

*Proceedings
of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 19, 2007

ANTIQUARIAN HALL, WORCESTER

THE ONE-HUNDRED-AND-NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held in Worcester on Thursday, October 18, through Saturday, October 20, 2007. The following members were present: Lawrence Jay Abramoff, Robert Comey Achorn, Charles Arning, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, George Athan Billias, George Francis Booth II, Karl Lombard Briel, Irene Quenzler Brown, Richard David Brown, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Daniel A. Cohen, Fairman Chaffee Cowan, Jeanne Yvette Curtis, Alan Nash Degutis, William Phillips Densmore, Hagop Martin Deranian, Henry Bowen Dewey, Jane Kenah Dewey, Jane McElveen Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Cary Smith Dunlap, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, John Frederick Gately II, Frank Farnum Herron, John Herron, John Herron, Jr., Cheryl Hurley, John Jeppson 2nd, Daniel Spencer Jones, Thomas Joseph Keenan, John Michael Keenum, Maureen McGady Kelleher, Kate Van Winkle Keller, Wilson Henry Kimnach, Lucia Zaucha Knoles, Thomas Gregory Knoles, Marie Elaine Lamoureux, Julian Lee Lapidés, Linda Fishman Lapidés, Crawford Lincoln, Valerie Stoddard Loring, Margaretta Markle Lovell, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., John Worth Lund, Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, William Shield McFeely, Ogretta Vaughn McNeil, Harold Taylor Miller, Anne

Murray Morgan, Barrett Morgan, Donald Frederick Nelson, Jeremy F. O'Connell, John Harlow Ott, William Oscar Pettit, Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, Ann-Cathrine M. Rapp, Cleota Reed, William Sherman Reese, Barnes Riznik, Andrew Whitmore Robertson, Lance E. Schachterle, Anita Lynne Silvey, William Francis Sullivan, David Frederic Tatham, Daniel Grant Tear, George William Tetler III, John W. Tyler, Alden True Vaughan, David Russell Warrington, James Alvin Welu, Meridith Daniels Wesby, and Susan B. Woodbury.

On Friday, October 19, 2007, members convened in Antiquarian Hall for two presentations by AAS staff on current research and collecting. Philip Lampi (AAS), Andrew Robertson (CUNY and AAS member) and Krista Ferrante (AAS) discussed the launch of "A New Nation Votes," a new website based on Mr. Lampi's life-long research <http://elections.lib.tufts.edu/aas_portal/index.xq>; David Whitesell, curator of books, and Vincent Golden, curator of newspapers, discussed recent additions to the collections. At 5:00 P.M., the annual meeting was called to order: Mr. Herron read the call of the meeting. Chairman Lapidés presided. The reading of the minutes of the semiannual meeting of April 21, 2007, was waived. Mr. Lapidés reported the following changes in membership.

Noble E. Cunningham, Jr., elected April 1979, died March 30, 2007

Robert Warner, elected October 1981, died April 28, 2007

Joseph Welles Henderson, elected October 1977, died May 5,
2007

Alfred DuPont Chandler, elected April 1978, died May 9, 2007

Clarence Lester Ver Steeg, elected April 1972, died July 2, 2007

Jay William Fliegelman, elected October 1994, died August 14,
2007

Henry Richard Dietrich, elected October 1986, died July 30, 2007

Frederick Henry Burkhardt, elected April 1971, died September 23, 2007

Roy A. Rosensweig, elected April 2006, died October 11, 2007

Mrs. Hurley gave the Nominating Committee report. Proposed for election as Officers and Councillors are the following persons: Chairman (2007-2008), Julian L. Lapidus; Vice Chairman (2007-2008), Sidney Lapidus; Secretary for Domestic Correspondence (2007-10), Cheryl Hurley; Councillors (2007-10), Charles Arning, Elliot Bostwick Davis, Tom McDermott, Martha Sandweiss, John W. Tyler, and Laurel Thatcher Ulrich.

Mrs. Hurley then read the following resolution honoring three retiring members of the Council.

WHEREAS HENRY BOWEN DEWEY, who was elected a member of AAS in 1966, BARNES RIZNIK, elected in 1973, and DAVID M. RUMSEY, elected in 1995, have been indispensable members of the American Antiquarian Society for a combined total of years amounting to just three years shy of a century and for the past six years each has rendered dedicated service as a member of the AAS Council; and

WHEREAS HENRY BOWEN DEWEY represents a long line of loyal members of AAS stretching back to the election of Francis Henshaw Dewey in October of 1869 and reaching forward with the election in 2006 of Jane Dewey, yet another lawyer in the Dewey legal dynasty, and

WHEREAS HENRY BOWEN DEWEY and his wife Jane Kenah Dewey have both rendered exceptional volunteer service and have enriched our understanding of this nation's history with their careful research into the library's collections, and

WHEREAS in October 1980, when the AAS Council adopted the first retirement resolution for HENRY BOWEN DEWEY, they expressed the promise of continuing 'to avail themselves of his wise counsel and great friendship' and redeemed that promise formally when re-electing him to membership on the Council some twenty-one years later,

AND, WHEREAS BARNES RIZNIK as a leader of our neighboring historical institution, Old Sturbridge Village, helped to form a strong and lasting bond between that museum and this library; and

WHEREAS BARNES RIZNIK is one of those rare reverse snow birds who retired from his position at Grove Farm Homestead in Hawaii and returned to Massachusetts in retirement, where he has willingly shared his considerable knowledge of nonprofit historical institutions with AAS; and

WHEREAS BARNES RIZNIK is a keen student of American printing and publishing who has given this library numerous items ranging from a Noah Webster elementary spelling book to an American edition of Voltaire's *History of Charles the Twelfth, King of Sweden*;

AND, WHEREAS DAVID M. RUMSEY is an extraordinary collector of American maps and a most generous and knowledgeable developer of modern digital technology, who shares his collections electronically with all users of the Internet, and

WHEREAS, some decades after attending elementary school in Scarsdale, New York, with Georgia Brady (now Barnhill), DAVID M. RUMSEY renewed that acquaintance when he met the curator in charge of the Society's remarkable holdings of American maps; and

WHEREAS DAVID M. RUMSEY has provided indispensable service in leading this institution into the digital age through his service as chairman of the Society's Technology Committee,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers, Councilors, and members of the American Antiquarian Society do hereby warmly thank HENRY BOWEN DEWEY, BARNES RIZNIK, AND DAVID M. RUMSEY for their exemplary service to AAS, wish them success and happiness in their future endeavors, and upon the records of the Society let these sentiments be made known.

RESOLVED this nineteenth day of October, two thousand seven, and the one-hundred-ninety-sixth year of the Society.

The resolutions were greeted with spirited applause.

Mrs. Hurley then read aloud the names of the nominees for membership, and Mr. Lapidés appointed as tellers Lucia Knoles and Wilson Kimnach. Mr. Lapidés announced the election by ballot of the following persons to membership in the Society: David Armitage, Steven D. Beare, Richard Brown, Joyce Chaplin, Saul Cornell, William M. Crozier, Richard W. Dearborn, Mark G. Dimunation, Gerald F. Fitzgerald, John W. Franklin, Timothy Gilfoyle, Harvey Green, William Hart, David Jaffee, Helen R. Kahn, Steven Koblik, Christopher Looby, Stephen Mihm, Richard C. Nylander, Elizabeth Scott, Stanley D. Scott, David Spadafora, and Shane White.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by George W. Tetler III.

Mrs. Dunlap gave the Report of the Council, following which the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

John Herron, Jr.

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