

*Proceedings
of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 16, 1995

ANTIQUARIAN HALL, WORCESTER

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THIRD annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at Antiquarian Hall, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Monday, October 16, 1995, at 5:30 P.M. The following members were present: Robert Comey Achorn, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, Philip Charles Beals, George Athan Billias, Karl Lombard Briel, George Francis Booth II, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Nancy Hall Burkett, John Godfrey Lowell Cabot, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Richard Byron Collins, Robert Joseph Cormier, Edward Denis Crowley, Robert Cushman, David Francis Dalton, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Ronald Sears Davis, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, Hagop Martin Deranian, Henry Bowen Dewey, Jane Kenah Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Smith Dunlap, Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Daniel Farber, Rudy John Favretti, Percy William Filby, Howard Gilbert Freeman, Donald Richard Friary, Loren Frank Ghiglione, Joel Paul Greene, James Harley Harrington, James Nichols Heald 2nd, John Bixler Hench, John Herron, Jr., M Howard Jacobson, John Jeppson 2nd, Mary Kelley, Sandra Baker Lane, Julian Lee Lapides, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapides, Crawford Lincoln, Charles Robert Longworth, Polly Ormsby Longworth, Mason Ira Lowance, Weyman Lundquist, Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, Robert Keiser Massey, William Robert Mill, Harold Taylor Miller, Richard Parker

Morgan, Kenneth James Moynihan, Donald Oresman, Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, Glendon Herrick Pomeroy, Richard Prouty, William Sherman Reese, John Edward Reilly, S. Paul Reville, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Richard Neil Rosenfeld, Hope Hartwell Spear, Helen Estabrook Stoddard, Susan Elizabeth Strickler, William Francis Sullivan, Richard Manning Wall, James Alvin Welu, Meridith Daniels Wesby, Peter Howard Creagh Williams, Charles Bradley Wood III, and John Munro Woolsey, Jr.

President Baron presided. After the call of the meeting, read by Secretary Jean McDonough, and the waiving of the reading of the minutes of the semiannual meeting of April 1995, Mr. Baron reported the following changes in membership:

Elting Elmore Morison, elected April 1982, died April 20, 1995
Howard Henry Peckham, elected October 1956, died July 6, 1995

Reporting for the Nominating Committee, James Harrington acknowledged and thanked retiring Vice-Chairman Harold Taylor Miller and Councillor Sumner Burnham Tilton, Jr. Mr. Harrington then proposed the following persons for election as Officers and Councillors of the Society for 1995-96: Chairman, 1995-96, Robert Charles Baron; Vice-Chairman, 1995-96, Donald Oresman; Secretary for Domestic Correspondence, 1995-98, Bruce Goddard Daniels; Councillors, 1995-98, Nell Irvin Painter, William Sherman Reese, Richard Neil Rosenfeld, Kevin Starr, John Clark Woodbury.

Mr. Harrington then offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS HAROLD TAYLOR MILLER, like the revered Isaiah Thomas in his day, has made a remarkable career as an eminent and farseeing publisher of schoolbooks, almanacs, dictionaries, children's books, histories, and novels; and

WHEREAS HAROLD TAYLOR MILLER was in October 1978 elected to membership in the Society which Isaiah Thomas had, thankfully, set upon its clear and steady course; and

WHEREAS HAROLD TAYLOR MILLER has served with devotion and distinction in many of this ancient institution's highest offices—

Councillor, Vice-President, and Vice-Chairman—for a decade and a half; and

WHEREAS HAROLD TAYLOR MILLER this day retires from his long and productive elective service on our behalf; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that his fellow Officers, Councillors, and Members do hereby congratulate and thank HAROLD TAYLOR MILLER for all that he has achieved on their behalf, wish him well in everything that he desires to do, and fervently petition him to continue to bestow upon his fellow members and the Society's staff the benefits of his knowledge, wisdom, and experience; and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to this helpful friend let these sentiments be made known.

RESOLVED in Worcester, Massachusetts, this sixteenth day of October, nineteen hundred ninety-five, the one hundred eighty-third year of the Society.

The resolution was accepted by spirited applause.

Mr. Harrington then offered a further resolution, as follows:

WHEREAS SUMNER BURNHAM TILTON, JR., lawyer, philanthropist, and distinguished citizen of our fair city, has graced the rolls of the American Antiquarian Society since October 1986; and

WHEREAS SUMNER BURNHAM TILTON, JR. has, through his service as a Councillor since 1989 and as a member of the committees on Finance and on Nominations, renewed and reconfirmed the long and crucial stewardship that eminent citizens of Worcester have so generously provided the Society; and

WHEREAS SUMNER BURNHAM TILTON, JR. this day retires from his official service to the Society; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that his fellow Officers, Councillors, and Members do hereby commend and thank SUMNER BURNHAM TILTON, JR. for his loyalty and benefactions, wish him luck and contentment, and pray that they may continue to receive his wise counsel from time to time, and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to this valued friend let these sentiments be made known.

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The members accepted this resolution with warm applause.

Loren Ghiglione gave the report of the membership commit-

tee and the following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society, with Mr. Welu and Mrs. Dewey acting as tellers: John Adler, Nicholas Andrew Basbanes, Susan S. Baughman, Bailey Bishop, Charles Leroy Blockson, John Ludlow Brooke, Richard Holbrook Brown, Lawrence Folger Buckland, Claudia Lauper Bushman, Dale Cockrell, Fairman Chaffee Cowan, Robert Rozeboom Dykstra, Jane Nuckols Garrett, Cheryl Hurley, Darrell Hyder, Elizabeth Johns, Carol Frances Karlsen, Maureen McGady Kelleher, Bruce Gordon Laurie, Kent Paul Ljungquist, John Worth Lund, Donald Frederick Nelson, Robert Kent Newmyer, Jeremy F. O'Connell, Thoru Pederson, David M. Rumsey, Lance Schachterle, Arthur F. Schrader, Norman Lawrence Sharfman, David Sanford Shields, William Frederick Shortz, Andrea Jean Tucher, David Russell Warrington, and Ian Roy Willison.

Mr. Williams presented the report of the Treasurer. Mrs. Dunlap gave the report of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M. Following dinner, Kenneth J. Moynihan delivered the American Antiquarian Society-Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund Lecture on American History, *Can the Scholars' History be the Public's History?*

Catherine Jean McDonough
Recording Secretary

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