG Frederick A. Welsh, PAARNG (Ret), was congratulated by President General Clovis H. Brakebill and presented with a remembrance.



Throughout the Congress, Executive Secretary Wayne R. Wiedman (left) and Col. Robert B. Vance, Chairman of the National Society's Congress Planning Committee, conferred on how various details were being handled.

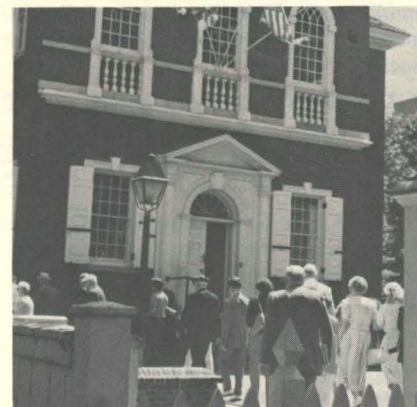


One of a number of educational seminars held encompassed the publishing of newsletters, chaired by Virginia Society Compatriot Jennings H. Flathers (seated). Shown speaking on tips for a Chapter periodical was Milard Souers, Editor of the Williamsburg (VA) Chapter *The Magazine* (named thus because it serves as a storehouse for news — as the famous magazine in Williamsburg served as a storehouse for military supplies). Also addressing attendees was Cecil W. Daggett, Editor of the Massachusetts Society *Bulletin*; he covered production of a newsletter at the state level.

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Mrs. Ernest K. Bossert (left), Chairman of the Ladies Hospitality Committee, presented Mrs. Clovis H. Brakebill, the wife of the President General, a beautiful needlework gift she had crafted depicting Washington crossing the Delaware. This gesture of friendship was done on behalf of Pennsylvania Society ladies.



On Wednesday afternoon buses transported Compatriots and guests to downtown Philadelphia for a guided tour of buildings within Independence National Historical Park. Included was a walk through Carpenters' Hall. The First Continental Congress met here in 1774. It was built in 1770 as a guildhall by the Carpenters' Company.



As the Congress drew to a close, Chairman Ernest K. Bossert was given the honor of presenting the Martha Washington Medal to his wife on behalf of the National Society, while President General Clovis H. Brakebill watched. She was recognized for having been responsible for organizing ladies activities.

Memorial Service At Wayne Church

Dedicated in 1893 the Wayne Presbyterian Church, a handsome English Gothic edifice with a vaulted ceiling, was the impressive setting for the Memorial Service held on the Sunday prior to the Opening Session of the 97th Annual Congress.

Several buses brought Compatriots and guests from King of Prussia to the church parking lot, where a grand parade formed



Several hundred SARs and guests participated in the parade to the Memorial Service.

and marched to the pews inside. Leading the procession were the combined Color Guards of the California, Massachusetts, Maryland and New Jersey Societies. A prominent member of the Massachusetts unit was DAR President General Mrs. Raymond F. Fleck, the drummer.

Participating in the hour-long program were Chaplain General Rev. Kenneth V. Kettlewell, Past Chaplain General Rev. Samuel J. Holt and Former Presidents General Warren G. Hayes, Jr., Dr. M. Graham Clark, Jr. and Carl F. Bessent. Compatriot Bessent reported that 593 members had died over the past year. He named several of them and recounted their contributions to the SAR.



The sermon was given by Chaplain General Rev. Kenneth V. Kettlewell. He discussed the importance of celebrating the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

Texas Society Captures Numerous Awards At Annual Congress Recognition Night

Lt. Gen. John M. Wright, Jr., USA (Ret), who is serving as President of the Texas Society, was almost exhausted by the time Recognition Night drew to a close at the 97th Annual Congress — for he came from the audience to accept **nine** major awards on behalf of his Society! Texas Compatriots are to be congratulated for being recognized for a variety of accomplishments, ranging from presenting evidence of the most complete program of activities to enrolling the largest number of new members. Those State Societies, Chapters and individual SARs saluted for activities during 1986-87 were:

The President General's Cup Plaque (to the State Society or Chapter which presents evidence of the most complete program of activities): **Texas Society**.



President John M. Wright accepted awards on behalf of the Texas Society.

The Carl F. Bessent Award (to the Editor of the most outstanding newsletter of a Chapter): **George Washington Chapter, VASSAR**.

The Allene Groves Wilson Award (to the State Society or Chapter which presents evidence of implementing SAR resolutions and principles): **Western Reserve Society, OHSSAR**.

The Edwin B. Graham Trophy (to the State Society sponsoring the first place winner of the Douglass G. High Historical Oratorical Contest): **Georgia Society**.

The George E. Tarbox, Jr. Trophy (to the State Society, exclusive of the host State Society, which has the largest percentage of eligible delegates at an Annual Congress): **Arizona, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Mexico Societies**.

The Texas Award (to the State Society with the highest percentage of increase in membership among states with less than 100 members): **Montana Society, 70.5%**.

The Colorado Award (to the State Society with the highest percentage of increase in membership among states with more than 100 members): **Mississippi Society, 32.4%**.



Willard Lee McIlwain was saluted for recruiting 28 new members last year.

The Ohio Award (to the State Society enrolling the highest percentage of new members under 30 years of age): **Hawaii Society, 50.0%**.

The Len Young Smith Award (to the State Society which enrolled the largest number of new members under 40 years of age): **Texas Society, 89**.

The Walter G. Sterling Award (to the State Society which enrolled the largest number of new members transferred from the C.A.R.): **Texas Society, 5**.

The Robert L. Sonfield Award (to the State Society with the largest numerical increase of members at the end of the membership year): **Texas Society, 109**.

The Houston Chapter Award (to the State Society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members transferred from the C.A.R.): **Wisconsin Society, 9.09%**.

The SAR Magazine Award (to the State Society which rendered most cooperation in supplying usable magazine material): **Pennsylvania Society**.

The Harold L. Putnam Award (to the State Society or Chapter responsible for the winner of the Douglass G. High Historical Contest): **Rome Chapter, GASSAR**.



Virginia Society President James L. Mayer accepted The Carl F. Bessent Award on behalf of the George Washington Chapter for the best Chapter newsletter.

The Senator Robert A. Taft Award (to the State Society which enrolled the largest number of new members): **Texas Society, 222**.

The William Y. Pryor Award (to the State Society with the largest number of registered delegates and guests at the Congress, with consideration for the distance factor): **California Society**.

The Syracuse Award (to the State Society which instituted the most new Chapters): **Texas Society, 4**.

The 1776 Trophy (to the State Society which reinstated the largest number of dropped and resigned members): **Empire State Society (NY), 87**.

The Eugene C. McGuire Award (to the State Society enrolling the largest number of sons, grandsons and nephews of SARs and DARs): **Texas Society, 82**.

The Kentucky Cup Award (to the Membership Chairman of that State Society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members): **Montana Society, 58.2%**.



Wisconsin Society Trustee William H. Roddis accepted The Houston Chapter Award.

The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award (to the State Society with the best U.S. Flag program): **Maryland Society**.

The Minnesota Society Stephen Taylor Award (to the Compatriot who by his research and writings has made a distinguished and significant contribution to the preservation of the history of the American Revolutionary Era and its Patriots): **Harold B. Hancock, Delaware Society**.

The Charlotte Lund Woodward Award (to the Editor of the best State Society periodical): **Massachusetts Society**.

The William M. Melone Award (to the Chapter which had the largest number of supplemental memberships turned in and approved): **Texas Society, 137**.

The Richard H. Thompson, Jr. Award (to that State Society which has at that year's end the smallest number of members dropped from the rolls by reason of failure to pay National SAR dues): **Alaska, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, Washington Societies**.

The Matthew B. Sellers III Award (to the Vice-President General who makes the best percentage over quota based on last year's membership results): **Lloyd Bohart, Intermountain District**.

The Florence Kendall Award (to the Compatriot who recruited the greatest number of new members): **Willard Lee McIlwain, Mississippi Society, 28**.

The Membership Plaque of Honor (for recruiting 15 or more new members): **Willard Lee McIlwain, GASSAR, 28; William A. Neyhart, Sr., PASSAR, 19; Robert B. Vance, Sr., GASSAR, 17; Hardwick S. Johnson, GASSAR, 16; William M. Melone, AZSSAR, 16; Terry R. Beadles, INSSAR, 15; John R. Morgan, CASSAR, 15; Frank R. Watkins, TXSSAR, 15**.

In the President General's Activities Competition, these State Societies and Chapters received recognition in their particular membership size categories: **District**

of Columbia Society; Maryland Society; Richard Montgomery Chapter, OHSSAR; Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR; Philadelphia-Continental Chapter, PASSAR.



Edward S. Hoyt, Florida Society President and a member of the Saramana Chapter, received the President General's Activities Contest Award on behalf of the Chapter.

Delaware, Idaho Gain King Awards

The Delaware and Idaho Societies each walked off with a \$1,000 check and customized gavel during Recognition Night as a result of how they came out in competition for **The Arthur M. and Berdena King SAR-DAR Membership Comparison Awards**.

Data compiled by Former President General King showed that Delaware's total membership as of April 1, when compared with the total DAR membership in the state, produced the highest percentage: 45.48%. Idaho showed the largest percentage increase in the ratio of SAR to DAR membership during the 12 months preceding April 1: 2.78%.

Itemized here are the data that FPG King compiled showing the ranking of State Societies as of April 1, the beginning of this year's competition.

| | SAR | DAR | Percentage SAR of DAR |
|-----------------|-----|-------|-----------------------|
| 1. Delaware | 267 | 587 | 45.48 |
| 2. Utah | 145 | 378 | 38.36 |
| 3. Arizona | 451 | 1,507 | 29.92 |
| 4. Rhode Island | 221 | 740 | 29.86 |
| 5. Nevada | 64 | 325 | 19.69 |



Delaware Society Past President Harold H. Lighthipe accepted a King Award.

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| 6. Florida | 1,862 | 9,509 | 19.58 |
| 7. Maryland | 608 | 3,180 | 19.12 |
| 8. Pennsylvania | 1,946 | 10,190 | 19.09 |
| 9. New Hampshire | 227 | 1,318 | 17.22 |
| 10. Hawaii | 23 | 138 | 16.66 |
| 11. New Mexico | 175 | 1,056 | 16.57 |
| 12. District of Columbia | 367 | 2,262 | 16.22 |
| 13. Idaho | 80 | 502 | 15.93 |
| 14. Connecticut | 547 | 3,520 | 15.54 |
| 15. Massachusetts | 551 | 3,570 | 15.43 |
| 16. Virginia | 1,379 | 9,061 | 15.22 |
| 17. New Jersey | 542 | 4,072 | 13.31 |
| 18. South Carolina | 561 | 4,226 | 13.27 |
| 19. Kansas | 509 | 3,916 | 12.99 |
| 20. Dakotas | 67 | 533 | 12.57 |
| 21. Kentucky | 634 | 5,144 | 12.32 |
| 22. Ohio | 1,077 | 8,866 | 12.14 |
| 23. W. Virginia | 358 | 3,090 | 11.58 |
| 24. Texas | 1,853 | 16,849 | 10.99 |
| 25. California | 1,035 | 9,862 | 10.49 |
| 26. Louisiana | 549 | 5,446 | 10.08 |
| 27. New York | 1,039 | 10,381 | 10.00 |
| 28. Wyoming | 52 | 525 | 9.90 |
| 29. Arkansas | 308 | 3,136 | 9.82 |
| 30. Minnesota | 114 | 1,207 | 9.44 |
| 31. Vermont | 75 | 846 | 8.86 |
| 32. Indiana | 694 | 8,371 | 8.29 |
| 33. Colorado | 204 | 2,470 | 8.26 |
| 34. Tennessee | 565 | 6,843 | 8.25 |
| 35. Washington | 175 | 2,175 | 8.04 |
| 36. Alabama | 370 | 4,847 | 7.63 |
| 37. Michigan | 286 | 3,795 | 7.53 |
| 38. Illinois | 810 | 10,964 | 7.38 |
| 39. Alaska | 15 | 207 | 7.24 |
| 40. Maine | 117 | 1,617 | 7.23 |
| 41. Oklahoma | 251 | 3,566 | 7.03 |
| 42. Wisconsin | 152 | 2,161 | 7.03 |
| 43. North Carolina | 411 | 6,662 | 6.17 |
| 44. Georgia | 487 | 8,181 | 5.95 |
| 45. Missouri | 405 | 7,036 | 5.75 |
| 46. Nebraska | 113 | 2,080 | 5.43 |
| 47. Oregon | 87 | 1,679 | 5.18 |
| 48. Mississippi | 257 | 5,716 | 4.49 |
| 49. Montana | 29 | 684 | 4.24 |
| 50. Iowa | 138 | 3,640 | 3.79 |
| Total | 23,683 | 208,947 | |

DATES TO REMEMBER

Trustees Meeting

Louisville, KY, October 9-10, 1987 — National Headquarters

Trustees Meeting

Louisville, KY, February 26-27, 1988 — National Headquarters

98th Annual Congress

Tyson's Corner, VA, July 2-6, 1988 — Sheraton Premier Hotel

99th Annual Congress

San Francisco, CA, 1989 — Hyatt on Union Square Hotel

100th Annual Congress

Louisville, KY, 1990 — Hyatt Regency Hotel

101st Annual Congress

Kansas City, MO, 1991

102nd Annual Congress

Norfolk, Virginia, 1992

103rd Annual Congress

Arizona, 1993

104th Annual Congress

New Orleans, LA, 1994

105th Annual Congress

Louisville, KY, 1995



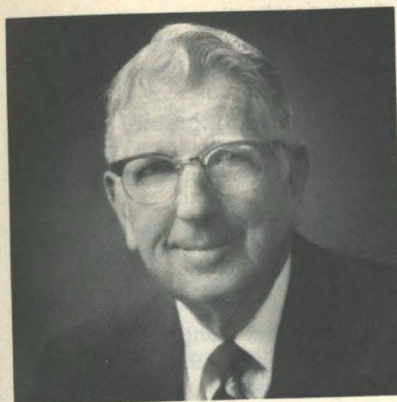
SAR COMPATRIOTS!

We cordially invite you to become a member of our distinguished organization, which boasts similar patriotic, historical and patriotic objectives. Many SARs already are.

Identified as Associates, F&PAs are lineally descended in the male line of either parent from an ancestor who settled in any Colony now included in the U.S. prior to May 13, 1657; and whose forefathers in the same male ancestral line adhered as Patriots to the cause of the American Revolution from 1775 to 1783.

