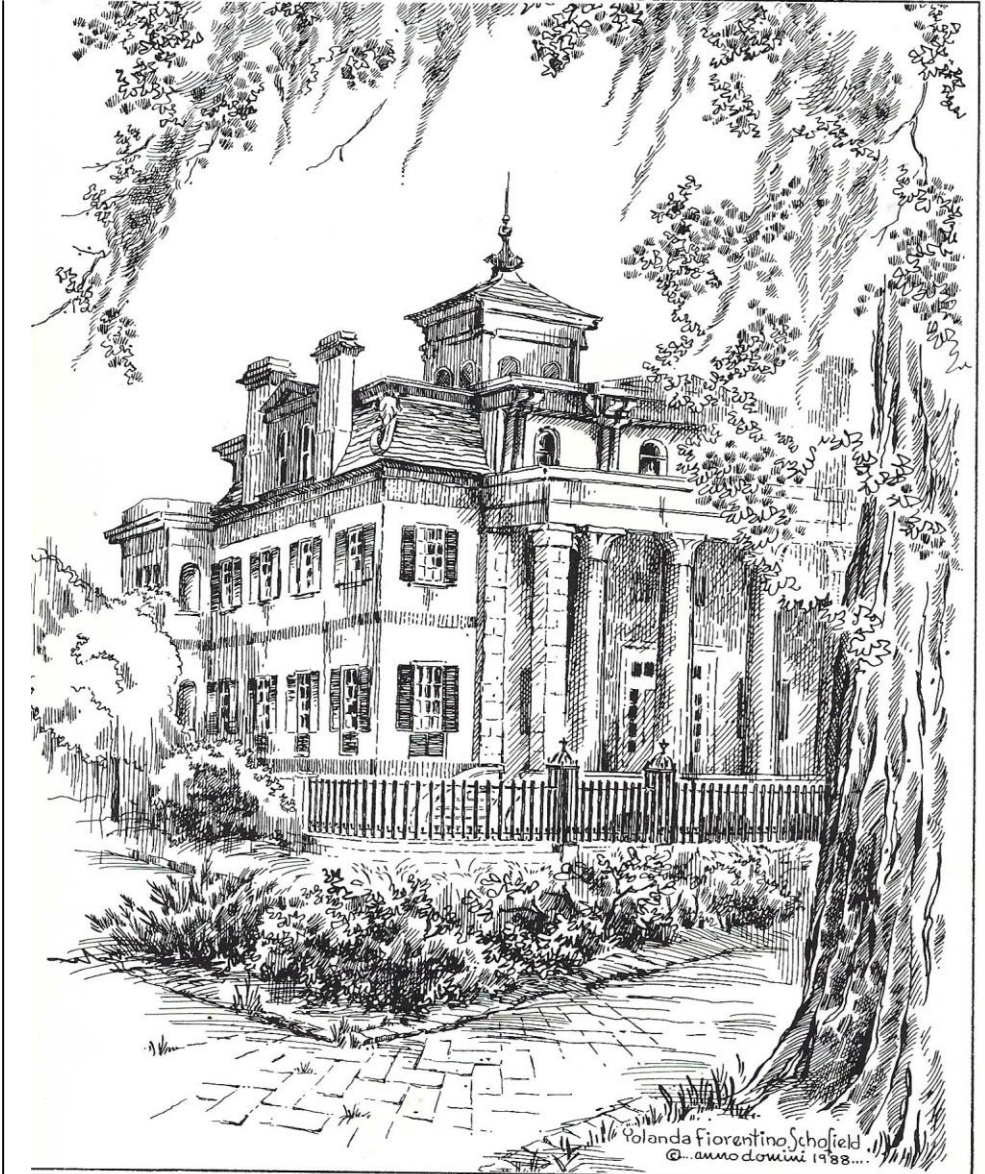




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THE STATE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Society's Annual Meeting and Dinner, held October, 7, 1988, at the City Tavern in Philadelphia was a very happy affair. The following Hereditary Members were elected: Henry Peter Borie, in Right of General Arthur St. Clair; Thomas Jefferson Gage, in Right of Captain John Brady; John L. Montgomery, II, in Right of Hospital Surgeon Barnabas Binney; and Jones Permar Richards, III, in Right of Major Francis Procter. Elected Successor Members were: Robert W. Bainbridge, successor to William E. Chapin, 11; David W. Hough, successor to Robert H. Hough, Jr.; John Marshall, Jr., successor to Thomas H. Marshall; and Henry N. Woolman, III, successor to Henry N. Woolman, Jr.

