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## FOREWORD

The one-hundred year history of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia incorporates verbatim the previous accounts of our activities and accomplishments and updates the record through our Centennial Celebration, April 25-27, 1993.

Chronological lists of Officers (elected and appointed), Georgia Chairmen of National Standing Project Committees, Representatives to Boards of National Historic Properties, major accomplishments of the Society and members of the Roll of Honor have been added.

I am grateful to Mrs. Francis Willson Daily, Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris and Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr. for their kind advice and to all Georgia Dames, past and present, whose continued efforts to foster an appreciation of history, preserve the best of the past and ignite a genuine love of country, lend inspiration to all.

*Adelaide Wallace Ponder*

DEDICATED  
TO  
THE MEMORY OF  
MRS. ALBERT SIDNEY BRITT, JR.  
(ANNIE LAWTON McINTOSH)  
JANUARY 31, 1908 - JANUARY 17, 1990

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION  
FOR HER UNTIRING EFFORTS, INSPIRING LEADERSHIP  
AND DEVOTION TO THE GEORGIA SOCIETY

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Organized April 25, 1893  
by  
MRS. WILLIAM WASHINGTON GORDON  
Incorporated January 14, 1894

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Charter Members

MRS. WILLIAM WASHINGTON GORDON  
MRS. HENRY ROOTES JACKSON  
MRS. EDWARD CLIFFORD ANDERSON  
MRS. ALEXANDER ROBERT LAWTON  
MISS EUGENIA MARION JOHNSTON  
MRS. GEORGE PARSONS ELLIOTT  
MRS. THOMAS SAUNDERSON MORGAN  
MRS. LOUIS GOURDIN YOUNG  
MRS. JOSEPH JOHN WILDER  
MRS. PETER WILTBERGER MELDRIM  
MRS. THOMAS FORMAN SCREVEN  
MRS. CHARLES HENRY DIXON  
MRS. JOSEPH RUCKER LAMAR  
MRS. RICHARD SIMS JEFFERIES  
MISS EMMA HAMILTON BULLOCH  
MRS. JUSTUS ROBBINS BULKLEY  
MRS. ST. JOHN MOORE  
MRS. WILLIAM LANE BOYCE  
MRS. FERDINAND PHINIZY  
MRS. FLEMING GRANTLAND BAILEY  
MRS. WILLIAM WASHINGTON GORDON, JR.  
MRS. WILLIAM MACKAY LOW  
MRS. JOHN NISBET  
MRS. WILLIAM SEABROOK LAWTON  
MRS. WILLIAM GARRARD  
MRS. ABRAM CARRINGTON READ  
MRS. PLEASANT ALEXANDER STOVALL  
MRS. ROWLAND LEIGH

## ROLL OF HONOR MEMBERS

Mrs. William Washington Gordon	Mrs. William Leonard Erwin
Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar	Mrs. Homer Hecker Berger
Mrs. William Langhorne Wilson	Mrs. Joseph Elliott Bright
Mrs. Joseph John Wilder	Mrs. M. Heyward Mingledorff
Mrs. Peter Wiltberger Meldrim	Mrs. Edward Vason Jones
Mrs. William Washington Gordon, Jr.	Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr.
Mrs. Clarence Gordon Anderson, Jr.	Mrs. Lindsay Neill Bickerstaff
Mrs. Craig Barrow	Mrs. Walter Hartridge Strong
Mrs. John Francis Bransford	Mrs. James Derry Burns
Miss Eugenia Marion Johnston	Mrs. Lonnie Dunlap Ferguson
Mrs. George Winship	Mrs. Francis Putney Wetherbee
Mrs. Thomas Pinckney Waring	Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr.
Mrs. Adam Leopold Alexander	Mrs. Francis Willson Daily
Mrs. William Walter Douglas	Mrs. Julian Austin Space, Jr.
Mrs. Malcolm Roderick Maclean	Mrs. Walter Charlton Hartridge
Miss Mary Wright Wayne	Mrs. Alva Wallace Barrett, Jr.
Mrs. Charles Rembert Marshall	Mrs. Calder Willingham Payne
Mrs. George Cuthbert Heyward, Jr.	Mrs. Samuel Noble Roberts
Mrs. Richard Willis Heard	Mrs. Hunter McGuire Clay
Mrs. Leo Jackson Allen	Mrs. Shelby Myrick, Jr.
Mrs. Malcolm Nassau Fleming	Mrs. James Dickson Maddox
Mrs. Robert Joseph Carmichael	Mrs. Henry Derriel Green
Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr.	Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr.
Mrs. William Jerome Vereen	Mrs. Francis Daly Smith
Mrs. Allen Willis Daughtry	Mrs. Jack Cutts Smith
Mrs. Shelby Myrick	Mrs. William Graham Ponder

## HONORARY PRESIDENTS

(National Presidents from Georgia)

Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar .....	1914-1927
Mrs. Malcolm Roderick Maclean .....	1952-1956
Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr. ....	1976-1980

1893 - 1993

(Term: April to April unless indicated otherwise)

## OFFICERS

*(Elected and Appointed)*

## PRESIDENTS

Mrs. William Washington Gordon .....	1893-1899
Mrs. Joseph John Wilder .....	1899-1913
Mrs. William Langhorne Wilson .....	1913-1919
Mrs. Peter Wiltberger Meldrim .....	1919-1921
Mrs. William Washington Gordon, Jr. ....	1921-1923
Mrs. Clarence Gordon Anderson, Jr. ....	1923-1929
Mrs. Craig Barrow .....	1929-1933
Mrs. Thomas Pinckney Waring .....	1933-1937
Mrs. Adam Leopold Alexander .....	1937-1939
Mrs. William Walter Douglas .....	1939-1941
Mrs. Shelby Myrick .....	1941-1944
Mrs. John Lottier Cabell .....	1944-1948
Mrs. Malcolm Roderick Maclean .....	1948-1951
Miss Mary Wright Wayne .....	1951-1957
Mrs. George Cuthbert Heyward, Jr. ....	1957-1961
Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr. ....	1961-1967
Mrs. Ralston Everett Mingledorff .....	1967-1971
Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr. ....	1971-1975
Mrs. Francis Willson Daily .....	1975-1981
Mrs. Hunter McGuire Clay .....	1981-1985
Mrs. Shelby Myrick, Jr. ....	1985-1989
Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris .....	1989-1993



## VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Edward Clifford Anderson .....	1893-1895
Mrs. Henry Rootes Jackson .....	1893-1896
Mrs. Thomas Saunderson Morgan .....	1895-1898
Mrs. Joseph John Wilder .....	1896-1899
Mrs. Alexander Robert Lawton .....	1898-1899
Mrs. Annie Johnston Waring .....	1899-1901
Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar .....	1899-1920
Mrs. Louis Gourdin Young .....	1901-1904
Mrs. Annie Johnston Waring .....	1904-1905
Mrs. William Langhorne Wilson .....	1905-1912
Mrs. Samuel Martin Inman .....	1908-1909
Miss Eugenia Marion Johnston .....	1908-1909
Mrs. Francis Hodgson Orme .....	1909-1912
Mrs. Louis Gourdin Young .....	1909-1913
Mrs. John Marshall Slaton .....	1912-1913
Mrs. Clarence Gordon Anderson, Jr. ....	1912-1919
Mrs. Elisha Paul Dismukes, Jr. ....	1913-1914
Miss Eugenia Marion Johnston .....	1913-1917
Mrs. Henry McHatton .....	1914-1915
Mrs. Mary Ann Rutherford Lipscomb .....	1915-1916
Mrs. Thomas Barrett .....	1916-1925
Mrs. Henry Richard Goetchius .....	1917-1920
Miss Eugenia Marion Johnston .....	1919-1921
Mrs. McEwen Johnston .....	1920-1921
Mrs. Samuel Martin Inman .....	1920-1923
Mrs. Alexander Robert Lawton .....	1921-1922
Mrs. Clarence Gordon Anderson, Jr. ....	1921-1922
Mrs. Jefferson Randolph Anderson .....	1922-1923
Mrs. William Hamilton Felton, Jr. ....	1922-1925
Mrs. Craig Barrow .....	1923-1929
Mrs. George Marion Brown .....	1923-1930
Mrs. Frank Grieve Lumpkin .....	1925-1928
Mrs. John Francis Bransford .....	1925-1930
Mrs. Frederick Barrett Gordon .....	1928-1931
Mrs. Thomas Pinckney Waring .....	1929-1933
Miss Sarah Gardner Stokes .....	1930-1932
Mrs. Francis Corchoron Block .....	1930-1933
Mrs. Samuel Taylor Coleman .....	1931-1933
Mrs. Stedman Vincent Sanford .....	1932-1937
Mrs. Richard Wilson Johnston .....	1933-1935
Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven .....	1933-1936
Mrs. Thomas Willingham Morrison .....	1933-1937
Mrs. Edward Bates Block .....	1935-1937
Mrs. John Kirk Train .....	1936-1939
Mrs. Murrell Gray Ross .....	1937-1938

Mrs. John Barry Whitney .....	1937-1939
Mrs. George Winship .....	1937-1941
Mrs. Leighton Wilson McPherson .....	1938-1940
Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven .....	1939-1940
Mrs. Samuel Stevens Bennet .....	1939-1941
Mrs. Valmore Lebey .....	1940-1941
Mrs. Warren Roberts .....	1940-1943
Mrs. Robert Walker Groves .....	1941-1944
Mrs. Reginald Weathersby Hatcher .....	1941-1944
Mrs. Sterling Price Gilbert .....	1941-1944
Mrs. Lansing Burrows Lee .....	1943-1946
Mrs. Charles Rembert Marshall .....	1944-1946
Mrs. Louis Marcel LeHardy .....	1944-1947
Mrs. Elliott Spear Waddell .....	1944-1947
Mrs. Frank Fowler Jones .....	1946-1949
Mrs. Michael Hines Roberts .....	1946-1949
Mrs. Anton Pope Wright .....	1947-1948
Miss Elizabeth Grieve Ferguson .....	1947-1950
Mrs. Thomas Heyward Gignilliat .....	1948-1951
Mrs. Hiram Warner Martin .....	1949-1952
Mrs. Benjamin Robert Ellis .....	1949-1952
Mrs. Robert Joseph Carmichael .....	1950-1953
Miss Caroline Louise Meldrim .....	1951-1954
Mrs. Rudolph John Thiesen .....	1952-1955
Mrs. William Jerome Vereen .....	1952-1955
Mrs. William Leonard Erwin .....	1953-1956
Mrs. Julian Hartridge .....	1954 - Oct. 1954
Mrs. David Scarlett Atkinson .....	Oct. 1954-1955
Mrs. George Cuthbert Heyward, Jr. ....	1955-1957
Mrs. Homer Reynolds Sanford .....	1955-1958
Mrs. Henry Hall Hunter, Jr. ....	1955-1958
Mrs. Stewart Phinizy .....	1956 - Nov. 1956
Mrs. Newton Nesbit Teague .....	Feb. 1957-1959
Mrs. Julian Austin Space, Jr. ....	1957-1960
Mrs. Herbert Lindley Reynolds .....	1958-1961
Mrs. Francis Putney Weatherbee .....	1958-1961
Mrs. Leo Jackson Allen .....	1959-1962
Mrs. Joseph Huger Harrison .....	1960-1963
Mrs. Edward Spalding Lewis .....	1961-1964
Mrs. Charles Iverson Bryans .....	1961-1964
Mrs. Homer Hecker Berger .....	1962-1965
Mrs. Charles Christopher McGehee, Jr. ....	1963-1966
Mrs. Tracy Enfield Davis .....	1964-1966
Mrs. Edward Devereaux Smith .....	1964-1967
Mrs. Hubert Bond Owens .....	1965-1968
Mrs. Ralston Everett Mingledorff .....	1966-1967
Mrs. Isaac Means Aiken .....	1966-1969

Mrs. Alfred Owen Blackmar, Jr.	1967-1968
Mrs. Richard Marvin Stone	1967-1970
Mrs. Leonard Dewey Wallace	1968-1971
Mrs. Jere Neuville Moore	1968-1971
Mrs. Howard Dasher	1969-1972
Mrs. Walter Hartridge Strong	1970-1973
Mrs. Alva Wallace Barrett, Jr.	1971-1974
Mrs. James Derry Burns	1971-1974
Mrs. Mark Anthony Cooper, Sr.	1972-1975
Mrs. Walter Charlton Hartridge	1973-1976
Mrs. Lonnie Dunlap Ferguson	1974-1977
Mrs. Lindsay Neill Bickerstaff	1974-1977
Mrs. Norman Mercier Shipley	1975-1978
Mrs. Olaf Otto, Jr.	1976-1977
Mrs. Edward Postell King, Jr.	1977-1979
Mrs. Frank Anderson Chisholm	1977-1980
Mrs. Lucian Lamar Daniel	1977-1980
Mrs. Samuel Noble Roberts	1978-1981
Mrs. Joseph Elliott Bright	1979-1982
Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris	1980-1983
Mrs. William Graham Ponder	1980-1983
Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr.	1981-1984
Mrs. Thomas McKey Tillman, Jr.	1982-1985
Mrs. Shelby Myrick, Jr.	1983-1985
Mrs. Wilbur Hatcher Glenn	1983-1986
Miss Virginia Lyons Watts	1984-1987
Mrs. William Albert Maner, Jr.	1985-1988
Mrs. Lawrence Miner Austin	1985-1988
Mrs. Nathaniel Arnold Hardin	1986-1989
Mrs. John Alston Bracey	1987-1990
Mrs. Robert Strudwick Glenn	1988-1991
Mrs. Stephen David Smith	1988-1991
Mrs. Osborne Sentman Mackie	1989-1992
Mrs. George Riley McMath	1990-1993
Mrs. Robert Curtiss Clark	1991-1993
Mrs. Lawrence Michael Donovan	1991-
Mrs. James Porter Watkins, Jr.	1992-

### RECORDING SECRETARIES

Miss Eugenia Marion Johnston	1893-1897
Mrs. Edward Karow	1897-1900
Miss Mary Louise Ellis	1900 - Nov. 1900
Mrs. Thomas Spaulding Wylly, Jr.	Nov. 1900 - Dec. 1901
Mrs. Edward Karow	Dec. 1901-1902
Mrs. Louis Marcel LeHardy	1902 - Nov. 1904
Mrs. Robert Billington	Nov. 1904-1905
Miss Eugenia Marion Johnston	1905-1906

Miss Caroline Pinckney Huger ..... 1906 - Nov. 1906  
 Mrs. Louis Marcel LeHardy ..... Nov. 1906 - Nov. 1910  
 Mrs. Walter Glasco Charlton ..... Nov. 1910-1911  
 Mrs. Robert Tyler Waller ..... 1911-1913  
 Mrs. Louis Marcel LeHardy ..... 1913-1914  
 Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven ..... 1914-1917  
 Mrs. Robert Billington ..... 1917 - Aug. 1918  
 Miss Elsie Lucille Ely ..... Aug. 1918-1919  
 (Mrs. John William Simpson)  
 Mrs. Henry Blodgett Skeelee ..... 1919 - Nov. 1919  
 Miss Margaret (Maude) Heyward ..... Nov. 1919-1927  
 Mrs. Adam Leopold Alexander ..... 1927-1932  
 Mrs. Shelby Myrick ..... 1932-1937  
 Mrs. Francis Sterling Baggett ..... 1937-1938  
 Mrs. Joseph Ganahl Stovall ..... 1938-1939  
 Mrs. George Noble Jones ..... 1939-1940  
 Mrs. Maxwell Walthour Lippitt ..... 1940 - Nov. 1941  
 Mrs. Joseph Huger Harrison ..... Dec. 1941-1943  
 Mrs. George Cuthbert Heyward, Jr. .... 1943-1947  
 Mrs. Francis Sterling Baggett ..... 1947 - Oct. 1947  
 Miss Mary Wright Wayne ..... Oct. 1947-1951  
 Mrs. Frederick Meriam Stetson ..... 1951 - Feb. 1952  
 Mrs. George Cuthbert Heyward, Jr. .... Feb. 1952-1955  
 Mrs. Ford Prioleau Fuller ..... 1955-1956  
 Miss Caroline Louise Meldrim ..... 1956-1957  
 Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr. .... 1957-1961  
 Mrs. Kenneth Carlyle Lasseter ..... 1961-1963  
 Mrs. Ralston Everett Mingleborff ..... 1963-1966  
 Mrs. Jesse Lamar Fulenwider, Jr. .... 1966-1970  
 Mrs. John Milton Saylor ..... 1970-1972  
 Mrs. Harben Daniel ..... 1972-1974  
 Mrs. Mary Howard Lynah ..... 1974 - Nov. 1974  
 Mrs. Francis Willson Daily ..... Nov. 1974-1975  
 Mrs. William Haley Atkinson ..... 1975-1981  
 Mrs. Harben Daniel ..... 1981-1983  
 Mrs. Savage Heyward Lynah ..... 1983-1987  
 Mrs. Ford Prioleau Fuller, Jr. .... 1987 - July 1988  
 Mrs. Walter Charlton Hartridge ..... July 1988 -1989  
 Mrs. William Schweigert Burdell, Jr. .... 1989-1990  
 Miss Barbara Bunn Vereen ..... 1990-

