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REMEMBRANCES

FROM A PAST
PRESIDENT GENERAL:
HARRY RAMSAY HOYT
President General 1974-77

Q: What do you feel is the Society's most important mission in the twenty-first century?

HRH: It is important to educate the public about the *raison d'être* and existence of the Society. Anderson House and its various collections represent the most identifiable aspect of the Society to the general public. For that reason it is extremely important to maintain Anderson House and its museum and library collections in pristine condition.

Q: What do you feel is the most important objective the Society should pursue in the twenty-first century?

HRH: It is very important that we attract new and younger members. The youth are the future of our Society and it is important that they are involved at a young age.

Q: What was your most cherished memory as president general?

HRH: I was extremely fortunate to be president general during the Bicentennial. I was elected at the Paris Triennial, which was very moving for me. I remember we had a sumptuous banquet in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles. The mayor of Paris was present and we had a motorcade led by nine French policemen that escorted us through the streets of Paris. The French really rolled out the red carpet for us. The Paris Triennial was by far my most memorable.



Harry Ramsay Hoyt (Pa.) was elected to membership in 1956 and served as president general during the Bicentennial.

Q: What else do you remember about the Bicentennial?

HRH: At the spring meeting we invited the French president, Giscard de Estaing, as our distinguished guest. We made him an honorary member of the Society to commemorate two centuries of friendship between the French and American people. Later that year I was presented the French Legion of Honor at the French embassy in Washington. It was a deeply moving ceremony and I was quite surprised to receive such a high honor.

Q: What do you view as your most important achievement as president general?

HRH: I received a lot of personal satisfaction from the restoration of the garden at Anderson House. Prior to the renovation the garden was really in a state of dilapidation. We brought in some prominent Washington architects and they added the reflecting pool and landscaping, and reconfigured some of the statues from the original Anderson collection. Originally the architects wanted to place the reflecting pool directly at the bottom of the steps leading to the Winter Garden. We explained to them rather sheepishly that we had a lot of older members and we feared that a member might fall into the pool in their tuxedos during a banquet. Suffice it to say, they agreed to move the reflecting pool to its current location. I have always felt that it would be a fine addition to the garden to add a statue of perhaps Washington, Lafayette or Cincinnatus mounted on a pedestal in the reflecting pool.

Q: What do you feel has most changed since you became president general?

HRH: We seem to have a lot more members at all of the banquets and meetings; we have more constituent associations, such as the California Association; we also enjoy a greater reputation and awareness in the general public.

“My involvement in the Society has been a great honor and I regard it as the most fulfilling organization in which I have been involved.”

Property and Hoyt Garden Committee

Your committee is pleased to report that Anderson House is in good condition, with regular maintenance identifying issues before they become problems and revenue generation ahead of budget due to increased member use and member referrals of outside events.

Thank you!

On the maintenance side we have completed elevator repairs and code-mandated upgrades, and one of our two boilers is being replaced as this is written, with the other boiler scheduled to be replaced this summer. We are especially mindful of energy costs and are seeking both inside and outside advice as we strive to get the maximum benefit from every energy dollar we spend to heat, cool, and preserve Anderson House. As always, your feedback and ideas are welcome.

Two members generously funded the purchase of two defibrillator units last fall, and the units are now in place on the first and third floors. Six staff members were trained in their use, so visitors to Anderson House are now protected should a cardiac incident strike.

Overnight stays by members are trending up, yet still we are running at some 25% of capacity. Please consider Anderson House for your next trip to Washington and remember your visit when you make your annual gift to the Society.

Social use of Anderson House by both members and nonmembers is increasing nicely, and we expect to exceed our annual budget of \$125,000 for that activity. We have encountered some confusion as to the various rates, so please note that the starting point to book Anderson House for an event is currently \$5,500. Staffing, cleaning, catering, flowers, etc., would be in addition to that number and would be driven by the size and nature of the event itself. Members may hold a personal event at Anderson House for a substantially reduced fee, currently \$750, but that function must be personal and private in nature—a graduation party, an anniversary dinner, a family member's wedding reception, etc.—and *not* a business or civic function. For this reduced fee the event needs to be in the member's name and no third-party purpose should be involved. The member sends out all invitations and is present for the event. Any questions about potential bookings should be directed to Malcolm Edwin McGee, the operations manager, or to Jack Warren, the executive director.