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TXSSAR President 1984-85
NSSAR Trustee, Texas 1985-86
NSSAR VPG, Foreign Dist. West 2nd Term
Delegate 6 National Congresses 1982-88
Chm. Long Range Planning Comm. Tx. 1985-88
Chm. Paul E. Wise Award Comm. Tx. 1986-87
Eagle Scout Committee Texas 1985-87
Chm. Scrapbook Comm. Texas, 1985-87
Nominating Committee (Alt.) Nat'l. 1985-86
Membership Retention Nat'l. 1985-86
Handbook Committee Nat'l. 1985-86
Patriotic Action Comm. Nat'l. 1985-87
Medical Advisory Comm. Nat'l. 1985-88
Silver Good Citizenship Medal
Meritorious Service, local and state
Patriot's Medal
Certificate of Appreciation TXSSAR
Distinguished Service Certificate NSSAR
Certificate Appreciation Hou. DAR Regents
Eagle Scout Benefactor Award
Founder Chapter Memorial Fund
Founder TXSSAR Life Membership Fund
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Inteme & Resident Jeff Davis Hosp. Hou.
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Society of Colonial Wars
Social and Civic Organizations
Married 44 years
Wife, Nancy, DAR, Daughter, Nancy Cleveland
Son, John Oliver Brandau

Six Compatriots Given Minuteman Medal

Always an impressive part of Recognition night at an Annual Congress is presentation of the coveted Minuteman Award, the highest honor that the National Society bestows on Compatriots selected by the Minuteman Award Committee. The following were saluted this year for their noteworthy service of an exceptional character to the Society:

Timothy R. Bennett, District of Columbia Society. Past Vice-President General. Past Trustee. Chairman of the 1988 Annual Congress. Has been a member of several committees.

Robert E. Burt, Kansas Society. Past Trustee. Developed the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program, which was approved in 1982, and has served since then as Chairman of that Committee.

Has been a member of several other committees.
Nolan W. Carson, Ohio Society. Prior to being elected President General at the Congress, he had been Secretary General. Past Chancellor General. Offered legal advice for the establishment of National Headquarters in Louisville. Has been a member of several committees.

R. Wendell Lovering, Empire State Society (NY). Past Registrar General. Past Vice-President General. Past Trustee. Has served on several committees.

John L. Ruby, PhD, Michigan Society. Past Vice-President General. Trustee for the last seven years. Has served on several committees.

J. King B. E. Seegar, Jr., MD, Maryland Society. Past Surgeon General. Past Vice-President General. Past Trustee. Has served on several committees.



President General Clovis H. Brakebill (left) congratulated those Compatriots who received the Minuteman Award (from his left): Dr. John L. Ruby, Timothy R. Bennett, R. Wendell Lovering, Dr. J. King B. E. Seegar, Jr., Robert E. Burt and Nolan W. Carson.

Society Bylaws Changes Proposed

Delegates to the 97th Annual Congress in June voted to recommend certain amendments to the National Society's Constitution and Bylaws for action at the Annual Congress in 1988. The Resolution as adopted relative to these follows, in its entirety. Chancellor General Paul H. Walker points out that certain matters are included which are not expressly a part of the amendments.

Resolved that the following amendments to the Constitution and/or the Bylaws of the National Society are hereby proposed by the 97th Congress for consideration of adoption by the 98th Congress, and the appropriate officers of the National Society are directed to cause notice of such proposed amendments to be published in the next issue of *The SAR Magazine*:

- Amend Section 1 of Bylaw No. 18 by adding after the word "Finance" the word "Medical," (To create the Medical Committee as a Standing Committee.)

- Amend paragraph (a) of Section 2, Bylaw No. 21 by deleting all that now appears in clause numbered (1); by deleting the following figures and words now appearing in clause numbered (2), to wit: "(2) if the expenditure of principal is for any other purpose,"; and by joining the remainder of that clause to the body of paragraph (a), as a continuation thereof without marginal set off. (Therefore, as amended, the paragraph

would require approval of an SAR Congress for any expenditure of principal of any Special Purpose Endowment Fund.)

- Amend Bylaw No. 1 by deleting Section 6 thereof. (To delete the authorization of gift memberships as adopted by the 96th Congress.)

- Amend the Constitution and Bylaws to substitute the title "Executive Director" for the title "Executive Secretary" wherever the latter term appears. (To change the title of Executive Secretary to Executive Director.)

Resolved further that until the next Congress considers the proposed amendment to change the title of Executive Secretary, it shall be appropriate to address the Executive Secretary as Executive Director, and he may be so designated in common parlance and upon correspondence stationery.

In accordance with Article VI of the Constitution and Bylaw Number 27, this publication constitutes official notification to the General Officers, the Board of Trustees and to the President and Secretary of each State Society, states the Chancellor General. There may be further recommendations for changes in either the Constitution or the Bylaws, or both, prior to the 1988 Annual Congress. If so, the required notice of at least 45 days will be given.

Congress Speaker Against Calling Convention

During a scholarly, thought-provoking address to attendees at the 97th Annual Congress Tuesday evening banquet, Dr. Rodney K. Smith underscored the NSSAR's stated position against the call of a Constitutional Convention. He currently is Associate Professor of Law at the Delaware Law School of Widener University. A Doctor of Judicial Science, he has authored many legal publications and teaches Constitutional Law at the University.

Because of the importance of the timely subject he covered, Dr. Smith was asked to prepare a synopsis of his remarks to share with all SARs.

Given the temper of our times, I am deeply and genuinely fearful that our constitutional government is under siege. There are those who, in their pride and without a sense of history, consider the Constitution to be outmoded, a 200-year old document that has served its purpose and should be replaced.

Perhaps, given the general ignorance of the American people regarding our Constitutional history, and the designs of those who would infuse our Constitutional framework with their per-



Upon the completion of his Constitution address, Dr. Rodney K. Smith was awarded a commendation certificate and gift by President General Clovis H. Brakebill.

sonal political or ideological viewpoints, the greatest contemporary threat to our Constitution is the possibility of a Constitutional Convention. Indeed, proponents of a Constitutional Convention to consider a balanced budget amendment are currently only two states short of the thirty-four necessary to call a Convention.

Limited Convention Doubtful

If such a Convention is in fact called, it is fairly clear, as a matter of precedent, that almost anything could happen. It is unlikely that such a Convention could be limited to the balanced budget issue. At the close of a convention held in Annapolis, Maryland to discuss the economic or commercial issues facing our fledgling nation in 1786, Alexander Hamilton suggested that the delegates or others meet again in Philadelphia to discuss further how the commercial malaise then plaguing America could be resolved under the framework of the Articles of Confederation. The Continental Congress agreed and called for a Convention to be held during the summer of 1787, to discuss and make suggestions regarding the economic problems then extant in America.

Of course, as any student of our Constitutional history would acknowledge, the delegates to that Convention did not limit themselves to commercial issues — instead, they framed a new form of government, giving birth to the Constitution itself.

Given this precedent, it is evident that our entire form of government would be subject to change at a new Convention. There are those who recognize this fact and who are prepared to come to such a convention with a bold, and I believe errant, theory or

form of government that would be more parliamentary in nature and would be designed to maximize efficiency in our governance.

Many Americans seem enthralled with the idea of efficiency. Indeed, for many Americans, there are no other acceptable values. In the words of Senator Joseph Biden, "they know the cost of everything, and the value of nothing." These modern day prophets would have us believe that dismantling our 200-year old constitutional system of government, in favor of an efficiency maximizing form of government, would bring us into the twentieth century and would enable us to obtain the fruits of firm, effective and efficient governance.

The Framers Knew Better

However, the framers of our Constitution knew better. They had lived under an "efficient" form of government, although they referred to it as tyranny. In their balance of values, efficiency in government was a distant second to the value of individual liberty. They wanted to maximize liberty, not efficiency, so they established a government of checks and balances and of federalism. They did so to ensure that the exercise of power might be limited in the interests of liberty. They wanted a government that would work, but not too well. They feared that an unchecked, efficient government would seldom give much attention to individual rights or liberty, because permitting broad latitude to individual freedom could stymie efficiency.

Freedom, in my view and that of the framers of the Constitution, was inefficient, but right. Our forefathers had paid the price of regaining freedom, so they were well aware of its costs. It was a cost they were willing to pay, not to line their pockets with the material fruits of an efficient government, but to ensure their posterity freedom, a freedom purchased with the lifeblood of many Americans. The signers of the Declaration of Independence, valuing life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, knew well the individual significance of the meaning of the concluding portion of that great document: "For the support of this declaration [and, I believe they would have subsequently added the term, 'and the Constitution'] we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortune and our sacred honor." I pray that we will do no less.

Freedom Could Slip Away

Our Constitution has served us well, eventually bringing all peoples — rich and poor, black and white, male and female — under the broad canopy of freedom and opportunity that it provides. It is threatened today on two related fronts. First, it is threatened by those who know little of our history and who value little other than self-indulgence, and second, it is threatened by those who would use a Constitutional Convention as a first and significant step toward dismantling that great document. If we stand idly by and permit our Constitutional heritage, the basis of the freedom we enjoy, to slip away, it will be said of our generation that we failed to count the cost and therefore forced our children and our children's children to pay the price.

Let us, therefore, resolve anew, as did our forefathers, to arm ourselves with knowledge regarding our heritage and the values it exalts, mutually pledging "our lives, and our fortune and our sacred honor" to the end that we might pass on the torch of freedom to the next generation. Then, but only then, will we deserve the honored title of faithful Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.



Gordon Morison (right), Assistant Postmaster General for Philatelic Affairs, was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal by President General Nolan W. Carson on July 4. He was recognized for his work in issuing stamps commemorating the American Revolution.

Ratification Stamp Issued in Delaware

President General Nolan W. Carson and U.S. Stamps Committee Chairman Conrad P. Mook were honored guests on July 4 when the new 22¢ stamp was issued at Dover, Delaware marking the Bicentennial of the first state to ratify the Constitution.

First day covers, as shown below, are being offered to SARs for \$1.75 each plus a SASE. They may be purchased from Compatriot James R. Westlake, 2221 Shady Lane, Covington, GA 30209. He is a member of the Stamps Committee.

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Historical Oration Contest Fields Fifteen Youths

Fifteen brilliant young men and women participated in the Douglass G. High Historical Oration Contest held during the 97th Annual Congress, with their speech topics ranging from Thomas Paine to the United States Constitution. Serving as Chairman of the event was Louis C. Alderman, PhD. The judges were: Paul H. Walker, Chancellor General; John L. Ruby, PhD, Chairman of the Educational Aid Committee; and Frederick O. Jeffries, Jr., Chairman of the Public Relations and Advertising Committee.



Thirteen of the 15 youths participating in the Oration Contest on hand when this photo was taken and the State Societies they represented were: (seated, from left) Corky Franke, IN; Valerie Scott, GA; Anthony Hogan, VA; Contest Committee Chairman Alderman; Robert Julia, FL; Sharon Beynon, TX; Asish Chawla, KS; (standing, from left) David Register, NC; Valerie Hahn, CA; Jeffrey Berry, KY; LaShunna Blackmon, MS; Jeffrey Acree, TN; Ilya Kofman, OH; Angela Weaver, AL.

FLSSAR Fighting History Testing Plan

By Edward S. Hoyt, Immediate Past President, Florida Society

American history started in 1860!

At least this is the position that the Florida Board of Education has taken in formulating plans for the testing of 11th grade students starting with the 1988-89 school year. The Florida Society has an active campaign underway to fight this policy.

It all started in 1984 when the State Legislature passed FACET — the Florida Accountability in Curriculum Educational Instructional Materials and Testing Act. Its purpose was to assure compatibility in testing from district to district. Under FACET, state testing of American History for these 11th-graders will be restricted to the period from 1860 on.

Saramana Chapter Compatriots Edwin P. Gleason and H. Clay Gardenhire discovered this new development when they were promoting participation in the Douglass G. High Historical Oration Contest. The Chapter adopted a Resolution calling upon the State Board of Education to uphold and support the study of Early American History. The Florida Society did the same.

Our Society has been working to get the State Board to amend its proposed change and retain a degree of testing of Early American History. Even though this is being taught in the Middle/Junior levels, the importance of this history will be minimized in later years through competition for attention to, and learning of, other materials. Our position is that Seniors — at this crucial stage in life — should be inculcated with a firm foundation of the roots of their American heritage.

We have found in a review of the provisions of the "Uniform Course Student Performance Standards", Course No. 2100310, American History, lists no course



When Compatriot Hoyt reported on Florida's program at the Annual Congress, he displayed a T-shirt being used to publicize their cause. Imprinted is the phrase, "History Does Not Begin in 1860."

in this subject prior to 1860 — even in review! This is the outline of studies that Senior High students will be following.

In making contact with a broad range of educational and governmental officials, our Compatriots were surprised to learn that almost all of these individuals were not aware of the proposed change! Their general reaction has been to agree with our position. The local school districts have these standards under review; their opinions are to be given to the Board of Education in November. We plan to make the local boards aware of this omission in the testing program and, hopefully, secure their support in maintaining a strong patriotic awareness. Similarly, we intend to persuade the State Board of Education to amend the FACET program so as to restore the current testing basis.

We in Florida strongly urge all State Societies to check the status of their state's testing program. It is doubtful that one State would act alone in this.



President General Clovis H. Brakebill was pleased to present checks to the Oration Contest winners, as follows (from left): Valerie Scott, first place, \$1,000; Jeffrey Berry, second place, \$600; and Angela Weaver, third place, \$400. All other participants received \$100.



Texas Compatriot Robert F. Ritchie (left) was recognized for donations he has made to increase Oration Contest prizes.



Oration Contest participants and their parents were entertained at a luncheon on Sunday just prior to an afternoon devoted to a rehearsal of the event.

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Over the past several years, the Charles Duncan Chapter of the Kentucky Society has had an ongoing program of honoring the outstanding teacher from each of the area's two school systems, City of Bowling Green and Warren County.

Encompassed in the annual event is the awarding of a Silver Good Citizenship Medal to the two winners at the Chapter's January meeting and the preparation of an exhibit for placement in the city's Public Library that spotlights the award recipients. The teachers are selected by the school systems as their candidates for the Commonwealth of Kentucky's naming of the "Teacher of the Year."

Invited to attend the meeting as Chapter guests are members of the candidates' families, as well as officials of the school systems. The overall program has been well received in the community. It was originated by Dr. John S. Herrick, a Chapter Past President.

Speaking on behalf of the Chapter, Com-patriot Herrick states, "In a time when the rewards and satisfactions of teaching are severely under question, we recommend that other Chapters consider a teacher recognition event in their programs of ac-

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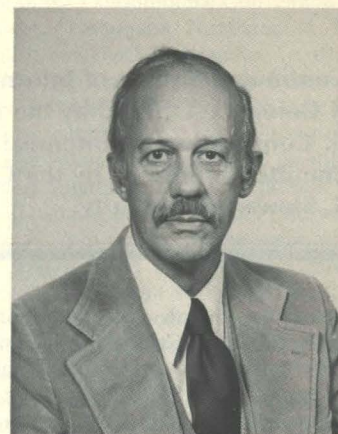
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Observing the library exhibit relative to the Charles Duncan Chapter's teacher recognition program at the Chapter's January meeting were (from left): Secretary James B. Tomes; Past President John S. Herrick; Mrs. Martha Pearce, outstanding teacher from Bowling Green; Douglas C. Jenkins, out-standing teacher from Warren County; and President Cooper Smith.

HOW SARs CAN CELEBRATE THE CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL

A Continuing Source of Information and Guidance Offered by the NSSAR U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Committee. Prepared by the Chairman, Col. Stewart B. McCarty.



"Signing of the Constitution" as painted by T. P. Rossitor. (Courtesy Independence National Historical Park Collection.)

This is the seventh article in the series on "How SARs Can Celebrate the Constitution Bicentennial" — and this, the Summer 1987 issue of *The SAR Magazine*, is the last issue before the primary focal point of this great celebration occurs: September 17th, the bicentennial of the date this significant document was signed in Philadelphia.

