

*Proceedings*  
*of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 21, 1992

ANTIQUARIAN HALL, WORCESTER

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTIETH annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at Antiquarian Hall, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, October 21, 1992, at 9:15 A.M. The following members were present: Robert Comey Achorn, Thomas Randolph Adams, Rodney Armstrong, Charles Beach Barlow, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, Leonard Baskin, Lisa Unger Baskin, Philip Charles Beals, George Athan Billias, Joan Toland Bok, George Francis Booth II, Karl Lombard Briel, John Edward Brooks, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Richard David Brown, Douglas Wallace Bryant, Nancy Hall Burkett, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Kenneth Edward Carpenter, Patricia Cline Cohen, Richard Byron Collins, Jill Ker Conway, Edward Denis Crowley, John Whitin Curtis, Robert Cushman, David Francis Dalton, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, Francis Henshaw Dewey, 3rd, Henry Bowen Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Daniel Farber, Ralph William Franklin, William Wilhartz Freehling, Howard Gilbert Freeman, Malcolm Freiberg, Donald Richard Friary, Sarah Brandegee Garfield, George Talbot Goodspeed, William Hershey Greer, Jr., Joseph Henry Hagan, Robert Palmer Hallock, Frank Leighton Harrington, Jr., James Harley Harrington, Ernest Spero Hayeck, Lee Ellen Heller, John Bixler Hench, William Harry Hornby, Kay Seymour House, John Jeppson, 2nd, Minna Flynn Johnson, William Leonard Joyce, Florence Marie Jumonville, Jeremiah Kaplan, Bruce Anthony King, Elliot Burris Knowlton, Julian Lee Lapides,

Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidés, Crawford Lincoln, Charles Robert Longsworth, Polly Ormsby Longsworth, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, James Robert Maguire, Russell Elliott Manoog, Robert Keiser Massey, Harold Taylor Miller, Anne Murray Morgan, Barrett Morgan, Kenneth James Moynihan, Guy Warren Nichols, Stephen Willner Nissenbaum, Jane Cayford Nylander, Calvin Peter Otto, Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, Jules David Prown, William Sherman Reese, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Richard Neil Rosenfeld, Duane Thomas Sargisson, Justin Galland Schiller, David Gershon Siegel, Herbert Trafton Silsby, 2nd, Albert Brown Southwick, Willman Spawn, Hope Hartwell Spear, Roderick Douglas Stinehour, Helen Estabrook Stoddard, Roger Eliot Stoddard, Henry Schofield Streeter, Barbara Welch Sudler, William Francis Sullivan, David Frederic Tatham, Sumner Burnham Tilton, Jr., Louis Leonard Tucker, James Russell Wiggins, Peter Howard Creagh Williams, John Clark Woodbury, John Munro Woolsey, Jr., and Michael Zinman.

Chairman Conway presided, and began by observing that this meeting had been designated by the Council to pay special honor to Marcus A. McCorison, who has served the Society as Librarian, Director, and President from 1960 to 1992. The reading of the minutes of the semiannual meeting of April 15, 1992, was waived; the minutes were approved as circulated. Chairman Conway reported as changes in membership the following:

Gaylord Donnelley, died April 19, 1992, elected October 1972  
Lawrence William Towner, died June 12, 1992, elected April 1973  
Barbara Miller Solomon, died August 20, 1992, elected October  
1978

Mr. Williams presented the report of the Treasurer.

The following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society, with Mr. Dewey and Ms. Heller acting as tellers:

Lawrence Ingalls Buell, Ken Burns, John G. L. Cabot, Ellen Smith Dunlap, Joseph James Felcone II, Joel P. Greene, H. DeForest Hardinge, Patricia Nelson Limerick, David McCullough, R. Eden Martin, Donald William Meinig, Leonard L. Milberg, Richard Parker Morgan, David Paul Nord, James Haller Ottaway, Jr., Thomas Preston Peardon, Jr., Harold Sack, John Stowe, and Richard Manning Wall.

Mr. McCorison gave the Report of the Council, following which Chairman Conway conducted a ceremony of transition, in which Mr. McCorison passed symbolic keys to President Dunlap.

Chairman Conway then offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS PHILIP CHARLES BEALS, JEREMIAH KAPLAN, HENRY SCHOFIELD STREETER, and GEORGE THOMAS TANSELLE personify the diversity of talents and interests represented in the membership of the American Antiquarian Society; and

Whereas Messrs. BEALS, KAPLAN, STREETER, and TANSELLE have bestowed distinguished service upon the Society through membership on the Council for nineteen, four, twenty-one, and eighteen years respectively; and

Whereas the aforementioned gentlemen, individually and collectively, have, on their watch, devoted their extraordinary intelligence and energy to the well-being and advancement of this ancient learned society; and

Whereas Messrs. BEALS, KAPLAN, STREETER, and TANSELLE are retiring from the Council after their combined six decades of selfless comfort and aid; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that their fellow Officers, Councillors, and Members do hereby solemnly and gratefully recognize the valuable contributions that PHILIP CHARLES BEALS, JEREMIAH KAPLAN, HENRY SCHOFIELD STREETER, and GEORGE THOMAS TANSELLE have made to the intellectual and fiscal strength of AAS; and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to these four admired colleagues let these sentiments be made known.

Resolved this twentieth day of October, nineteen hundred ninety-two, the one hundred eightieth year of the Society.

The membership accepted the resolution with spirited applause.

Mrs. Conway then offered another resolution:

MARCUS ALLEN McCORISON, wise guardian, inspired collector, visionary librarian, salty raconteur, tireless and inventive fundraiser, loyal and cherished friend:

The Council of the American Antiquarian Society records its deep appreciation for your thirty-two years of service and vows to preserve and embellish the heritage you leave to AAS.

The Marcus A. McCorison Fund to endow the librarianship records our gratitude and admiration and that of members and friends for your great career as leader of AAS.

Let this be inscribed on the records of the Society and let these sentiments be made known.

Resolved this twentieth day of October, nineteen hundred ninety-two, the one hundred eightieth year of the Society.

The membership rose to express its approval with prolonged applause.

Mrs. Conway welcomed President Dunlap to the Society, pledged the continuing support of the Council to her efforts, and greeted the opening of a new era of great promise for the Society.

Mrs. Conway reported the resolution of the Council to recommend to the membership that the bylaws of the Society be amended to increase the limitation on membership from 600 to 700. She announced that the Society's semiannual meeting would be held in Charlottesville, Virginia, on April 23, 1993, in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson.

In concluding remarks, Mrs. Conway expressed thanks to the search committee and other Society committees for good work completed during the year, and thanked the Society's staff and others for preparations leading to the annual meeting's gala dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M. Directly thereafter, members were joined by guests and friends of the Society in Antiquarian Hall for the symposium 'Serendipity and Synergy: Collection Development, Access, and Research Opportunities at AAS during the McCorison Era,' chaired by Mrs. Conway with presentations

by Patricia Cline Cohen, William W. Freehling, Kay S. House, and Roger E. Stoddard, with response and comment by Mr. McCorison, in whose honor this distinguished program had been organized.

David Frederic Tatham  
*Recording Secretary*

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