

*Proceedings  
of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 22, 1999

ANTIQUARIAN HALL, WORCESTER

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVENTH annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at Antiquarian Hall, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Friday, October 22, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present: Eleanor Snow Adams, Thomas Randolph Adams, Hugh Amory, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Charles Beach Barlow, Robert Charles Baron, Nicholas Andrew Basbanes, George Francis Booth II, Karl Lombard Briel, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Richard David Brown, Lawrence Fogler Buckland, Nancy Hall Burkett, Randall Keith Burkett, John Godfrey Lowell Cabot, Joanne Danaher Chaison, Charles Edwin Clark, Fairman Chaffee Cowan, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, William Phillips Densmore, Hagop Martin Deranian, Henry Bowen Dewey, Jane Kenah Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Cary Smith Dunlap, Robert Rozeboom Dykstra, Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Jessie Lie Farber, Rudy John Favretti, Erin Patricia Lockhart Fleming, Wayne Steven Franklin, Loren Frank Ghiglione, David Drisko Hall, Harlowe DeForest Hardinge, John Bixler Hench, John Herron, John Herron, Jr., Cheryl Hurley, Darrell Hyder, M Howard Jacobson, Maureen McGady Kelleher, Mary Kelley, Wilson H. Kimnach, Augusta Holmstock Kressler, Julian Lee Lapidus, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidus, Sidney Lapidus, Crawford Lincoln, Polly Ormsby Longworth, Mason Ira Lowance, John Worth Lund, Catherine Jean McDonough, Gary Milan, Harold Taylor Miller,

Nancy Morgan, Barrett Morgan, Richard Parker Morgan, Kenneth James Moynihan, Donald Frederick Nelson, James Armstrong Newton, Donald Carr O'Brien, Donald Oresman, Calvin Peter Otto, William Oscar Pettit, Jr., Ann-Cathrine Rapp, William Sherman Reese, Elizabeth Carroll Reilly, Barnes Riznik, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Richard Neil Rosenfeld, Joan Shelley Rubin, Duane Thomas Sargisson, Arthur F. Schrader, Norman Lawrence Sharfman, Charles Edward Sigety, Robert Hyde Smith, Jr., Albert Brown Southwick, Daniel Grant Tear, George William Tetler III, Richard Paul Traina, John W. Tyler, Alden True Vaughan, William Dean Wallace, James Alvin Welu, Meridith Daniels Wesby, William Augustus Wheeler III.

Chairman Baron presided. After the call of the meeting, read by Secretary Meridith Wesby, and the waiving of the reading of the minutes of the semiannual meeting of April 24, 1999, Mr. Baron reported the following changes in membership.

James Joseph Heslin, died April 30, 1999, elected April 1961

Robert Keiser Massey, died May 26, 1999, elected October 1977

Reporting for the Nominating Committee, Mr. Baron proposed the following persons for election as Officers and Councilors of the Society for 1999–2000: Chairman, Robert Charles Baron; Vice-Chairman, Donald Oresman; Secretary for Foreign Correspondence, John Herron, Jr., 1999–2002; Councillors, 1999–2002, George Francis Booth II, M Howard Jacobson, Robert A. Gross, Julian L. Lapidés, and Polly Longworth.

Mr. Baron then offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS LOREN FRANK GHIGLIONE is one who, by his own admission, would happily have lived in the nineteenth century, that is, in a time lying on the most modern edge of the collecting scope of the American Antiquarian Society; and

Whereas LOREN FRANK GHIGLIONE possesses one of the most diverse and fascinating curricula vitae of anyone affiliated with this Society, a record representing deep accomplishment in the worlds of academia, commerce, and public service; and

Whereas LOREN FRANK GHIGLIONE was elected to membership in this ancient institution in April 1980 and, through the diversity of his

interests and achievements, instantly straddled most of the strictly informal yet useful categories into which AAS members might be put—he is scholar, publisher, businessman, community leader, collector, and neighbor all in one and one in all; and

Whereas LOREN FRANK GHIGLIONE has been a leader within the halls of AAS, serving as member or chair of the Committee on Nominations and the Committee on Membership and, since 1993, as a member of the Council; and

Whereas LOREN FRANK GHIGLIONE is now stepping down from the Council after six fruitful years in the service of the Society; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers, Councillors, and Members of the American Antiquarian Society extend their deeply felt gratitude to LOREN FRANK GHIGLIONE for his firm support and wise counsel, wish him well in all he chooses to do; and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to LOREN FRANK GHIGLIONE let these sentiments be made known.

RESOLVED this twenty-second day of October, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, the one hundred eighty-seventh year of the Society.

The resolution was accepted with spirited applause.

Mr. Baron then offered a further resolution:

WHEREAS MARY BREMER KELLEY has been among the most distinguished scholars to grace the rolls of the American Antiquarian Society since her election to membership eight years ago; and

Whereas MARY BREMER KELLEY became closely associated with our learned society and research library before her election, as a resourceful reader, as a popular and effective guest lecturer in our summer seminars in the history of the book, and as a key editorial figure in the Society's multivolume work, *A History of the Book in America*; and

Whereas MARY BREMER KELLEY's leadership role in the AAS book history program has grown over the years through her co-leadership of a summer seminar and her delivery of one of the annual James Russell Wiggins Lectures; and

Whereas MARY BREMER KELLEY has, moreover, given fully and freely of her sound advice and wise counsel to our beloved Society through her service on the Presidential Search Committee and on the Council; and

Whereas MARY BREMER KELLEY now ends six years of valuable

and devoted service to the Council, not to rest but, rather, to assume, in a week's time, the presidency of the American Studies Association in addition to all her other, manifold professional duties; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers, Councillors, and Members of the American Antiquarian Society warmly commend and thank MARY BREMER KELLEY for her superior service to this ancient organization through her position on its governing board and as one of its intellectual leaders, wish her success and fulfillment during her year as elected leader of our kindred learned society; and congratulate themselves that her role in our scholarly affairs will not soon diminish; and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to MARY KELLEY let these sentiments be made known.

RESOLVED this twenty-second day of October, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, the one hundred eighty-seventh year of the Society.

The members accepted this resolution with warm 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. Kelleher and Mr. Buckland acting as tellers: Carolyn Alderman Bliss Allen, Michael Damian Benjamin, William Robert Berkley, Ruth Dumaine Brooking, Jon Butler, Morris L. Cohen, Ramón A. Gutiérrez, Nicolás Kanellos, Jane Porter Wentworth Neale, John Holliday Rhodehamel, Richard White, Wayne August Wiegand.

James C. Donnelly presented the report of the Treasurer. Ellen Dunlap gave the report of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M. Following dinner, the premiere performance of 'Preserving All Others' was presented in Antiquarian Hall. This one-man play written by AAS Director of Outreach James David Moran about Isaiah Thomas featured Neil Gustafson in the title role.

Respectfully submitted  
Meridith D. Wesby  
*Recording Secretary*

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