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

Miss Margaret Eugene Harden .....	1893- Nov. 1894
(Mrs. George Parsons Elliott)	
Miss Annie Vane Jones .....	Nov. 1894-1898
Mrs. Robert Billington .....	1898-1901
Mrs. William Langhorne Wilson .....	1901-1903
Miss Maria Minis .....	1903-1904
Mrs. Alexander Robert Lawton .....	1904 - Feb. 1905
Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven .....	Feb. 1905-1905
Mrs. Edward Karow .....	1905-1906
Mrs. William Goodrich Morrell .....	1906 - Dec. 1907
Mrs. Thomas Spaulding Wylly, Jr. ....	Dec. 1907 -July 1908
Mrs. Clarence Gordon Anderson, Jr. ....	July 1908-1911
Mrs. Louis Marcel LeHardy .....	1911-1912
Mrs. Reuben Grove Clark, Jr. ....	1912-1913
Mrs. Harry Hays Lattimore .....	1913-1916
Mrs. William Washington Gordon, Jr. ....	1916 - Nov. 1916
Mrs. Louis Marcel LeHardy .....	Nov. 1916-1920
Mrs. Craig Barrow .....	1920-1922
Mrs. Irvin Augustus Sims .....	1922 - Nov. 1923
Mrs. Thomas Mayhew Cunningham, Jr. ....	Nov. 1923-1929
Mrs. William Walter Douglas .....	1929-1932
Mrs. Robert Walker Groves .....	1932-1935
Mrs. Julian Austin Space, Jr. ....	1935 - Oct. 1937
Mrs. Malcolm Roderick Maclean .....	Oct. 1937-1938
Mrs. Julian Hartridge .....	1938-1939
Mrs. Robert Walker Groves .....	1939-1941
Mrs. Samuel Adams Cann .....	1941 - Dec. 1942
Mrs. Paul Edward Seabrook .....	Jan. 1943-1947
Mrs. Malcolm Roderick Maclean .....	1947-1948
Mrs. David Scarlett Atkinson .....	1948-1951
Mrs. Walter Hartridge Strong .....	1951-1953
Mrs. William Alfred Winburn .....	1953-1959
Mrs. Walter Hartridge Strong .....	1959-1963
Mrs. Richard Marvin Stone .....	1963-1967
Mrs. Leopold Adler, II .....	1967-1973
Mrs. Henry Dana Stevens, III .....	1973 - Jan. 1978
Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr. ....	Jan. 1978-1978
Mrs. A. Palmer Buckley .....	1978-1980
Mrs. Samuel Powel Inglesby .....	1980-1986
Mrs. Malcolm Roderick Maclean, Jr. ....	1986-1988
Mrs. Beverly Eugene Leigh .....	1988 - Jan. 1989
Mrs. Howard Jackson Morrison, Jr. ....	Jan. 1989-1993

## ROSTER SECRETARIES

*(Office created in 1966)*

Mrs. Julian Austin Space, Jr. ....	1966-1968
Mrs. Olaf Otto, Jr. ....	1968-1970
Mrs. Jesse Lamar Fulenwider, Jr. ....	1970-1972
Mrs. Francis Willson Daily ....	1972-1975
Mrs. Hunter McGuire Clay ....	1975-1981
Mrs. William Haley Atkinson ....	1981-1985
Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris ....	1985-1989
Mrs. Robert Curtiss Clark ....	1989-1990
Mrs. Bruce Farquhar Macrae ....	1990-

## TREASURERS

Mrs. Alexander Robert Lawton .....	1893-1897
Mrs. Alfred Edward Mills .....	1897- Dec. 1898
<i>(Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven)</i>	
Mrs. Walter Glasco Charlton .....	Dec. 1898-1902
Mrs. William Goodrich Morrell .....	1902-1904
Mrs. Charles Ghoram Barney .....	1904 - Nov. 1908
Mrs. James Fairlie Cooper Myers .....	Nov. 1908-1912
Mrs. Charles Maxwell Gibbs .....	1912-1917
Miss Phoebe Herbert Elliott .....	1917-1918
Mrs. Frederick F. Gaines .....	1918 - Nov. 1918
Mrs. Charles Maxwell Gibbs .....	Nov. 1918 - May 1920
Mrs. Thomas Bourke Spalding .....	May 1920-1921
Mrs. Lucien Joseph Ker .....	1921 - June 1921
Miss Harriet Ross Colquitt .....	June 1921 - Nov. 1928
Mrs. Louis Marcel LeHardy .....	Nov. 1928-1929
Miss Isabelle Richey Harrison .....	1929-1932
Miss Mildred Duncan Cunningham .....	1932-1937
Mrs. George Cuthbert Heyward, Jr. ....	1937-1942
Mrs. Francis Sterling Baggett .....	1942-1944
Mrs. Paschal Neilson Strong, Sr. ....	1944-1947
Mrs. Ralston Lattimore .....	1947-1953
Mrs. Julian Austin Space, Jr. ....	1953-1955
Mrs. Donald Richards Livingston .....	1955-1956
Mrs. Charles Christopher McGehee, Jr. ....	1956-1963
Mrs. Edward Hill Morgan .....	1963-1965
Mrs. John Cummings Wylly .....	1965-1966
Mrs. Edward Hill Morgan .....	1966-1967
Mrs. John Kirk Train, Jr. ....	1967-1973
Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris .....	1973-1977
Mrs. Richard Larcombe Schley, Jr. ....	1977-1981

Mrs. Robert Curtiss Clark .....	1981-1985
Mrs. John Milton Sayler .....	1985-1987
Mrs. Benjamin Alexander Oxnard .....	1987-1989
Mrs. James Robert Logan .....	1989-1991
Mrs. Joseph Truman Stubbs, Jr. ....	1991-

### ASSISTANT TREASURERS

*(Office initially created in 1955)*

Mrs. Olaf Otto, Jr. ....	1955-1958
Mrs. Edward Hill Morgan .....	Feb. 1962-1963
Mrs. Arthur Bryson Simkins .....	Oct. 1964-1965
Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris .....	Jan. 1972-1973
Mrs. Savage Heyward Lynah .....	1973-1976
Mrs. Richard Larcombe Schley, Jr. ....	1976-1977
Mrs. Lawrence Miner Austin .....	1977-1980
Mrs. Robert Curtiss Clark .....	1980-1981
Mrs. Richard Larcombe Schley, Jr. ....	1981-1982
Mrs. William Alonzo Baker .....	1982-1984
Mrs. John Milton Sayler .....	1984-1985
Mrs. Robert Curtiss Clark .....	1985-1988
Mrs. Charles Waring Barrow .....	1988-1990
Mrs. Pawling Schryver Steward .....	1990-1992
Mrs. Henry Fitch Garlington .....	1992-

### REGISTRARS

Mrs. Thomas Saunderson Morgan .....	1893-1895
Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar .....	1895-1898
Mrs. Francis Hodgson Orme .....	1898-1899
Mrs. Louis Gourdin Young .....	1899-1900
Miss Eugenia Marion Johnston .....	1900-1901
Mrs. Charles Ghoram Barney .....	1901-1903
Miss Margaret (Maude) Heyward .....	1903-1904
Mrs. John Smallbrook Howkins .....	1904 - Nov. 1905
Mrs. William Langhorne Wilson .....	Nov. 1905-1906
Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven .....	1906-1914
Miss Margaret (Maude) Heyward .....	1914-1916
Mrs. John Smallbrook Howkins .....	1916 - Nov. 1917
Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven .....	Nov. 1917 - Nov. 1919
Mrs. Anton Pope Wright .....	Nov. 1919-1937
Mrs. John Tharin McIver .....	1937-1953
Mrs. Ernest Risley .....	1953-1956
Miss Emily Guerard Ravenel .....	1956-1963
Mrs. Valmore Lebey .....	1963 - Nov. 1963
Mrs. Walter Hartridge Strong .....	Nov. 1963-1970

Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr. ....	1970-1976
Mrs. Isaac Means Aiken, Jr. ....	1976-1982
Mrs. Lorton Stoy Livingston ....	1982-1986
Mrs. Samuel Powel Inglesby ....	1986-1992
Mrs. Henry duBignon Howard.....	1992-

### ASSISTANT REGISTRARS

*(Office initially created in 1935)*

Mrs. John Tharin McIver .....	Oct. 1935-1936
Mrs. Valmore Lebey .....	1962-1963
Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr. ....	1969-1970
Mrs. M. Heyward Mingledorff .....	1971-1974
Mrs. Lorton Stoy Livingston .....	1974-1975
Mrs. Isaac Means Aiken, Jr. ....	1975-1976
Miss Katherine Simkins Bryson .....	1976-1979
Mrs. Henry Fitch Garlington .....	Mar. 1978-1983
Mrs. John Ely Simpson .....	1979-
Mrs. Bruce Farquhar Macrae .....	1983-1989
Mrs. Lorton Stoy Livingston .....	1987-1993

### GENEALOGISTS

*(Prior to 1900, pedigree papers of candidates for admission  
were reviewed by an Examining Committee)*

Mrs. Thomas Saunderson Morgan .....	1900-1904
Miss Eugenia Marion Johnston .....	1904-1927
Miss Margaret (Maude) Heyward .....	1927 - Sept. 1942
Mrs. Anton Pope Wright .....	Sept. 1942 - Oct. 1954
Mrs. Walter Hartridge Strong .....	Oct. 1954-1958
Mrs. Lucius Beebe .....	1958 - Jan. 1960
Mrs. Henry Vincent Hayden .....	Feb. 1960-1970
<i>(Mrs. Alice Beekman Huger)</i>	
Mrs. Ralph Maxwell Payne .....	1970-1976
Mrs. William Lee Wood, Jr. ....	1976-1982
Mrs. Ralph Olin Bowden, Jr. ....	1982-1992
Mrs. William Lee Wood, Jr. ....	1988-
Mrs. Theodore Glenn Williams .....	1991-
Mrs. Zeddie Pleasant Barron, Jr. ....	1992-



## ASSISTANT GENEALOGISTS

*(Office initially created in 1942)*

Mrs. Robert F. Jones .....	Sept. 1942-1943
Mrs. Walter Hartridge Strong .....	1953 - Oct. 1954
Mrs. Alice Beckman Huger .....	1970-1973
Mrs. Ralph Olin Bowden, Jr. ....	Nov. 1980-1982
Mrs. Alvin McIntosh Ratliff .....	1982-1984
Mrs. Edgar Pomeroy Williams .....	1984-1985
Mrs. William Haley Atkinson .....	1985-1986
Mrs. Marvin Day .....	1986-1992
Mrs. Ralph Olin Bowden, Jr. ....	1992-1993
Mrs. Hugh McMaster Tarbuton .....	1992-

## HISTORIANS

Mrs. Louis Gourdin Young .....	1893-1897
Mrs. George Johnson Baldwin .....	1897-1898
Miss Anna Caroline Benning .....	1898-1900
Mrs. Louis Gourdin Young .....	1900-1901
Mrs. Mary Ann Rutherford Lipscomb .....	1901-1902
Mrs. George Marion Brown .....	1902-1903
Mrs. George Gray MacWhorter .....	1903-1904
Mrs. Mary Ann Rutherford Lipscomb .....	1904-1905
Mrs. Louis Gourdin Young .....	1905-1908
Mrs. Emory Speer .....	1908-1909
Mrs. David Watson Winn .....	1909-1914
Mrs. Thomas Barrett .....	1914-1916
Mrs. Richard Cuyler King .....	1916-1920
Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven .....	1920-1921
Mrs. Walter Alexander Harris .....	1921-1922
Mrs. Peter Wiltberger Meldrim .....	1922-1923
Mrs. Kate Felder Hoke .....	1923-1925
Mrs. Walter Douglas Lamar .....	1925-1926
Mrs. Thomas Micajah Brumby, Jr. ....	1926-1927
Mrs. Jesse Williams Walters .....	1927-1928
Mrs. Samuel Taylor Coleman .....	1928-1931
Mrs. Clarence Gordon Anderson, Jr. ....	1931-1933
Mrs. Beaufort Barnwell Cubbedge .....	1933 - Nov. 1936
Mrs. Malcolm Roderick Maclean .....	Nov. 1936-1937
Mrs. Shelby Myrick .....	1937-1940
Mrs. Owen Clinton Lee .....	1940-1942
Mrs. John Rainey Palmer .....	1942-1944
Mrs. Charles Mills Maclean .....	1944-1947
Mrs. Charles Dennison Russell .....	1947-1951
Mrs. Raymond McAllister Deméré .....	1951-1952

Mrs. Robert Walker Groves .....	1952-1956
Mrs. Robert Joseph Carmichael .....	1956-1960
Mrs. Ivan Allen, Jr. ....	1960-1966
Mrs. Bruce Montgomery, Jr. ....	1966-1968
Mrs. Frank Henderson Turpin, Jr. ....	1968-1970
Mrs. Lonnie Dunlap Ferguson .....	1970-1974
Mrs. Norman Mercier Shipley .....	1974-1976
Mrs. Joseph Warren Stilwell, Jr. ....	1976-1985
Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr. ....	1985-1991
Mrs. William Graham Ponder .....	1991-

## PARLIAMENTARIANS

*(Office created in 1944)*

Mrs. Richard Willis Heard .....	1944-1947
Mrs. Julian Austin Space, Jr. ....	1947-1949
Mrs. Richard Willis Heard .....	1949-1954
Mrs. Samuel Lamartine Varnedoe .....	1954-1955
Mrs. Joseph Huger Harrison .....	1955-1959
Mrs. Richard Willis Heard .....	1959-1963
Mrs. Julian Austin Space, Jr. ....	1963-1981
Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr. ....	1981-1983
Mrs. William Lee Wood, Jr. ....	1983-

# GEORGIA CHAIRMEN OF NATIONAL STANDING PROJECT COMMITTEES

## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

*(Biennial Council of 1929 abolished Historic Research and Preservation  
of Historic Records Committees and formed Historic Activities Committee;  
Historic later became Historical)*

Miss Edith Duncan Johnston .....	1929 -Oct. 1932
Mrs. Mills Bee Lane .....	Nov. 1932 - Oct. 1934
Mrs. Craig Barrow .....	Nov. 1934 - Oct. 1936
Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven .....	Oct. 1936-1939
Mrs. Samuel Taylor Coleman .....	1939 - Oct. 1939
Mrs. Nathaniel Bacon Stewart .....	Nov. 1939-1940
Mrs. Frank Fowler Jones .....	1940 - Mar. 1943
Mrs. Clarence Gordon Anderson, Jr. ....	Mar. 1943-1944
Mrs. Craig Barrow .....	1944 - Feb. 1946
Mrs. Robert Walker Groves .....	Feb. 1946-1948
Mrs. Edwin Whitaker Allen .....	1948 - Jan. 1949
Mrs. James Isaac Garrard .....	Feb. 1949 - Oct. 1949
Mrs. Alexander Pratt Adams .....	Nov. 1949-1952
Mrs. Benjamin Robert Ellis .....	1952-1954
Mrs. Thomas Moorman Eldridge .....	1954-1959
Mrs. Albert Weston Holloway .....	1959 - Mar. 1961
Mrs. Harold Norman Cooledge .....	1961-1964
Mrs. Angus Burr Domingos, Jr. ....	1964 - Oct. 1964
Mrs. Charles Newton Wasden .....	Oct. 1964-1967
Mrs. John Carroll Hagler, III .....	1967-1969
Mrs. Samuel Cooper Inman .....	1969-1972
Mrs. Joseph Elliott Bright .....	1972-1975
Mrs. James Derry Burns .....	1975-1980
Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr. ....	1980-1985
Mrs. James Longstreet Sibley Jennings ..	1985-1993

## MUSEUM PROPERTIES CHAIRMEN

*(Biennial Council of 1978 formed Museum House Committee;  
1986 Council changed name to Museum Properties)*

Mrs. Walter Charlton Hartridge .....	Jan. 1979-1979
Mrs. Olaf Otto, Jr. ....	1979 - Jan. 1980
Mrs. Lloyd Guyton Bowers, Jr. ....	Mar. 1980-1982
Mrs. Duncan Mitchell .....	1982-1985
Mrs. Henry Derriel Green .....	1985-1989
Mrs. Walter Charlton Hartridge .....	1989- Feb. 1992
Mrs. Howard Jackson Morrison, Jr. ....	Feb. 1992-1993

## **PATRIOTIC SERVICE CHAIRMEN**

*(Biennial Council of 1927 abolished Americanization Committee  
and formed Patriotic Service Committee)*

Mrs. Benjamin Robert Ellis .....	1927-1929
Mrs. John Francis Bransford .....	1929-1931
Mrs. Samuel Taylor Coleman .....	1931-1932
Mrs. Harman Wayne Patterson .....	1932-1937
Mrs. Stedman Vincent Sanford .....	1937-1944
Mrs. William Parks Stevens .....	1944-1946
Mrs. Thomas Heyward Gignilliat .....	1946-1947
Mrs. Walter Douglas Lamar .....	1947- Dec. 1947
Mrs. John Craig Cranston .....	Feb. 1948-1950
Mrs. Michael Hines Roberts .....	1950-1951
Mrs. Thomas Llewellyn Ross .....	1951-1955
Mrs. Hubert Bond Owens .....	1955-1957
Mrs. Allen Willis Daughtry .....	1957-1962
Mrs. Leo Jackson Allen .....	1962-1966
Mrs. Edward Vason Jones .....	1966-1968
Mrs. Charles Henderson Powell .....	1968-1972
Mrs. Lindsay Neill Bickerstaff .....	1972-1973
Mrs. Samuel Noble Roberts .....	1973-1975
Mrs. William Graham Ponder .....	1975-1980
Mrs. James Dickson Maddox .....	1980-1985
Mrs. William Wortham Farinholt .....	1985-1986
Mrs. Jack Cutts Smith .....	1986-1993

## **REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARDS OF NATIONAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

### **LADIES OF DUMBARTON HOUSE**

*(First appointed in 1973)*

Mrs. M. Heyward Mingledorff .....	1973-1978
Mrs. James Nisbet Frazer .....	1978-1984
Mrs. Joseph Warren Stilwell, Jr. ....	1984-

## REGENTS OF GUNSTON HALL PLANTATION

*(First appointed in 1932)*

Mrs. Craig Barrow .....	1932-1940
Mrs. Richard Wilson Johnston .....	1940-1944
Mrs. Charles Rembert Marshall .....	1945-1960
Mrs. Robert Joseph Carmichael .....	1960-1971
Mrs. Henry Derriel Green .....	1971-1975
Mrs. Francis Daly Smith .....	1975-1987
Mrs. Bernard Neeson Neal .....	1987-

## ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES OF SULGRAVE MANOR

*(First appointed in 1979)*

Mrs. Lucian Lamar Daniel .....	1979-1985
(Mrs. Guy Everett Snavelly)	
Mrs. Lonnie Dunlap Ferguson .....	1985-

## TOWN COMMITTEES

*The Georgia Society is composed of seventeen Town Committees.  
They were organized as follows:*

Atlanta .....	1898
Augusta .....	1899
Athens .....	1900
Macon .....	1900
Columbus .....	1903
Marietta .....	1912
Brunswick .....	1913-1937/reorganized 1961
Waycross .....	1919-1943/reorganized 1953
Albany .....	1926
Savannah .....	1930
Milledgeville .....	1936
Thomasville .....	1936
Americus .....	1939
Madison .....	1944
Moultrie .....	1949
Valdosta .....	1958
Rome .....	1963

HISTORY OF  
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY  
OF THE  
COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA  
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

1893 - 1899

On April 25th, 1893, a group of women, by invitation of Mrs. William Washington Gordon, met at her home on Bull Street and South Broad (now Oglethorpe Avenue) in Savannah, and organized the Georgia Society of Colonial Dames of America.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Gordon; First Vice President, Mrs. Henry R. Jackson; Second Vice President, Mrs. Edward C. Anderson; Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Lawton; Recording Secretary, Miss Eugenia Johnston; Registrar, Mrs. Thomas S. Morgan.

