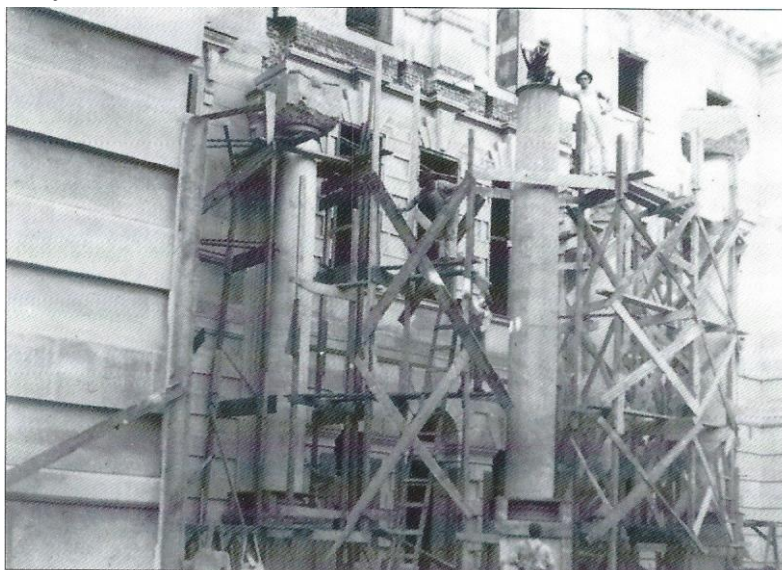




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Anderson House

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Building for Our Third Century

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HISTORY COMMITTEE

The History Committee, chaired by Warren Masters (Renny) Little (MA) consists of members Henry Bartholomew Cox(PA), Randolph Adams Frank (VA), William Maury Hill (VA), Frederick Tally Drum Hunt, Sr. (MA), John Dwight Kilbourne (MD), Clifford Lewis , III (PA), Kleber Sanlin Masterson , Jr. (MA), Minor Myers, Jr. (RI), Peter Wilmot North (CT), Edward Franklin Woods, DMD (NH) and President General William McGowan Matthew (SC), ex officio. The Committee met at Anderson House on November 3, 1995, and wishes to thank Dr. Woods for serving as its secretary. Two matters were of immediate concern: first , to delineate clearly the difference between the History Committee and the newly formed Education committee; and, second, to establish a strong link among them and the Museum and Library Committees. The History Committee will concentrate on its mission, which is to accurately inform Society members and the general public of the Society' s mission, history and patriotic purposes. The Education Committee will develop educational history programs for students, such as the George Washington Biography Lesson, a History Course for home study use and a seminar for teachers.

Also of importance was the disposition of surplus volumes of the Clark Lectures, which had to be moved due to the renovation of Anderson House. The books will be stored with other library volumes until further action at the spring meeting.

Mr. Cox reported on the third Society of the Cincinnati Book Prize, awarded to Professors Stanley M. Elkins and Eric McKittrick for their volume, *The Age of Federalism 1788-1800*. The award was presented last September at a dinner hosted by the Coxes at the Sulgrave Club, with over seventy attendees. The Book Prize will be offered every three years following the Triennial. Mr. Kilbourne reported progress with his volume on the Pennsylvania Society's original members.

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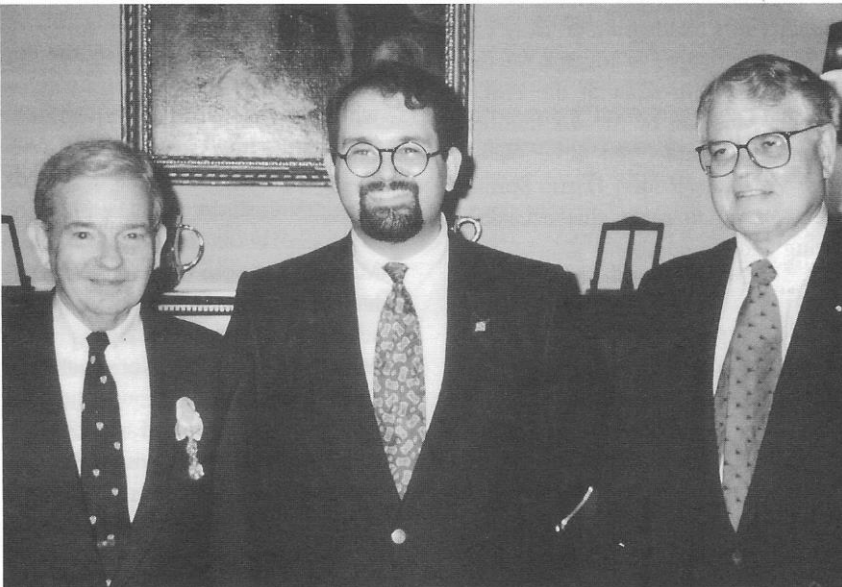
Seldom has one man left such a mark on an organization as Henry Miller Watts, Jr., did on the Society. He was our leader in many ways from various committee chairs to president, and his wisdom, judgment and foresight were major resources. We all mourn his death last autumn. Henry also served the General Society long and well. For many years he was Marshal, as well as a Director and member of the Standing and Finance Committees.



Starting on Wall Street in the 1920s, he rose to be president of the New York Stock Exchange. Henry was a decorated naval officer in World War II and served as Beach Master on D Day and at the landings on Okinawa. With his wife Anna, he was a major force in historical and preservation circles in Philadelphia and was an active member of Christ Church. Henry will be missed as much now as he was respected in life.

Henry Miller Watts, Jr.
1904-1995

The annual meeting on October 6th was a highlight of 1995. President General William McGowan Matthew was a welcome guest and he, along with about forty others, enjoyed potations and comestibles at the Philadelphia Club. George W. Boudreau was the featured speaker. He is the third holder of the Society's annual Fellowship at the Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. George told us about "The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin." Franklin, he said, carefully manipulated his public image and wrote as several personae including Poor Richard and Silence Dogood, an elderly widow. Franklin used science to reevaluate the world and changed the way people looked at many things, according to George's informative talk.



We are well into the planning stage for events to celebrate the centennial of the equestrian statue of General Washington, which the Pennsylvania Society presented to the City of Philadelphia on May 15, 1897. The statue is located on the Baskins Oval in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. A number of members under the direction of Vice President Robert Harris Sproat are working to make this occasion fitting and memorable.

Lawrence Corlies Murdoch, Jr.

Past President