

*Proceedings
of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 21, 1998

ANTIQUARIAN HALL, WORCESTER

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIXTH annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at Antiquarian Hall, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, October 21, 1998, at 5:30 P.M. The following members were present: Robert Comey Achorn, Eleanor Snow Adams, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, George Athan Billias, George Francis Booth II, Karl Lombard Briel, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Richard David Brown, Lawrence Fogler Buckland, Nancy Hall Burkett, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Joanne Danaher Chaison, Fairman Chaffee Cowan, Edward Denis Crowley, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Alan Nash Degutis, William Phillips Densmore, Hagop Martin Deranian, Henry Bowen Dewey, Jane Kenah Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Smith Dunlap, Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Jessie Lie Farber, Richard J. Fates, Jay William Fliegelman, Wayne Steven Franklin, Donald Richard Friary, Loren Frank Ghiglione, Joel Paul Greene, Joseph Henry Hagan, John Bixler Hench, M Howard Jacobson, Maureen McGady Kelleher, Crawford Lincoln, Ann Terese Lisi, Kent Paul Ljungquist, Franklin Martin Loew, Polly Ormsby Longworth, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., John Worth Lund, Weyman Ivan Lundquist, Barrett Morgan, Kenneth James Moynihan, Donald Frederick Nelson, Gregory Hight Nobles, Donald Oresman, William Oscar Pettit, Jr., Robert Joseph Petrilla, Cynthia Nelson

Pitcher, John Edward Reilly, William Sherman Reese, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Richard Neil Rosenfeld, Duane Thomas Sargisson, Arthur F. Schrader, Norman Lawrence Sharfman, Robert Hyde Smith, Jr., John Cleveland Stowe, William Francis Sullivan, Alden True Vaughan, James Alvin Welu, William Augustus Wheeler III, Peter Howard Creagh Williams, Calhoun Winton, and John Clark Woodbury.

President Baron presided. After the call of the meeting, read by James Donnelly for Secretary Meridith D. Wesby, who was not present, and the waiving of the reading of the minutes of the semi-annual meeting of April 24, 1998, Mr. Baron reported the following changes in membership.

Wilfrid Irvin Smith, resigned November 15, 1997, elected April 1974

Frank Thomas Siebert, Jr., died January 23, 1998, elected April 1986

Daniel Farber, died May 23, 1998, elected April 1967

Leo Matthew Weins, died June 12, 1998, elected October 1979

David Levin, died July 12, 1998, elected April 1978

Mr. Baron read the report of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Harrington then proposed the following persons for election as Officers and Councillors of the Society for 1998-99: Chairman, 1998-99, Robert Charles Baron; Vice-Chairman, 1998-99, Donald Oresman; Secretary for Domestic Correspondence, 1998-2001, William Sherman Reese; Councillors, 1998-2001, Cheryl Hurley, Sidney Lapidus, Nell Irvin Painter, Richard N. Rosenfeld, and George W. Tetler. The members elected the slate.

Mr. Baron then offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS was born and raised in the shadow of Antiquarian Hall, to and by a family noted for its constructive participation in the affairs of the American Antiquarian Society and other institutions important to the civic life of the Worcester community; and

Whereas BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS saw fit to stray a few miles away for school in Deerfield, college in New Haven, and a business career in Boston in the philatelic and numismatic marketplace, but returned regularly to Worcester, all the better to support many worthy institutions in his hometown, including our ancient Society; and

Whereas BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS conscientiously assumed many positions of responsibility in the Society following his election to membership thirty years ago, serving on many key committees and as Councillor, longtime Treasurer, and Secretary for Domestic Correspondence; and

Whereas the vital philanthropic spirit of BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS and his family has left AAS incalculably a better institution through their support of many worthy projects and, most prominently, through their gift and endowment of the magnificent Goddard-Daniels House; and

Whereas BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS, by virtue of his three decades as a most lustrous 'coin' of the Antiquarian realm, has, profoundly and unmistakably, left his 'stamp' upon the institution; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers, Councillors, and Members of the American Antiquarian Society warmly thank BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS for his selfless devotion to the Society's welfare, wish him happiness, and bid him Godspeed as he retires from active service on the Council, and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS let these sentiments be made known.

RESOLVED this twenty-first day of October, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, the one hundred eighty-sixth year of the Society.

The resolution was accepted with spirited applause.

Loren Ghiglione gave the report of the membership committee and the following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society, with Mrs. Barnhill and Mr. Moynihan acting as tellers: Larry Abramoff, Morris S. Arnold, Edward L. Ayers,

Donald K. Bain, Randall K. Burkett, David W. Dangremond, William Fowler, Jr., John Herron, Wilson Kinnach, Jill Lepore, Philip D. Morgan, Avon Neal, Donald O'Brien, Ann Parker, James J. Paugh III, Elizabeth Carroll Reilly, Louise Taper, Benjamin B. Taylor, Fredrika J. Teute, John W. Tyler, Mark Valeri, John C. Van Horne, and Barbara Weisberg.

James Donnelly presented the report of the Treasurer. Following remarks given by the Librarian, Nancy Burkett, Ellen Dunlap gave the report of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M. After dinner, Franklin M. Loew presented the annual lecture, 'How History Entered My Life, Shaped It, and Now Won't Leave Me Alone.'

Respectfully submitted,
Meridith D. Wesby
Recording Secretary

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