The Board of Managers elected were: Mrs. Joseph J. Wilder, Mrs. Peter W. Meldrim, Mrs. Thomas Screven, and Miss Emma Bulloch, all of Savannah, and Mrs. Hattie Gould Jefferies and Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar of Augusta.

By the following January the Society was incorporated with twenty-eight Charter Members, and at once began its activities under the capable and enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Gordon, who often stated that she was greatly indebted to her friend Miss Mary Dickinson of the New Jersey Society for valuable assistance and advice in forming the Georgia Society.

The Society was extremely fortunate in having as its Founder and first President such a brilliant and magnetic personality as Mrs. Gordon, whose keen intelligence, wit and energy overcame every obstacle which presented itself in the early days of the organization. Mrs. Gordon was the first girl-child born in Chicago. She inherited her courage and initiative from her pioneer father John Kinzie, who held the office of Indian Agent when Chicago was a trading post, and whose house at Portage has been purchased and restored by the Wisconsin Society of Colonial Dames.

The By-laws of the Georgia Society were framed by Mrs. Thomas S. Morgan, and with only minor changes are still in effect. One of the earliest was the ruling that Savannah, as the oldest city in Georgia, should be the headquarters of the Society, and that the President, one Vice President, the two Secretaries, and the Treasurer should be from that city. At first no limit was placed on admissions and at the first Annual Meeting in Savannah in April 1894, there were forty-four members registered. Two years later a resolution was adopted whereby, when the membership should have reached one hundred, there should be twenty

admissions yearly, and a waiting list formed. Since then, from time to time, the rule governing the number of yearly admissions has been changed and the waiting list abolished, so that at the present time the admissions are limited to fourteen—one from each Town Committee, one from the State at large, and one non-resident.\*

At the second Annual Meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon, in 1895, plans were made to cooperate with other patriotic societies in raising a fund for a monument to James Edward Oglethorpe, the founder of the Colony of Georgia. Prizes were offered to students of High Schools in several Georgia cities for essays on a Colonial subject, the University of Georgia was urged to admit women as well as men, and the Legislature was petitioned to appropriate necessary funds for this object. Town Committees were formed in other Georgia cities this year, and today there are thirteen such committees.†

An interesting exhibit of Colonial relics was sent to the International and Cotton States Exposition in Atlanta which was attended by several officers of the Georgia Society and honored by the presence of the President of the National Society, Mrs. Howard Townsend.

In 1896 the Society adopted the old Colonial seal of Georgia. The third and fourth Annual Meetings were held at the home of Mrs. William Low (Juliette Low, founder of the Girl Scouts of America), Mrs. Gordon's daughter. This fine old house is now owned by the Georgia Society as State Headquarters, having been purchased in 1928.

The Society's first memorial was erected in 1899, in Savannah, to mark the burial place of the Indian, Tomochichi. This memorial is in the form of a huge granite boulder which was donated to the Society by the Stone Mountain Company. Standing in Wright Square where Tomochichi, according to his request, was buried among his English friends in 1739, it bears a bronze tablet with the following inscription:

"In memory of Tomochichi, the Mico of the Yamacraws. The Companion of Oglethorpe and the Friend and Ally of the Colony of Georgia."

He was so highly regarded by the Colonists that when he died, at the age of ninety-seven years, Oglethorpe and other gentlemen acted as his pall-bearers and minute guns were fired from the Battery during the funeral. Georgia is one of the few states to memorialize the friendship of an Indian.

The next historic spot to be marked with a bronze tablet was the site of Tondee's Tavern, in Savannah, where the Sons of Liberty gathered in Colonial times and where the first Provincial Congress assembled and elected delegates to the first Continental Congress. On June fifth, 1775, the Liberty Pole was planted in front of the Tavern.

In 1898 the Society contributed to the hospital ship "Solace" which the National Society equipped for service in the Spanish-American war.

The following year Mrs. Gordon, with contributions from her family and four hundred dollars given by the Georgia Society, went to Miami, Florida,

\*Note—The By-law now in force admits one non-resident member, one member-at-large and two members from each Town Committee. (1950)

†Note—The Brunswick and Waycross Committees were disbanded at their own request.

where her husband's brigade was stationed and with the assistance of her daughter, Mrs. Low, inaugurated a convalescent hospital to take care of soldiers discharged from hospitals but unfit for duty. With characteristic ingenuity and energy she superintended the fitting up of a vacant building which had a hydrant and plenty of windows, but no floor. She bought cots and mosquito nets, as there were no screens, secured a physician and, by strategy, a daily supply of ice. As the necessary materials for liquid diet, for the eighty to one hundred men, were not to be had, she bought up all the arrow-root, tapioca and Mellin's Food in the town and, in order to keep the soldiers in the hospital, took away all their clothes, leaving them only their pajamas — another example of her unflinching resourcefulness.

Mrs. Gordon declined re-election as President in 1899 after devoting six years in upholding the best interests and furthering the progress of the Society which she had founded.

The National Society honored Mrs. Gordon in 1900 by electing her a Vice President in which office she served for four years, declining re-election for a longer term.

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## 1899 - 1913

Mrs. Gordon was succeeded by Mrs. Joseph J. Wilder, who for fourteen years guided the Society with a gentle but firm hand, always upholding its dignity and prestige and exemplifying by her culture and graciousness the ideal type of the Colonial Dame.

The Monthly meetings of the Board of Managers were held in Mrs. Wilder's beautiful old home, where hospitality took precedence over parliamentary law. In these hurried times it is refreshing to recall those leisurely morning meetings when plans for important and notable undertakings were discussed with friendly informality and eager interest over delicate wafers and fragrant tea in fragile cups.

In 1900 the Georgia Society sent a tree from the site of Wormsloe Fort to the Roger Williams Park in Providence. This fort was situated on Wormsloe Plantation, commanding the inland passage to Florida, and was built to protect the Colony from the Indians and Spaniards. When this tree died it was replaced by five trees from Frederica, the fortified town built by Oglethorpe on St. Simon's Island in 1736.

The Society contributed to the Arlington monument, erected by the National Society of Colonial Dames in memory of the soldiers and sailors who died in the Spanish-American War — to the statue of Washington, erected in Paris — and to the Hospital ship, *Maine*, which served in the South African war.

In 1901 the Society marked the site of Colonial Fort Augusta, in the city of Augusta, with a Celtic cross of granite, fifteen feet high. Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar was chairman of this memorial and made the presentation to the city of Augusta. The cross stands in the grounds of St. Paul's Church yard on the bank of the Savannah River, and at its base lies one of the cannon brought from England in 1736, the only relic remaining of the fort. Eloquent addresses were made by the Hon. Joseph R. Lamar, Major Joseph Cumming and Dr.



Chauncey Williams on the history of Fort Augusta, so clearly set forth in the inscription:

"This stone marks the site of Colonial Fort Augusta, built by order of General Oglethorpe and the Trustees in 1736, known during the Revolution as Fort Cornwallis. St. Paul's Church was built in 1750 under a curtain of this fort."

The cross was unveiled by Mrs. Wilder to the roll of the drums. Many years later when St. Paul's church was destroyed in the great fire of 1916 a beautiful service was held here by the sorrowing congregation, with the Celtic cross as the altar under the great trees.

In 1903 a bronze tablet was placed by the Society on the building which occupies the site of the house where John Wesley lived while Rector of Christ Church in Savannah, from 1736 to 1737. This year the use of a room in Hodgson Hall, Savannah, was granted to the Society where meetings were held and records kept.

In 1904 under Mrs. Wilder's enthusiastic and devoted leadership the Water Battery of the fort at Frederica on St. Simon's Island was restored and a bronze tablet placed on the river side (at that time the only approach to the Island) bearing the following inscription:

"This remnant is all that time has spared of the Citadel of the town of Frederica, built by General Oglethorpe, A.D. 1736, as an outpost against the Spaniards."

The ruins of the fort and sixty feet of land in all directions were deeded to the Georgia Society in 1903 by the owner, Mrs. Belle Taylor, because of her life-long friendship with Mrs. Wilder who was born at Retreat Plantation, the home of her grand-father on St. Simon's Island. Mrs. Taylor was born in the house which her great-uncle built in 1812 on top of the fort, and spent many years of her life there, later having the wooden structure removed in order that the remains of the fort could be seen. Mrs. Wilder had the original tabby blocks, used by Oglethorpe in the construction of the fort, dug out of the river bed to serve once more in the restoration of the Battery.

The pilgrimage to St. Simon's Island was one of the most interesting and romantic occasions ever enjoyed by the members, who traveled by rail and steam boat from Savannah and other Georgia cities to reach this historic island spot, once a fortified town with fort, moat, powder magazines and barracks, with Oglethorpe's Rangers ever on the alert for attacks by Spaniards from Florida.

Seated under the noble live-oaks, festooned with Spanish moss, where Charles Wesley, who came to Georgia as Oglethorpe's Secretary, preached to Colonists and Indians, the members listened to the orator of the day, the Hon. Pleasant Stovall. He reviewed for them the stirring days in the life of Frederica, now deserted, with only the crumbling ruins to remind them of that past and the soft lapping of the waves to break the silence.

A Ball was given this year to raise funds for the Oglethorpe monument and a contribution was sent to the National Society toward the restoration of the church at Jamestown, Va.

In 1906 the Society placed a stone bench on Bay Street in Savannah to

mark the spot where Oglethorpe pitched his tent under three pines and rested at the close of the day on which Georgia was settled — February twelfth, 1733. Here under a canopy of oaks, on a grassy lawn in the midst of the busy life along the river bluff, many visitors pause and contemplate the rush of city traffic where once the Colonists camped in the forest, after their long and perilous sea voyage of nearly three months. One of the non-resident members, noticing the number of birds at this spot, presented the Society with a bird bath which now stands near the bench.

Another memorial erected in Savannah, in 1907, was the bronze tablet to the memory of the Reverend George Whitefield, fourth Rector of Christ Church, the oldest church in Georgia. This was placed on the front wall of the portico of the church, to correspond with a tablet placed by the Wardens and Vestry on the opposite side to the memory of the Reverend John Wesley, third Rector.

Mrs. Alexander Perry of Washington, D. C., a Georgia Dame, presented the Society with a copy of an old and valuable print, which she found in the Congressional Library, of a portrait of the Princess Augusta—grand-daughter of George II, and daughter of Frederick, Prince of Wales—for whom the city of Augusta was named.

An interesting exhibit of Colonial silver was sent by the Society to the Jamestown Exposition in 1907.

At the Annual Meeting in 1909 Mrs. Lamar spoke on the "Covenant" which had been in preparation for several years, with a view to settling the status of the Associate Societies. This important document was the work of Mrs. Lamar and while preserving the Colonial character of the National Society proved acceptable to all and was signed by the Georgia Society at the National Council in 1910.

A scholarship had been given in 1908 by the Society to the school for mountain boys at Rabun Gap, Ga., and the following year, in order to raise funds for this object, a Colonial Tea was given in Savannah at which American tea, grown at Pinchurst Gardens, Summerville, S. C., was sold to encourage home industries.

Almost the first object to which the Society directed its efforts in 1895 was the raising of a sum by means of innumerable entertainments—balls, teas, concerts, lectures and exhibitions—all entailing hard and constant work—with which to erect a suitable memorial to Oglethorpe so that when finally the splendid monument was erected in Savannah, in 1910, by the City, the Patriotic Societies and the State, the Colonial Dames had contributed over \$3,000.00 to it. The base and setting of this monument were designed by Henry Bacon, and the commanding bronze figure of the Founder of the Colony by Daniel Chester French. Mrs. Wilder was selected to assist the Governor of Georgia in unveiling the monument.

Another very interesting historical pilgrimage was made by the Dames in 1911 when the members journeyed up the Savannah river to the site of Ebenezer where the Salzburg Lutherans settled in 1767-1769. Here in Jerusalem Church—one of the oldest Colonial structures still standing in Georgia—the Society placed a bronze tablet to commemorate the virtues of the Salzburgers. While the town has vanished the descendants of these settlers, who came to Georgia

from Salzburg to escape religious persecution, still worship in this old church and bury their dead in the nearby cemetery. During the Revolution the church was converted by the British into a hospital and later used as a stable, destroying at this time nearly all the church records.

In those days Ebenezer was accessible only by water, on account of heavy, sandy roads, so the forty mile trip was made at the time of the annual excursion of the Lutheran church, on an old fashioned side-wheel steamboat. The tawny Savannah river was rushing swiftly down to the sea after a recent freshet, so that it was late in the afternoon before the high bluff, rising above the surrounding swamp lands, was reached, and the party landed. After partaking of a very welcome picnic lunch, served by the ladies of Ebenezer, the Dames proceeded to carry out their program of dedication and unveiling, prayers and hymns, in spite of the Captain's frantic boat whistles giving warning of the hour of departure. Mrs. Wilder was calm and determined and the program was concluded according to schedule. The return trip was accomplished in a miraculous manner, the rushing current sweeping the boat around sharp bends stern foremost at breakneck speed, but it was a day long to be remembered.

Photographs of old church silver from Christ Church, Savannah, and Saint Paul's Church, Augusta, and records of the silver from the churches of Ebenezer, Dorchester, Flemington, Midway and Walthourville, were sent to be included in the book by Alfred E. Jones of England, who published "The Old Silver of American Churches," which was sponsored by the National Society.

Co-operating with the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia, the Colonial Dames in 1913 erected a granite monument on Saint Simon's Island to commemorate the battle of Bloody Marsh on July seventh, 1742, when Oglethorpe with six hundred and thirty-two men defeated five thousand Spaniards, thus saving the English possessions from further invasion and proving Georgia's value as a military colony. Inscribed on the bronze tablet are the words of Oglethorpe:

"We are resolved not to suffer defeat. We will rather die like Leonidas and his Spartans if we can but protect Georgia and the Carolinas and the rest of the Americans from desolation."

The monument, draped with the flags of the United States and Great Britain, was unveiled by Mrs. Wilder and little Noble Jones whose ancestor, Colonel Noble Jones, took part in the battle. Representatives of the two governments were present to participate in the ceremonies. The Rev. George Whitefield's commentary on this battle was: "The deliverance of Georgia from the Spaniards is such as cannot be paralleled but by some instances out of the Old Testament."

It is interesting to note that the Governors of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and the people of Port Royal, S. C., sent letters to Oglethorpe giving thanks for their deliverance from the Spanish threat.

After fourteen years of devotion to the welfare of the Society, Mrs. Wilder retired from office, much to the regret of the entire membership to whom she had endeared herself by her charm and never-failing courtesy, as well as by her high standard of life.

## 1913 - 1919

Mrs. Wilder was succeeded as President by Mrs. William L. Wilson who had held many offices in the Society and as Vice President had demonstrated her splendid executive ability. At this time Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Wilder were made Honorary Presidents.

*At the Biennial Council of the National Society in 1914 the Georgia Society* was gratified by the election of its distinguished member, Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar, as National President. At this Council the suggestion was made by Mrs. Meldrim that a copy of a portrait of George Washington, in which he appears as a Colonel of Provincial Forces, be presented by the National Society to Sulgrave Manor to commemorate the centenary of peace between this country and Great Britain.

An enlarged and revised edition of the Register of the Georgia Society was published this year and the charter renewed for a period of twenty years. Two scholarships for mountain schools were given, one to the Berry School and the other to the Tallulah Falls School, and a sinking fund started for the purchase of State Headquarters.

At the request of the Massachusetts Society photographs and data of old samplers were sent, the earliest date being 1784.

At the Annual Meeting of 1915 the Society was honored by the presence of the National Historian, Mrs. Albert Sioussat, who spoke on the organization of the National Society.

During the May Week Festival in Savannah the Colonial Dames entered a float representing the ship "Anne" which brought over the first colonists in 1733.

In April of this year the Society restored the old brick wall and gateway of Midway Cemetery in Liberty County, about forty miles south of Savannah, and placed a marble tablet on the wall bearing the following inscription:

"This wall was restored by the Georgia Society, Colonial Dames of America in commemoration of the virtues and valor of the early settlers of Midway."

This district was settled in 1752 by the descendants of a band of Puritans who first settled at Dorchester, Mass., in 1630, removing from that place in Dorchester, S. C., and finally from there to Liberty County where they settled still another Dorchester. Many distinguished patriots and scholars of this district are buried in Midway cemetery. The earliest interment was in 1752 and the oldest standing head-board bears the date of 1770. For twelve feet the front wall of the cemetery was rebuilt, a new coping placed at top of the entire length of wall, one gate pier was repaired and the other rebuilt and the gate painted and re-hung.

The tablet was unveiled by Mrs. Wilson, and the Hon. Peter Meldrim, President of the American Bar Association, presented the tablet on behalf of the Society to the Selectmen of Midway Church. On the same day the representatives of the President of the United States unveiled the shaft erected by the government in Midway cemetery in honor of General James Screven and General Daniel Stewart, Revolutionary heroes of Liberty County. At the close of the ceremonies the historic Chatham Artillery fired a salute with the cannon presented to them

by General Washington. The cannon was made in England in 1752—the year that Midway was settled—and was captured at the battle of Yorktown.

