

*Proceedings
of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 18, 1989

GODDARD-DANIELS HOUSE, WORCESTER

THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVENTH annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Society's Goddard-Daniels House, 190 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, October 18, 1989, at 4:00 P.M., with the following members present: Robert Comey Achorn, Charles Beach Barlow, Robert Charles Baron, Philip Charles Beals, William Henry Bond, Karl Lombard Briel, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Nancy Hall Burkett, Kenneth Edward Carpenter, Jill Ker Conway, Edward Denis Crowley, John Whitin Curtis, Hagop Martin Deranian, Henry Bowen Dewey, Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Frederick Breakspear Farrar, Norman Sanford Fiering, Philip Francis Gura, Joseph Henry Hagan, John Bixler Hench, Frederick Herbert Jackson, John Jeppson, 2nd, Minna Flynn Johnson, Jeremiah Kaplan, Elliott Burris Knowlton, Julian Lee Lapidés, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidés, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, James Robert Maguire, Pauline Rubbelke Maier, Kenneth James Moynihan, Calvin Peter Otto, Arthur Michael Pappas, Jules David Prown, William Sherman Reese, Betty Ruth Abrego Ring, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Duane Thomas Sargisson, John Edward Sawyer, Hope Hartwell Spear, Helen Estabrook Stoddard, Roger Eliot Stoddard, William Francis Sullivan, Charles Joseph Tanenbaum, Sumner B. Tilton, Jr., John Clark Woodbury, John Munro Woolsey, Jr., and Michael Zinman.

President Conway presided. The call of the meeting was read, but the reading of the minutes of the meeting held April 19, 1989,

was waived and were approved as circulated. President Conway reported the following changes in membership:

Daniel Aaron, resigned May 12, 1989

Henry Farnham May, Jr., resigned May 22, 1989

Robert Howard Wetzel, died July 4, 1989

Osborne Bennett Hardison, Jr., resigned July 8, 1989

George William Hazzard, died July 30, 1989

Paul Horgan, resigned August 22, 1989

Paris Fletcher, died August 29, 1989

Louisa Dresser Campbell, died September 9, 1989

Rollo Gabriel Silver, died September 20, 1989

Alfred Lewis Shoemaker, unable to be located, September 1989

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. McCorison, as was the report of the Council.

The following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society with Messrs. Farrar and Baron acting as tellers: Walter Herman Anderson, Jean Harvey Baker, J. P. Barger, Leonard Baskin, Lisa Unger Baskin, Bruce Shaw Bennett, William Compton Cook, Eric Foner, James William Gilreath, Samuel Howard Goldman, Margery MacNeil Gustafson, Daniel Porter Jordan, Jr., Warren Conrad Lane, Jr., and James Munro McPherson.

Dr. Pappas, in behalf of Richard C. Steele, chairman, and Richard D. Brown, presented the report of the Committee on Nominations, as follows: Chairman, Jill Kathryn Ker Conway; Vice-Chairman, Harold Taylor Miller; Treasurer, Peter Howard Creagh Williams; Recording Secretary, David Frederic Tatham; Secretary for Domestic Correspondence, Philip Charles Beals; Secretary for Foreign Correspondence, Henry Schofield Streeter; Councillors of the Class of 1989-92, Joan Toland Bok, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Everette Eugene Dennis, Jeremiah Kaplan, George Thomas Tanselle, Sumner Burnham Tilton, Jr.; Councillors of the Class of 1989-91, Karl Lombard Briel, Robert Palmer Hallock, Jr., Calvin Peter Otto, Jules David Prown, Roderick Douglas Stinehour, Barbara Welch Sudler; Councillors of the

Class of 1989-90, Julian Lee Lapidés, Richard Manney, Catherine Jean McDonough, John Douglas Seelye, Roger Eliot Stoddard, and Robert Wedgeworth.

There being no further nominations, it was voted to accept the report and to elect the slate as nominated.

Chairman Conway offered the following resolution, adopted by the Council at its meeting earlier in the day to recognize the services of our retiring treasurer, Bruce Goddard Daniels:

WHEREAS BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS has, through family ties and neighborliness, long been associated with the American Antiquarian Society; and whereas

BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS was elected to membership in this Society in October 1968; and whereas

BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS has served as Treasurer of the Society and a member of its Council since 1972; and whereas

BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS has served as Treasurer during a period in which the annual operating budget of the Society has risen from less than two hundred thousand dollars to more than two million and the value of its endowment has grown from below three and one-half million dollars to more than eighteen million; and whereas

BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS, through the instrument of his family foundation, has been a principal benefactor of the Society; and whereas the benefactions known as the Fred Harris Daniels Fund and the Goddard-Daniels House will serve always as reminders of his and his family's affectionate commitment to AAS and the scholars it serves; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Members, Officers, and Councilors of the American Antiquarian Society applaud BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS on the completion of his seventeen years of service as their Treasurer, register their profound gratitude for his friendship and faithful and prudent stewardship, pray that his youthful countenance will always grace the scholars' lounge, and wish for him in the future Brasher doubloons and Millbury stamps aplenty for him to discover and savor; and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to BRUCE GODDARD DANIELS let these sentiments be made known.

Chairman Conway also offered the Council's resolution of

gratitude to retiring Councillors John Jeppson, 2nd, Richard Charles Steele, William Henry Bond, James Robert Maguire, Jacob Hiatt, Pauline Rubbelke Maier, John Munro Woolsey, Jr., and Betty Ruth Ring:

WHEREAS JOHN JEPSON, 2nd, RICHARD CHARLES STEELE, WILLIAM HENRY BOND, JAMES ROBERT MAGUIRE, JACOB HIATT, PAULINE RUBBELKE MAIER, JOHN MUNRO WOOLSEY, JR., AND BETTY RUTH RING have served as Councillors or Officers of the American Antiquarian Society continuously since 1969, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1981, 1983, and 1985, respectively; and whereas

their collective seven-eighths of a century in office, if served consecutively, would represent a substantial portion of the Society's history; and whereas

this distinguished octet has placed its considerable and diverse talents forged and tested in the worlds of business and commerce, of journalism, of law, of librarianship, of historical scholarship, and of connoisseurship at the disposal of this venerable Society; and whereas

they have served as models of philanthropy and public spiritedness for all those who will hereafter revere and value the Society's noble mission; and whereas

these eight colleagues and friends this day retire from active service in the Council of the American Antiquarian Society; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that their fellow Officers, Councillors, and Members do hereby gratefully thank these eminent men and women for their skilled and faithful stewardship of the Society's affairs, congratulate them on the completion of their service, and wish them health and joy and success in all their future pursuits; and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to JOHN JEPSON, 2nd, RICHARD CHARLES STEELE, WILLIAM HENRY BOND, JAMES ROBERT MAGUIRE, JACOB HIATT, PAULINE RUBBELKE MAIER, JOHN MUNRO WOOLSEY, JR., and BETTY RUTH RING collectively and individually let these sentiments be made known.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M. and was followed by a paper to be presented by William S. Reese entitled 'The First Hundred Years of Printing in British North America' at the library

building of the Society and refreshments as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Hallock and a dinner at the Worcester Club, One Oak Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Marcus A. McCorison
Secretary, pro tem

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