There will be other significant events in the aftermath of the signing: the ratification process by the original signing states, the inauguration of George Washington as the First President under the Constitution, the establishment of the Supreme Court under the Constitution, and the passage of the Bill of Rights. All of these events will be the subject of special articles in our magazine when their focal point arrives.

We, as SARs, can be proud of the fact that the National Society developed and implemented the project "Celebrate Your Heritage", which has been recognized by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution as being of "exceptional merit with national or international significance, and substantial educational and historical value." With this recognition the National Society was granted authorization to use the Commission's Bicentennial Logo in connection with "Celebrate Your Heritage". It took all of us, working together at the National, State and Chapter levels, to achieve this special recognition. *Well done, SARs!*

Ideas and Activities Being Reported

- The Charles Duncan Chapter of Bowling Green, Kentucky, under the guidance of Dr. John S. Herrick, created a "TRIBUTE TO THE CONSTITUTION SERIES: SIGNERS OF THE CONSTITUTION." This is a series of 48, one-minute scripts for presentation on radio and television. In addition to a three-script introduction and conclusion, the set discusses all 39 Signers, with four devoted to George Washington, three to Benjamin Franklin and two each to Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and Robert Morris. The same method of mini-scripts was used to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence, with favorable comments especially from school teachers and students; the series

was read onto cassettes for stations to use as desired. The Chapter is willing to share their Signers project, which could be taped or read by station announcers, with all SARs at a modest cost of 50¢ per script, including handling and postage. Orders may be for individual Convention delegates, state delegations or the entire 39. Contact Dr. John S. Herrick, 616 Tulip Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101. *Congratulations on your efforts, Charles Duncan Chapter and Compatriot Herrick!*

- The Southwest Trail Chapter of the Arkansas Society provided an unusual variation of the bicentennial proclamation. Chapter President C. C. Barnette sent a Bi-City Proclamation signed by Bobby F. Ferguson, Mayor of Texarkana, Arkansas and by Joe Frost, Mayor of Texarkana, Texas. Maybe we will hear from a few more bi-cities. (Are you there Minneapolis-St. Paul, etc., . . . ?) *To the Southwest Trail Chapter and President Barnette, our special thanks for your extra effort!*

- National Trustee from Mississippi, Jimmy Harrison, sent a newspaper clipping and photograph from the *Natchez Democrat*, giving 4-column coverage on the Natchez Chapter-sponsored special exhibit of "The Blessings of Liberty" circulating among schools in Natchez and Adams County. Those Project '87 posters are one of the best public relations programs that SARs could use to make themselves better



known in their communities during this bicentennial year. Can you imagine how it would be if ALL Chapters followed the Natchez Chapter's move? *Congratulations, Natchez Chapter, and thanks to you, Jimmy!*

- At our Annual Congress in King of Prussia, PA on June 8th, I was delighted to receive a large envelope from Compatriot Charles G. Edwards, Immediate Past President & Publicity Chairman of the Cincinnati Chapter, Ohio Society. For sheer numbers of proclamations submitted so far, this is the winner. Compatriot Edwards forwarded FOURTEEN Constitution Day Proclamations! We hold proclamations from: Carole A. Kolb, Mayor of the Village of Addyston, OH; Stephanie Stoller, Mayor of the City of Blue Ash, OH; Ronald C. Harris, President, Township Trustees of Colerain Township, OH; Francis R. Healy, Mayor of the City of Deer Park, OH; Emmitt L. Spears, Mayor of the Village of Elmwood Place, OH; Harry M. Matthews, Mayor the Village of Glendale, OH; Dennis J. Puthoff, Mayor of Golf Manor, OH; Anthony E. Upton, Clerk of Green Township, OH; Wendell J. Vaughn, Mayor of the City of Loveland, OH; William F. Franz, Clerk of the Township of Miami, OH; Anthony J. Gertz, Mayor of the City of Reading, OH; Richard F. Hunter, Mayor of the City of Silverton, OH; Lawyer Lawson, Mayor of the Village of Woodlawn, OH; and

Charles E. Calahan, a member of the Pennsylvania Society's **Christopher Gist Chapter**, is shown holding his copy of *The Story of the Constitution* given to him by an aunt and uncle in 1937. Written by Congressman Sol Bloom, the book commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Constitution. Upon seeing a news story in the Fall 1986 issue of *The SAR Magazine* that the 191-page book was being reprinted, Compatriot Calahan purchased copies for his seven grandchildren. In a letter to the Editor, he urges that others do the same. The book is priced at \$11.95 including shipping and handling. Checks should be made payable to the "National Archives Trust Fund Board" and sent to: NEPS, National Archives, Washington, DC 20408.

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Charles L. Vonder Meulen, Mayor of the City of St. Bernard, OH. *Dear Compatriot Edwards, you and the Cincinnati Chapter deserve a silver-wreathed laurel for your efforts! Congratulations!*

- On September 16, 1987, there will be "A Celebration of Citizenship" co-sponsored by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution and 13 other educational associations and federations. On this date America's schools will be leading a national tribute to our Constitution. Every public and private school is being asked to conduct a day-long teach-in on our Constitution. One highlight will be a nationally broadcast program on radio and television. President Reagan has been invited to lead the nation's students in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag during that broadcast. Former Chief Justice Burger, Chairman of the Commission, has been invited to read the Preamble to our Constitution during the program. All schools should have received their packet of materials by now. Check in with your local schools — perhaps you can make a contribution during the teach-in. Here is where your "Blessings of Liberty" poster exhibit would come in handy. For more information, write: A Celebration of Citizenship, American Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation, The Newspaper Center, Box 17407 Dulles Airport, Washington, DC 20041.

- On September 17, 1987, the Bicentennial of the day the Constitution was signed in Philadelphia, there will be a "Bells Across America" celebration. This event is sponsored by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. At 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time all across America, it is planned that all church bells, school bells, factory whistles, hand bells, etc., will be rung or sounded 200 times. This is to be followed by 200 seconds of silent thanksgiving for our country. After this, youth groups and communities are urged to launch 200 red, white and blue balloons into the air.

- The Descendants Committee of "We the People 200" has announced the formation of The Society of "Descendants of the Signers of the Constitution". The Society consists of direct and collateral descendants of the 39 Signers. The Descendants Committee hopes the Society will be sufficiently formed in time to convene at Philadelphia on September 17, 1987. The Commission is quite interested in having as many of them identified and able to attend as possible. For further information, contact: James P. Van Etten, Vice Chairman, Descendants Committee, P.O. Box 54317, Philadelphia, PA 19105.

- Those State Societies and Chapters that wish to purchase the Bicentennial Commission Logo Flags, they can be ordered from the Merchandise Store, National Headquarters, NSSAR, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203. Make checks or money orders payable to: Treasurer General, NSSAR. Prices include shipping and handling.

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MINIATURE FLAG SET — American Flag and Bicentennial Logo Flag
4" x 6"; \$4.00 (with plastic base)

Publications of Interest

- The excellent biography "Abraham Baldwin, Patriot, Educator, and Founding Father" by Dr. E. Merton Coulter, noted in this series of articles in the Spring 1987 issue, is now out and available for sale in bookstores or from the publisher. That this book was published at all is due primarily to the bicentennial project of State Regent Mrs. May Day Taylor of the DAR in the District of Columbia. A publication-signing reception was held at DAR National Headquarters on June 5 hosted by the DC DAR. Although the reviews have not yet been published in the press, this is an excellent book from the historical and anecdotal viewpoint, concerning Baldwin's associations with the other Founding Fathers. A good bargain, for your own library, or as a donation to your community public library. *Come on, be a sport! Order from: Vandamere Press, P.O. Box 5243, Arlington, VA 22205, (703) 525-5488. \$24.95 plus \$1.55 s & h.*

- Also available from Vandamere Press, the recently published "In Honored Glory — Arlington National Cemetery: The Final Post", by Philip Bigler. This book is a history of our National Cemetery at Arlington, including famous persons buried there and the ceremonial aspects of a funeral there. Excellent reading. A copy is in our National Headquarters Library. Check it

out, you might want one for yourself! From Vandamere Press. \$7.95 plus \$1.00 s & h.

- So I can finish up this penultimate article with a bang rather than a whimper, I have a real bargain for you. Just arrived in my hands, published by Adams Press of Chicago, "George Washington — President of the Constitutional Convention", by George Washington Nordham. A high-quality paperback, the author is offering them at \$1.50 a copy, as long as the supply lasts. I would buy this book for three illustrations alone: the cover illustration of George Washington from an oil painting by Gilbert Stuart; on page 9 the portrait from an oil painting by Rembrandt Peale; and on page 31 from a replica of the statue created by Jean Antoine Houdon, who traveled from Paris to Mount Vernon and spent several days closely observing Washington. Houdon made a life mask and took precise measurements before returning to France to create his masterpiece, which stands today in the Capitol Rotunda in Richmond, Virginia. To the cognoscente, this is the REAL likeness of George Washington. (Virginians just smile, they have it all — his remains, his home, and his real-life likeness! For those who can't make the trip to Richmond, there is a bronze replica in Lisner Auditorium of George Washington University in Washington, DC.) The rest of the book is good too, and it contains a copy of the Constitution as well. What better gift could you give a young member of your family this year? It is a fine piece of work! Order from: George Washington Nordham, 67 East Prospect Street, Waldick, NJ 07463, (201) 652-3220.

Remember to forward clippings, photos, copies of proclamations, and any other media coverage to me for inclusion in the historical file for NSSAR Headquarters. I plan to submit this file to the Trustees at the 1988 Spring meeting. Send to: Col. Stewart Boone McCarty, 3222 Prince William Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031.

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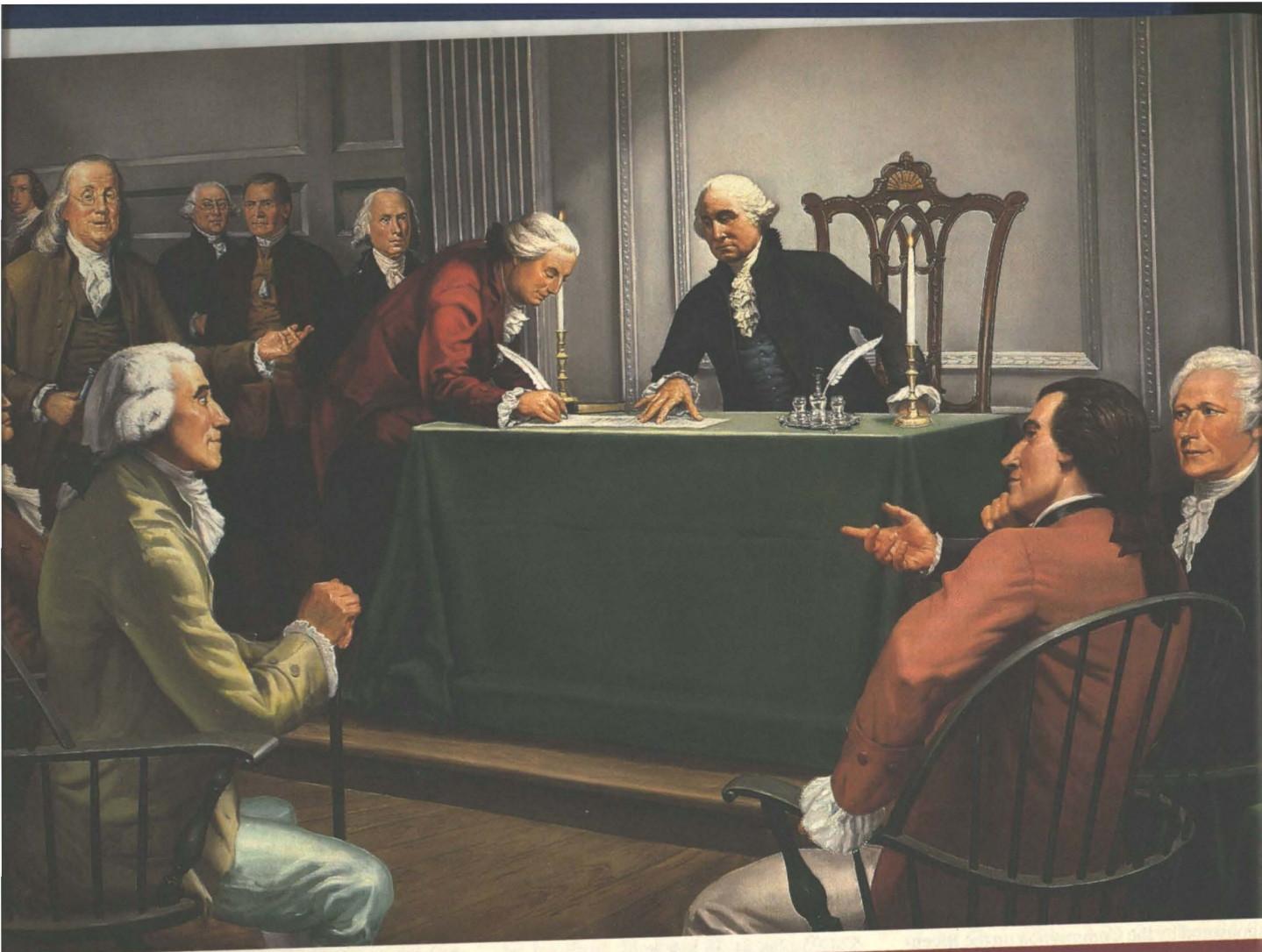
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George Washington and the Constitution

The presence of this revered Patriot, the unanimous choice as presiding officer of the Convention in 1787, strongly influenced the outcome of the proceedings — as recounted by Compatriot Charles S. Hall.

In this year of the bicentennial of the framing of the Federal Constitution, it is interesting to consider the influence that George Washington exerted, both as the successful military leader and as the presiding officer in Philadelphia from May into September of 1787.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, Washington had, by word as well as deed, convinced his fellow patriots that he wanted no part of a military conspiracy to overthrow the Confederation Congress. His Newburgh Address in March 1783, and his surrender of his commission to Congress at Annapolis in December 1783 were eloquent examples of his devotion to civilian control and a republican form of government. Yet Washington hesitated, when he was

named as a Virginia delegate to the proposed meeting in Philadelphia in May 1787, to leave his beloved Mt. Vernon. Persuaded by many of his fellow Virginians and by letters from influential friends in the other states, he finally agreed to travel to the Federal Convention.

George Washington's diary describes his arrival in Philadelphia:

Sunday. 13th [May]. About 8 O'clock Mr. Corbin and myself set out, and dined at Chester (Mrs. Withy's) where I was met by the Genls. Mifflin (now Speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly) Knox and Varnum — The Colonels Humphreys and Minges and Majors Jackson and Nicolas — With whom I proceeded to Philada. At Grays

Ferry the City light horse commanded by Colo. Miles met me, and escorted me in by the Artillery Officers who stood arranged & saluted me as I passed. Alighted through a crowd at Mrs. Houses — but being again warmly and kindly pressed by Mr. & Mrs. Rob. Morris to lodge with them I did so and had my baggage removed thither.