At the Annual Meeting of 1916, held at the stately home of Mrs. Meldrim, Mrs. Wilson presented the society with a handsome silk American flag which was brought in by three young boys, Joseph Randolph Anderson, Edwin Connerat, and Noble Jones, descendants of Thomas Jefferson, Lachlan McIntosh and Noble Jones. A contribution was sent to the American Ambulance, in addition to a box of bandages and woolen scarfs.

On the entrance of the United States into the World War in 1917 all memorial work was put aside so that the members might devote their time to war work. A proffer of services and an endorsement of his action were sent to President Wilson, with a protest against the deportation of the Belgians.

Mrs. Wilson was appointed Chairman of the Chatham County Unit, Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, and was prominent in all war relief organizations. Under her direction the Colonial Dames throughout the State worked on Liberty Bond drives, Thrift Stamp campaigns and Tag Days. They made surgical dressings and hospital garments, knitted articles for Red Cross, contributed to the soldiers box fund and the Y.M.C.A. War Council fund. They also co-operated in work of Hostess houses, and many other activities too numerous to mention.

In Savannah, under Mrs. Wilson's supervision, those qualified to teach held classes in French for the soldiers from Fort Screven. At the end of the course a supper was given for fifty-five soldiers and their teachers, and French phrase books were presented to the men. Many members had men from training camps as guests for Sunday dinners and week ends. Boxes of books were contributed to training camps and to the battleship "Georgia." When the ship "Oglethorpe" was launched at Savannah the Colonial Dames presented her with her colors. The Society contributed to the equipment by the National Society of the operating rooms of the hospital ships "Comfort" and "Mercy."

In 1910 Mrs. Wilson had proposed that a non-sectarian chapel should be built at Bethesda Orphanage, near Savannah, as a memorial to its founder, the celebrated George Whitefield, and efforts were made to raise the necessary funds among the members. In 1916 the corner stone of the chapel was laid with appropriate ceremonies by Mrs. Gordon, and some fine historical addresses were made but the actual building was postponed until more auspicious times.

William Silva, the well known Savannah artist, through his friendship for Mrs. Wilson, presented to the Whitefield Memorial Committee one of his paintings, valued at \$400.00, to be sold for the benefit of the Chapel fund. An undertaking which netted the Society \$1,325.00 toward this fund was the special edition of the Savannah Press issued by the Dames in 1917. This issue contained much valuable information on Georgia's Colonial history, many interesting illustrations, and several splendid articles contributed by officers of the National Society.

Another source of revenue for this object was added through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Wymberly DeRenne who opened their beautiful Colonial estate, "Wormsloe," to the public during several seasons, giving the entire gate receipts to the Society for the benefit of the Chapel fund. The DeRenne library of



Georgiana, the beautiful camellias and the azaleas under the live-oaks attracted large crowds, eager to take advantage of the opportunity to see this historic plantation, never before opened to the public.

On Georgia Day, February 12th, the Board of Managers presented to the Bethesda boys a flag in the Colonial colors, with "Bethesda—1740" (the date of the founding) in the center.

In deference to the Government's request that the public refrain from railway travel during the war period, and following the example of the National Society, the Annual meeting of the Georgia Society was not held in 1918.

The silver jubilee of the Society occurred in 1919, the Annual meeting that year being held in Savannah with a record attendance. To the great regret of the members the President, Mrs. Wilson, was prevented by illness in her family from attending this meeting. In her absence the Vice President, Mrs. Clarence Anderson, presided. During the meeting a beautiful flag of the National Society was presented to the Georgia Society by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gordon in memory of their mother, Mrs. William Washington Gordon, the Founder of the Society, whose death had occurred in 1917. The presentation was made by little Mary Stuart Gordon, grand-daughter of the Founder.

An interesting history of the Society's twenty-five years of existence was compiled and read by Miss Eugenia Johnston, a Charter member. To mark the occasion the thirty-nine members on the waiting list were admitted. A beautiful banquet was given in the ballroom of the DeSoto Hotel at which Mrs. Meldrim presided most brilliantly as toast-mistress. The table was adorned with silver candelabra holding lighted tapers and the silver motif was carried out in the place-cards and menu and eloquent addresses were made by a number of distinguished guests.

After six years of unselfish service and notable accomplishments as President, Mrs. Wilson felt compelled to give up the work into which she had put her whole heart, and tendered her resignation. She had served with great personal devotion through the difficult years of the World War and inspired many by her loyalty and dignity.

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## 1919 - 1921

Mrs. Peter W. Meldrim was elected President in 1919 and served for the next two years. Mrs. Meldrim, a charter member, had served on the Board of Managers and had for many years, as Historian, contributed some of the Society's most valuable and scholarly articles on Georgia's colonial history. Her beautiful home was ever open in gracious hospitality to the members and to the strangers within our gates. It was at her suggestion that the work of recording the epitaphs in the Colonial cemeteries of the State was undertaken.

A large committee under Miss Eugenia Johnston's chairmanship worked hard for three years recording inscriptions on crumbling stones in seven ancient cemeteries.

In 1920 the Annual Meeting was held in Atlanta, a resolution having been

adopted in 1917 which permitted the Society to meet every alternate year in a Georgia city, other than Savannah. This was the first of many succeeding meetings in Georgia cities whereby a much greater number of members have been enabled to take part in the proceedings of the Society, thus stimulating their interest in the work. At this point it may be well to say that space will not permit an account of the many beautiful and interesting entertainments provided for the members by the Dames in the various cities where the Annual Meetings were held in succeeding years. Everywhere hospitality and friendship prevailed and the attendance increases yearly with a splendid record brought of the accomplishment of the Town Committees. At this meeting the Society elected Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar Honorary President in recognition of her unfailing interest in the Georgia Society of which she was a charter member. She had served the Georgia Society as a member of the Board, as Registrar and Vice President, and by her presence at the Annual Meetings gave inspiration and encouragement to those who were guiding the organization.

In 1921 the Society published Mrs. Meldrim's brochure on "Bonaventure, the Colonial Home of the Tattnalls."

Mrs. Meldrim declined re-nomination and was elected an Honorary President. Mrs. W. L. Wilson was also nominated as an Honorary President at this time but declined the office.

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## 1921 - 1923

Mrs. Meldrim was succeeded as President by Mrs. William Washington Gordon, a charter member and daughter-in-law of the Founder of the Society, who served for the next two years.

At the Annual Meeting, held in Augusta in 1922, a resolution, offered by Mrs. Joseph A. Lamar, was passed that the Society set aside one hundred dollars yearly for the next ten years, the sum to be used to celebrate Georgia's Bicentennial in 1933.

At this time the question of securing permanent headquarters for the Society was discussed, and Mrs. George M. Brown of Atlanta gave the first donation of one hundred dollars for this purpose. After the meeting, held in St. Paul's Hall, the members adjourned to the Celtic Cross in the church yard and a basket of flowers was placed at the foot of the cross by Mrs. Lamar.

A brilliant banquet was given at the Country Club by Mrs. Thomas Barrett, Vice President, at which Mrs. Lamar delivered her fine address on "The Aims and Achievements of the National Society," which was later published through the generosity of Mrs. John F. Bransford of Augusta, and copies presented to all State Societies and National Officers in 1923.

In 1922 the Society issued a calendar, containing pictures of historic houses and places in Savannah, which was sold for the benefit of the Whitefield Memorial building fund. Among the photographs was that of the Manse of the Independent Presbyterian Church where Woodrow Wilson and Ellen Axson were married. A copy of this calendar was sent to President Wilson and his reply

acknowledging the gift has been framed and is hanging in Colonial Dames House.

Contributions were made to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, and to the War Memorial Fund of the University of Georgia.

A scholarship was given to a Bethesda boy, and a prize offered for the best essay on Americanization written by a member of the Citizenship Class. Many essays were submitted and the prize won by a young Russian boy who had been in America only six months.

Three Georgia members attended the Plymouth celebration in 1921.

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## 1923 - 1929

Mrs. Gordon declined re-election in 1923 and was succeeded by Mrs. Clarence Anderson, who had served the Society as Corresponding Secretary and as Vice President for six years under Mrs. Wilson. A large room, opening on a garden, in the basement of Hodgson Hall in Savannah was given for the use of the Society in consideration of a yearly contribution of three hundred dollars to the Georgia Historical Society.

A formal opening of the new headquarters was held in February, 1923, and throughout the year weekly meetings were held by the Chairmen of Standing Committees, with exhibits of samplers, spreads, miniatures, old silver, deeds, maps and old letters.

When the Georgia troops returned from the Rhine and disembarked at Savannah, the Society co-operated with other patriotic and civic organizations in decorating the monuments along the line of march.

The Americanization committee presented the film "Hats Off," giving tickets to the members of the Citizenship Class and other foreigners. This committee presented a set of the government and history charts, prepared by the Illinois Society, to the Savannah High School, and copies of the Virginia Society's posters of the three ships to the grammar schools.

Copies of *Americanization and Citizenship* were presented new citizens, also pocket editions of the Constitution of the United States. A large box of books was sent to Mrs. Morehouse, an Illinois Dame and a Georgian by birth, who had established a Community House and libraries for the people of Mansfield, Ga.

During the winter of 1924 the members were occupied in raising Georgia's quota of \$2,805.00 for the Sulgrave Manor Endowment Fund. In connection with this campaign a public showing was given in Savannah of the film "The Cradle of the Washingtons" with a program of patriotic songs and an address on Sulgrave. Under the chairmanship of Miss Sarah Randolph Anderson the sum was oversubscribed by six hundred dollars.

When the tenth Tri-ennial General Assembly of the General Society of Colonial Wars met in Savannah in May, 1924, the Colonial Dames were invited to cooperate in the entertainment of the delegates, and presented a series of tableaux depicting interesting events in Georgia's Colonial history, followed by a reception.

One thousand dollars was contributed to the Georgia Bay at Valley Forge



Chapel, and *Some Early Epitaphs in Georgia* was published by the Society at a cost of \$1,600.00. This carefully compiled record, listing the epitaphs in Colonial cemeteries in the State, contains a most interesting foreword by Mrs. Meldrim, Honorary President, outlining the history of the Colony and sketching the lives of the distinguished men who are buried in these cemeteries. It has proved a most valuable reference book and is consulted by research workers throughout the country.

During the years following the laying of the corner stone of the Chapel at Bethesda it had been deemed wise to postpone work on the building, but the members continued their efforts to raise funds with which to complete the memorial. Finally the little Chapel, Colonial in type, designed by Albert Simons of Charleston, S. C., was finished at a cost of \$16,000.00. A very beautiful and impressive dedication service, arranged by Mrs. Wilson and conducted by the Right Reverend Frederick F. Reese, Bishop of Georgia, assisted by the Clergy of all denominations, was held on April 30, 1925. The choir was composed of one hundred Bethesda boys who had been trained by Spencer Henley, Choir-master of St. Paul's Church.

A marble tablet above the entrance door bears this inscription:

"To the Glory of God and in memory of the Reverend George Whitefield, Founder of Bethesda, 1740."

The Chapel contains many memorials presented by the members as well as gifts from the public in the form of needed furnishings. The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia most generously presented the pews, in memory of the early Colonists. Memorials from members include: a stained glass Chancel window to the memory of James Habersham, Whitefield's friend and co-worker, first President of the Orphanage; a pulpit to Noble Jones, Treasurer and Surveyor of the Province and friend of Oglethorpe; an altar in memory of John Wesley; brass candelabra to Charles Wesley; a prayer desk to the Rev. Charles King, volunteer Chaplain to Bethesda; an Altar cross in memory of Mrs. Joseph J. Wilder whose death occurred in 1914.

The County Commissioners assisted the Society by constructing a shell driveway leading to the Chapel from the main road, the Savannah Iron and Wire works contributed a wire guard for the Chancel window, and a small organ was presented by a friend.

The Chapel seats two hundred and services are held every Sunday afternoon for the boys by ministers from the various churches in Savannah. On Christmas Eve there is a candlelight service when the Chapel is decorated by the boys with foliage, fruits and garlands.

The Society entertained three National Officers in 1925—Mrs. Lamar, President, Mrs. Waddell, Vice President, and Mrs. Streeter, Registrar.

At the Annual Meeting an unusually interesting paper was presented by Mrs. R. Cuyler King, Chairman of Historic Research, giving information from records in the archives of Spain as to the first Christian baptism in the Colonies having occurred in Georgia, in April, 1540—antedating that of Virginia Dare in 1587.

The Society contributed \$50.00 to the Roanoke Island Memorial, purchased 100 copies of the *Calendar of the Colonies* from the Pennsylvania Society, and

collected \$46.00 for the Monticello Fund at the request of the Jefferson Centennial Committee. Annual dues were raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00, this year. (1925).

A substantial sum was added to the Whitefield Memorial fund from the proceeds of a concert by "The Charleston Society for the Preservation of Spirituals" which the Georgia Society presented in January, 1925.

The Annual Meeting of 1926 was held in Columbus. Among the many interesting events attended by the members was the military demonstration given at Fort Benning, the largest infantry school in the world, followed by a Field Kitchen luncheon, a very unique experience for the Dames. At this meeting it was decided to abolish the waiting list of 170, admit all members in January, 1927, and thereafter try the experiment of apportioning the number of yearly admissions among the Town Committees and State at large. A new Register of the Society and a new edition of Mrs. Meldrim's *Bonaventure* were published. Mrs. Bullard presented the Society with a handsome and valuable volume containing autographs of Georgia's Governors and Senators, together with those of other distinguished men of the State.

At the Annual Meeting of 1927 in Savannah a resolution was passed to raise \$50,000.00 with which to purchase an historic house in Savannah as headquarters for the Georgia Society. Pledges made at the meeting by individuals and Town Committees amounted to \$7,450.00. The members had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Wells Gilbert, President of the far away State of Oregon at this meeting. The Society of Colonial Wars entertained the Dames with a river trip during this convention.

A contribution of \$200.00 was sent toward the Replica of Sulgrave Manor at the Sesqui-Centennial celebration in Philadelphia, a set of photographs of the Replica was purchased for \$10.00, and Sulgrave medals were sold. The Society contributed to the erection of a fence separating the Colonial Cemetery from a school play ground in Savannah.

Mrs. Wilson's death occurred in March, 1928, and in recognition of her devoted service in furthering the building of the Whitefield Memorial Chapel the Society, in December, 1928, placed a very handsome brass tablet in the Chapel bearing this inscription:

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Kate Anderson Wilson, who with untiring zeal and steadfast devotion led the movement for the erection of this chapel. This tablet is placed by the Georgia Society of Colonial Dames of America."

At the same time two Chancel chairs were presented by the Whitefield Memorial committee in memory of Mrs. Wilson, and a very solemn service of dedication and memorial was conducted by Bishop Reese.

After much investigation and thought, the Headquarters Committee, with Mrs. George M. Brown of Atlanta, as Chairman, selected the Low house in Savannah as a permanent home for the Society. The house was purchased in 1928 for \$37,500.00, one-half of this amount being paid from the Treasury and a loan secured to cover the balance. Through the efforts of the members this loan, up to date, has been reduced to approximately \$3,000.00.\* Built about

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\*Note—This loan was entirely liquidated in 1943.

1848 by Andrew Low, an English cotton merchant, the house has always been occupied by the Low family until the death, in 1927 of Juliette Low, Founder of the Girl Scouts of America, in 1912, and daughter of Mrs. Gordon, Founder of the Georgia Society of Colonial Dames. Two famous men were entertained here—William Makepeace Thackeray in 1853 and 1856, and General Robert E. Lee in 1870.

The house occupies a lot in the heart of the city, facing LaFayette Square, with an old-fashioned garden in front which is enclosed with an iron railing. In the rear is a walled garden where camellias and evergreens grow. The interior has the proportions and finish of detail characteristic of the period and possesses great dignity and charm.

The purchase of the house was received with great enthusiasm by the members, many contributing most generously funds and fine old furniture. Mr. Gordon and his son, from whom the house was purchased, presented the beautiful mirror which was set in the wall of the drawing room. Mrs. Bullard of Savannah renovated and completely furnished the Board room with rare antiques, handsome draperies, and a fine oil painting of Oglethorpe, and Mrs. John F. Bransford of Augusta, Honorary Vice President, gave a set of rosewood furniture, consisting of seven pieces, for the drawing room. An interesting gift was the desk at which Thackeray wrote when a guest in this house, presented by W. W. Gordon, Jr.

In addition to these gifts, received shortly after the house was acquired, the following articles have since been given by members from time to time:

Drop leaf mahogany table, Miss Phoebe Elliott.

Four pairs of yellow brocade curtains for dining room, and a side table, Mrs. B. F. Bullard.

Four gilt cornices for curtains in drawing room, Mrs. James White and Mrs. Bradshaw.

Antique card table and a cornice from the Governor's Mansion at Milledgeville, when that city was the capital of the State, over one hundred years ago. Sheraton type Duncan Phyfe table, Mrs. Ben R. Ellis.

Marble bust of the Venus de Medici, on pedestal, Mrs. Frank M. Strachan.

Pair silver candlesticks and brass fender, Albany Town Committee.

Four pairs rose brocade curtains for drawing room, Atlanta Town Committee.

Four pairs rose brocade curtains for drawing room, Savannah Town Committee.

Twelve Wedgewood plates, silver and glass, Savannah Town Committee.

Sheffield tea tray, Macon Town Committee.

Twelve Wedgewood Ga. Bicentennial plates, Mrs. Bowdre Phinizy.

Wrought iron railing for front steps, Mrs. Edward T. Comer.

Pair crystal candelabra, Mrs. Bates Block.

Bronze and crystal chandeliers, Judge George T. Cann.

Old rosewood piano, presented by Mrs. Augustus Brandt of London.

Rug for dining room, Mrs. B. F. Bullard.

The family of Mrs. W. L. Wilson gave an oil painting by the Savannah artist, William Silva, Mrs. Montague Boyd an illuminated guest book, and other members have loaned dining room furniture and interesting family portraits.

The Colonial Dames House has become the centre of activities of the Society. Each year the season is opened with a New Year's reception, and programs are arranged by standing committees and presented every other Thursday afternoon when members gather to listen to prominent speakers or view special exhibits.

The Colonial Kitchens, established in the basement by a member, Miss Harriet Colquitt, proved a very enjoyable meeting place where, in a charming atmosphere of old days, delicious Southern cooking was to be found.

