Proceedings
of the Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 19, 1988
GODDARD-DANIELS HOUSE, WORCESTER


President Conway presided. The reading of the minutes of the meeting held April 20, 1988, was waived and the minutes were approved as circulated. President Conway reported the following changes in membership:

- Frank Leighton Harrington, Sr., died April 21, 1988
- Henry Bradley Martin, died April 23, 1988
- Josiah Kirby Lilly III, resigned May 3, 1988
- William Frederick Boni, resigned May 10, 1988
- William V. Shannon, died September 27, 1988

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. Daniels and the report of the Council was presented by Mr. McCorison.

The following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society with Mrs. Callahan and Mr. Manney acting as tellers: William John Cronon, Thomas Main Doerflinger, David Richard Godine, John James McCusker, Forrest MacDonald, Catherine Jean McDonough, Lillian Beresnack Miller, Kathryn Lee Conway Preyer, Barbara Jo Anne Harris Taylor, Robert Howard Wetzel, Barbara Ketcham Wheaton, Don Whitman Wilson, and Don Yoder.

Mr. Jeppson presented the report of the Committee on Nominations as follows: President, Jill Kathryn Ker Conway; Vice-Presidents, Roderick Douglas Stinehour, Harold Taylor Miller; Treasurer, Bruce Goddard Daniels; Recording Secretary, David Frederic Tatham; Secretary for Domestic Correspondence, Philip Charles Beals; Secretary for Foreign Correspondence, Henry Schofield Streeter; Councillors, John Jeppson, 2nd, Richard Charles Steele, George Thomas Tanselle, William Henry Bond, Jules David Prown, Robert Palmer Hallock, Jr., Jacob Hiatt, Julian Lee Lapides, Pauline Rubbelke Maier, John Munro Woolsey, Jr.,
James Robert Maguire, Betty Ruth Ring, Barbara Welch Sudler, Joan Toland Bok, and Jeremiah Kaplan.

There being no further nominations, it was voted to accept the report and to elect the slate as nominated.

Before closing the meeting, President Conway read the following resolutions adopted by the Council recognizing the services of Robert Cushman and Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr.:

WHEREAS ROBERT CUSHMAN, distinguished businessman, worthy counselor, and loyal friend, has served the American Antiquarian Society as a member faithfully since April 17, 1974; and whereas

ROBERT CUSHMAN conscientiously discharged the duties of Councillor from October 17, 1979, with wisdom and with dedication to advance the welfare of this Society; and whereas

ROBERT CUSHMAN accepted the onerous responsibility as chairman of the National Committee of the Isaiah Thomas Fund campaign, diligently traveling far and wide to solicit for the Society's endowment funds; and whereas

ROBERT CUSHMAN, despite the supplications of his colleagues, has retired from the Council of the Society on this day; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers, Councillors, and Members of the American Antiquarian Society do hereby record their deep sense of satisfaction and obligations of gratitude to their friend for his superior services to our honorable institution, thank him for his sturdy loyalty and agreeable companionship, and in so doing convey to the said CUSHMAN their best wishes for his successful pursuit of diminutive spheroids under continuously cloudless southern skies and for his progress toward a peaceful and gratifying old age that will be free from the travails of institutional responsibilities and incessant rounds of fund raising; and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be spread and to ROBERT CUSHMAN let these sentiments made known.

Agreed to this nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight in the City of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WHEREAS LINWOOD MANDEVILLE ERKINE, JR., prominent member of Worcester's bar and friend to history, was
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elected to membership in the American Antiquarian Society at the
semiannual meeting in 1961; and whereas

LINWOOD MANDEVILLE ERSKINE, JR., served with distinction as
a Councillor of the Society from 1965 to 1967 and as a member of the
Committee on Development from 1968 to 1976; and whereas

LINWOOD MANDEVILLE ERSKINE, JR., has added his name
alongside those of Edward Everett Hale, George Parker Winship, and
Daniel Waldo Lincoln in rendering valuable service to this venerable
learned society as its Recording Secretary; and whereas

LINWOOD MANDEVILLE ERSKINE, JR.,—this faithful chronicler of
proceedings, vigilant keeper of constitution and bylaws, and gentle
counselor—today steps down from Society office after twenty-three
years; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers, Councillors, and Members
of the American Antiquarian Society do hereby congratulate
LINWOOD MANDEVILLE ERSKINE, JR., for his exemplary stewardship,
voice its gratitude to him for that friendly aid conscientiously ren-
dered, and wish him many more mountains to climb, gardens to culti-
vate, and wood to chop; and upon the records of the Society let this
Resolution be inscribed and to LINWOOD MANDEVILLE ERSKINE,
J R., let these sentiments be made known.

Agreed to this nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord,
one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight in the City of Worcester,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 P.M. to be followed by a paper
to be presented by William H. Goetzmann entitled ‘Exploration
and Early American Culture’ at the library building of the Society
and refreshments as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Karl L. Briel and a
dinner at the Plaza Club, 440 Main Street, Worcester, Massachu-
setts.

Linwood M. Erskine, Jr.
Recording Secretary