Waited on the President, Doctr. Franklin as soon as I got to Town. On my arrival, the Bells were chimed.¹

Washington and Franklin had met first at the time of the French and Indian War in 1755. Their paths had crossed again some twenty years later in the Continental Congress and at Cambridge after

a new oil painting, entitled "A More Perfect Union" and done by Alton S. Tobey, was commissioned by West Publishing Company, Paul, Minnesota, and the Commission for the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. Owned by West, it portrays the signing of the Constitution, with George Washington as the central figure. West also sold 25,000 copies of the work at their expense and has been sending them to every high school in the country; each is accompanied with a letter from Commission Chairman Warren E. Burger. Mr. Tobey is president of the National Society of Mural Painters; his renderings are in numerous public and private collections.

Washington assumed command of the troops before Boston. They had corresponded in the intervening years between meetings and each considered himself an American, rather than exclusively the inhabitant of a particular state. Washington called himself "a Citizen of the republic of humanity at large." It was this continental concept that both men shared which undoubtedly influenced their fellow delegates.

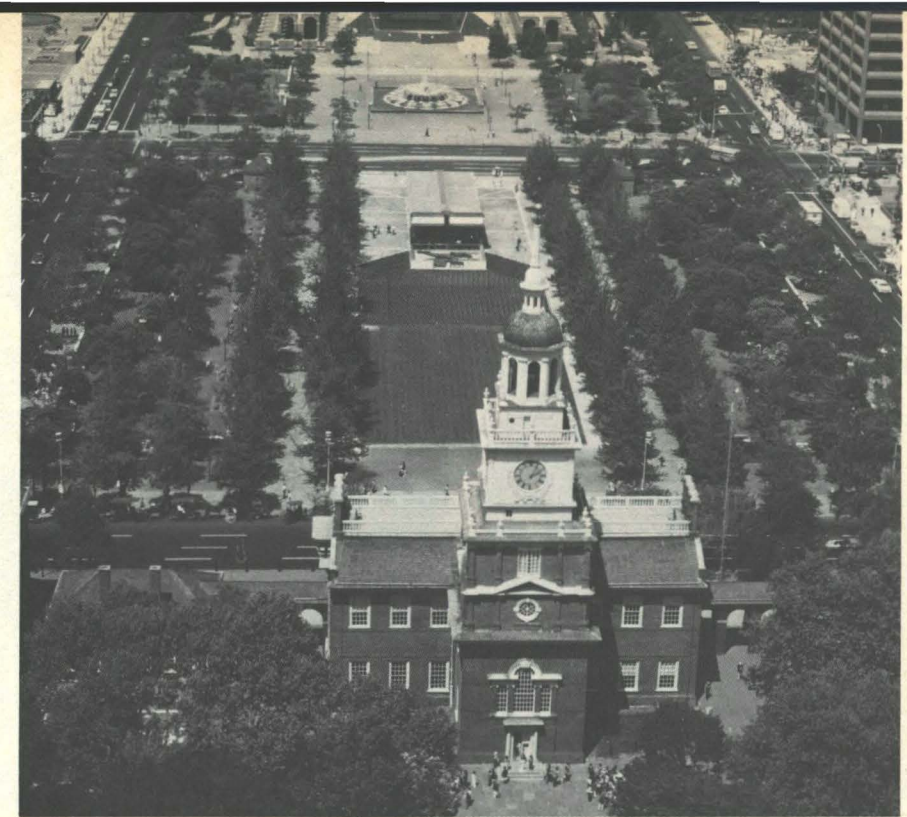
Stayed at the Morris Home

While Washington enjoyed the hospitality of the Robert Morris', most of the delegates found lodging close to the State House (Independence Hall). One of the favorite haunts of the delegates was the Indian Queen, a tavern on Fourth Street near Chestnut. By the time the Convention had assembled, the Indian Queen provided the delegates with a common room where discussions could be carried on beyond the hearing of the curious and after the daily sessions at the Convention.

It is well worth noting that Washington's diary carries no information about the proceedings of the delegates. "Friday, 1st June — Attending in Convention and nothing being suffered to transpire no minutes of the proceedings has been or will be inserted in this diary."² However, his diary indicates a round of social activities that certainly allowed him to make his personal views known to all the delegates. Although most knew that Washington looked favorably on the Virginia Plan and agreed with James Madison on many decisions during the Convention, he did vote independently on several occasions.

Washington was unanimously chosen to be presiding officer of the Convention. In addition, all the delegates agreed to refrain from any public discussion of the proceedings, progress or notes as they hammered out a new frame of government from May 25 to September 17 when the Constitution was signed. To help the delegates keep their pledge of secrecy, several sentries were posted outside and inside the State House, and the windows were kept closed despite the fact that Philadelphia experienced its hottest summer since the 1750s. Despite these precautions, there was almost a breach of

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A cherished shrine of liberty, Independence Hall saw adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Also shown here is the Liberty Bell Pavilion. (Courtesy Independence National Historical Park.)

security when it was agreed that each delegate could take notes on the Virginia Plan to study. Pennsylvania delegate, Thomas Mifflin, found a copy outside the meeting room and gave it to Washington. Washington waited for the motion to adjourn before he startled the delegates by making the following statement:

Gentlemen, I am sorry to find that some one Member of this Body has been so neglectful to the secrets of the Convention as to drop in the State House a copy of their proceedings, which by accident was picked up and delivered to me this morning. I must entreat Gentlemen to be more careful, lest our Transactions get into the News Papers and disturb the public repose by premature speculations. I know not whose Paper it is; but there it is (throwing it down on the table), let him who

owns it take it." At the same time he bowed, picked up his Hat, and quitted the room with a dignity so severe that every Person seemed alarmed.³

In early July, Washington agreed to sit for his portrait by Charles Wilson Peale. This mezzotint had an inscription around the margin that read:

His Excel: G. Washington Esq: LLD. Late Commander in Chief of the Armies of the U.S. of America and President of the Convention of 1787.

Washington was painted in his military uniform, complete with three gold stars on his epaulets. None questioned Washington's appearance in uniform on the floor of the Convention, while he was posing at odd hours for the artist. Such was the faith of the populace in this man's deep devotion to republican government



Having just completed a term as President of the Pennsylvania Society, Compatriot Hall has also served as President of the Harris Ferry Chapter. He received his B.S. Degree from Wesleyan and his Masters and Ph.D. in History from Columbia University. He spent over 30 years in government service, beginning in World War II where he was in the Intelligence Section of the 311 Fighter Group in the China-Burma-India Theater. During the early 1950s, he served with the CIA; in 1963 he joined the Army War College staff and was there until early 1985. He has taught history at Marietta College and Adelphi University.

that his uniform was not viewed as a threat. For he wrote to Bushrod Washington in November 1787, that "I do not think we are more inspired, have more wisdom, or possess more virtue than those who will come after us."⁴

Time Off for Fishing

At the end of July, the Convention adjourned for ten days to allow the Committee of Detail to analyze and frame a draft constitution. While Washington had free time, he went with Gouverneur Morris "in his Phaeton with my horses" to the "vicinity of Valley Forge to get Trout." Washington inspected his old camp ground, which he found crumbling and unused for farming. On another excursion with the same company, Gouverneur Morris and Robert Morris and his wife, Washington established the presidential habit of fishing. It was at Trenton that he fished not very successfully one afternoon, but the next morning "with more success (for perch)."⁵

By mid-September, the Constitution had its final reading before the Convention. Before any debate began on the motion to have the delegates sign, Gorham of New Hampshire proposed a change in the number of citizens one representative could represent in the lower House. The motion was seconded by King of Massachusetts and Carroll of Maryland. Madison's notes then record Washington's comment and his urging that the motion be passed:

When the President rose for the purpose of putting the question, he said that "although his situation—as president"—had hitherto restrained him from offering his sentiments on questions depending in the House, and it might be thought, ought now to impose silence on him, yet he could not forbear expressing his wish that the alteration proposed might take place. It was much to be desired that the objections to the plan recommended might be made as few as possible—The smallness of the proportion of the Representatives had been considered by many members of the Convention, an insufficient security for the rights & interests of the people. He acknowledged that it had always appeared to himself among the exceptionable parts of the plan; and late as the present movement was for admitting amendments, he thought this of so much consequence that it would give much satisfaction to see it adopted.⁶

No one spoke against the motion, which was unanimously accepted. Washington's leadership was remarkable among so many brilliant delegates in Philadelphia in the summer of 1787. His final diary entries as President of the Federal Convention give us his estimate of the importance he attached to these proceedings.



City Tavern, an authentic reproduction of the Revolutionary War tavern where delegates to the Constitutional Convention dined and exchanged ideas, serves lunch and dinner. (Courtesy Independence National Historical Park.)

Friday 14th. Attended Convention. Dined at the City Tavern, at an entertainment given on my acct. by the City light Horse. Spent the evening at Mr. Meridiths.

Saturday 15th. Concluded the business of Convention, all to signing the proceedings; to effect which the House sat till 6 O'clock; and adjourned till Monday that the Constitution which it was proposed to offer to the People might be engrossed and a number of printed copies struck off. Dined at Mr. Morris's & spent the evening there.

Mr. Gardoqui set off for his return to New York this forenoon.

Sunday 16th. Wrote many letters in the forenoon. Dined with Mr. & Mrs. Morris at the Hills & returned to town in the Eveng.

Monday 17th. Met in Convention when the Constitution received the Unanimous assent of 11 States and Colo. Hamilton's from New York (the only delegate from thence in Convention) and was subscribed to by every Member present except Govr. Randolph and Colo. Mason from Virginia & Mr. Gerry from Massachusetts. The business being thus closed, the Members adjourned to the City Tavern, dined together and took a cordial leave of each other—after which I returned to my lodgings—did some business with, and received the papers

from the secretary of the Convention, and retired to meditate on the momentous wk. which had been executed, after not less than five, for a large part of the time Six, and sometimes 7 hours sitting every day, sundays & the ten days adjournment to give a Comee. opportunity & time to arrange the business for more than four Months.⁷

It was fortuitous that America had a man of the caliber of George Washington at the very beginning of this nation's history. His military determination and strategic sense won the Revolutionary War, while he upheld civilian control of government. It was this image of Cincinnati that influenced the Federal Convention to endow the office of President with powers that had been contested only a few years before in the Revolutionary War. Washington's presence in Philadelphia and his availability to be the first President served to allay the fears of creating a strong executive—the President of the United States.

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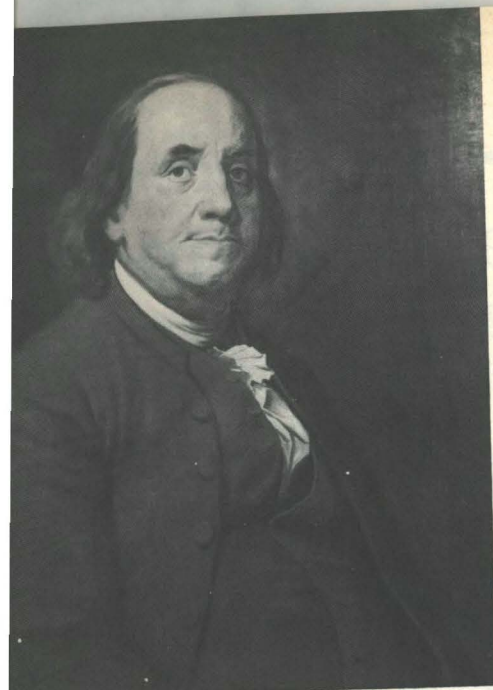
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Following several years of serving in the Crown's postal system, Benjamin Franklin was appointed Postmaster General of the United States under the Continental Congress on July 26, 1775.

Beginnings of the Postal Service

In the early 1700s the British Crown launched postal operations in the Colonies, with Benjamin Franklin destined later to be named Postmaster General.

By Compatriot Conrad P. Mook

In 1737, when Alexander Spotswood, Deputy Postmaster General for America, appointed Benjamin Franklin as Postmaster for Philadelphia, he not only made it possible for Franklin to get postal distribution for his newspaper, the "Gazette", but started a chain of events which eventually led to Franklin's appointment as Postmaster General by the Continental Congress in 1775.

Spotswood, a successor to John Hamilton, our first Deputy Postmaster General for America, began his term in 1730 under the Post Office Act of 1710. This Act, known as "The Ninth of Queen Anne", remained in effect until 1765 at a time when Benjamin Franklin and John Foxcroft were serving as Deputy Postmasters General for America under the King.

The Post Office Act of 1710 brought to a close the postal operation known as the "Neale Patent", a 21-year postal monopoly granted by William and Mary to Thomas Neale, Master of the Mint. Rather than go to America, Neale appointed a former governor of New Jersey, Andrew Hamilton, as his deputy. (Andrew was the father of John Hamilton, who was appointed when the Crown purchased the remainder of the Neale contract in 1705.) He perceived as his first duty the selling of the idea of a unified American postal system to the Colonial Legislatures, to replace the more localized systems then in existence.¹ It was perhaps the first step leading to the unification of the American colonies.

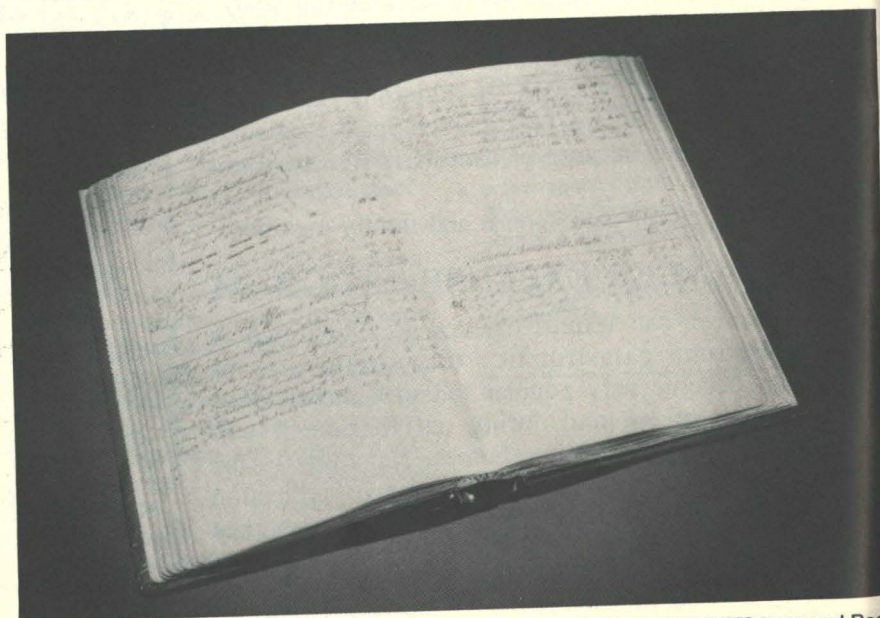
What Neale had perceived as a commercial need for communication between the Colonies was to result in a major force toward achieving what we

now know as the United States of America. However, it must be admitted that at the time both Maryland and Virginia were lukewarm to the proposal, having had it presented by letter from the English Court, rather than by Hamilton personally, as had been the case in the other colonies.² In fact, Alexander Spotswood, when Governor of Virginia in 1718, had complained that the fixing of postal rates was taxation, "fifty years before such views became common in the colonies".¹

By May 1693, Andrew Hamilton was, under Neale's Patent, operating a weekly mail service between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and New Castle, Delaware. After six more years, he returned to Eng-

land, reporting that the system was losing money, but that it was improving communications in the Colonies and that it should be permitted to increase the rates on inland mail. He was rebuffed and returned to America.³ As mentioned earlier, Neale's Patent was purchased by the English Government from his heirs in 1707.¹

By 1753, Benjamin Franklin had done so well as Postmaster of Philadelphia and as Surveyor of the Post, that he and John Hunter were appointed joint Postmasters General for the Colonies. Foxcroft was appointed to Hunter's position after the death of the latter in 1761. The Colonial Post Office began operating at a profit for the first time under their management.⁴

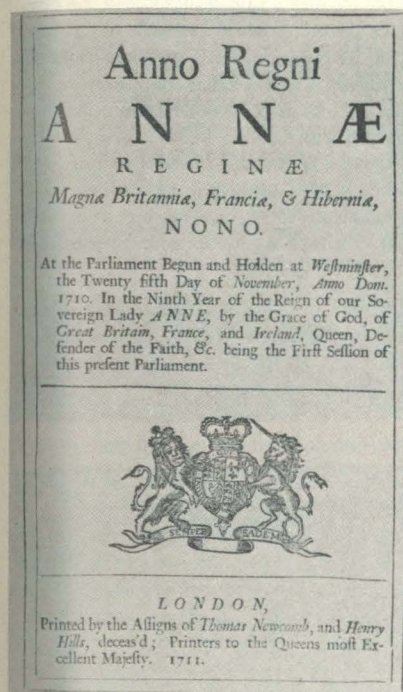


Benjamin Franklin's ledger was made between July 1775 and November 1776 to record Post Office accounts.