The apartments upstairs were rented to desirable tenants. Other means of raising money for the house was by the sale of Camellias, post cards, cook books of Southern recipes, and the giving of garden parties and other entertainments.

One particularly interesting affair which was given for this fund was a reading by Harry Stillwell Edwards of his delightful stories of the old South when a number of young girls in costumes of the sixties acted as ushers. The entertainment was closed with an incidental program featuring a pageant of authentic old costumes, worn by descendants of the owners, and a charming little plantation scene.

A committee composed of descendants of Georgia's early settlers was appointed this year to plan for the Society's share in the celebration of the State's Bicentennial in 1933.

The Annual Meeting was held in Atlanta this year, 1928, when many delightful social events were enjoyed.

In 1929 the Society presented a second concert by the Charleston Society for the Preservation of Spirituals, after which the singers were entertained at a reception at the Colonial Dames House.

Three old tombstones, bearing quaint inscriptions, were restored on a deserted Colonial plantation, and an historical essay contest inaugurated among the members.

Wormsloe Gardens and Library were again opened to the public for the benefit of the Whitefield Memorial.

Members of the Historic Activities Committee visited several interesting Colonial sites, among them Fort Argyle, near Savannah, on the north bank of the Ogeechee river, built by Oglethorpe, in 1733. It commanded the passage of the river and lay across the trail which the Indians from the South were accustomed to take in their advance against South Carolina.

A visit was also paid to the site of the dead town of Hardwicke in Bryan County, which was planned as a rival to Savannah.

Another excursion was made to the site of Fort Barrington, near Darien, on the Altamaha river, commanding the Indian trail from St. Augustine.

Under the auspices of the Historic Activities Committee the Colonial Dames made a pilgrimage by water to the site of Purrysburg, fifteen miles from Savannah, on the South Carolina shore of the Savannah river. Purrysburg was settled by French and Swiss colonists, under Jean Pierre Purry, in 1732, and was closely connected with Georgia's history since it was the point from which travelers from the North were ferried to the Georgia shore.

The trip was unusually interesting and instructive. The boat passed many

Colonial plantations on the Georgia shore, among them the site of "Mulberry Grove" which was presented to General Nathanael Greene by the State of Georgia in recognition of his services during the Revolutionary war, and where Eli Whitney, a tutor in General Greene's family, invented the cotton gin. Some miles up the river, where jungle swamps flank the river banks, Nature has formed two small islands from the hulls of the American galleys, the "Congress" and the "Lee" sunk here by the British in 1779. Gradually willows and cypresses have grown in the sand which the river has deposited in these hulls, the islands retaining the oval contour of the ships. On the deserted bluff at Purrysburg Mrs. C. C. J. Carpenter read a history of the settlement and an account of President Washington's departure from this point on his visit to Savannah during his Southern tour in May, 1791. A visit was made to the old cemetery, the only reminder of the settlement.

This year, 1929, the Annual Meeting was held in the Society's new home, Colonial Dames House, with a large attendance from the State. At this time, Mrs. Anderson declining re-election, Mrs. Craig Barrow was elected President. For many years she had been very active in historic research and had published a valuable history of Georgia, *Anchored Yesterdays*, and a number of papers on historical subjects. She had served as Corresponding Secretary and for six years as Vice President of the Society.

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## 1929 - 1933

Under Mrs. Barrow's guidance the Society reached a high plane in its cultural life. Many men of letters were invited to address the members on historical and educational subjects, a reference library was started at Colonial Dames House, and a Committee formed on "Historical collections and exhibits."

Georgia Day, February 12, 1930, was celebrated by the unveiling of the handsome bronze tablet placed by the Society on the U. S. Customs House in Savannah to mark the site of the house which Oglethorpe occupied when in Savannah. A bas-relief of the little house appears on the tablet with the following inscription:

"Oglethorpe's House, 1736-1740. On this site stood the house of James Edward Oglethorpe when in Savannah. His home he made in Frederica the better to protect the young Colony. Erected by the Georgia Society of Colonial Dames of America."

Having completed the furnishing of the Whitefield Memorial during the five years following its erection, the Society turned the Chapel over to Bethesda. At the same time the Memorial committee presented a large Bible to the Chapel.

The Dumbarton Fund was started this year. At the suggestion of the Colonial Dames a joint committee on memorials was formed in Savannah of representatives from civic and patriotic societies to insure accuracy in inscriptions placed on historic sites which has been of great benefit to the community.

A loan exhibit of articles of historic interest, illustrating fashions and cus-



toms of the past, was held by the new committee on "Historical Collections and Exhibits."

A Town Committee, on the order of the others in the State, was formed in Savannah. Heretofore all business details and responsibility of raising funds had been vested in the Board, but as the Society had gradually expanded, it was felt that the Savannah members should share in these responsibilities, which the Savannah Town Committee has done with great interest.

The garden in the rear of Colonial Dames House was beautified with flag stone walks and a brick wall and the City donated a large number of flowering shrubs.

The Annual Meeting of 1930 was held in Augusta. A most interesting event was memorialized at this time by the unveiling of a tablet erected by the Augusta Town Committee, on the wall of St. Paul's Church to commemorate the great Congress of five Indian nations held here, at Fort Augusta, in 1763, when seven hundred Indians came to meet the Governors of Georgia, Virginia and North and South Carolina. The congress lasted five days and ended amicably. A solemn treaty of perpetual peace and friendship was agreed upon and signed by all present. The territorial limits of the Indians' hunting grounds were defined and the boundaries of the Colony of Georgia settled, and at the end of the conference Governor Wright of Georgia had a salute fired from the guns of the fort in honor of the Indians. Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar made a most interesting address on this occasion.

Mrs. Holmes Forsyth, National Chairman of Patriotic Service, was an honored guest at this meeting in Augusta, taking part in the presentation of an American flag to the Federal Court. The flag was the gift of the Augusta Town Committee and the presentation was made by Mrs. Bransford, on behalf of the Society, and was followed by an address by Mrs. Forsyth.

Mrs. Bransford and Miss Eugenia Johnston, both former Vice Presidents, who had rendered valuable services to the Society, were elected Honorary Vice Presidents at this meeting.

A beautiful banquet in the evening was followed by a showing of the National Society's slides with an explanatory talk by Mrs. Forsyth. The Historical Essay contest for members was won by Mrs. T. P. Waring, Vice President, with her paper on "Savannah's Earliest Private Schools." Mrs. Samuel Coleman of Macon, the historian, compiled a valuable record of the accomplishments of the Georgia Society, which she read at the meetings entitled—"Thirty-six Years Under Six Presidents."

The celebration of the sesqui-centennial of the death of Brigadier-General Count Casimir Pulaski, who was fatally wounded at the siege of Savannah during the Revolution, was held in Savannah in November, 1930. The Colonial Dames were invited to sponsor the ceremonies held at the Pulaski monument and Mrs. Barrow took a prominent part in the program.

The Colonial Dames House was the centre of many interesting events during the winter of 1931.

Miss Laura Bragg, Director of the Charleston Museum, gave a most inspiring talk in the interest of forming a Georgia history culture museum, an exhibition of Lowestoft china was held, and also one of Indian relics discovered around

Savannah, and Mrs. Mills B. Lane, Chairman of Historic Activities, read a paper on Colonial plantations on the Ogeechee River, showing a map of the location of these places.

The Society commemorated the 161st anniversary of the publication of the first newspaper in the Colony, the Georgia Gazette, by placing a bronze tablet on the site of the Colonial printing office of James Johnston, Founder of the Georgia Gazette and Printer of the Laws and Paper Currency of the Province. The tablet was unveiled by a lineal descendant of James Johnston and addresses were made by prominent newspaper men, among them Julian Harris, son of Joel Chandler Harris.

A bronze tablet giving a short history of the Colonial Dames House was placed on the iron gate of the front garden.

The Patriotic Service committee made a collection of seventy-two photographs for the Illustrated Outline of Georgia History.

At the Annual Meeting, held in Savannah, Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar made an address on "Our Share in the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington."

Mrs. Lamar made a most valuable gift to the library, presenting twenty-three volumes of the Colonial Records of Georgia which had belonged to the late Justice Lamar.

The Historian, Mrs. Coleman, read a most interesting paper entitled "Some Early Georgia Money Matters." Mrs. Coleman also won the Society's Prize for the best historical essay, the subject being "A Sketch of Georgia's Early Religious History."

A beautiful new flag of the National Society was presented by Mrs. E. T. Comer.

At the close of the meeting a pilgrimage was made to the Colonial town of Dorchester in Liberty County. In the original church, built after 1752. Miss Ruth Blair, State Historian and Director of the Department of Archives and History, gave a talk on the history of the County. Communion silver of 1784 from three Congregational churches was shown.

Mrs. George M. Brown entertained the members at a luncheon at her country home on Colonels' Island near Dorchester.

In the evening a presentation of daguerrotypes, posed by descendants of the originals, was given at the Town Theatre on the river front, after which Mr. Robert Whitelaw of the Charleston Museum gave a talk and exhibited one of his Culture History groups.

During the winter of 1932 programs appropriate to the celebration of the George Washington Bicentennial were arranged and two Magnolia grandiflora trees were planted in front of the Dames House.

The Society presented Paul Wiltach in his illustrated lecture on Tidewater Virginia, the Committee entertaining him at dinner at the Colonial Dames House.

In conjunction with the Society of Colonial Wars, the Colonial Dames presented the author Amos Ettinger in an address on "The Latter Years of Oglethorpe."

This year the Annual Meeting was held in Athens, the University City, the

Chancellor, Dr. S. V. Sanford welcoming the members in beautiful Memorial Hall. A tree planting was held on the Campus in memory of the late Chancellor, David Barrow, and a delightful reception was given to meet the Faculty of the University.

The Historic Activities committee arranged another interesting and enjoyable pilgrimage for the members when an excursion was made to historic Fort Pulaski on Cockspur Island, near the mouth of the Savannah river. The trip was made by water, the members landing at Quarantine Station and walking through groves of palmettoes, cedars, myrtle and bay to the ruined fort. It was on this island that John Wesley first set foot on Georgia soil and knelt to give thanks for a safe journey across the ocean. Cockspur Island was the point of debarkation for Georgia colonists from 1735 through the Colonial period.

It was the site of Colonial Fort George, 1761 to 1776 where the stamped paper for the Stamp Act was stored to prevent its seizure by the Sons of Liberty. Later Fort Greene stood on the same site, 1794 to 1804, when it was destroyed by a great hurricane.

Fort Pulaski, designed by Brigadier General Simon Bernard, former general of France under Napoleon, was begun in 1829, with Lieutenant Robert E. Lee as one of the topographical engineers—his first assignment after graduating from West Point. Many of his letters written from this post to Savannah friends are cherished by our members.

It required 26 years to build the fort and the brick masonry was of the highest development in harbor fortifications. During the War Between the States it was occupied by Georgia troops and considered impregnable, but the long range rifled cannon, used for the first time in warfare by the Federal troops stationed on Tybee Island, soon made a breach in the walls and the fort surrendered after a bombardment of 30 hours. Here, among the crumbling vineclad ramparts and the silent evidences of the past, the members listened to an account of the fort's history.

Since that time Fort Pulaski has been restored by the Government and is now a National Park and Bird Sanctuary. Subtropical plants and shrubs add a softening touch to the grim walls, and water flows once more in the moat.

On February 25, 1932, Mr. Louis Hertle, the owner of Gunston Hall, home of George Mason, author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, gave a deed, giving title to the Gunston Hall estate of 550 acres to the Commonwealth of Virginia with the management vested in a Board of Regents to be named by the National Society of the Colonial Dames. Mr. Hertle is the life tenant and the National Society Regents are the future custodians of this beautiful old house with its wonderful wood carving and historic boxwood walk. The house was built about 1750 from George Mason's own design, on the Potomac River, and is one of the most interesting estates in Old Virginia.

It is to be maintained as a perpetual memorial to George Mason, as well as to the memory of Mr. Hertle's wife, a loyal member of the Illinois Society of the Colonial Dames. Mrs. Craig Barrow was appointed the first Regent from Georgia.

Georgia's Bicentennial year, 1933, was a memorable one for our Society



which took a very active part in the celebration of the founding of Georgia by James Oglethorpe in 1733.

The President, Mrs. Barrow, was made Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Georgia Bicentennial Commission to promote Statewide celebrations of the anniversary, and the Georgia Society of the Colonial Dames was the first to subscribe \$250.00 toward the Commission's committee of two hundred patrons.

Sunday, February 12, being the anniversary of the landing at Savannah of Oglethorpe and the Colonists, the Society sponsored a very beautiful commemorative service at Christ Church for which a special liturgical service was arranged by Bishop Reese of Georgia. The form of this service, which included hymns by Charles Wesley, was sent throughout the State in order that all churches might participate in this celebration.

Christ Church, built on the site chosen for it in 1733, was filled with a distinguished assembly of invited guests which included the President of the National Society, Mrs. James P. Andrews, the National Honorary President, Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar, Mrs. William Manning, President of the Florida Society, and officers and members of the State Bicentennial Commission, representatives of the Army and Navy, military organizations, patriotic societies and foreign countries, Episcopal Bishops and Clergy, Boy and Girl Scouts, the Bethesda boys and many religious denominations.

The interior of this historic church, of which John Wesley and George Whitefield were once Rectors, presented an imposing sight. Flags of the Colonial and Revolutionary periods and of the various nations which played a part in the settling of Georgia, with others of historic significance, were hung from the galleries, and eight acolytes in red cassocks, carrying flags of the patriotic societies, preceded by the Crucifier, led the vested choir of St. John's Church.

Upon reaching the Chancel the flags were placed in standards on either side of the Altar, the American flag being held aloft while the Salute to the Flag was recited. Bishop Reese and Dr. David Cady Wright, Rector of the Church, conducted the service, the speaker for the occasion being Mrs. James P. Andrews, who gave an inspiring address on 'The Faith of our Fathers.'

Just previous to the Commemorative service the Dames were special guests of the Society of Colonial Wars at the unveiling ceremonies of a sundial in Johnson Square, erected in memory of Governor William Bull of South Carolina who assisted Oglethorpe in laying out the city of Savannah, and to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Georgia. A sun dial stood in this Square in Colonial days.

A beautiful dinner was given by Dr. and Mrs. Craig Barrow at Colonial Dames House in honor of Mrs. Andrews, and the Society gave an evening reception at the House for Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Lamar. Many other delightful social affairs were enjoyed, among them a luncheon given by Mrs. Myrick, Recording Secretary, a reception at Wormsloe given in honor of the Georgia Bicentennial Commission by Mr. and Mrs. DeRenne, a reception at Mrs. Mel-drim's, and many more.

The Georgia Society's permanent contribution to the Bicentennial was the publication of *Georgia: A Pageant of Years*, a history in the form of a date book, compiled by four members of the Society—Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Mrs.

Craig Barrow, Mrs. Frank Buchanan Screven, and Mrs. Thomas Pinckney Waring. The book consists of the main events of Georgia's history, given chronologically and in condensed form, from Ponce de Leon's discovery of Florida in 1513 to the date of the celebration of the Bicentennial service in 1933. The dedication of the book is: "To Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar, a distinguished Georgian, in recognition of her splendid accomplishments and her inspiring leadership in the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America."

During the year the Town Committees carried out Bicentennial celebrations throughout the State.

The Augusta Town Committee held a memorial service in St. Paul's Church, founded in 1740, to commemorate the unveiling, thirty-two years ago, of the Celtic Cross erected by the Society on the site of Fort Augusta, adjacent to the Church. As their share in a charitable performance, the Augusta Dames decorated a dinner table as nearly as possible duplicating the banquet table at the Planters' Hotel where a dinner was given to General LaFayette in 1825. Many of the articles used on the original table were there—among them crystal candelabra, a silver epergne, a damask banquet cloth woven in biblical scenes, a blue and white china bowl, and a silver cream pitcher and sugar dish.

The Annual Meeting of 1933 was held in Savannah, in April, at the time of the presentation, by the Bicentennial Commission, of a very wonderful pageant depicting the history of Georgia.

The Colonial Dames, with the Honorary Vice President, Miss Eugenia Johnston as Chairman, sponsored a very colorful episode which represented the landing of Oglethorpe and the Colonists and the welcome extended them by the Indian Chief, Tomochichi and his warriors.

An interesting talk was given during the meeting by the State Librarian, Miss Ella May Thornton, on the books in the State Library pertaining to Georgia history.

After the first session luncheon was served at small tables under gaily colored umbrellas in the garden of Colonial Dames House, and the following day the Savannah Town Committee gave a luncheon at Mrs. Malcolm Maclean's country home at the Isle of Hope. From there a pilgrimage was made to Bethesda where Mrs. A. R. Lawton gave a talk in the Chapel on "Whitefield at Bethesda," after which the boys served tea to the visitors.

An evening reception was given by the Society in honor of Mrs. Lamar at the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences, Mrs. Lamar giving an address of absorbing interest on "The Thirteenth Colony."

The announcement of Mrs. Barrow's appointment as a Regent of Gunston Hall was received with great pleasure by the members. Sincere regret was felt when Mrs. Barrow, President for the past four years, declined re-election. Her unfailing interest and zeal in promoting the objects of the Society and raising it to a high plane of accomplishments, had been noteworthy.

Mrs. Thomas Pinckney Waring, who had been closely associated with Mrs. Barrow as Vice President and whose ability and experience in educational and civic work were well established throughout the State, was elected President.

At the Adjournment of the session the Dames marched in a body to Chippewa Square where a handsome wreath, given by the City, was placed on

Oglethorpe's monument at the request of the Mayor, thus bringing to a close the celebration of the founding of the Colony.

The Society sponsored a Hucksters' Calling contest in Savannah during the city's Springtime Activities, feeling that this old custom of the Negroes calling their wares should be preserved. Prizes were presented for the most musical and original cries, and for the most picturesque figure.

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## 1933 - 1937

The committee on Historical Collections and Exhibits established a permanent exhibit relating to the history of Georgia in one of the rooms of Colonial Dames House. Many interesting relics, maps, documents, costumes, etc., have been donated as the beginning of a museum.