We again thank you for your increasing use and support of Anderson

House. Please come and stay the next time you are in Washington and experience first-hand one of the major benefits of your membership in our One Society of Friends.

Ross Gamble Perry (Conn.)

Chairman

Development Committee

ANNUAL GIVING

I am pleased to report that annual giving has generated a total of \$332,236.63 as of April 30, 2006. This exceeds the total collected through April 2005 by \$21,432.23. By April 30, 2005, the annual giving campaign had collected 76% of its goal. By April 30, 2006, we had collected 77% of our current higher goal. Despite what appears to be a positive trend to date, new initiatives and categories might well have generated an early payment cycle this year. Accordingly, Vice Chairman Fred Bell (N.C.) obviously still needs your help for a strong finish, as in past years, to meet our budget needs.

Some of the strength of the current campaign is attributable to some new initiatives. You all received the year-end appeal "Common Sense," a pamphlet written by Jack Warren that, unlike an appeal letter, presented a series of no-nonsense questions and answers in addition to an appeal for funds. Our goal is to educate the membership about what we are doing with the money they give. We realize that this is not going to happen with just one innovative pamphlet and expect it to take lots of communication over a sustained period.

In February we distributed a traditional letter to the membership from the president general. It was a carefully crafted letter that continued our push to explain to members why we need their support. Responses to both the pamphlet and the letter have been encouraging.

In addition to these pieces, we prepared a special appeal to successor members, written and signed by our vice chairman for grants, Bill Olinger (Pa.). Bill is a successor member himself, so is well positioned to send a personal appeal to the nearly 300 successor members in the Society.

We are also trying to break new ground with an appeal to our French members. In the past we have never solicited French participation in the

annual giving campaign, but, as our programs expand, now is the time. Alain de Beaumont, president of the French Society, has graciously agreed to this solicitation and the Paris office of the French Society will provide us with practical support for it.

We are expecting the other thirteen constituent society presidents to sign a letter to their members encouraging participation in the annual giving campaign. Last year one society declined to support this effort, and that society's annual giving sagged tremendously. We need to do better this year.

As in the past, we are mailing the Honor Roll proof in early May. This part of the campaign was established by my predecessor, Brian Brooke (Md.), and has proved to be a most critical piece in the campaign. We won't tinker too much with success.

And finally, but perhaps most importantly, we will begin a process of individual solicitation. Beginning early last fall, the staff has worked to create a development database for the Society. This process is now nearly complete and we can provide Development Committee members with lists of members to call and appropriate gifts to solicit from them.

PLANNED GIVING

The George and Martha Washington Circle has experienced some growth since the beginning of the fiscal year. Circle membership now stands at sixty-six, which includes twenty-seven wives of members. Our luncheon for circle members in October was very well received and generated considerable interest in the leadership, which is what it was supposed to do. We will continue to look for ways to highlight the circle and reward circle members, although we admit that as the circle grows we will find events like the luncheon harder to do. In April, our vice chairman for planned giving, Bob Davidson (Ga.), met with the staff to develop a sustainable, long-term plan for our planned giving campaign.

GRANTS

The Society was awarded a Save America's Treasures grant last fall. In February we received news that the Society has been awarded a Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) grant to have a thorough architectural and curatorial assessment done of the building and the library and museum collections. The grant amount is \$6,220 plus the travel, lodging and per diem of the assessment team. There is no required match or expense to the Society. The grant is awarded by Heritage

Preservation, Inc., a private agency. This CAP assessment will be a foundation-stone of our future campaigns. With this assessment in hand, we can approach both foundations and individual members based on a proven 'need,' not just a stated 'want.'

Charles L. Coltman III (Pa.)

Chairman

Education Committee

Why America Is Free continues to be the focus of the committee's work. In February the committee sponsored a second event at Anderson House organized by Vice Chairman Christopher Kloman (Del.) to introduce teachers to *Why America Is Free* and the larger *Why America Is Free* Program developed by Values Through History, Inc.

The Society has also secured the support of Mount Vernon for the distribution of the new *Why America Is Free* teachers' manual. Mount Vernon has agreed to feature *Why America Is Free* as a major component of the teacher resource center that will be a part of their new Education Center, scheduled to open late this fall.

As stocks of our book decline—which means more copies are reaching the students for which they were intended—the committee is preparing for a third printing of the book. About 7,000 copies remain in inventory, most of which should be sold before the year ends.