Finlay Named Quebec Postmaster

In 1760 during a visit to Quebec, Franklin and Foxcroft, upon recommendation of the Crown Postmaster General, appointed a young Scotsman, Hugh Finlay, as Postmaster there. In 1763 Finlay became Postmaster for the entire English Province of Canada. Franklin left for England in 1764, leaving Foxcroft in charge. Finlay became Surveyor of the Post Offices and Post Roads in North America in December 1772, the forerunner of today's Postal Inspectors.^{1,3,4,5}

Thus began a saga by Hugh Finlay to visit the Post Offices of North America.⁶ His Journal describing his trip from

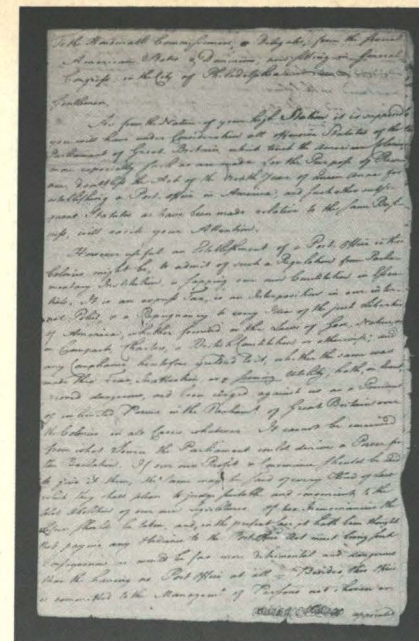


The Post Office Act of 1710 ended a postal monopoly originally granted to Thomas Neal.

Quebec to Falmouth (now Portland, Maine) and subsequently to Savannah in the years 1773-74 remained in manuscript form until set in type and published in a limited edition of 100 copies by Frank H. Norton of the Brooklyn Mercantile Library Association in 1867. The booklet was reissued with a new introduction by Calvet M. Hahn by the Philatelic Classics Society in 1975.⁶ The original now resides in the National Philatelic Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.

Details of his wilderness trip to Falmouth with Indian guides will appeal to anyone interested in the great out-of-doors. The remainder of the Journal, consisting of the actual postal survey, contains detailed descriptions of the operation of the various post offices along the way, the roads and bridges, and the post riders and postmasters. It is indeed an American classic.

Beginning at Falmouth on October 2, 1773 he traveled to Portsmouth, New Hampshire — then to Newburg, Ipswich

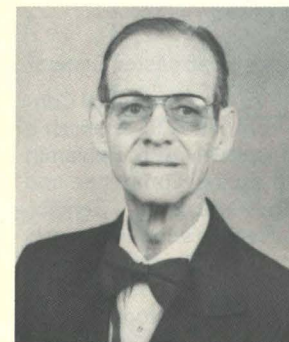


This three-page petition, in William Goddard's hand, was presented to the Continental Congress in 1774. It advocated that Congress "establish an American Post Office founded on Constitutional principles". It is located in the Smithsonian Institution, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kantor.

and Salem, arriving in Boston on the 13th. Each entry suggests that he is carrying out Foxcroft's orders. He then describes his trip to New York and southward by way of Philadelphia. Frank Norton in his 1867 Introduction believes that the then uncopied pages might shed some light on "the secret history of Franklin's dismissal from office". At least he thought that there could be some connection between the circulation of the Hutchinson correspondence, the survey of the colonial Post Offices, and the installation of Finlay as Franklin's successor.⁷

Private System Proposed

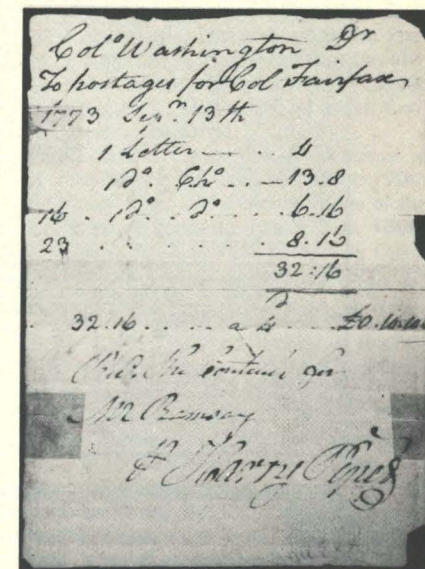
As mentioned earlier, Benjamin Franklin in 1737 had adopted the practice of allowing newspapers into the mails at reasonable rates, a subject not covered in the Act of Queen Anne of 1710, and still in effect in 1773. The Post Office act of 1765 specified rates for letters (see chart). In that year another American



Compatriot Mook, a Past President and National Trustee of the Virginia Society, currently is serving as Chairman of the National Society's U.S. Stamps Committee. Also a Past President of the George Mason Chapter, he holds the Patriot and Bronze and Silver Good Citizenship Medals — as well as the Virginia Society Medal. Compatriot Mook originally intended for his article to focus on the activities of Benjamin Franklin while the Postmaster of Philadelphia. When invited by the Smithsonian Institution to conduct his research there, he broadened the scope of his study to include a much wider picture of our early postal system.

newspaper publisher, William Goddard, concerned that the circulation of newspapers in America remained a privilege granted by local postal officials rather than a legal right, proposed a private postal system in opposition to the British system.⁸

What he proposed in his "Maryland Journal" was a "Constitutional Post Office". He attacked the British "Parliamentary" system first because the mails were being intercepted and read, and secondly because he felt that the system was an instrument of taxation without consent of the people.⁹ In 1774 he turned the paper over to his sister and proceeded



This is a 1773 bill for postage due from Colonel George Washington for 32 pennyweights and 16 grains of silver on letters sent to him by "Colonel Fairfax".

from Colony to Colony visiting the Committees of Correspondence and seeking their support.

On October 5, 1774 Goddard petitioned the Continental Congress to adopt his system. As stated in 1975 by Alvin Kantor, who at the time owned the original document (later donated by him to the Smithsonian Institution), it read:

To the honorable Commissioners, or Delegates, from the several Amer-

TABLES of the Post of all Single Letters carried by Post in the Northern District of North-America, as established by Act of Parliament, passed in the 5th Year of the Reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Third, entitled, An Act to alter certain Rates of Postage, and to amend, explain, and enlarge several Provisions in an Act made in the 22nd Year of the Reign of King Anne, and in other Acts relating to the Revenue of the Post-Office.

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EXPLANATION:
These Tables show the Rate of a Single Letter, from any one Post-Office to another, by the Figure, or Figure, set down at the Angle of Meeting, or in the Square which points to both Places.
To know the Value of a Letter from New-York, to Philadelphia, look in the Table for New-York, and then every year you find down till it comes opposite to Philadelphia, and in that Place you find [12] which is Two Penny-weights being the Rate of a Single Letter, between those two Offices.
I. The Rate to down in these Tables must be doubled for all Double Letters, and trebled for all Triple Letters, and so on.
II. All Ship-Letters and Packets must be charged, one and the same Rate for down in these Tables, with those Grains of Silver, for each one sent down in the Table, which is the Rate of a Single Letter, for each one sent down in the Table, which is the Rate of a Single Letter.
III. For all commanding Posts and Expresses sent down the Post Road, and for all Expresses sent down any other Road, the Rate must be charged, and paid One Penny-weight of Silver for every Mile that Express shall be sent.
Note. In the other Tables, the several Rates are charged in the same manner as in the Table of the Post.

B. FRANKLIN
J. FOXCROFT

The rates on this Franklin/Foxcroft postal rate chart, which became effective October 10, 1765, remained unchanged until the Revolutionary War. The original rates, expressed in British currency, were converted by America's Deputy Postmasters General, Benjamin Franklin and John Foxcroft, to pennyweights and grains of silver, permitting postage to be computed in colonial currency. Charts such as this were displayed in local post offices (an example may be seen at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC).

ican States... now sitting in General Congress... in Philadelphia. ...paying any obedience to the post office act... would be far more detrimental and dangerous than the having no Post-Office at all... Officers... are maintained in the Colonies into whose hands all the social, commercial and political intelligence of the Continent is necessarily committed, to our great Danger. Letters are liable to be stopped & opened by ministerial mandates & their Contents construed into treasonable conspiracies; and News Papers, those necessary and important vehicles, especially in Times of public Danger, may be rendered of little avail for want of Circulation... as the Subscriber... hath had great and singular opportunities of becoming acquainted with the policy and management of the Post-Office, he will most cheerfully... appear before the Congress, answer such questions and enter into such Explanations as shall be proposed to him... he hath with good advice, published a Plan for establishing a new Post-Office.

The text was read to the Continental Congress on October 5, 1774 and tabled.⁹ Whether it was lack of willingness to break with the mother country when reconciliation may have been possible, or lack of sufficient subscriptions at the time we do not know, but it did not deter Goddard. By April, 1775 he had established post offices from Falmouth to Norfolk. A resolution by the Massachusetts Provisional Congress dated May 12, 1775, establishing Constitutional post offices and appointing Postmasters, and signed by its President, Joseph Warren, is reproduced by Alvin Kantor in (10) from the original in the Rhode Island State Archives.

Franklin Becomes Postmaster General

On May 29, 1775 the Continental Congress set up a committee to establish a national postal system, with Benjamin Franklin serving on the Committee and later becoming Postmaster General. Richard Bache, Franklin's son-in-law, was made assistant to the Postmaster General, moving up to the top position when Franklin left for France. Goddard was given the job of Surveyor of Post Roads.⁹

Note that the "Constitutional" Postmaster at Falmouth in 1775 was Samuel Freeman; he, in turn, became Postmaster at Portland when it became incorporated in 1786 as a separate town from Falmouth. This is indicative of the framework of Goddard's system being incorporated into the new National Postal System.¹¹

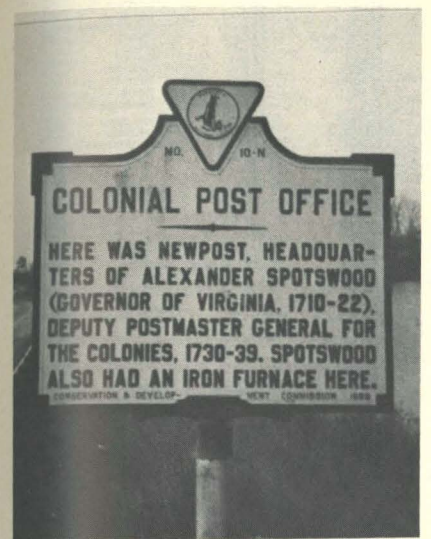
In 1777, Goddard quarreled with Bache. As a result he was relieved of his job as surveyor.

Franklin in his autobiography explains the importance of the postal service to newspaper publishers such as Goddard and himself as follows: "I accepted it (the Philadelphia Postmaster job) readily and found it of great importance; for though the salary was small, it facilitated the correspondence that improved my newspaper, increased the number demanded, as well as the advertisements to be inserted, so it came to afford me considerable income."¹¹

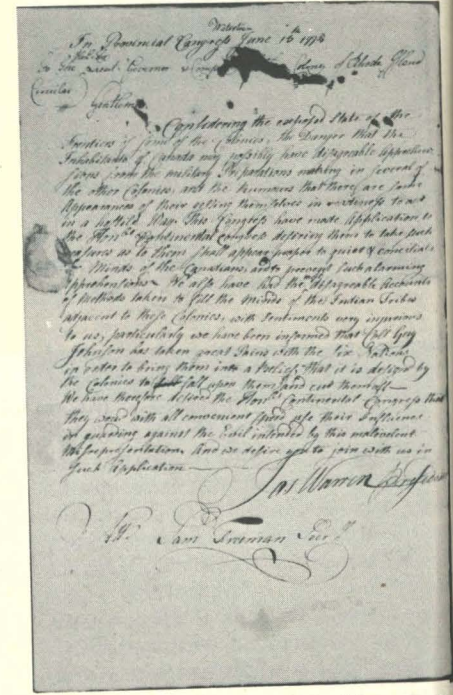
The rest of the Spotswood story is told by Alex L. ter Braake in Part C of his 1975 compilation referenced earlier⁹ in an article by himself entitled, "The Grand Line of the Post" as follows:

"Spotswood's efforts to bring Virginia into the Postal system which it had rebuffed were soon successful as Andrew Brad-

liamsburg. Though the Act of Queen Anne stated that America's Colonial Post Office was located in New York, Spotswood took the bold step to move it from Manhattan to Massaponax on Virginia's Rappahannock River, three miles below Fredericksburg. The ex-governor operated a blast furnace there and a wharf from where he shipped his bar iron. The name of the place, unfamiliar to the nation's postmasters was changed to New Post".



This roadside marker may be seen on Route 17 south of Fredericksburg, Virginia.



This is the only known letter in existence carried by William Goddard's Constitutional Post. It was written by General Joseph Warren on June 16, 1775, the day before he died during the Battle of Bunker Hill. It resides in the Smithsonian Institution, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kantor.

ford, then Postmaster of Philadelphia, is quoted in the Weekly Mercury of July 20, 1732 that postal communications now existed between Philadelphia and Wil-

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Alabama Society



Presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal at the May Luncheon of the **Mobile Chapter** was Compatriot A. Fred Delchamps (center). Participating in the ceremony were President George L. Rush (left) and former U.S. Congressman Jack Edwards, a Chapter member.

Arizona Society



Col. Hugh Belden, USA (Ret), presented an ROTC Medal to Air Force Cadet Sergeant Shirley Levinson during the University of Arizona Joint Service ROTC Awards Ceremony in early May, while Col. William T. Lincoln, USA (Ret), observed. Both are members of the **Tucson Chapter**.

Arkansas Society



General Lafayette Chapter President Milo J. Cumpston (right) recently awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to John T. Herring of the University of Arkansas Department of Public Safety. He was recognized for his involvement in the investigation of a "murder-for-hire" ring operating in several states.