The following officers were reelected: Philippus Miller, V, President; Lawrence C. Murdoch, Jr., Vice President; Lewis S. Graham, Jr., Secretary; John C. Tuten, Jr., Treasurer; and Henry M. Watts, Jr., Representative on the Standing Committee of the General Society and Director of the Incorporated Society of the Cincinnati with James O'Hara Denny, III, as Alternate.

Following an excellent dinner, with the usual silent toast to George Washington, those present were entertained by Tony Latess who made silhouettes of several members using his physiognotrace, a device based on the one made famous by Charles Willson Peale ("Peale's Museum"). When the operator passes the device over the profile of a person, it simultaneously traces that profile about two inches high on paper. It was interesting to compare these silhouettes with original Peale silhouettes brought by some of the members. In addition, two Peale descendants were present: Nicholas Sellers, of the Maryland Society and his brother Peter Sellers, of the Virginia Society.

Our Society's next event was a well attended luncheon December 12, 1988, at the Rittenhouse Club, open to all local Cincinnati and their guests. On this occasion Vice President Larry Murdoch, Vice President and Secretary of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank, gave us a thoughtful address entitled "What is Ahead for Business and Interest Rates in 1989."

The Washington's Birthday luncheon was held at the City Tavern on February 20. About seventy-five members and guests attended this festive occasion presided over by our President, just back from a trip to England. After lunch we were entertained by r. Dennis James operating "Dr. Benjamin Franklin's Glass Armonica". The Glass Armonica is a series of slightly eccentric glass saucers mounted on a shaft about three feet long. As the shaft is spun (today by an electric motor, formerly foot power), the operator produces notes by touching the spinning saucers with moist fingers. (Many of us have followed a similar procedure in rubbing a moist finger along the top edge of a finger bowl.) Mr. James, resident organist for the Columbus Association of the Performing Arts, entertained an entranced audience with a number of musical compositions.

The entertainment was most appropriate and was arranged, as was that for our Annual Meeting, by Honorary Member Hobie Cawood.

Clifford Lewis 3rd

DR. VARTAN GREGORIAN (PA-HON) Dr. Vartan Gregorian, an Honorary Member of the Pennsylvania Society, was named in August 1988, as the sixteenth President of Brown University. Pennsylvania Cincinnati knew Dr. Gregorian's contagious interest in history and his ability to make history interesting. The Pennsylvania State Society elected him as Honorary Member in 1979. He was then the immensely popular Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, a post he resigned when he was next elected President of that University.

Shortly thereafter, he became President of the New York Public Library. Here in seven short years and with the admiring support of board members, especially Mrs. Vincent Astor, he spear-headed drives that raised well over \$100,000,000 and turned the Library around from being a nearly friendless city institution to a glittering cultural center in New York City.

Dr. Gregorian was the principal speaker at the recent 300th anniversary celebration of the founding of the William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia. In his speech he encouraged educators to incorporate morals and ethics in traditional academic disciplines; and he urged teachers to remind their students that the Founding Fathers created a "land of opportunity, not a land of opportunists:"

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HISTORY BOOK PRIZE

The Cincinnati Book Prize Committee reports that twenty-six books of generally very high quality have been received in the Society's \$5,000 prize contest. Entries closed December 1, 1988 with the contest open to books on any aspect of the American Revolutionary Period written in the three years before that date.

The Committee is pleased to report that the book prize judges are scheduled to meet at Anderson House April 14-15 and it is hoped that a report will be available in time for the Savannah Triennial Meeting.

Clifford Lewis 3rd

Book Prize Committee Chairman