

*Proceedings
of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 15, 1997

ANTIQUARIAN HALL, WORCESTER

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIFTH annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at Antiquarian Hall, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, October 15, 1997, at 5:30 P.M. The following members were present: Eleanor Snow Adams, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, Karl Lombard Briel, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Nancy Hall Burkett, Joanne Danaher Chaison, Fairman Chaffee Cowan, Edward Denis Crowley, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, Alan Nash Degutis, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Smith Dunlap, Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Richard Janney Fates, Wayne Steven Franklin, Donald Richard Friary, Loren Frank Ghiglione, Joel Paul Greene, Philip Francis Gura, Joseph Henry Hagan, John Bixler Hench, John Herron, Jr., Darrell Hyder, M Howard Jacobson, Linda Kaufman Kerber, Julian Lee Lapidés, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidés, Bruce Gordon Laurie, Crawford Lincoln, Charles Robert Longworth, Polly Ormsby Longworth, Marcus Allen McCorison, William Robert Mill, Richard Parker Morgan, Kenneth James Moynihan, James Armstrong Newton, Jeremy F. O'Connell, William Sherman Reese, John Edward Reilly, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Neal Emerson Salisbury, Duane Thomas Sargisson, Norman Lawrence Sharfman, Hope Hartwell Spear, William Francis Sullivan, Richard Paul Traina, Alden True Vaughan, Meridith Daniels Wesby, William Augustus Wheeler

III, Peter Howard Creagh Williams, and John Clark Woodbury. Chairman 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 19, 1997, Mr. Baron reported the following changes in membership.

- Frederick Doveton Nichols, died April 9, 1995, elected October 1978
 Samuel Howard Goldman, died April 29, 1997, elected October 1989
 George Talbot Goodspeed, died May 2, 1997, elected April 1951
 David Morris Lank, resigned May 28, 1997, elected April 1978
 Elmer Lee Andersen, resigned August 12, 1997, elected October 1976
 Augustus George Bullock, died August 22, 1997, elected October 1952
 Hamilton Vaughan Bail, died August 27, 1997, elected April 1939
 (Note: At 105, Mr. Bail was our oldest member and our member of longest standing—more than fifty-eight years)

Reporting for the Nominating Committee, James Harrington acknowledged and thanked retiring Recording Secretary Jean C. McDonough, Treasurer Peter C. Williams, and Councillor John Woodbury. Mr. Harrington then proposed the following persons for election as Officers and Councillors of the Society for 1997–98: Chairman, 1997–98, Robert Charles Baron; Vice-Chairman, 1997–98, Donald Oresman; Treasurer, 1997–2001, James C. Donnelly; Recording Secretary, 1997–2001, Meridith D. Wesby; Councillors, 1997–2000, Richard D. Brown, John G. Cabot, Weyman I. Lundquist, Richard P. Traina, and Peter H. Williams.

Loren Ghiglione gave the report of the membership committee, and the following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society, with Mrs. Adams and Mr. Hyder acting as tellers: David W. Blight, William P. Densmore, Ron Hoffman,

Ann T. Lisi, Mark Love, Susan W. Paine, James Raven, Rosalind Remer, Robert H. Smith, Jr., Mark R. Wetzell, Reba White Williams, and Dave H. Williams.

Peter Williams presented the report of the Treasurer. Ellen Dunlap gave the report of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner, Linda K. Kerber presented the annual lecture, 'Historical Research and the Public Good.'

Meridith D. Wesby
Recording Secretary

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