State Regional Vice President Robert E. Pritchard (second from right) presented the Society's Chapter of the Year award to the **Captain Daniel McKissick Chapter** at the Chapter's February meeting. Accepting the honor were (from left): Vice President George Crabtree, President Donald L. Saxton and Past President William G. Goldsmith.

Individual members of the **General Lafayette Chapter** have contributed a total of \$200 to the Fayetteville Public Library for the establishment of a "Bicentennial Bookshelf" of reference works and other books about the U.S. Constitution. The donation is an important step in raising the \$500 needed by the library to receive a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

California Society

Addressing the April meeting of the **Joseph Warren Revere Chapter** was Col. Welton B. Halsey, Jr., a member of the Civil War Roundtable and currently the Executive Director of the Fort Point and Army Museum. He chose as his topic "The Battle of the Little Big Horn."

The **Riverside Chapter** received the Presidents Award Trophy for Medium-sized Chapters at the Society's Annual Meeting in March. Chapters compete for the award by accumulating points for a variety of activities. Presented with the Meritorious Service Medal was Chapter President Marschal W. Massey.



To mark the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, **Riverside Chapter** Compatriot John E. Lenker developed an exhibit of money in use during the Revolutionary War from his personal collection for display in local libraries. With him when he installed the exhibit in April at the Riverside Public Library was Mrs. Lenker.



In recognition of her invaluable assistance to the **San Francisco Chapter** and the California Society, Mrs. Maurice S. Lanning was presented the Martha Washington Medal by Past Society President Richard Andriano-Moore during the Chapter's April meeting. Her husband is the Immediate Past President of the Chapter.

Connecticut Society

Hosted by the **Captain Matthew Mead Chapter**, the Society's Annual Meeting drew 100 members and guests. Highlighting the gathering were a tour of historic sites in the area and a slide-illustrated talk on "The Private During the American Revolution" delivered by Russell Newman.

As part of the Society's activities to promote the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, 500 reprints of an article that appeared in the April 27 issue of *U.S. News and World Report* have been purchased for distribution to schools and various organizations. The 12-page article was entitled "The U.S. Constitution at 200 — How It Shapes Our Lives Today."

District of Columbia Society

Following the election of officers at the Society's Annual Election Night Banquet in mid-March at the Fort Myer Officers Club, the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented to Compatriot Nathan L. Ferris in recognition of 40 years of distinguished service in the FBI. Receiving the Medal of Appreciation was Mrs. Elizabeth Rohn, a member of the staff of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, Washington, DC. She was honored for her work in helping to have the SAR included in the list of organizations recognized as official sponsors of the Bicentennial.

Compatriot Maurice A. Barboza, who established The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation four years ago, continues his ardent efforts to ensure that a memorial is erected in Washington, DC honoring the 5,000 black Americans who

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Every year the District of Columbia Society sponsors a wreathlaying program in April at the Jefferson Memorial to celebrate the Patriot's birthday. This is done in cooperation with The National Park Service and the Military District of Washington. A highlight this year was presentation of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal by President General Clovis H. Brakebill (right) to Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr., guest speaker. Displaying flags behind the two was the Joint Services Color Guard.

served in the Revolution. In October he saw the Congress approve a bill, which was signed by President Ronald Reagan, authorizing installation of the memorial on a

plot of land in Washington Mall. He is now involved in having the memorial designed; this will be followed by a campaign to raise about \$4 million to defray costs.

Florida Society



The Rare Books Room of the Mullen Library at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC now has on display a letter written on January 17, 1830 to former President James Monroe by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, thanks to Lionel F. Baxter of the **Jacksonville Chapter**. The letter, framed along with engravings of Monroe and Carroll, was presented to the University in January. Participating in the ceremony were (from left): Board of Trustees Chairman Joseph Cardinal Bernardine, John W. Baxter, Lionel F. Baxter and President William J. Byron, S.J. Patriot Carroll was the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence.

The May meeting of the **Saramana Chapter** spotlighted presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge and the Heroism Medal to Deputy Sheriff Gary Ferguson. Both offered remarks of appreciation.



At a March meeting **Treasure Coast Chapter** President Guy Starbuck Athearn (left) presented three Law Enforcement Commendation Medals, two posthumously, to (from his left): Officer Robert Spring, Ft. Pierce Police Department, who was wounded during a drug raid in December; Mrs. Michele Wouters, the widow of Sgt. James Wouters; and Mrs. Susan Cooper, widow of Capt. Grover Cooper. The latter two officers died as a result of the same raid.

Idaho Society

Members and guests of the Utah, Montana and Idaho Societies gathered in Boise in March for the Intermountain District Conference hosted by the Idaho Society, with President General and Mrs. Clovis H. Brakebill as honored guests. Following a banquet address by the PG, awards were presented: the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Ralph A. Pierce, Deputy Warden of the Idaho State Correctional Institution, and Kevin Robertson, Patrolman

with the Meridian, Idaho Police Department; and the Medal of Appreciation to Mrs. Patricia Bilyeu, a DAR from Pocatello, Idaho.



Idaho Society President Sherman O. Decker was honored to greet President General Clovis H. Brakebill at the March festivities in Boise.



During the combined Intermountain District and Idaho Society banquet, President General Clovis H. Brakebill led attendees in honoring Idaho Compatriot Carlton E. Tappan, who had attained the age of 101!

Illinois Society

The City of Normal was the May site for a Special Conference called to install Society officers for the coming year (a newly adopted Constitution changed the month for this event). Performing the ceremony was Great Lakes District Vice-President General Donald Pennell, with Russell Page becoming President. Following luncheon, Lt. Robert Johnson, USMC, spoke to attendees; he is stationed at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Former President General Arthur M. King was an honored guest.

The Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter traditionally awards the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to young men attending high schools in Madison County. At the Chapter's Spring Meeting 11 youths were recognized, as were their parents. Guest speaker for the occasion was Compatriot Robert S. Johnston; he gave a stirring address on the meaning of patriotism.



When the DAR Illinois Society met in March, SAR Illinois Society President Burton L. Showers was on hand to bring greetings. Posing in this photo with him were Mrs. Howard F. Lee, State Regent (left), and Mrs. Raymond F. Fleck, DAR President General.

Indiana Society

The guest speaker at the Society's Annual Meeting held in April at Vincennes was Wayne R. Wiedman, Executive Secretary of the National Society. In his remarks, he



James A. Williams, Immediate Past President of the American Bicentennial Chapter, was recently awarded the Medal of Honor by the DAR Glencoe Chapter. Making the presentation was Mrs. Ira Lenard, Regent. Compatriot Williams was recognized for a variety of contributions to the community, ranging from founding the Wilmette Historical Society and the Wilmette Historical Museum to lecturing on the decorative arts.

Iowa Society



The coveted Patriot Medal was presented to William H. Lees (right), National Trustee, at the Society's Annual Meeting in May. Doing the honors was Vice President Carl W. Nissly. Compatriot Lees was also awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

During the Society's Annual Meeting in May, Vice President Carl W. Nissly (left) was pleased to award the Patriot Medal to Richard R. Doyle IV. Compatriot Doyle was recognized for his efforts in gaining new members.



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Kansas Society



Salina was the setting for the Society's Annual Meeting in March. The gavel of office was passed from retiring President Lee W. Patrick (left) to newly elected President Halbert Horton, Jr.



Cadet Major Robert E. Wachal was awarded the ROTC Medal by Bennington Chapter Awards Chairman William F. Grosser III at a May ceremony staged by St. John's Military School, Salina. Observing was President George Easter.



When the 1987 Awards Ceremony of the Army ROTC Unit at Pittsburg State University was held in late April, Compatriot Paul L. Wilbert awarded the ROTC Medal to Cadet Delmer R. Naylor. In remarks to attendees he discussed the need for a strong military presence.

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On hand in April to install newly elected officers of the Delaware Crossing Chapter was Former President General Arthur M. King (third from right, congratulating President Lewis A. Heaven). He is a Past Chapter President.

Kentucky Society



The Society's April meeting featured presentation of the Bronze Eagle Trophy to Eagle Scout Ashby Curzon by Vice President Claude Rose. He was winner of the statewide scholarship competition.

Louisiana Society



George Washington Chapter President James P. Pitts (right) presented a variety of awards during a recent meeting (from left): Board Member William H. Forman, Jr., Meritorious Service Medal; Second Vice President Dalton L. Woolverton, Meritorious Service Medal; Senior President of the C.A.R. Bienville Society, Mrs. Ann Butler, Martha Washington Medal; and Bryan Wagner, former New Orleans Councilman, Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

Massachusetts Society

At the Society's Annual Meeting, held at the Harvard Club in February, William Bayreuther, Curator of the U.S.S. Constitution Museum, related the history of the famous ship using a slide presentation. Newly elected officers were installed by Chancellor General Paul H. Walker.

Members and guests of the Minute Man Chapter were treated in March to an interesting account of the establishment of Fort Washington during the siege of Boston, following the Battle of Bunker Hill, by General Washington's Continental Army. The account was delivered by Mrs. Sandra B. Roberts, President of the Friends of Fort Washington, a newly incorporated organization with the mission of restoring the local area's one remaining battery of artillery position. Past Massachusetts Society President Asa E. Phillips, Jr. is serving as Secretary and Treasurer of the organization.

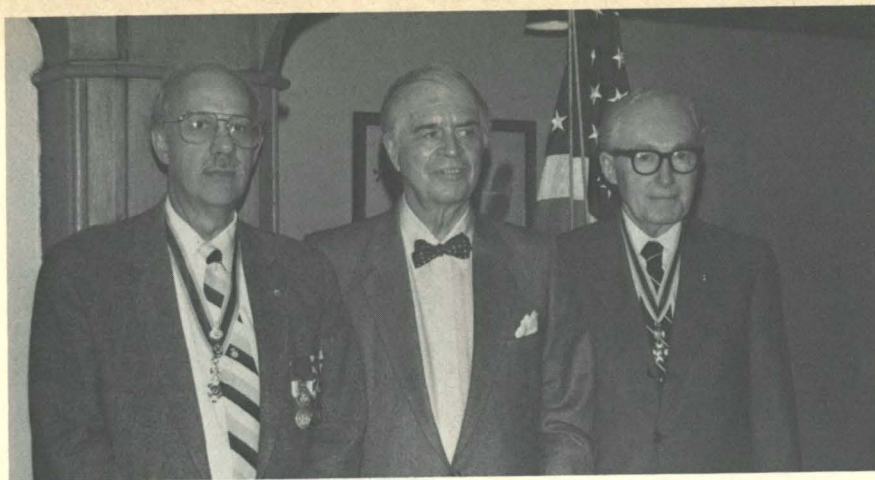
Among speakers for the Boston Chapter at its downtown luncheon meetings have been Mrs. Nancy Schaffer, a United States Marshall who told of guarding the wife of the President of Egypt and other experiences; Ms. Jane Bramwell on genealogical research through newspapers; and Chancellor General Paul H. Walker on developments within the National Society.

Michigan Society

Hosted by the Society, the Great Lakes District Conference was held at the Dearborn Inn in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn in April. During the two-day event, the Society's Annual Membership Meeting also took place. Guests of honor included President General and Mrs. Clovis H. Brakebill; he addressed the gathering about some of the Patriots at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. Receiving awards were: President Boyce M. Tope, Patriot Medal; James DeWolff, Meritorious Service Medal; and Vice-President General (also a Past President of the Society) Donald J. Pennell, Distinguished Service Medal.



Dignitaries attending the Great Lakes District Conference included (from left): President General Clovis H. Brakebill, DAR State Regent Mrs. John Weaver and Vice-President General Donald J. Pennell.



Compatriot G. Mennen Williams (center), a former Governor of Michigan and a former U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal upon his recent retirement as Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. The event took place during a luncheon hosted in February by the **Detroit Metropolitan Chapter** at the University Club. The presentation was made by Donald J. Pennell (left), Vice-President General for the Great Lakes District and a Past Society President, and President Boyce M. Tope. Compatriot Williams has been active in the SAR for many years.



For many years the **Sauk Trail Chapter** has presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to outstanding high school seniors in the nine-county area served by the Chapter. This year ten seniors in as many schools were honored. One of them was Brian K. Price. He was awarded his medal at Quincy High School by Past Michigan Society President Linus W. Heydon, Sr.

Mississippi Society



At the 51st Annual State Conference of the C.A.R. Mississippi Society, Mississippi Society President Webster Cleveland awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Award to outgoing C.A.R. State President Gregg Milner. Observing was Mrs. Katherine Owen Tucker, C.A.R. Senior President.

Missouri Society

The **Joseph Morgan Chapter's** March meeting featured an address by Col. Ollie Tracy, who was involved in intelligence for most of his 31-year career. He discussed our nation's relationships with Central

America and South Africa.

"The Lost State of Franklin" was the subject of a January talk to the **M. Graham Clark Chapter** by Society President James A. Shelby.

Nebraska Society



The Society presented several ROTC Medals to cadets enrolled at the University of Nebraska, U of N at Omaha, Creighton University and Kearney State College. Shown here is one being given by Compatriot Maynard Vance to Cadet Bethany Cantrell at Kearney.

New Hampshire Society



A highlight of the Society's Annual Spring Meeting in Meredith was awarding of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Lt. Warren A. Brown (left) of the State Police, where he is in charge of narcotics and the intelligence unit. Making the presentation was President Louis R. Huggins, while Mrs. Brown proudly observed.



John P. H. Chandler, a Past Society President and currently President Pro Tem of the **New Hampshire State Senate**, was the recipient of the Silver Good Citizenship Medal at the Society's Washington's Birthday Meeting. Now in his seventh term as a Senator, he previously served six terms in the N.H. House of Representatives.

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This year's winner of the Eagle Scout scholarship competition sponsored by the Society was Stephen T. Hoitt. He was presented his Bronze Eagle Trophy and a certificate by President Louis R. Huggins at the Society's Annual Meeting in April.

Empire State Society (NY)



Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr. (second from left) was the guest of honor and award recipient at the **New York Chapter's** Annual Theodore Roosevelt Award Dinner held recently in New York City. He delivered a short talk and then accepted questions from the audience. With him at the head table were (from left): the Hon. John L. Loeb, Jr., former U.S. Ambassador to Denmark and a member of the Chapter's Board of Managers; Chapter President Edward J. Gynn; Former President General James B. Gardiner II, also a Board member; and The Rev. Thomas F. Pike, DD, Chaplain.



Leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the **New York Chapter's** Annual Theodore Roosevelt Award Dinner was Eagle Scout John Kedeshian. Winner of the Chapter's scholarship competition, he went on to capture the top honor at both the State Society and National Society levels. At the Annual Congress in King of Prussia, he was presented with a \$4,000 scholarship check.

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A recent recipient of the Silver Good Citizenship Medal awarded by the **Oriskany Battle Chapter** was Leonard Cinquanta (right). Making the presentation was President Harold R. Small. Mr. Cinquanta was instrumental in the complete restoration of the long-neglected, old Schuyler-Deerfield Cemetery in Utica. In the course of this project, he was responsible for the identification of the graves of soldiers of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War and the Spanish-American War.

The **Binghamton Chapter** hosted a joint meeting in April with the **Newtown Battlefield Chapter** in Owego. The guest speaker for the occasion was Richard Barrons, Executive Director of the Preservation Association of the Southern Tier; he offered a slide presentation on "Architecture of the 1790-1850s Period in the Southern Tier." Eagle Scout Joshua A. Levinson, winner of the **Binghamton Chapter's** scholarship competition, was awarded a \$100 savings bond.