The committee is also continuing its involvement with Gunston Hall Plantation. Together with Gunston Hall, the Society will mount a fourth teacher seminar on the American Revolution, portions of which will take place at their facility and at Anderson House. In addition, our executive director, Jack Warren, will serve on the faculty of several other teacher seminars this summer, including programs run by Mount Vernon and the Bill of Rights Institute.

Christopher Stuart Moffitt (Md.)

Chairman

Investment Committee

The Society's master account had a market value of \$23,606,940 as of December 31, 2005. That was a return—including withdrawals—of 7.7% from the end of 2004 when it stood at \$23,198,960. The one-year returns for the S&P 500, the Lehman Govt./Corp. Composite, and the Target Allocation benchmark were 4.9%, 2.3% and 6.0%, respectively. For the three-year period the portfolio returned 12.1% annualized.

In October 2005 the firm of Julius Baer was hired to manage a portion of the international equities assets, replacing Marvin & Palmer.

Asset allocation at the end of December 2005:

Large Cap Equities	40.2%
Small Cap Equities	13.9%
International Equities	17.7%
Fixed Income	28.2%

The Investment Committee meets twice a year. Its members are Malcolm Lee Butler (Ga.); Samuel Baldwin Carr Jr. (Mass.), chairman; Andrew Crawford Clarkson Jr. (S.C.); DeWitt Clinton Jr. (N.Y.); Charles Lilly Coltman III (Pa.); Tylor Field II (R.I.); William Maury Hill (Va.); Jay Wayne Jackson (Conn.); Catesby Brooke Jones (Va.); Garrison Fairfield Lane (Conn.); Comte Guillaume du Pavillon (Fr.); George Forrest Pragoff (Del.); Douglas Tyler Putnam (Conn.); Robert Bland Smith Jr. (N.C.); John Augustine Washington (Va.), vice chairman; Jonathan Tufts Woods (N.H.); Alexander Penn Hill Wyrrough (Md.); and, *ex officio*, Robert Fillmore Norfleet Jr. (Va.). The committee retains the services of Michael A. Miller of Colonial Consulting Corp. for investment advice. The chairman is grateful for the many contributions these individuals make.

Samuel Baldwin Carr Jr. (Mass.)
Chairman

Library Committee

The Society of the Cincinnati has been awarded a Save America's Treasures grant for the conservation of our collection of eighteenth-century manuscript orderly books. The Save America's Treasures program is a partnership of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, the National Park Service, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services to fund the preservation and conservation of irreplaceable and endangered historic properties, sites, documents, artistic works and artifacts.

The grant to the Society, which will be administered through the National Endowment for the Humanities, is for \$67,000, an amount that the Society is required to match to complete the project.

The Society's collection of thirty-seven manuscript orderly books (thirty-three of which are records of Continental army units during the Revolutionary War and four that document British army activities during the French and Indian War) is one of the larger institutional holdings of orderly books in the United States. The collection is notable for the range of dates and units it covers, providing researchers the opportunity to compare examples of these critical day-to-day records of British and American military activities during two wars. Because so many of the volumes are in their original "hard-worn" condition, access to and



The orderly book of the New Hampshire Brigade kept by Richard Lloyd at West Point and elsewhere, October 5, 1780, to March 5, 1781. The text covers the aftermath of the discovery of Benedict Arnold's treason.

duplication of their contents has been severely limited. The grant will enable the Society to have the volumes structurally repaired, strengthened, cleaned and housed in individual archival boxes to ensure their long-term preservation. The conservation treatment will also stabilize the volumes so that they may be safely digitized, which will allow wider access to their contents. The conservation work will be performed at the Center for the Conservation of Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) in Philadelphia. In preparation for our grant application, staff from CCAHA traveled to Washington to survey the orderly book collection and prepare a detailed report of the conservation treatment needed. It is expected that the conservation of the full collection will take two to three years to complete.

The Society's award is among sixty-one grants given to cultural institutions across America. The staff was especially heartened by the comments made by the several reviewers who assessed our application. All seven reviewers, who remain anonymous, gave the Society's proposal as the highest rating—30 out of 30 points—in "National Significance." One reviewer wrote: "The Society has a strong commitment to the preservation and excellent environmental conditions for the storage of their library materials. They are committed to the scholarly use of these books." Another: "The Society of the Cincinnati most certainly seems to have devoted much thought and resources to properly caring for its collection. They have created secure, environmentally sound storage for their collection.... This organization clearly cares for these collections and should take good care of them after they are conserved." A few reviewers commented that the Society did not have the matching funds in hand, but one made note of our "track record," as evidenced in the funds raised for the renovation of the library.