Slides of the South Carolina and Florida Societies were shown by the Patriotic Service Committee when Mrs. Manning, President of the Florida Society was the Guest of the Georgia Society.

The Historic Activities committee began its investigations to authenticate the origin of the tabby ruins along the Georgia coast which of recent years have become nationally known. Whether they are the ruins of sugar houses of the planters of the early nineteenth century or the remains of the Spanish Missions of the sixteenth and seventeenth century is the question that the Georgia Society is seeking to decide through scientific investigation.

The President and the committee met with the Georgia Archaeological Society, the State Park Commission and the Archaeological department of Stetson University to discuss the question. Dr. E. Merton Coulter, of the University of Georgia, made an interesting talk on these ruins at one of the afternoon programs at Colonial Dames House.

The Annual Meeting was held in Columbus in 1934, and excursions were made to Georgia Hall at Warm Springs and to Fort Benning.

The Society contributed to Stratford, and the work of raising Georgia's share of the Dumbarton fund was continued.

The President, Mrs. Waring, having visited seven of the ten Town Committees during the year, suggested the advisability of holding a yearly Round Table Conference of the Chairmen of these committees. The plan was immediately adopted and an invitation was extended by Atlanta to hold the first Conference there. This invitation was accepted and these annual meetings have proved most beneficial.

The Patriotic Service prize for the best essay on "Peace, the aim of the true patriot" was won by an eleven year old girl of Brunswick.

The marker which had originally been placed on the river side of the fort at Frederica was this year moved to the front, and another marker, supplementing the information on the old marker, was placed at the entrance to the grounds.

In 1935 an executive committee of five members was formed to advise with the President in case of any emergency that might occur between Board meet-

ings, and a paid secretary was employed at the House to handle the increasing correspondence of the officers.

An appeal was sent to each member to round out Georgia's share of \$9,570.00 for the Dumbarton Endowment fund. This appeal received a ready response and, with Mrs. Lamar's gift of furniture, which she kindly accredited to Georgia, the amount was completed.

The Society of Colonial Wars held their Annual Court at Colonial Dames House in February of this year when their guest speaker, Dr. John Tate Lanning of Duke University, made an address on "The Spanish Occupation of Georgia." The Colonial Dames were invited to hear this interesting talk and entertained the members of the two societies with a buffet supper at the conclusion of the meeting.

A pilgrimage was made, under the auspices of the Historic Activities committee, to the site and private burying ground of the Colonial plantation of Rockingham, near Savannah. This was a crown grant, the deed to which was presented to the Society by Mrs. Shelby Myrick. It was decided to make certain repairs to the little graveyard which was found to be deserted and mostly in ruins.

The Society sold 500 copies of Mrs. Lamar's History of the National Society. A list of books and publications by the members, as well as publications by the Society, was compiled for the National Society.

The yearly scholarship for a mountain girl at Tallulah Falls School was continued and boxes sent to the little girl at Christmas and Easter by the various Town Committees.

Pursuing their efforts to identify the tabby ruins on the coast, the Historic Activities Committee invited a group of five men, scholars, teachers, and writers of history, to study reports of archaeologists and make an inspection of the ruins as guests of the Society.

A second Hucksters' Calling contest was sponsored by the Society and prize awarded.

The Charter of the Society was renewed as of 1934, for twenty years.

For some years, at the suggestion of the Historic Activities Committee, the Society had planned to erect a memorial at Darien to the Scotch Highlanders who settled there in 1736, and at the Annual Meeting at Savannah in 1935 it was voted to carry this plan into effect the following year, when the Bicentennial of Darien would be celebrated.

At this meeting two members from Atlanta, Mrs. George Winship and Mrs. Bates Block, presented the Society with a miniature of Mrs. Lamar and a copy of a portrait of Anne Graham, the daughter of John Graham, a Lieutenant Governor of Colonial Georgia, 1781. These portraits, with a pair of handsome vases presented by the Atlanta Town Committee, were placed on the mantel of the front drawing room and unveiled with appropriate ceremonies.

The speaker at the Annual dinner was Dr. Philip Davidson, head of the department of history of Agnes Scott College, who spoke on the part played by Loyalists in the American Revolution.

The Patriotic Service committee reported that 22 slides of the Indian mounds near Macon had been added to the Historical Outline of Georgia, as

a prologue to the State's history, and that a map contest had been held in the schools for the filling in of Indian trails and historic sites, with prizes given. The Committee also organized soup kitchens for undernourished school children.

A visit to the restored Fort Pulaski, a reception by the President at Colonial Dames House, and a recital by Samuel Stoney, of Charleston, of his amusing "Gullah" stories were enjoyed by the Society.

Among the speakers during the winter were: Dr. John Donald Wade, of the University of Georgia, who spoke on "Southern Opinion in the 1880's"; Dr. C. C. Harold, President of the Society for Georgia Archaeology, who made an interesting talk on the recent excavations of Indian mounds near Macon, exhibiting slides of the mounds; and Dr. J. G. de Rouillac Hamilton of the University of North Carolina speaking on "The Need of the Preservation of Southern History Material."

The Georgia Society was honored by the National Society when Mrs. Clarence Anderson, a Past President of the Georgia Society, was elected second Vice President of the National Society in May, 1935.

In the autumn of this year Mrs. Waring and several of the Officers were guests of the Augusta Town Committee for the annual Round Table Conference of Town Chairmen. The meeting was held in the hospitable home of the Honorary Vice President, Mrs. John F. Bransford and the visitors were charmingly entertained by the Augusta Dames.

The winter of 1936 was opened by the Society with a patriotic service at Whitefield Chapel at Bethesda, which has been made an annual event. The Chapel was filled with the members and the Bethesda boys who sang the hymns selected from those written by Charles Wesley, and others of a patriotic nature, and, listened to interesting historical addresses made by the Rectors of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Church of the Ascension.

The Society was honored by a visit from the National President, Mrs. Joseph B. Hutchinson, who came to Savannah in April and charmed all by her gracious personality. A reception at the House and other entertainment were given for her during her short stay.

Two other distinguished guests of the Society this year were Miss Louise Zabriskie, National Chairman of the Patriotic Service Committee, and Mrs. H. H. Pease, Vice Chairman, who accepted the invitation of the Georgia Society to come to Savannah and speak on the work of the National Committee. Interesting talks were made by both when the members gathered at the House to greet them.

For the historical pageant which was given to celebrate the Bicentennial of Augusta, the Augusta Town Committee presented the episode depicting Oglethorpe's visit to Fort Augusta as peacemaker between the Indians and traders. The Committee also restored the cemetery of New Savannah, on Savannah river bank near Augusta, which dates from 1733. The grave stones were reset and a low brick wall was built around the plot of ground and evergreens planted there.

Recognizing the contribution of Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar to the National Society in having been the inspiration for Dumbarton House for which she, as Chairman, had worked so long and successfully, the Georgia Society commis-

sioned the distinguished artist, Hilda Belcher, N. A., to paint Mrs. Lamar's portrait. This was appropriately framed and presented to the National Society for Dumbarton House as a gift from the members of the Georgia Society who hold Mrs. Lamar in such deep affection. It is now hanging in the Library of Dumbarton House for which it was especially designed.

A number of interesting programs were arranged by the Standing Committees this year. An exhibition of 51 miniatures, executed prior to 1840, was held when Miss Alice Huger-Smith of Charleston, gave a very instructive talk on the subject. She was accompanied by Miss Anna Rutledge, who identified the artists of many miniatures shown. Another exhibition was of old prints, with an explanatory talk. As usual, the Hospitality Committee entertained in honor of visiting Dames from other States, and on this occasion old costumes were exhibited by young girls who were able to squeeze into the tight-fitting ancestral dresses.

Judge A. R. MacDonell, President of the St. Andrew's Society of Savannah, gave a very interesting talk on the Scotch Highlanders, which the members of the Society of Colonial Wars and the St. Andrew's Society were invited to hear.

Five hundred interesting old letters and many old deeds were presented to the Society by members. Town Committees made a number of pilgrimages to historic sites in the State.

In order that the members might attend the unveiling of the monument to the Scotch Highlanders jointly erected at Darien by the Colonial Dames, the St. Andrew's Society of Savannah, and the Society of Colonial Wars, the postponed Annual Meeting of 1936 was held at Sea Island Beach, which is conveniently near Darien.

The unveiling ceremonies, arranged by the Historic Activities Committee, were unusually impressive and interesting. They were attended by descendants of the Highlanders, members of the three societies, representatives of patriotic and historical organizations, and many other distinguished guests.

The city of Darien gave a triangular lot under magnificent moss-draped live oaks as the site for the monument, and this little park will be called "New Inverness Place" to commemorate the name first given by the Highlanders to the settlement.

The orator of the day was Col. G. Arthur Gordon, a son of the Founder of the Georgia Colonial Dames and a member of both the St. Andrew's Society and the Colonial Wars, who gave a masterly address on "The Arrival of the Scotch Highlanders at Darien." Other interesting addresses were made by the Presidents of the three societies, followed by a delightful and informal talk by Dr. McKenzie on the music written for the bag-pipes.

The beautiful monument, designed by the noted sculptor, Dr. R. Tait McKenzie of Philadelphia, is of pink Georgia marble with a panel of gold bronze showing the characteristic organization of a Highland band, with eight pipers, four small drums and great drums. The panel is adapted from Dr. McKenzie's Scottish-American War Memorial in Edinburgh, Scotland, and this section of marching figures he calls "the pipes of war." The Cherokee rose of Georgia and the thistle of Scotland appear on the monument. Young John Mohr McIntosh, a descendant of one of the leaders of these settlers, in Highland



costume, unveiled the monument, which was draped with the American and the St. Andrew flags. The inscription reads:

"To the Highlanders of Scotland who founded New Inverness 1736. Their valor defended the struggling Colony from the Spanish Invasion, their ideals, traditions and culture enriched the land of their adoption."

The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia sent a handsome wreath of ivy leaves which was placed at the foot of the monument by Mrs. McKenzie.

Mrs. William S. Manning, President, and Mrs. Richard Daniel, Historian of the Florida Society of Colonial Dames, attended the Annual Meeting, adding much interest to the sessions.

Following the Annual Dinner, the negro spiritual Singers of St. Simon's Island, grouped in the Patio of the Cloister Hotel, delighted the guests with their characteristic melodies.

Two new Town Committees, Milledgeville and Thomasville, which had been organized during the year, were accepted and welcomed to the Society.

The Patriotic Service Committee reported having distributed copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence to school children, C.C.C. Camps and new citizens, and presented a map showing the ancient Indian trails of Georgia compiled by Dr. Swanton of the Smithsonian.

The purchase by the Society from an old Savannah residence of two beautiful crystal chandeliers for the parlors of Colonial Dames House has added greatly to the appearance of the rooms.

The annual patriotic service was held in October 1936, in Whitefield Memorial Chapel with Bishop Barnwell in charge. The President, Mrs. Waring, made an address and the Bethesda boys furnished the music.

At the invitation of the Mayor of Savannah, the Colonial Dames, on October twenty-ninth, took charge of the unveiling of a bronze tablet marking the site of the first public filature in America, erected in 1753, where silk grown in the Colony was reeled.

The tablet, furnished by the W.P.A. and cast at the Georgia School of Technology, was unveiled by little Eudora DeRenne, a descendant of Noble Jones whose plantation, Wormsloe, furnished much of the colony's raw silk. Mrs. Clarence Anderson gave a history of the filature and Mayor Thomas Gamble responded, accepting the tablet for the city.

The Annual Round Table Conference of Town Committee Chairmen was held in Columbus on November fifth.

In January, 1937, the Society had the great pleasure of a visit from the National President, Mrs. Joseph B. Hutchinson, in whose honor an evening reception was given at Colonial Dames House and a morning meeting held when Mrs. Hutchinson spoke to the members on the work of the National Society and gave an interesting account of her visits to the various corporate societies.

A number of interesting program meetings were held at the House during the winter. In observance of the sesqui-centennial of the adoption of the Constitution, the Patriotic Service Committee presented Mr. A. A. Lawrence who gave an illuminating talk on the Constitution.

For the Historic Activities Committee Mrs. Wayne Patterson spoke on Archaeology, showing slides of the discoveries made in the Indian mounds near

Macon. The Library committee gave an evening reception in honor of Mr. W. T. Couch, Director of the University of North Carolina Press, who made an address on "History and Patriotism."

The Committee on Gifts and Loans presented Miss Dorothy Mills of Jacksonville who gave a talk on "Heraldry."

During Lent the Society gave the use of the House to the Junior League for cultural lectures and exhibits.

Mrs. Marmaduke Floyd read a paper on "Chekilli's Legend and the Diplomacy of Oglethorpe" for the committee on Historical Collections and Exhibits. The season ended with the usual garden party given by the Garden Committee and the Hospitality Committee, when reports of the Biennial Council were heard.

In February the members of the Society were distressed to learn that their President, Mrs. Waring, would be obliged to leave for the west with an ill daughter. A leave of absence was granted her and Mrs. John Train, Vice President, took over the duties of the President, filling the office most capably.

The group of scholars who had made a tour of investigation of the tabby ruins on the coast advised that the preponderance of the evidence that they had been able to obtain "pointed to the origin of the ruins as going no further back than the beginning of the nineteenth century" and recommended the publication of three articles on the subject written by investigators and archaeologists. Therefore, in March, 1937, under the auspices of the Society and through the Historic Activities Committee, the three articles were published under the title of *Georgia's Disputed Ruins* by the University of North Carolina Press. The book was edited by Dr. E. Merton Coulter and contained interesting illustrations. This publication has aroused great interest and has been heartily commended as an earnest effort to arrive at the truth of the origin of these picturesque ruins.

The Society endorsed the project of excavating the Indian mound, near Savannah, which was thought to be the site of "Irene" where a school house for Indian children was established by the Moravians in 1735. Several members contributed generously to this work.

The Annual Meeting of 1937 was held in Macon, Mrs. Train presiding in the absence of Mrs. Waring. At the annual dinner John Temple Graves II made a most eloquent and timely address on "The Romance of the South," and Mrs. Walter Lamar gave recitations of the beautiful poems of the Georgia poet, Sidney Lanier, accompanied by a symphony orchestra from Wesleyan College.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the unveiling of a granite boulder, erected by the Macon Town Committee, on the site of Oglethorpe's camping ground on the banks of the Ocmulgee river where he spent the night when he journeyed to a great council of Indian tribes held at Coweta Town on the Chattahoochee river. Oglethorpe made the journey with only a few servants and pack horses to carry presents to the Indians and General Walter Harris, in his address, made this brave adventure in the wilderness very vivid to his listeners.

Mrs. Waring declined re-election and Mrs. A. Leopold Alexander was elected President at this meeting. Mrs. Alexander came to her office with many years of experience in the work of the Society, having served as Recording



Secretary for five years, as Chairman of the Savannah Town Committee for two years, and has done excellent work on many important committees.

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## 1937 - 1939

When the Round Table Conference was held in Marietta in October, 1937, plans were made for the participation of the Town Committees in the celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial of the ratification of the American Constitution. Slides of "Old Philadelphia" were shown throughout the State with pageants, tree plantings, addresses on some phases of the Constitution and prizes given for school essays on Georgia's part in making the Constitution. In one of the North Georgia schools one hundred and fifty-six pupils contested.

The Society contributed to the bronze tablet containing the names of the signers of the Constitution which was unveiled at Dumbarton House in May, 1938. A duplicate set of the Georgia slides was sent to Dumbarton, and this year a Washington Committee of Georgia Dames was formed there.

A new Georgia Register was published and dedicated to Mrs. Anton Wright in appreciation of her eighteen years of fine service as Registrar of the Society. The Colonial Dames House was loaned to the National Girl Scouts of America for their convention in 1937.

The excavations made by the W.P.A. of the Indian Mound near Savannah were of great historical value to our Society since they proved to be the site of "Irene," the Moravian Mission School for Indian children, established in 1735. A remnant of the foundation wall of the school was discovered on the mound. Dr. Vladimir Fewkes made a talk on the historical significance of this site, long lost to Georgia's history, and a permanent loan of material from Irene Mound, consisting of Indian relics and articles of Colonial interest, was given to our Museum.

Several handsome gifts for Colonial Dames House were received from members—a silver chafing dish, over one hundred years old, was presented by Mrs. Bransford of Augusta and a pair of crystal candelabra by Mrs. Bates Block of Atlanta—for the Museum, a pair of spectacles worn by Abraham Jarvis, second Bishop of Connecticut in 1779. A three-panel screen was given by Mrs. A. L. Alexander and an antique china compote by Miss Phoebe Elliott. A very beautiful rose-wood square piano, over a hundred years old, was presented by a former resident of Savannah, Mrs. Augustus P. Brandt of London, England.

In March the Hospitality Committee entertained with a "Welcome Tea" in honor of our former President, Mrs. Waring, who had returned from Denver for a short visit to Savannah.

Many books were collected throughout the State for local libraries and newly established Negro and traveling libraries.

The 1938 Annual Meeting was held in the Gold Room of the DeSoto Hotel in Savannah with Mrs. Alexander presiding. Following the Annual Dinner in the Ball Room a series of tableaux was presented depicting the story of "Les Fleurs Annimees," from an old French volume.

The Round Table Conference was held in Athens in November, 1938.

The President's New Year reception was held at the House in January, 1939.

The Program Afternoons were continued in Savannah with a talk by Dr. J. de Roulhac Hamilton, of the University of North Carolina, on "Period Museums," a paper by Mrs. Paschal Strong on "The Turn of the Century," and a display of daguerreotypes. The garden at Colonial Dames House was restored as nearly as possible to the original Victorian pattern, with suitable flowers and shrubs.

The Society contributed twenty-five dollars to the "Society for the Preservation of Savannah Landmarks," and members contributed to the Stratford Endowment Fund.

A history of the Georgia Society, from 1893 to 1937, compiled by Mrs. Clarence Anderson, was published this year.