Ohio Society



Mary E. Cowan became the first woman to receive the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal from the **Western Reserve Society**. This was accomplished by President H. Arthur Zimmerman during a March meeting. Currently Senior Medical Technologist, Trace Evidence Department, Cuyahoga County Coroner's Laboratories, she has testified extensively as an expert witness and has authored numerous articles regarding trace evidence involving such matter as blood, fingerprints and biological stains.

Oklahoma Society



The February meeting of the **Oklahoma City Chapter** was marked by presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Marian Opala (left) by President R. Gladson Turnbull. A member of the Federal Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, he addressed attendees on the Constitution.



President Charles G. Cruzan (left) awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to U.S. District Judge Fred Daugherty at the Society's 82nd Annual Congress held during April in Ponca City.

Pennsylvania Society

Despite a cold, drizzling rain, **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** members and guests held their Annual Church Service in conjunction with the regular service of the Valley Forge Military Academy on Sunday, April 5th. Participating in the impressive program were several cadets, with the guest speaker being Malcolm Poindexter of Philadelphia TV Station KYW. After the service, the entire corps of cadets passed in review on the parade ground. This was followed by the awarding of ROTC Medals to two cadets by President Herbert K. Zearfoss.

When the **Tiadaghton Chapter** met recently in Lewisburg, members heard an interesting talk given by LTC Thomas H. Elder, Jr., who is attached to the ROTC Unit at Bucknell University. He placed emphasis on high-tech developments in weapons systems.



William Nelson and William Locke, both Patriots of the Revolutionary War, were honored in May with a special program organized by the **New Castle Chapter** at the Plain Grove Church Cemetery. Included was the dedication of new bronze markers.

Rhode Island Society



Eagle Scout Patrick T. Lee was awarded the Bronze Eagle Trophy at the Society's Annual Convention in February. Family members were on hand for the occasion, as was Walter P. Green, Jr. (in front of flag), Chairman of the Scout Scholarship Committee.

South Carolina Society



Dignitaries attending the South Atlantic District Meeting during March in Charleston, South Carolina included (from left): Former Presidents General Howard L. Hamilton and Carl F. Bessent, Historian General James R. Westlake, Vice-President General Dr. Lee Derrer and South Carolina President George T. Des Champs.

Tennessee Society

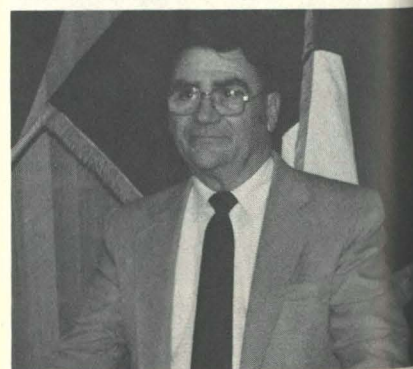
The Hilton Inn — Airport at Nashville served as the location of the Society's Annual Meeting at the end of May. Guests of honor were President General and Mrs. Clovis H. Brakebill; he was the principal speaker at a gala banquet and installed officers. A memorable feature of the meeting was the run-off of the Douglass G. High Historical Oration Contest, with Jeffery Michael Acree winning the 1st place award; he was sponsored by the **Memphis Chapter**.

The **Memphis Chapter** was honored to have as guests at an April meeting Secretary General Nolan W. Carson and Executive Secretary Wayne R. Wiedman. Compatriot Carson installed the newly elected officers.

Texas Society

Nearly 200 Compatriots and guests attended the Society's 92nd Annual Meeting, hosted by the **Hill Country Chapter** in March at Kerrville. The Patriot Medal was presented to retiring President Robert L.

Kurth, The Rev. C. Rogers McLane and James A. York, while receiving the Silver Good Citizenship Medal were Lt. Gen. John M. Wright, Jr., incoming President, and Blaine C. Wilhoite, Sr. President General and Mrs. Clovis H. Brakebill were honored guests.



Paul Washington, a direct descendant of George Washington's full brother, addressed the March meeting of the **William Hightower Chapter** in New Braunfels. He and his son are now working on their SAR applications.

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Society President, Lt. Gen. John M. Wright, Jr., addressed a March meeting of the **Paul Carrington Chapter**. He recounted the time he spent one evening several years ago at a Boy Scout meeting in a remote, small Eskimo village in northern Alaska. There he listened with emotion as the Eskimo Scout leader spoke of the importance and meaning of George Washington, Patrick Henry and other early Revolutionary leaders.



Five Past Presidents of the **Houston Chapter** were on hand for the Chapter's Mount Vernon Ball held May 1: (seated, from left) James Meadows and Joseph Clark; (standing, from left) David Peterson, James York and Bud Miles. Posing with them on the right was the current President, Jack Fuerst.

Utah Society



At a ceremony in Salt Lake City Eagle Scout James S. Proctor was given the Bronze Eagle Trophy for being named the top Eagle Scout by the Society. Making the presentation were Dr. Stephen Stanford (left), Chairman of the Eagle Scout Recognition Program, and Dr. Rodney H. Brady, President.

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Virginia Society

Financing of the Revolutionary War was the topic of a talk by Compatriot Stephen Hartwell before the **George Washington Chapter** in April at Alexandria. The meeting was also marked by the election of officers.



Two Charter Members of the **Richard Henry Lee Chapter** were awarded Meritorious Service Medals at an April meeting: James L. MacWithey (left) and Lawrence R. Sherman. Both were saluted for their efforts in making the Chapter a success since its formation ten years ago.

Gen. Robert W. Porter, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, spoke in April to members of the **Culpeper Minute Men Chapter**. He discussed developments in Central and South America.

West Virginia Society

Parkersburg was chosen as the site of the Society's 61st Annual Convention, which included a delightful tour of Blennerhassett Island Historical Park. The two-day affair



Officer Tim R. Berry (left) was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal at the Society's Annual Convention by Trooper R. M. McComas, who serves as Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee.

was highlighted by a banquet featuring an address by Dr. Ray Swick, Historian of the Park Commission. He described how Harman Blennerhassett built a mansion in 1798 on the island, which is reached via a sternwheeler from Point Park. It is here where Aaron Burr allegedly plotted with Blennerhassett to establish a southern empire. The evening concluded with the installation of officers by Treasurer General Charles F. Printz. After a business session the next day, attendees toured Henderson Hall.



Veterans Day was marked last year by the **Captain James Neal Chapter** with a live radio show featuring President Dwight P. Cruickshank, M.D. (standing), with Compatriot Brent Lowther (seated) as Master of Ceremonies. The program originated from a local Parkersburg Church. Also on hand were numerous Boy Scouts.

Wisconsin Society

Mid-May saw the Society hold its Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, with President General and Mrs. Clovis H. Brakebill present as honored guests. Prior to an address by the PG, he participated in an awards program that featured the following honors being presented: Patriot Medal to Secretary C. E. Thorp; Martha Washington Medal to Mrs. Thorp; and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Paul G. Evans, Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee.



For several years the Society has presented ROTC Medals to an outstanding student in every ROTC Unit in the state. In April **Nathaniel Ames Chapter** Compatriot Lowell Alley honored Air Force Cadet Edward J. Benincase, who is enrolled at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Minutes of the Congress, Trustees Meetings



Throughout the meetings, Scott Hunter served well as an aide to President General Clovis H. Brakebill — such as in the delivery of messages. Scott is a grandson of the PG and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis M. Morris. A resident of Westlake Village California, Compatriot Morris is a member of the Dallas Chapter, TXSSAR.

Two meetings of the National Trustees and the General Sessions of the 97th Annual Congress were held at the Sheraton-Valley Forge Hotel in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The Minutes presented here are edited and have been condensed, with items marked (*) being reported elsewhere in this issue of the magazine. Full Minutes are available from the Executive Director.

1986-87 TRUSTEES MEETING — Sunday, June 7, 1987

The meeting was called to order by President General Clovis H. Brakebill at 9:00 a.m. Past Chaplain General Rev. Samuel Holt gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Secretary General Nolan W. Carson, Esq. The Minutes of the February 28 meeting as distributed were approved.

SG Carson reported on results of the June 6 Executive Committee meeting: (1) The President General has requested the President of the United States to proclaim the Sunday immediately preceding or falling on July 4th each year as "Allegiance Sunday." No reply as yet; (2) A request from the Veterans Committee was approved for an annual Award to be given beginning in 1988 to the State Society whose Chapters have participated most actively in programs of the Veterans Committee. Cost of the Award has been provided by the Veterans Committee; (3) New policies for the National Society were adopted and added to the policy file:

a. Either cash or checks are required whenever merchandise is ordered or purchased.

b. No State Society will be supplied credentials at an Annual Congress until a report has been filed with the Executive Secretary.

(4) The Chancellor General has advised that the Constitution and Bylaws do not permit a State Society or Chapter to have honorary or associate members since a member must be descended from a patriot ancestor.

(5) The Committee adopted the following Resolution: "The Executive Committee rescinds its action taken October 1, 1982 recommending the establishment of a Museum Board as a separate body and the Museum Board shall henceforth operate as any other Committee of the National Society appointed by the President General unless and until the Trustees or the Congress shall duly approve in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws a different form of organization for the Museum Board. Resolved further that the Executive Committee recommends that the Bylaws be amended to provide for the Museum Committee to be formed as a standing committee." The Committee warmly commended the Museum Board Chairman and members for outstanding contributions to the National Headquarters and the Society.

Treasurer General Charles F. Printz reported that at the end of the past fiscal year, the Society came out with a small profit for the year.

Invitations to hold the 1991 Annual Congress in Kansas City, Missouri and the 1994 Congress in New Orleans, Louisiana were voted favorably.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION, Monday, June 8, 1987

The Session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The Colors were presented by the California, Maryland, Massachusetts and New Jersey Societies' Color Guards. Chaplain General Rev. Kenneth V. Kettlewell gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Secretary General Nolan W. Carson, after which the National Anthem was sung, led by Compatriot Charles M. Lonnberg of Indiana.

Greetings were brought from the following: Howard W. Grosse on behalf of Paul Bartle, Chairman of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners; Robert Danials on behalf of Philadelphia's We the People 200 Committee; Pennsylvania Society President William G. Dorwart on behalf of the Society and Pennsylvania Governor Robert P. Casey; Mrs. Raymond F. Fleck, President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Miss Marguerite L. Flounders, Regent of the Pennsylvania Society, DAR; Mrs. Robert L. Boggs, Senior National President, National Society of the Children of the American Revolution; Miss Lori Lynn Brugier, National President, N.S.C.A.R.; Compatriot Forrest R. Schaeffer, Secretary General of the Gen-



On behalf of the Louisiana Society, National Trustee Philip R. Allin extended an invitation to hold the 1994 Annual Congress in New Orleans. Acceptance was voted.

eral Society of the War of 1812; Compatriot Stewart B. McCarty, Former Governor General of the Hereditary Order of the Descendants of Loyalists and Patriots of the American Revolution.

After a brief recess, the Former Presidents General present were introduced.

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Forrest R. Schaeffer reported that as of 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, there were 298 SAR registrations and 246 guests.

Presentations to the National Society were made. (Major ones are reported elsewhere.)

Reports of the General Officers, including the Vice-Presidents General, were called. Virtually all were reported to be in the Annual Reports Book given to attendees. Pertinent verbal remarks follow:

President General Brakebill urged State Societies and Chapters to display the U.S. Flag at their meetings. A Life Membership program should be developed. The marking of historic sites could be improved. There should be a program to mark all cemeteries where Revolutionary War Patriots are buried as National Historic Sites.

Reports of the Committee Chairmen were called. Virtually all were reported to be in the Annual Reports Book. Pertinent verbal remarks follow:

Budget Committee Chairman Edward S. Hoyt recommended that a committee be appointed to review the possibility of a change in the fiscal year of the National Society and that the Treasurer General implement a change in the monthly operating statements to reflect the operations of the Library, Merchandise Sales and the Magazine on a profit and loss basis.

Trusts and Bequests Committee Chairman William H. Roddis stated that two ways to benefit the Society and the individual still remain under the new tax laws: the use of insurance and a "lead trust" whereby one can make an agreement with the SAR so that during the life of the trust, the income would go to the SAR and after a designated period of time the principal would go to the family or another beneficiary.

The Session was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION — Tuesday, June 9, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The Invocation given by Chaplain General Rev. Kenneth L. Kettlewell was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Secretary General Nolan W. Carson.

Additional presentations to the National Society were made. (Major ones are reported elsewhere.)

Proposed Resolutions were presented for consideration by Resolutions Committee Chairman Carl K. Hoffmann (*). Former President General Benjamin H. Morris reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

FPG James B. Gardiner nominated Compatriot R. Wendell Lovering for the office of Secretary General. Seconds to the nomination followed.

Seconds to the nomination of Charles F. Printz as Secretary General were made. He previously had been nominated by the Nominating Committee.

All nominations were declared closed by action of the Congress and it was moved that the nominees who are not contested be elected by acclamation and the Secretary General be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot. The motion was seconded and carried. (Those elected are reported elsewhere.)

Secretary General Carson read the names of those nominated for Trustee and Alternate Trustee of the State Societies. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trustees be elected by a unanimous ballot. (Those elected are reported elsewhere.)

Secretary General Carson submitted the names of those nominated for Vice-President General. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Vice-Presidents General be elected by a unanimous ballot. (Those elected are reported elsewhere.)

The Session was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

FINAL SESSION — Wednesday, June 10, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

President General Clovis H. Brakebill announced that the following had been elected to the new Nominating Committee by the Council of State Presidents: Stanley W. Eno, CTSSAR; Arthur S. Merrow, ESSSAR; and I. Craig Uncapher, MOSSAR.

Compatriot Forrest S. Schaeffer of the Credentials Committee reported a final count of 346 SARs and 265 guests at the Congress, with 293 SARs as certified delegates.

Bylaws Committee Chairman Robert F. Ritchie reported that there is nothing to vote on at this Congress. He stated that the



Historian General James R. Westlake, a member of the U.S. Stamps Committee, told about the Committee's plan to issue First Day Covers commemorating ratification of the U.S. Constitution by the 13 original states. A detailed news story about this appears elsewhere in the magazine.

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Trustees had approved two amendments: One is relative to gift memberships, the other to change the title of the Executive Secretary (*). These will be taken up at the next Congress.

Two added proposed changes in the Bylaws were submitted (*). These will be taken up at the next Congress.

Budget Committee Chairman Edward S. Hoyt presented the budget for 1987-88 of \$372,000. After discussion, his motion to adopt the budget was seconded and carried unanimously. Referring to the Audit Report, he stated that the Society does not have a line amount for a capital asset or capital asset replacement fund. The Congress has no capability to make immediate changes in the dues structure because our hands are tied for a two-year period. The Budget Committee requests the President General to appoint an appropriate committee to review the fiscal year arrangement, and see if we can do something to alleviate this fiscal year timing situation. The Committee wishes to initiate a line item to the operating budget to allocate a reasonable amount of funds from income and identify and limit it for capital reserve purposes. The Committee recommends that the PG initiate either a Bylaw change to change the amount of dues, or empower the Trustees to change the dues, or institute some other type of fund raising campaign so that we may have an adequate amount of operating cash in the near future. He urged a dues increase, and in-house preparation of financial statements showing profit and loss on proprietary operations be prepared on a monthly basis so that we can better identify the items for budget control. He stressed that no change is contemplated with respect to the Permanent Fund or Special Purpose Funds. A motion to adopt the recommendations of the Budget Committee for further implementation was seconded and carried.



