

*Proceedings  
of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 16, 1991

GODDARD-DANIELS HOUSE, WORCESTER

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINTH annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Society's Goddard-Daniels House, 190 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, October 16, 1991, at 3:30 P.M., with the following members present: Robert Comey Achorn, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, Philip Charles Beals, George Athan Billias, William Henry Bond, Karl Lombard Briel, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Nancy Hall Burkett, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Richard Byron Collins, Jill Ker Conway, Edward Denis Crowley, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Ronald Sears Davis, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, Everette Eugene Dennis, Hagop Martin Deranian, Henry Bowen Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Norman Sanford Fiering, Donald Richard Friary, Loren Frank Ghiglione, Joseph Henry Hagan, Robert Palmer Hallock, James Harley Harrington, Ernest Spero Hayeck, John Bixler Hench, Kay Seymour House, John Jeppson, 2nd, Jeremiah Kaplan, Julian Lee Lapidés, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidés, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, Russell Elliott Manoog, Harold Taylor Miller, James Eugene Mooney, Anne Murray Morgan, Kenneth James Moynihan, Guy Warren Nichols, John Thomas Noonan, Calvin Peter Otto, Edward Carl Papenfuse, Jr., William Oscar Pettit, Jr., Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Hope Hartwell Spear, Roderick Douglas Stinehour, Helen Estabrook Stoddard, Roger Eliot Stoddard, Henry Schofield Streeter, William Francis Sullivan, George Thomas Tanselle, David Frederic Tatham, Sumner Burnham Til-

ton, Jr., Peter Howard Creagh Williams, Gordon Stewart Wood, and Michael Bancroft Winship.

Chairman Conway presided. The reading of the minutes of the semiannual meeting of April 19, 1991, was waived, and the minutes were approved as circulated. Chairman Conway reported as changes in membership:

Fredson Thayer Bowers, died April 11, 1991, elected October 1968

James Hastings Nichols, died May 3, 1991, elected October 1971

Richard Charles Steele, died June 7, 1991, elected October 1972

Howell Johnson Heaney, died June 24, 1991, elected April 1974

Leonard Benjamin Schlosser, died June 25, 1991, elected

April 1977

Peter Shepard Morgan, resigned June 29, 1991, elected

October 1972

Lee Benson, resigned July 5, 1991, elected October 1975

Peter Bruce Clark, resigned July 28, 1991, elected October 1974

Joseph Russell Lynes, Jr., died September 14, 1991, elected

October 1978

John Peter McDonald, resigned September 15, 1991, elected

October 1982

George Lee Haskins, died October 4, 1991, elected April 1968

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. Williams.

The following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society, with Mr. Davis and Professor House acting as tellers: Robert Francis Baker, George Francis Booth II, James Russell Donnelley, Lawrence Arthur Fleischman, Sarah Brandegees Garfield, John Henry Hauberg, Lee Ellen Heller, Winston Russell Hindle, Jr., Mary Kelley, William Harry Hornby, Barrett Morgan, Bradford Perkins, Daniel Gershon Siegel, and Laurel Thatcher Ulrich.

Mr. McCorison presented the report of the Council, at the close of which he offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS ROBERT PALMER HALLOCK, JR., has been a valued and distinguished member of the American Antiquarian Society since his election in April 1977; and

Whereas ROBERT PALMER HALLOCK, JR., has ably served the governance and advancement of the Society as a member of the Council since 1981 and as a member of the committees on the Hall, on the Isaiah Thomas Fund, and on Nominations; and as the first Clerk of the Pursuing Committee of the Worcester Association of Mutual Aid in Detecting Thieves which was reconstituted as a vital arm of support for this Society; and

Whereas ROBERT PALMER HALLOCK, JR., has been a steadfast friend of our ancient Society and an important and effective link between it and the philanthropic community in the great City of Worcester; and

Whereas ROBERT PALMER HALLOCK, JR., has determined to step down from his post as one of the Society's Councillors after his decade of generous service and wise stewardship in order to attend to other pursuits, quite possibly including the pursuit of a dimpled, white ball around hill and water hole, as well as the affairs of a small New Hampshire college which Daniel Webster also loved; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that his fellow Officers, Councillors, and Members do hereby solemnly and gratefully recognize the valuable comfort and aid that ROBERT PALMER HALLOCK, JR., has tendered the Society throughout his association with it and heartily thank him for his benevolence; and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to ROBERT PALMER HALLOCK, JR., let these sentiments be made known.

Resolved this sixteenth day of October, nineteen hundred ninety-one, the one hundred seventy-ninth year of the Society

The resolution was accepted with prolonged applause.

Mr. Streeter presented the report of the Committee on Nominations as follows: Chairman, 1991-92, Jill Kathryn Ker Conway; Vice-Chairman, 1991-92, Harold Taylor Miller; Councillors, 1991-94, Karl Lombard Briel, James Oliver Freedman, Calvin Peter Otto, Jules David Prown, Roderick Douglas Stinehour, and Barbara Welch Sudler. There being no further nominations, it was moved and voted to accept the report and elect the slate as nominated.

Chairman Conway invited the members to join her in the coming year in the events and programs that will celebrate Mr. McCorison's many distinguished achievements as Librarian, Direc-

tor, and President of the Society and to use these occasions to further strengthen the Society. She added that, while present times are difficult for all research institutions, the Society may justly take pride in its admirable record of recent accomplishments as a noble, nationally cherished center of learning.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 P.M., and was followed by a lecture presented to members and guests in Antiquarian Hall by Gordon S. Wood on the subject 'The Origins of the Bill of Rights.' At the conclusion of the lecture, members, guests, and others gathered at the Worcester Club for refreshments as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce G. Daniels, followed by dinner.

David Frederic Tatham  
*Recording Secretary*

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