

*Proceedings  
of the Semiannual Meeting*

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WORCESTER ART MUSEUM  
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THE SEMIANNUAL meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, April 20, 1977, at 9:56 A.M. with the following members present: Thomas Randolph Adams, Karl John Richard Arndt, Frederick Edward Bauer, Jr., Philip Charles Beals, William Bentinck-Smith, George Athan Billias, William Henry Bond, Augustus George Bullock, Lyman Henry Butterfield, Louisa Dresser Campbell, John Whitin Curtis, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Warren Gilbert Davis, Henry Bowen Dewey, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Frederick Breakspear Farrar, Bernard Joseph Flanagan, Paris Fletcher, Malcolm Freiberg, Jack Phillip Greene, Archibald Hanna, Jr., Frank Leighton Harrington, Jr., Robert Bruce Hitchman, Hudson Hoagland, Harold Hugo, M Howard Jacobson, John Jeppson, 2nd, John Emerson Langdon, Bertram Kimball Little, Nina Fletcher Little, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., Marcus Allen McCorison, Charles Ellis Mason, Jr., Amy Bess Williams Miller, Lawrence Kelton Miller, Weld Morgan, Stephen Thomas Riley, Ivan Sandrof, Stuart Capen Sherman, Roderick Douglas Stinehour, Roger Eliot Stoddard, Henry Schofield Streeter, George Thomas Tanselle, David Frederic Tatham, Charles van Ravenswaay, Alexander James Wall, Jr., Nathaniel Wheeler, Walter Muir

Whitehill, and James Russell Wiggins. Also present as guests were several members of the staff.

President Wiggins presided. The reading of the minutes of the one hundred and sixty-fourth annual meeting, held October 20, 1976, was waived. President Wiggins reported the death of the following member:

John Sicher Van Eisen Kohn      December 18, 1976

The Treasurer's report 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 David Tatham and John Curtis acting as tellers: Mortimer Herbert Appley, Joseph Targonski Benedict, Karl Lombard Briel, Walter Cronkite, Peter J. Guthorn, Robert Palmer Hallock, Jr., James Robert Maguire, Guido Majno, Eric Pfeiffer Newman, John Parker, Marvin Sherwood Sadik, Leonard B. Schlosser, Herbert Trafton Silsby II, Robert Joseph Taylor, Alden True Vaughan, Maris A. Vinovskis, and Charles Harris Wesley.

The meeting recessed at 10:31 A.M. and reconvened at 11:06 A.M. with well over 100 guests present to hear a paper entitled ' "A Posture of Hostility": A Reconsideration of Some Aspects of the Origins of the American Revolution' by Jack P. Greene.

Mr. Wiggins thanked the officers and staff of the Worcester Art Museum for their hospitality in allowing the Society to hold at the Museum both its semiannual meeting and the exhibition of items from the Society's collections entitled 'Wellsprings of a Nation: America before 1801,' which had opened on the previous evening.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. to be followed by refreshments as the guests of Mr. Farrar and a luncheon, both at Antiquarian Hall.

Linwood M. Erskine, Jr.  
Recording Secretary

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