The Society, through the Development Committee, is actively engaged in seeking donations to match the Save America's Treasures grant. We are pleased and gratified to report that the North Carolina Society at its spring meeting voted to contribute \$2,000 for the conservation of the orderly books. Members who wish to learn more about this project are encouraged to contact the executive director, Jack Warren.

Thomas Clifton Etter Jr. (Pa.), Chairman
Ellen McCallister Clark, Library Director

Museum Committee

ACQUISITIONS

Recent additions to the museum collections document and commemorate the Revolution and its participants. A wooden stave canteen, painted blue, represents one part of a Revolutionary War soldier's gear. This example is said to have been carried in the battle of Bunker Hill in 1775 by William A. Hawkins, an ensign in the New Hampshire Continental line (Museum Acquisitions Fund purchase).



Revolutionary War canteen reportedly carried by Ensign William A. Hawkins of the New Hampshire Continental line. Museum Acquisitions Fund Purchase. Photograph by Gregory R. Staley



David Hackett Fischer, recipient of the New Jersey Society's 2005 History Prize for Washington's Crossing, at Anderson House, October 2, 2005.



(l. to r.) Denis B. Woodfield, Ph.D., treasurer; James B. Burke, president; and John B. Codington Jr., vice president, get down to business at the annual meeting at Anderson House.

New Jersey Society was aided in this endeavor by contributions from the following members: James B. Burke, John V. Saunders, Denis B. Woodfield, Stephen W. Dow, Anthony T. Edgar, Anthony S. Maurice, Vincent C. DeBaun, David D. Burrows, William H. Foreman Jr., Frederick L. Gilman, Robert G. Harper, Horace P. Phillips, J. Herbert Williams, John W. Gareis and Jonathon R. Moore. Massachusetts Society member Curtis Peter Junker also made a donation.

President Burke and President General Norfleet addressed the group, emphasizing the need for generous giving to the General Society to help fund its good works and to maintain Anderson House. A New Jersey Society contribution was approved for the New York Society's Mount Gulian project with special thanks to our member John C. Harvey for his personal generosity.

The Publications Committee was also represented by Denis B. Woodfield, Ph.D., who reported progress on the publication of *Two Centuries of Writing the Revolution*, a fascinating project that will bring to life many of the orations given before the New Jersey Society over the years. Some of these were delivered by individuals with firsthand knowledge of the War of Independence either through their own participation or contact with actual war veterans. Several manuscripts are still in the process of being deciphered.

The Membership Committee under the leadership of Kelly Loyd Stewart reported two new hereditary members: Harry Smith Glaze Jr., by right of descent from Lewis Howell, and Jeffrey Duane Ludwig, by right of collateral descent from Capt. Edward Slocum, who served with the Rhode Island Continental line.

Col. Guy K. Dean III and his committee continues to work hard seeking an appropriate site for the upcoming Triennial in New Jersey. Our own spring meeting is taking place April 21-22, 2006, at the Nassau Inn in Princeton, N.J.

The big event of the fall weekend took place in the beautiful ballroom of Anderson House. First we were treated to another outstanding dinner followed by an equally outstanding and entertaining talk by the celebrated Pulitzer Prize-winning author, David Hackett Fischer, Ph.D., who recently published the critically acclaimed *Washington's Crossing*. The book was awarded the New Jersey Society's 2005 History Prize, which was presented to Dr. Fischer by the chairman of our History Prize Committee, Past President Ross W. Maghan.

During the evening we took special pleasure in presenting to President General Robert F. Norfleet a rare original copy of *Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States* written by General Von Steuben. This booklet was published in 1779 and was the first manual of the American army. It was recently found in the New Jersey Society archives and conserved by our society prior to its presentation to the Society of the Cincinnati Library at Anderson House.

