

*Proceedings
of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 20, 2000

ANTIQUARIAN HALL, WORCESTER

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHTH annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at Antiquarian Hall, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Friday, October 20, 2000, at 3:45 p.m. The following members were present: Eleanor Snow Adams, Carolyn Alderman Allen, Charles Beach Barlow, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, Lisa Unger Baskin, Michael Damien Benjamin, Bailey Bishop, George Francis Booth II, Karl Lombard Briel, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Nancy Hall Burkett, Randall Keith Burkett, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Joanne Danaher Chaison, Robert Joseph Cormier, Fairman Chaffee Cowan, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Alan Nash Degutis, William Phillips Densmore, Hagop Martin Deranian, Francis Henshaw Dewey, Henry Bowen Dewey, Jane Kenah Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Smith Dunlap, Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Jessie Lie Farber, Rudy John Favretti, John F. Gately II, Joel Paul Greene, Robert Allen Gross, Warren James Haas, John Bixler Hench, John Herron, Sr., John Herron, Jr., Darrell Hyder, M Howard Jacobson, John Jeppson, 2nd, Diana Korzenik, Julian Lee Lapidés, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidés, Sidney Lapidus, Jill Lepore, Ann Terese Lisi, Charles Robert Longsworth, Polly Ormsby Longsworth, Mason Ira Lowance, John Worth Lund, Weyman Ivan Lundquist, Richard Manney, John Morris McClelland, Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, Harold Taylor Miller, Anne Murray

Morgan, Avon Neal, Donald Frederick Nelson, Donald Carr O'Brien, Calvin Peter Otto, Ann Parker, Thoru Pederson, Jane Ramsey Pomeroy, Ann-Cathrine Rapp, William Sherman Reese, John Edward Reilly, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Richard Neil Rosenfeld, Lance E. Schachterle, Arthur F. Schrader, Norman Lawrence Sharfman, Daniel Gershon Siegel, Robert Hyde Smith, Jr., Albert Brown Southwick, William Francis Sullivan, Alan Shaw Taylor, Daniel Grant Tear, George William Tetler III, Richard Paul Traina, Alden True Vaughan, Barbara M. Weisberg, Meridith Daniels Wesby, William Augustus Wheeler III, John Clark Woodbury.

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 14, 2000, Mr. Baron reported the following changes in membership.

Robert Shenton, died February 29, 2000, elected April 1992
 George Harrison Tweney, died May 7, 2000, elected April 1970
 Ebenezer Gay, resigned May 8, 2000, elected April 1960
 Leonard Baskin, died June 3, 2000, elected October 1989

Reporting for the Nominating Committee, Mr. Baron proposed the following persons for election as Officers and Councillors of the Society for 2000–2001: Chairman, Robert Charles Baron; Vice Chairman, Julian L. Lapidés; Councillors, 2000–2003, Ruth Dumaine Brooking, Richard D. Brown, Weyman I. Lundquist, Robert H. Smith, Jr., Peter H. Williams.

Mr. Baron then offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS DONALD ORESMAN has been a dedicated and valuable member of the American Antiquarian Society since his election in April 1988; and

Whereas DONALD ORESMAN has served ably and effectively as a member of the Society's Council since 1992 and as the Council's Vice Chairman from 1995 until now; and

Whereas DONALD ORESMAN is a distinguished attorney,

businessman, collector, and patron of the arts and humanities—in all respects the very model of a modern Antiquarian; and has been among the most supportive of members for the acquisition of many rare and highly significant items for the Library; and

Whereas DONALD ORESMAN has provided our venerable institution with signal service as a member of the Building Committee, working determinedly to insure that the edifice housing the Society's precious collections speaks to the dream of our nineteenth-century founder even as it provides the security and protection made possible in the twenty-first century; and

Whereas DONALD ORESMAN has chosen to retire from his labors as Councillor and Vice Chairman, after serving the Society long and ably; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers, Councillors, and Members of the American Antiquarian Society do hereby take grateful note of all of the services, contributions, and kindnesses that DONALD ORESMAN has bestowed upon our beloved Society, heartily thank him for his effective role in their affairs, wish him fulfillment and happiness in all that he chooses to pursue, and upon the records of the Society let this Resolution be inscribed and to DONALD ORESMAN let these sentiments be made known.

RESOLVED this twentieth day of October, two thousand, the one hundred eighty-eighth year of the Society.

The resolution was accepted with spirited applause.

Robert Gross gave the report of the membership committee, and the following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society with Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Vaughan acting as tellers: Nicholson Baker, Gordon L. Brekus, Richard Buel, Eric C. Caren, Thomas J. Davis, Cornelia H. Dayton, Philip J. Deloria, John Mack Faragher, Mary Fletcher, Michael Ginsberg, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Annette Gordon-Reed, Leo Hershkowitz,

Prentiss C. Higgins, Thomas C. Holt, Timothy Hughes, Earl Lewis, Michael McGiffert, Jean M. O'Brien, William B. Warren.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Meridith D. Wesby
Recording Secretary

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