A bronze tablet was placed in the entrance hall of Colonial Dames House in memory of Mrs. George M. Brown of Atlanta whose death occurred in December, 1937. Her enthusiastic efforts, as Chairman of the Committee to secure Headquarters for the Society, had made possible the purchase of the Low House in 1928. A substantial building, formerly the stable of the Low family, situated at the rear of the garden of Colonial Dames House, had been bequeathed by Mrs. Low to the Savannah Girl Scout Council as its headquarters. In 1939 the Society deeded an adjoining building to the Scouts to be used as a Memorial Museum to Mrs. Low, founder of the Girl Scouts—if not used as a museum the building is to be returned to the Society. The brick wall between the garden and Scout Headquarters was fixed as the boundary line. This agreement was ratified in 1940 at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta in 1939, Mrs. Alexander presiding. A perpetual scholarship, named for Mrs. Peter W. Meldrim, was established by the Society at Tallulah Falls School, and a second scholarship was started there. A Town Committee was formed in Americus. The Augusta Committee reported the unveiling of a bronze tablet in the Richmond County Court House on which were inscribed the names of the Georgia delegates and signers of the Ordinance of Ratification which took place on January 2nd, 1788. An exhibit of antique jewelry was held in Augusta during the winter. The Patriotic Service Committee inaugurated audio-visual education through the medium of slides throughout the State. American flags were given to schools and at the C.C.C. Camps reading matter and games were given, and to encourage gardening, plantings of bulbs and shrubs were contributed. A living Christmas tree was planted by the members in Waycross to beautify the grounds of a new Negro high school which had been named by the Negroes in honor of Mrs. J. L. Walker, in appreciation of her work among their race. An eloquent patriotic address was made by Judge Stirling Price Gilbert following the Annual Dinner in Atlanta.

Among the gifts presented to Colonial Dames House during the year was a handsome four-poster bed from Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar, a silver centerpiece for the dining-room table from the Albany Town Committee, and an early American silver tray presented by Miss Edith Johnston in memory of her sister

Eugenia Johnston, a beloved member and Honorary Vice-President of the Society, who died in 1938. The tray had been presented to Miss Johnston's parents on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1857. Mrs. Harvey Granger presented a beautiful damask banquet tablecloth and a dozen napkins.

The Round Table Conference was held in Waycross on October 19th, 1939.

To the regrets of the members, Mrs. Alexander was obliged to retire as President, owing to ill health. She was succeeded by Mrs. W. Walter Doulgas, an outstanding and experienced member.

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## 1939 - 1941

The Society was honored by a visit from the National President Mrs. Joseph B. Hutchinson, at the time of the Annual Meeting, held in Savannah in April, 1940, with Mrs. Douglas presiding. Another distinguished guest at this time was Mrs. Richard Daniel, President of the Florida Society. Many entertainments were given in honor of these visitors. Mrs. Hutchinson charmed every one by her gracious personality and interesting address at the Annual Dinner.

Mrs. S. V. Sanford, State Chairman of the Patriotic Service Committee, arranged a very beautiful pageant of "The Romance of the Flags," which was presented following the dinner. Mrs. Sanford had selected over forty flags used in America from the time of the Vikings to the present Stars and Stripes. Small replicas depicting these flags were hand-painted by the Fine Arts Department of the University of Georgia.

An excursion was made to Fort McAllister which is situated on the Henry Ford plantation in Bryan County and recently restored by Mr. Ford. This Confederate fort on the banks of the Great Ogeechee River twenty-six miles south of Savannah, constructed in 1861, withstood numerous attacks by Federal gunboats and was finally captured (though it never surrendered) from the land side, in 1864, by Sherman's troops.

The Historic Activities Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank F. Jones, issued a "Pictorial Index" showing examples of early houses in Georgia which created much interest throughout the State. Lectures on Georgia traditions in American architecture were given by prominent architects, field trips made to old houses and study classes held, with exhibits in various Georgia cities.

Interesting talks were made during the winter at Colonial Dames House, including "Trends in Savannah Architecture" by Walter Hartridge, and "Early Architecture of the Coast Country" by Sam G. Stoney, "Collection of Old Letters, Dating from 1772" by Mrs. Franklin Screven, and "Savannah's Old Iron Work" by Morton Levy, Savannah architect.

Town Committees presented markers for the De Soto Trail through Georgia in celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Mississippi River by De Soto. Prizes were given for school essays on this subject. A large wooden replica of the map of Georgia showing De Soto's trail and the site of Indian towns, flanked by the flags of Leon and Castile, was displayed

at the Annual Meeting. Mrs. Wayne Patterson, member of the National De Soto Celebration Committee, presented decorative maps of the De Soto route and delightful favors, all in the spirit of the De Soto celebration, which gave a festive air to the dinner. The De Soto Committee presented an elaborate pageant in Columbus, called "The Romance of Hernando De Soto."

The Society passed a resolution to present a bill in the Georgia Legislature to authorize the publication of the sixteen volumes of the unpublished Colonial Records of Georgia.

A most appreciated gift to the House this year was the presentation by Mrs. Charles H. Rieman of Baltimore, National Chairman of "Publications of the National Society," of two Rembrandt Peale portraits of her grandparents, William Taylor, 1768-1832, and his wife Mary Elizabeth Miller, 1774-1825. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were residents of Savannah in the early nineteenth century and were prominently identified with the activities of the city. Mrs. Taylor interested herself in the Bethesda Orphan House and in 1801 brought the girl orphans into Savannah, establishing the "Savannah Female Orphan Asylum," so it is most appropriate that they should be represented in this city.

A resolution offered by the Gifts and Loans Committee, that a definite plan for furnishing the Colonial Dames House be adopted, that Town Committees be asked to contribute towards a general fund for the purchase of these things or contribute some specific thing approved by the Committee, or money for purchase of the same, was carried.

At the request of the Society the Square in front of the House was beautified by the Park and Tree Commission.

One hundred dollars was given by the Society for the painting of Whitefield Chapel at Bethesda and five hundred dollars for repairs on Colonial Dames House.

The Macon Town Committee presented a beautiful silver service and tray as a memorial to Olive Swan Porter, a member, given by her husband James Hyde Porter. Macon also gave a painting of the Jere Cole house, an interesting Macon landmark, built in 1831.

Mrs. Henry Pease of the National Patriotic Service Committee visited Savannah and gave an illuminating talk on the Navajo Indian Nursing Service. Mrs. Waring returned to make her home in Savannah in October and was honored with a reception by the Society. The Thomasville Committee reported having secured a splendid collection of historical data, with family and Bible records, deeds, and original land grants.

Owing to a change in the Coastal Highway at Darien, the Highland Monument was moved a few feet from the original location, this work being undertaken by the Society. Corrections were made in the wording of the highway marker on the road leading to the ruins of old sugar houses of the early nineteenth century, near Darien, which had formerly been called Spanish Missions.

"The Romance of the Flags" was presented by the boys of Bethesda Orphanage at the Annual Patriotic Service in the Whitefield Memorial Chapel, in October, 1940.

The Round Table Conference was held in Albany this year.

The Annual Meeting was held in 1941 at Augusta, when Judge Price Gilbert

spoke to the members of the plan to establish a National Park at Frederica.

An impressive out-door service was held in Saint Paul's churchyard before the Celtic cross which the Society had erected in 1901, to mark the site of Colonial Fort Augusta, built in 1736.

At the Annual Dinner the President, Mrs. Walter Doulgas, made a most eloquent and timely address on our patriotic duties in this time of stress and war.

Activity this year was centered in all phases of war work with every Town Committee working for the Red Cross, British War Relief, Patriotic Service and National Defense.

Three ambulances, with money for a fourth, were donated to the British-American Ambulance Corps through the generosity of our members. The Society's ambulance was sent to England, that of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Macon, to Greece, and the one given by Mr. James Porter of Macon, to Africa for desert service.

Many handsome gifts were presented to the House this year, chief among them being the legacy of furniture from Mrs. John F. Bransford, our Honorary Vice President, whose death occurred in December, 1938. This generous gift consisted of a dining-room table, sideboard, glass cabinet, fourteen chairs, two large mirrors and two folio volumes of Boydell's Shakespeare, bound in tooled leather, with book rack container. Mrs. Price Gilbert presented a dozen National Society Golden Jubilee plates. The Savannah members of the Historic Activities Committee gave a silver bowl in memory of Miss Phoebe Elliott, a loved member, whose death occurred in 1941. A pair of old Sheffield wine coolers was presented by Mr. Logan Lewis in memory of his mother, Mrs. Julian S. Lewis of Macon. Mrs. James Osgood Wynne of Atlanta, gave a steel engraving of General Oglethorpe, from the Fontaine-Weyman library, for the Museum. Mrs. Torian, President of the Indiana Society, presented a handsome hand-knitted bedspread made by her mother, Mrs. Telfair Hodgson, of the well known Savannah family. Mrs. Bernard Wolff of Atlanta contributed a letter from President John Adams, dated July 20th, 1788, written to the young men of Augusta in reply to a protest against the incursions of France upon American commerce. A copy of the Jones County records was given by Mrs. Reginald Hatcher of Milledgeville.

A contribution was made by the Society toward the Jubilee Fund of the National Society.

Mrs. Clarence Anderson, President from 1923 to 1929, was elected an Honorary President of the Georgia Society at this meeting in Augusta.

Town Committees reported study courses in Colonial architecture and plans to preserve building by photographs and records, with a short history attached to each. Duplicates of these, in loose-leaf folders, were later presented to the Society.

An improvement to our property was the addition of two lovely iron grill work gates, replacing the old wooden ones, in the brick wall surrounding the rear garden of Colonial Dames House.

The Historic Activities Committee met in March, 1941, with Mrs. Frank Jones, State Chairman, in her charming old house at Clinton, near Macon. It



*was a great sorrow to the Society to learn of the destruction by fire shortly afterwards of this beautiful example of early American architecture with its unique furnishings.*

A work room in the basement of Colonial Dames House was opened twice weekly where the members turned out hundreds of garments for the Red Cross.

Mrs. Walter Douglas retired as President in 1941 after two years of constructive and untiring service to the Society.

Mrs. Shelby Myrick, who had served as Recording Secretary and Historian, was elected President and represented the Georgia Society at the Golden Jubilee of the National Society in 1941.

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## 1941 - 1944

In November, 1941, Mrs. Ethelbert Ide Low, National President, was entertained by the Society in Savannah. In her talk at the Colonial Dames House she told of the varied extent of the war relief work being done by the Colonial Dames all over the Country. A reception was given for her after her address.

The Round Table Conference was held in Macon in the autumn of 1941.

Owing to war conditions the Annual Meeting, in 1942, was held for one day only, at the General Oglethorpe Hotel on Wilmington Island, Mrs. Myrick presiding. The President of the South Carolina Society, Miss Ellen Parker, was the guest of honor.

Portfolios containing photographs of old houses in Georgia were presented to the House by eight Town Committees as their contribution to the Society's "Pictorial Index." Fifty dollars was contributed to the Red Cross work rooms at Dumbarton where Georgia members in Washington cooperated in the work. Mrs. Frank B. Screven was elected an Honorary Vice President of the Georgia Society. Contributions were made to the Eagle Hut in London and the Ketchikan Hut in Alaska. At this meeting the Society ratified the transfer of the Society's deed to Frederica to the Fort Frederica Association. The Vice President, Mrs. Robert Groves, gave the use of her town house in Savannah to the Red Cross for the duration of the war, and an Atlanta member loaned her house for a Red Cross Center. The Patriotic Service Committee throughout the State entertained soldiers in camps and in the homes of members. Mrs. Shelby Myrick was made head of the Woman's Division of National Defense for Georgia and many members held important posts in war work in the State.

The Society financed the photostating of thirty-five sets of the "Chatham County Map Collection," a W.P.A. project. These maps, published by the University of Georgia Press and copyrighted by the Society, consisting of forty-two pages with ninety tracings of old maps of early Georgia plantations and the township of Savannah, 1752-1871, were enclosed in attractive portfolios and purchased by libraries and individuals.

A very generous offer was made to the Society by Mrs. Harry Richmond the daughter of Mrs. Bernice F. Bullard who, during her lifetime was a most interested and liberal member. Mrs. Richmond offered to finance the publica-

tion of "The Letters of Don Juan McQueen to His Family, 1791-1807." The historical importance of these letters had been brought to her attention by Walter C. Hartridge and she made the request that they be edited by him. These letters, part of a collection, had been presented to the Society by two descendants, Mrs. Frank Screven and Miss Phoebe Elliott.

Another evidence of Mrs. Richmond's generosity was the gift of a handsome pier mirror for the drawing room of Colonial Dames House.

The Society lost a valuable member by the death of Miss Maude Heyward who had served the Society for fifteen years as Recording Secretary, Registrar, and Genealogist.

On the two hundredth anniversary of the battle of Bloody Marsh, July 7th, 1942, under the auspices of the Colonial Dames, the Society of Colonial Wars and the Fort Frederica Association, the deed to the land and the fort was presented to the representative of the National Park Service, Mr. C. R. Vintern, at a memorable ceremony.

Judge Price Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert, Vice President and member of the Historic Activities Committee, had organized the Fort Frederica Association and, through their generosity and contributions from interested friends and the Colonial Dames, had secured the eighty acres which comprised the site of the old town of Frederica to be presented as a National Monument to be "protected, administered and developed in such a manner as will conserve the historic features for the benefit and inspiration of the people of the Nation." The exercises took place adjoining the site of the historic battleground under the great oaks of Saint Simon's Island. Present in the audience were descendants of soldiers who fought in the battle—Oglethorpe's regiment, the Scotch Highlanders, the Rangers from Savannah, plantation owners, persons born under the British flag, and the children of Mrs. Belle Taylor, who gave the fort to the Colonial Dames in 1903. The deed was presented to Mr. Vintern by Mrs. Shelby Myrick, President of the Georgia Society. Addresses were made by Judge Gilbert, Judge Alexander MacDonall, President of the Georgia Historical Society; George Noble Jones for the Society of the Cincinnati and Colonial Wars; Mrs. Frank Jones for Historic Activities Committee of Colonial Dames, and Lieutenant Commander, the Earl of Carrick who represented Lord Halifax of the British Embassy, and James A. M. Marjoribanks, the British Consul.

In 1943 the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Georgia Society was celebrated at the time of the Annual Meeting, held in Savannah in April. Mrs. Freeland Peter, President of the District of Columbia Society, was the guest on this occasion and made an address at the one day meeting. In the afternoon a service was held at Whitefield Memorial Chapel when a framed honor roll, containing the names of eighty-two Bethesda boys serving their Country in the armed services, was presented by the Society and a service flag was given by the Women's Advisory Board of Bethesda. Mrs. Myrick entertained the Society with a beautiful reception at her home.

The Savannah Town Committee equipped a Commons Room at Camp Stewart and entertained soldiers on two Sunday afternoons every month at the Soldiers' Center. Classes for the foreign born were conducted by the Patriotic Service Committee with assistance from other patriotic organizations.

In response to Mrs. Myrick's appeal to the members to contribute to our Golden Jubilee Fund, enough money was subscribed to pay off the remaining debt on Colonial Dames House.

This year the Georgia Society sustained an irreparable loss in the death of three outstanding members whose high standard of life, loyal service, intellectual accomplishments and gracious personalities had won the admiration and affection of all members.

Mrs. Thomas Pinckney Waring, former Board member, Vice President and President, died January 27th, 1943.

Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven, Board member, Historian, Vice President and Honorary Vice President, died February 13th, 1943.

Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar, former National President, and Charter member, Board member, Vice President and Honorary President of the Georgia Society, died April 27th, 1943.

Gifts to the House this year comprised a Spode tea set presented by Mrs. Frederick Stetson in memory of her mother, Mrs. Waring, a four-poster bed from Mrs. Clarence Anderson; a map of old Georgetown from the District of Columbia Society—and from the Delaware Society a copy of the book *Silver-smiths of Delaware, 1700-1850*, in honor of our fiftieth anniversary. Some valuable letters were presented to the Society by Mr. Charles Mills of Boston, son of Mrs. Frank Screven. Mrs. Peter Meldrim presented an American flag in honor of the bravery of Commander Marcel LeHardy who lost his life in one of the naval battles of the Pacific. Commander LeHardy was the son of our valued member, Mrs. Louis M. LeHardy.

An outstanding accomplishment of the Society in 1944 was the publication of *The Letters of Don Juan McQueen to His Family, 1791-1807*, a book of great regional importance to both Georgia and Florida. It was edited by Walter Hartridge with notes and a biographical sketch of McQueen, a Foreword by Mrs. Craig Barrow and an Introduction by Dr. A. J. Hanna of Rollins College, Florida. The Book was dedicated to Mrs. Bullard in appreciation of her generous assistance in all historical work of the Society. From the sale of this book a fund was established for future publications, to be known as the "Richmond Fund."

Another valuable collection of family letters was presented by Miss Susan Kollock. These "Kollock Letters" were written between 1799 and 1850 and give an interesting account of personages and life in the South during those years. These letters were annotated by Miss Edith Johnston and were later published in the Georgia Historical Quarterly.

War work was continued in all its phases by the members throughout the State, serving as Grey Ladies, Nurses Aides, Plane Spotters, Staff Assistants in Red Cross and working for Chinese Relief, French Relief, British War Relief, Prisoners of War, U.S.O. Drive, Red Cross War Fund Drive and various other war organizations. The Ketchikan Slides were shown in ten Georgia cities. The Savannah Town Committee gave weekly card parties at Colonial Dames House for the wives of service men and Sunday afternoon entertainments, with music and refreshments were continued at the Soldiers' Center. All other Town



Committees gave similar service for the men who were stationed in near-by camps.

The Madison Town Committee was organized this year, 1944. The Annual Meeting was held in Columbus.

The Society received Mrs. Joseph Lamar's legacy of handsome antique furniture consisting of an inlaid mahogany diningtable, bookcase, bureau, work table, bedside table, two upright chairs and an arm chair. Mrs. Benjamin R. Ellis presented an early map of Georgia, framed in cypress wood and Mrs. Alfred Bourne gave a Sheffield cake basket. The Atlanta Town Committee subscribed five hundred dollars toward a memorial to Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar.

Mrs. Myrick retired this year after an active and able leadership as President, in all patriotic work during the four years of her administration. She was succeeded by Mrs. John Lottier Cabell who had served the Society on many committees.