*John W. Gareis, M.D.
Assistant Secretary*

The State Society of the Cincinnati of Pennsylvania

A TRADITION CONTINUED

Clifford Butler Lewis was elected president of the Pennsylvania Society at its October 2005 annual meeting. Also elected were Harry Lowell Davis as vice president, Thomas Clifton Etter Jr. as secretary, and Dr. James O. Pringle as assistant secretary. Frederick Henry Knight III was reelected treasurer, to be assisted by Charles L. Coltman III. Our new chaplain is Rev. Timothy B. Safford of Philadelphia's Christ Church.

President Lewis, a native of Media, Pa., recently retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel. He lives in Yardley, Pa., with his wife, Christine. Two of his sons, Thomas

Clifford Lewis III. The father of new president Clifford Butler Lewis served as president from 1978 to 1981.



Butler Lewis and John Horace Lewis, are successor members.

President Lewis joined the Society in 1971 and has served on the Standing Committee since 1994. He served as assistant secretary for one year and assumed the position of secretary in 1996. He is also a member of the Outreach/Education and Membership Committees. In 2001 he brought the Pennsylvania Society into the twenty-first century by putting online the first Society of the Cincinnati Web site, www.pasociety-ofthecincinnati.org, which remains the model for the other societies.

Another of our outreach efforts is to help educate young people in the values for which their ancestors fought and died. To that end we work with Philadelphia's American Historical Theater, which takes General Washington, (a.k.a. William A. Sommerfield, Mount Vernon's official George Washington) into local fifth grade classrooms. President Lewis is on the theater's Board of Directors and, through his efforts, 'General Washington' is an honorary member of the Pennsylvania Society.

President Lewis carries on a grand family tradition of service to the Society. His father, Clifford Lewis III, was an icon to members everywhere, as well as a leader in the area's historical community. He served on the Board of Directors of the Brandywine Battlefield National Park for a number of years. He joined the Society in 1966 and was known for his dedication, enthusiasm and boundless energy, which he infused into the Society in so many ways. He served on the Pennsylvania Standing Committee for nearly thirty years, holding among other positions that of chair of the Membership and Historical Committees. He served as society president from 1978 to 1981. He conceived and inaugurated the idea of an historical book prize, which H. Bartholomew Cox so ably administered later as the Cox Book Prize, which the Society continues to award every three years. His dream of a written history of the Pennsylvania Society and its propositi was finally realized in 1998, twenty-three years after he started it, with the publication of *Virtutis Praemium*.

It has been said that memories make the best memorials, and so many memories of Clifford Lewis III come to mind: his wonderful sense of humor; his ability to rise upon any occasion during a meeting or dinner and impart a hitherto unknown gem of revolutionary history; his keen sense of order and innovation; and his overlapping circles of friends and historical organizations that brought to us many honorary members, who, in turn, brought new prestige, strength and ideas.

The Pennsylvania Society's records and archives suffered from years of benign neglect, residing in the basement of a local historical organization. Clifford Lewis III led the effort to reorganize and update them. There is

the memory of him working in the dim light of a cave-like vault, dispelling the dust of centuries as he perused the documents. His son, our current president, is likewise involved in reviewing and organizing the archives, which are now stored in the Anderson House vault.

Then there was the September day in 1983, during the Sesquicentennial Parade in Philadelphia, when a number of Pennsylvania Society members dressed in heavy woolen uniforms and joined the parade. The route covered several miles through rain and hot sun. Clifford Lewis III, then 79, was one of the few members to finish. His son, Clifford Butler Lewis, was in the same parade farther up the line, marching with his military unit.

Clifford Lewis III was an active member of the board until his death at 95 years of age in April 2000.

Lawrence Corlies Murdoch Jr.

Delaware State Society of the Cincinnati

The Delaware State Society of the Cincinnati held its annual fall outing at Valley Forge National Military Park on October 1. We enjoyed beautiful autumn weather, touring the park by motor coach and stopping at several points, including the site of the Continental army's encampment, General Washington's headquarters, and the impressive chapel. We were pleased to have among our guests members from other constituent societies, including Dr. Malcolm Lafayette Marion III of the South Carolina Society and his family. Dr. Marion's brother, Dr. Alexander Douglas Marion, is a member of the Delaware Society and was also in attendance with his family.

The Delaware Society made a contribution on September 10 to the New York Society for the preservation of Mount Gulian, where the Society of the Cincinnati was founded.

Members of the Delaware Society have been holding discus-



The Standing Committee of the Delaware Society at the Wilmington Club, April 1, 2006.