Chancellor General Paul H. Walker reported that three Compatriots remembered the SAR in their estates.

Veterans Committee Chairman Richard E. Friberg moved that each Vice-President General appoint a Chairman of Veterans Affairs for his District, that each State President appoint a State Chairman for Veteran Affairs to act as liaison between the local Chapters, District Chairman and the national Committee, each Chapter appoint a Veterans Committee to carry out the various programs at the local level, and participate in patriotic activities at VA Medical Centers, and that awards be made at the next Congress acknowledging the participation of Chapters in the Veterans Program. The motion was seconded and carried.

PG Brakebill reported the results of the special election held to name the new Secretary General: Charles F. Printz, 205 votes; R. Wendell Lovering, 93 votes. He declared that Compatriot Printz was elected Secretary General.

The Session was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

1987-88 TRUSTEES MEETING — Wednesday, June 10, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Chancellor General Paul H. Walker administered the oath of office to the newly elected Trustees and Alternate Trustees.

President General-Elect Nolan W. Carson submitted the following for appointment to the Executive Committee: President General Clovis H. Brakebill; Edward S. Hoyt, FLSSAR; Col. Stewart B. McCarty, DCSSAR; Robert A. Ragland, Sr., TNSSAR; and James R. Westlake, GASSAR. The recommendations were seconded and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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Varied Resolutions Adopted

Resolutions proposed to delegates attending the 97th Annual Congress for consideration were introduced by Carl K. Hoffmann, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. All were adopted, some with minor changes, and are summarized below. Full texts, which are available from National Headquarters, have been sent to appropriate members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

ABM TREATY — That the NSSAR urges President Reagan to forthwith invoke the provisions of Article XV of the ABM Treaty and announce that the U.S. is withdrawing from the treaty to "protect its supreme interests" and reaffirms its support of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

AIDS — That the NSSAR: (1) Urges the Congress and the Administration to increase the research on the critical matter of the transmission of HIV and development of an effective vaccine; (2) Urges education for autologous donations of blood (donations of one's own blood) for persons obtaining elective surgery; (3) Urges the various state legislatures to pass a law that requires all persons in sensitive positions (doctors, dentists, nurses and other health personnel), to be tested for AIDS virus and if they are carriers to notify all their patients so patients can give (or withhold) "informed consent"; (4) Urges the Center for Disease Control to identify carriers of AIDS virus, to conduct research into the possible transmission of AIDS by food processors and handlers, etc., and to develop effective measures to curb the spread of AIDS; (5) Urges the Center for Disease Control to require the reporting of "all diseases associated with the (AIDS-based virus) infection" so that all diseases associated with AIDS must be reported to the Center for Disease Control; (6) Urges the Congress to require that all immigrants seeking admission to the United States and seeking citizenship and all aliens seeking work permits be tested for AIDS; (7) Supports the mandatory testing of all persons for AIDS prior to issuing marriage licenses; and (8) Urges emergency organizations to be aware of the dangers of mouth to mouth resuscitations.

AFGHANISTAN — That the NSSAR urges the United States government to sever diplomatic relations with the present government of Afghanistan, that it aid and assist in the formation of a government in exile, and that it continue to render material and moral support to the Afghan people in their struggle for liberty.

BILL OF RIGHTS STAMPS — That the NSSAR urges the Postmaster General to issue a miniature sheet of ten postage stamps in 1991 honoring each of the first Ten Amendments to the Constitution.

AMERICAN HISTORY — That the NSSAR recommends that the U.S. Department of Education support the teaching and testing of American History from the age of discovery to the present era in all schools through high school and that the various state boards of education require the teaching and testing of American History, including the Federalist papers, from the age of discovery to the present era in all schools through high school.

COURTESY — That the NSSAR expresses its thanks and appreciation to (list ranging from Compatriots and their ladies responsible for planning the 97th Annual Congress to guest speakers and the Color Guards of the Maryland, Mas-

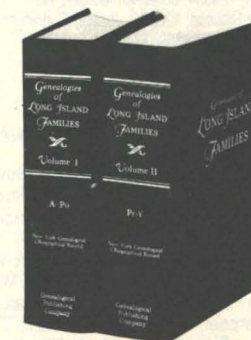


Carl K. Hoffmann of the Florida Society has served capably for many years as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. This year the Committee proposed six Resolutions, all of which were adopted.

sachusetts, New Jersey and California Societies) for making the Congress a success.

Because of its continuing relevancy, the Resolution adopted at the Annual Congress in 1985 stating that the NSSAR is opposed to calling a Constitutional Convention was read to delegates by Chairman Hoffmann. He also offered a motion, which was seconded and passed, that Resolutions adopted since the 1979 Congress be reprinted in *The SAR Magazine*. This will be done in future issues.

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Now Registrar Assistant

Susan Collins, who came aboard at National Headquarters last September as Merchandise Assistant, has been named Registrar Assistant. This post had been held by Nona Preher who retired recently. Prior to joining our staff, she had been Secretary of Education for a large Louisville church.

Genealogical INQUIRIES

This service of assisting in genealogical research is offered to everyone. Your message will reach over 23,000 members of the SAR.

Payment must be made in advance at the rate of \$2.00 per line, with copy either typed or hand-lettered. Total cost may be calculated on the basis of 40 characters in each line, including your name and address.

Mail copy and payment to The SAR Magazine, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203. Make checks payable to "Treasurer General, SAR."

Purnell/Neal(e): Need parents of both Maj. James (founder Purnells Chapel, Del.) and wife Elizabeth w. of Samuel Neal (children James, Greenbury, Ann m. Wm Hewitt, Elizabeth m. Benj. McKinsey) lived Md 1769-1800, Del. 1800-13, Elkton, Md '13-1843. C. H. Williams, 823 De Franceaux Hbr., Pasadena, MD 21122.

Information on Sarah Celia Stripling Cook. Born 1870 Pike Co. Ala. Had one child and several stepchildren of Macon Cook. Lived in Texas. Dr. Robert O. Stripling, 405 N.W. 28 Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32607.

Family of BRUCE Society in America, 320 N. Madison Ave., Clearwater, FL 33515. Seeking descendants of King Malcolm, III; King David, I; Prince Henry, Earl of Huntingdon; David, Earl of Huntingdon; Isabel, dau of H. Gilbert de Clare (Magna Charta); Robert Bruce, Earl of Carrick; Robert the Bruce (King Robert, I); King Robert, II & III; or wives of the above Scots. Answers to H.G.C. Hill, Chairman.

Wm. Scott 1747-1791, Capt. Rev. War from Virginia. Married Ann Mason. Need his and Ann's ancestors and their children. Inf. on these items needed. William E. Gorton, 2000 Deerwood Dr., Ukiah, CA 95482.

PENNSYLVANIA (Dauphin, Lebanon, York, Cumberland, Lancaster, Berks, Cos.) Seeking info on family lines: Whitmoyer, Dunkle, Nauss, Linn, Rickenbach, White, Ensininger, Gottshall, Hartman, Baker, Coonrod, Mease, Hoover, Simpson, Fissell, Quig. Write Rob Whitmoyer, 351 S. Market St., Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

Need information on Capt. Luke OSBORN b. 1743, MA; also **Lt. John BACON** Middletown, CT; Verification of **Capt. Joseph COE** b. 18 Mar 1748 Durham, CT, mar Sarah BALL 8 Jan 1772, had child Tabitha COE b. 23 May 1777, Granville, MA; also families of **PEASE** in CT; **HARGER, HAMILTON, GROSS, GOODALE, TIBBETTS, TOURS** all from MA. Write to: **Fordyce Osborn**, 1801 Austin Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022.

INMAN-YOUNG: Seeking Jean MacLeod Young who married Robert John Inman 14 March 1948, Los Gatos, CA. M. L. Young, 4200 Sunshine Rd., Miami, FL 33133.

HILL: Seeking ancestors and descendants of Doctor Norman Amos Hill (c 1825) of Vicksburg, Michigan. Norman N. Hill, Jr., M.D., P.O. Box 64, Irvington, VA 22480.

SAR MAGAZINE

Gifts Presented To National Society

At the 97th Annual Congress, a number of gifts were presented to the National Society. Major ones included those shown below, the James Madison painting described on page 4, and a check for \$4,000 from the Texas Society for the Headquarters Library.



This one-of-a-kind leaded glass plaque was given by Maryland Compatriot H. Lloyd LeCompte, Jr. in his family for many years, it was originally presented to Baltimore Mayor Harry J. Preston when the Star-Spangled Banner Centennial was dedicated at Fort McHenry in 1914. Profiled is Francis Scott Key.



On behalf of the Connecticut Society, National Trustee Raymond Henshaw offered a composite of seven photos of Real Sons dated in the 1890s.



A Lafayette painting reproduction was presented by the France Society. It was unveiled on Sunday in President General Clovis H. Brakebill's suite. Present were (from left): National Trustee Bernard de Ducla, Executive Secretary Jean du Limbert, Vice-President General Robert B. Vance (Foreign District — Europe) and the President General.

SUMMER 1987

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MISSOURI

Harry S. Truman Chapter, Independence. Breakfast meeting, first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Independence. For information: Pres. Sterling Goddard (816) 761-5333 or Sec: George DeLapp (816) 254-2390 or 7038.

Ozark Mountain Chapter, Springfield, meets 3rd Sat. monthly except Aug., Noon, Heritage Cafeteria, 1310 S. Glenstone. SARs, Wives, Guests. Call Pres. Bill Wood (417) 869-2223.

John Woolard Chapter, Richmond 64085, meets 2nd Thursday each month. Happy Hour 6-7. Dinner steak or prime rib. Country Place, Wollard Ave. 13 Hi-Way. For info call State President James A. Shelby (816) 259-2379.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Society Annual Meeting February. Lincoln and Omaha Chapters meet 2nd Tues., monthly. Tel: (402) 466-2761 or (402) 451-2146

OHIO

Western Reserve Society, noon luncheon, 2nd Wed., Cleveland Engr. Society, Sept. through June, except Oct. evening and Feb. 22 noon. For info call Burton Printz: (216) 932-2819.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh Chapter. Luncheon meeting 12:15 p.m. 3rd Thurs. monthly except July & Aug. Golden Triangle YMCA. Dinner meetings Nov. & Feb. Call for info: (412) 457-7810.

Philadelphia-Continental Chapter. Meetings, luncheons, dinners, and functions monthly except July & August. Tel: SAR Hdqrs. 215-735-5234, Engineers' Club, 1317 Spruce St., Phila. for info.

TENNESSEE

Shelby Chapter, Brunswick, invites SAR members and their families to visit historic Davies Manor, 9336 Davies Plantation Road, headquarters for the Shelby Chapter, on Tuesday between one and four o'clock from May through October. For information contact John Edgar Taylor, Chapter President, 3903 Walnut Grove Road,



NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS TOURS PROVE POPULAR — Since the docent program was launched several months ago, an increasing number of outside groups has become familiar with our facilities in Louisville. A recent visit was made by area high school students. On the left Docent Gordon Snyder told them about our Liberty Bell replica, while on the right Docent Mary Rowntree related the story behind the famous painting entitled "The Battle of Bunker Hill". Compatriot Snyder is a member of the Louisville-Thurston Chapter.

Memphis, TN 38111 (901) 683-5658 or Mrs. Hillman Philip Rodgers, Chapter's Executive Secretary (901) 386-0715.

TEXAS

Dallas Chapter, 8:00 a.m. breakfast meeting at Preston Center, Wyatt's Cafeteria each 2nd Sat. Visiting SARs most welcome.

Patrick Henry Chapter. Austin meets 3rd Sat. 11:30 a.m. Wyatt's Cafeteria. Hancock Center. Pres. William E. Tinsley, Box 430, Pflugerville 78660: (512) 251-3919.

Houston Chapter meets monthly for Dinner the 2nd Wed. except Aug. All SARs, their ladies, and DARs welcome. Phone for details — James York (713) 864-2968.

San Antonio Chapter. Luncheon meeting, noon, 2nd Thursday, monthly, Earl Abel's Restaurant, 4200 Broadway at Hildebrand.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Society. Office: 3600 West Broad Street, Suite 579, Richmond, VA 23230. Open Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9 to 12 a.m. Visiting SAR's welcome. Tel: (804) 355-1776. Howard E. Bartholf, Secretary.

Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Annandale, meets at 7:30 p.m. on 2nd Thurs., Sept.-Apr. at George Mason Reg. Library, 7001 Little River Trnpike. Call Pres. Paul B. McCracken (703) 256-7150 or Richard E. Spurr, Sec. (703) 751-2829.

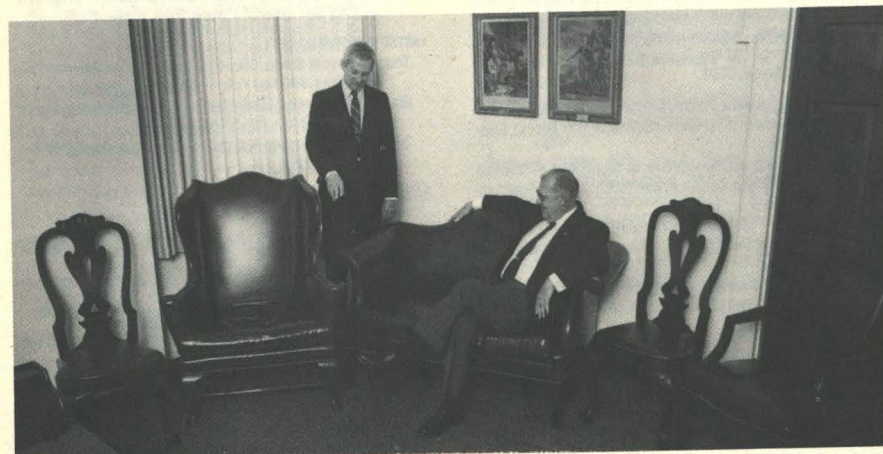
George Washington Chapter, Alexandria, 11 a.m. Luncheon usually 2nd Saturday Sep-May at the Cameron Station Officers Club. Phone 960-6468.

WASHINGTON

Seattle Chapter. 11:30 luncheon mtg. at Sand Point Navy Off.Club 2nd Sat each month except Jun, Jul & Aug. SARs and spouses welcome.

WISCONSIN

James Morgan Chapter. Milwaukee. Luncheon Meeting 2nd Fri. monthly at Cudworth A. L. Post, 1756 N. Prospect Ave. SARs willkommen!



FURNITURE ADDITIONS ARRIVE — Just a few days prior to the Annual Congress this year, President General Clovis H. Brakebill (seated) saw delivery of five new pieces of furniture for the PG's office at National Headquarters. With him when this photo was taken was Executive Secretary Wayne R. Wiedman. The items, made by Kittenger, were paid for by a generous gift from the wife of the late Texas Society Compatriot Leland Thomas Jordan, a Charter Member of the Society's Lt. Nathan Gan Chapter.