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## 1944 - 1948

The regular Annual Meeting of the Georgia Society was cancelled in 1945 in compliance with the Government's request that no assemblies exceeding fifty persons be held this year. However, the business of the Society was transacted at the April Board Meeting, held at State Headquarters, when State and Town Committee Chairmen and Board members attended and give their annual reports. All officers accepted the Society's request that they continue in office for another year. Mrs. Cabell reported that four hundred and ninety replies to the War Questionnaire had been received showing the vast amount of defense work accomplished by the members. Ten Sun-rooms in Finney General Hospital in Thomasville, Georgia, were furnished by the Town Committees and a special contribution from the State Treasury under the Patriotic Service Committee with Mrs. William Parks Stevens as Chairman. All Town Committees continued their contributions to Ketchikan and Tallulah Falls School and attended Naturalization ceremonies. One hundred dollars was contributed by the Society to the National Committee for the Training of Nurses in Occupational Therapy. One hundred dollars was sent to Tallulah Falls School after a disastrous fire there. A petition from the Society to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah and the Park and Tree Commission, in regard to Colonial Cemetery, asked that they "keep faith with the covenant of 1895 to put a stop to the removal of any more stones and to repair and replace those now broken." This covenant was made between the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church Parish at the time of the sale of the cemetery to the City of Savannah. Proper provision for a custodian of the cemetery or adequate police protection, was asked by the Society and agreed to by the City.

The Historic Activities Committee made a visit to the old Jewish cemetery in Savannah under the guidance of Mr. Edward Abrahams who gave some valuable information on the Colonial settlers buried there.

Two members were appointed on National Committees—Mrs. S. V. Sanford

on Patriotic Service and Mrs. Frank Jones on Historic Activities. Mrs. Rembert Marshall succeeded Mrs. Richard Johnston as Regent to Gunston Hall.

Gifts to the House from members were: a beautiful crystal chandelier for the dining-room given by the Atlanta Town Committee in memory of Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar, a graceful light fixture for the entrance hall from Mrs. Thomas Barrett, Jr., and from Mrs. Rembert Marshall a skillfully executed and framed copy of the Charter of the Georgia Society of the Colonial Dames.

On April 30th, 1946, the Annual Meeting was held in Savannah at Saint John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall which was formerly the home of Mrs. Peter Meldrim, where the Society had met twenty-nine years before. The Patriotic Service Committee presented a framed Roll of Honor of "the sixteen descendants of present members of the Georgia Society killed in action in World War II," to be placed in Colonial Dames House. As the Finney General Hospital was now closed, the members voted to present the furnishings of the ten Sun-rooms to the new Navy Hospital in Dublin, Georgia. A resolution was passed honoring Judge Gilbert for his generous and unselfish work in the interest of Fort Frederica National Park. A motion, made by the Historic Activities Committee, that the Society present an organ to Whitefield Chapel as a memorial to the seven Bethesda boys killed in action in World War II, was carried. The members voted to send annual donations toward a fund to properly furnish Colonial Dames House in correct period style. Mrs. Craig Barrow, President 1929-1933, was elected an Honorary President in appreciation of her long service as a leader in all cultural and historical matters of the Society. Mrs. Price Gilbert, in recognition of her generous interest in promoting historic activities, was made an Honorary Vice President. Mrs. Harry Richmond made an additional gift of two hundred and fifty dollars to the Richmond Fund. In memory of two beloved and esteemed members of the Georgia Society and of Christ Church, Mrs. Thomas Pinckney Waring, a former President, and Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven, an Honorary Vice President, two silver Communion Cruets were given to Christ Church by the Society. They were presented at a beautiful memorial service conducted by Bishop Middletown Barnwell in the church on April 30th, 1946. The Society gave an evening reception at Colonial Dames House in honor of the members of the General Council of the General Society of Colonial Wars at the time of their Annual Council held in Savannah, April 27th, 1946.

The Milledgeville Town Committee presented a beautiful old bedspread of the pattern known as "General Washington's Choice" to the House. A much appreciated gift was a supply of linen and blankets for the House, given by Mrs. Rembert Marshall.

Program meetings were continued during the winter in Savannah. Walter Hartridge gave a talk on the "Mackay Letters," with family portraits and miniatures loaned by members of the Mackay family. An interesting "Review of Pre-Colonial Georgia," from the sixteenth century to the arrival of Oglethorpe, was given by Miss Edith Johnston, Chairman of the Library Committee. Mrs. Charlton Theus gave a talk on "Period Furniture," and Mrs. Rodney Cohen of Augusta reviewed "The Young Jefferson," in a most interesting manner for the Garden Committee. A blueprint of the garden with planting plan was

presented. Contributions were made as usual to Bethesda, Ketchikan, Tallulah Falls School and the House. A collection of reference books on Georgia history was presented to the Rhodes Memorial Building by the Atlanta Town Committee. Reports were made by all Town Committees on their hospitality to soldiers in camps. The Sunday afternoon entertainments at the Soldiers' Center in Savannah were continued with refreshments furnished and served by the Colonial Dames.

The Society was saddened by the death, in November, 1946, of Mrs. W. W. Gordon, Jr., who had served as President from 1921 to 1923.

The Annual Meeting of 1947 was held in Macon, Mrs. Cabell presiding. The President of the South Carolina Society, Mrs. Louis Simonds, was an honor guest. A resolution in regard to the "Interpretation of Article II" was adopted, the Society voting to "revitalize the aims of the National Society in terms of present need." The four living Charter Members, Mrs. Meldrim, Mrs. Pleasant Stovall, Mrs. A. R. Lawton and Mrs. Rowland Leigh were made "Honorary Charter Members." Many beautiful entertainments were given in honor of the Dames in the stately ante-bellum mansions of Macon. "The Coleman Hill Living Memorial," established in honor of the Bibb County boys who lost their lives in World War II, was planted by the Macon Town Committee with rare and beautiful magnolia trees.

Dr. de Roulhac Hamilton gave a talk at Colonial Dames House during the winter on "The Importance of Preserving Family Letters." Mrs. Rembert Marshall showed the Gunston Hall slides throughout the State. Major General William Frazier Tompkins, Resident Director of Gunston Hall, gave a very interesting talk on the plans for the restoration of Gunston Hall. General Tomkins was formerly stationed in Savannah as Assistant District Engineer and had assisted the Society in its efforts to secure Government aid in the preservation of the tabby ruins of the fort at Frederica.

On March 22nd, 1947, the Fort Frederica National Monument was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on the site of the old fortified town of Frederica, established by Oglethorpe in 1736. The Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Julius Krug, received the site for the Government and made an address. Mrs. Walter Douglas, our former President, who had been most active in the movement to preserve the fort, was chosen as one of the principal speakers and in her very excellent address outlined the part taken by the Society in this endeavor. A plaque at the base of the flag pole, giving a history of the settlement, was unveiled by Mrs. J. Randolph Anderson, daughter of Mrs. Wilder, who received the deed to the historical property from Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Anderson was assisted in the unveiling by two grandchildren of Mrs. Taylor. The United States flag was then raised and the Colonial site was transferred to the Government. After the ceremonies Judge and Mrs. Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones of Sea Island entertained the Guest Speakers and others on the program at luncheon at the Cloister.

An interesting gift to the House was a John Broadwood upright piano, a London piece made about 1825, richly inlaid, resembling a Secretary. This had belonged to Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar and was presented by her son, Mr. Will Lamar of Atlanta. Mrs. Charles Rieman gave a damask tablecloth used

by her grandmother, Mrs. William Taylor, whose portrait hangs in the hall of Colonial Dames House. Woven in the corner of the cloth is her name with the date, 1800. A silver ladle, in memory of Mrs. Samuel Inman, a former Vice President, was given by Mrs. George Hillyer of Atlanta. Several camellia plants were presented for the garden.

A greatly appreciated loan was the very lovely portrait of Mrs. William Washington Gordon as a young girl, a copy made by her gifted daughter, Juliette Gordon Low, of the original by Healy. It has been placed over the mantel in the drawing room where it hung during Mrs. Low's lifetime. This was loaned by Mrs. Gordon's grandson, W. W. Gordon. Two other portraits of interest were loaned by Mrs. Gordon's granddaughter, Mrs. Samuel Lawrence. They represent John Harris Kinzie and his wife, Juliette Magill, parents of Mrs. Gordon. John Kinzie was born and lived all his life on the Northwest frontier and spoke several Indian languages. As a young man he was apprenticed to the American Fur Company, organized by John Jacob Astor, and in 1829 was appointed Indian Agent at Fort Winnebago at the portage between the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers. Juliette Magill, born in Middletown, Connecticut, married John Kinzie in 1830 and accompanied him to his frontier home where she wrote the delightful story of "Wau Bun" known as "The Classic of Wisconsin History." The Kinzie house, built in 1832 at Portage, Wisconsin, has been restored and is maintained by the National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Wisconsin, as their headquarters.

Miss Emma Wilkins presented a patch box of chased silver of the early eighteenth century which had belonged to her grandmother. The Madison Committee made a record of old markers in the Madison cemetery bearing dates of the Colonial period, and presented a collection of books, relating to that period, to the Library. Marietta gave an outline of Maryland from the colonization through the Revolutionary War, Milledgeville had a display of handsome antique costumes, dating from 1685, also laces and embroideries.

The Society suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Peter W. Meldrim on November 14th, 1947. Mrs. Meldrim, a Charter Member, was a most distinguished and brilliant representative of the Georgia Society. Her dignity and charm, her knowledge and love of Georgia's history, her fine informative mind and vivid memory created a personality long to be remembered. Her "Foreword and Biographical Notes" in the Society's publication, *Some Early Epitaphs in Georgia*, her brochure on *Bonaventure, the Home of the Tattnalls*, and her many scholarly articles on Georgia's Colonial history have received deserved recognition. Mrs. Meldrim had given loyal service as Board member, Historian, Vice President, President and Honorary President, and her interest in the welfare of the Society was unceasing.

The Round Table Conference was held in Athens in November, 1947.

During the winter of 1948 the Program Afternoons were resumed. The Historic Activities Committee in Savannah presented "Aspects of Georgia History," depicting the early years of Bethesda Orphanage with extracts from the "Letters of James Habersham, 1756-1775," first President and teacher for eight years at Bethesda, the "Reminiscences of Mrs. A. V. Chaplin," first as a teacher then as wife of the Superintendent of Bethesda, 1880-1916, and a talk by Mr.

Ole Burroughs on his experiences as Superintendent there for more than thirty years. A Quiz Program on Savannah's early history was conducted by Mr. A. A. Lawrence, and a program on her book of "Slave Songs of the Georgia Sea Islands," was presented by Mrs. Maxfield Parrish who spoke very interestingly of her research in this field. A group of Negro singers from Wild Heron Plantation contributed to the afternoon's entertainment by singing a group of Spirituals.

The members continued their work with the Red Cross and their contributions to Tallulah Falls School and responded to all requests from the National Society. A Christmas box was sent to the Grenfell Mission in Labrador, and "Overseas" and "Care" packages and contributions to Veteran's Hospitals were given by Town Committees.

The organ, presented by the Society as a memorial to the seven Bethesda boys who died in World War II, was dedicated at a beautiful service conducted by Bishop Barnwell in Whitefield Memorial Chapel at the time of the Annual Meeting held in Savannah in April, 1948. Contributions to the organ fund were continued by members in the form of memorials to family and friends who have died.

The Georgia Society had as guest of honor at the Annual Meeting in Savannah, the National Chairman of Historic Activities, Mrs. Samuel H. Orr, who spoke on the subject of "Know Your Own State History." Mrs. Louis Simonds, President of the South Carolina Society was also a guest. During the war years the Society confined the business of the Annual Meeting to a one day session, but this year, 1948, the custom of holding a two day meeting was resumed, which gave an opportunity for many social affairs which were brought to a close with an evening reception given by the President, Mrs. Cabell, at Colonial Dames House.

A new Directory was published this year.

Gifts to the House included a hot water urn of early American plate from Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson; a Sheffield cake basket from the Albany Town Committee as a memorial to two of their members, Mrs. Frances Stewart Battey and Mrs. Katherine Vason; silver sugar tongs and coffee spoons, and a number of flag stones for the garden from Mrs. Cabell.

Regret was felt when Mrs. Cabell retired as President, owing to her removal to Greenville, S. C. Her devotion to the responsibilities of the Society, with her unfailing courtesy and consideration in all matters, contributed to a most patriotic and harmonious administration.

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## 1948 - 1951

Mrs. Malcolm Maclean, who had served as Corresponding Secretary and Chairman of the Patriotic Service Committee, succeeded Mrs. Cabell as President in April, 1948. During her tenure of office much important work was accomplished, there were many visitors to the Society, and many gifts were made to the Dames House.



The distinguished visitors attending the Girl Scout celebration in October, 1948, were entertained by the Savannah Town Committee with a morning coffee hour at the House, and in November the Society gave a tea honoring Mrs. Walter Lamar of Macon and Mrs. Charles Lanier, Chairman of the Lee-Stratford Foundation. The Library received many interesting books and six maps of Georgia, from 1859-1906. A dress with panels of hand-made lace of the eighties, made by a member, Mrs. James P. Stewart of Waycross, was presented to the Museum by her niece, Mrs. Walter Sirmans. Several hundred bulbs and a number of flag stones for the garden were received from members.

In March, 1949, a visit from the National President, Mrs. Thomas Streeter, was an event of great interest to the members. She attended a Board Meeting and spoke of the work of the National Society at a reception given in her honor by the Patriotic Service Committee at Colonial Dames House. A luncheon by the Board and a dinner by the President were also given for her. Mrs. Frank Bisbee, President of the Florida Society, and Mrs. Louis Simonds, President of the South Carolina Society, were guests of the Georgia Society at this time.

The members were gratified to learn that Mrs. Frank F. Jones of Macon, one of our Vice Presidents, had been appointed National Chairman of Historic Activities. Mrs. Jones had rendered valuable service to the Georgia Society as State Chairman of Historic Activities.

An important step was taken when the many valuable documents and letters, which had been collected by the Historical Collections Committee of the Society, were placed in a fire-proof vault of the Armstrong Junior College in Savannah, under the care of the Georgia Historical Society, where they will be properly cared for, scientifically catalogued and accessible to research workers.

The Annual Meeting was held in Atlanta, April 26th and 27th, 1949. The President, Mrs. Maclean, introduced the guest of honor, Mrs. Earle M. Gailbraith, National Historian, who gave a most inspiring address, which has been published and distributed to the members by the Society. Mrs. Frank Jones reported on the work of the National Historic Activities Committee. A new Town Committee was formed in Moultrie. The Macon Committee reported the placing of an iron marker on the tree which they had planted near the granite boulder, on the site of Oglethorpe's camp, commemorating the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787. The Columbus Committee had listed names and dates in Linwood Cemetery, laid out in 1828, the records of these graves having been burned. Prizes for essays written and radio broadcasts made, were awarded and the film "I Am an American," was shown. Under Patriotic Service the Town Committees cooperated in sending clothing to Europe, Korea and China, conducted welfare programs, visited camps and Veterans' Hospitals, attended Naturalization ceremonies and worked for the Red Cross.

Thomasville presented to the Library eighteen issues of *The Virginia Telegraph*, Vol. III, 1806-1807, an item being an account of the trial of Aaron Burr, and a copy of Gody's Ladies' Book, of 1840. Augusta gave 200 handkerchiefs to the Veterans' hospital at Christmas. Columbus established a pre-school milk fund and showed slides of excavations of Indian towns and mounds around Columbus and village sites and mounds throughout the State. Entertainments were given for convalescent patients at Fort Benning. Milledgeville

members assisted with the clothing and education fund for foreign students at Georgia State College for Women, a group that included two Korean, one Chinese, two German, one French and several Latin-American students.

The series of beautiful entertainments given by Atlanta members was climaxed by the Annual Dinner of the Society when Dr. Philip Davidson of Vanderbilt University gave a most interesting address on "Our Colonial Heritage."

During the winter the members in Savannah heard an interesting talk on the history of the Savannah River by Colonel Paschal Strong, a distinguished United States Engineer. Dr. Augusta Clay spoke on Juvenile Delinquency and Mrs. Foreman Hawes, Director of the Georgia Historical Society, gave a talk on "The Collection and Preservation of Old Documents and Letters." Mrs. Hawes visited the various Town Committees, under the auspices of the Society, in the interest of this project. Two rooms in the basement at Headquarters were set aside as a work shop to be used in repairing manuscripts and papers in bad condition. A beautiful silver tray was given in honor of Mrs. Reginald Hatcher of Milledgeville by her daughter.

*The Letters of Robert Mackay to His Wife*, published in September, 1949, by the University of Georgia Press, under the auspices of the Georgia Society of the Colonial Dames, contains a Foreword by Mrs. Craig Barrow and a Biographical Sketch and notes by Mr. Walter Hartridge, who edited the book. The original letters were presented to the Society by Mrs. Franklin B. Screven and Miss Phoebe Elliott, both descendants of Robert Mackay. Written by a Savannah merchant over a period of twenty-one years, 1795-1816, the letters present an interesting picture of social life in port towns on both sides of the Atlantic. The book was dedicated to Mrs. Franklin B. Screven in appreciation of her valuable service to the Society.

The closing of the year 1949 brought great sadness to the members with the tragic death, on November 8th, of Mrs. Walter Douglas, as the result of an automobile accident. She had served the Society with great distinction as President from 1939 to 1941. Her broad-minded interests and public spirit made her an honored member of our Society.\*

In April, 1950, during the Annual Meeting in Savannah at the DeSoto Hotel, the Society held its first banquet since the beginning of the War. The program on historical objectives included an address, illustrated by slides, by Mr. Roland F. Lee, Chief Historian of the National Park Service, and a talk by Mrs. Foreman Hawes, on historical collections and the care being given the Colonial Dames' documents stored in Hodgson Hall.

Many varied reports were given at the Annual Meeting. Of particular interest was that of the special committee for furnishing and redecorating the House (Mrs. Benjamin Ellis, Chairman, Mrs. Thomas Gignilliat and Mrs. Julian Hartridge). Outstanding was the gift of beautiful drapery fabric for the dining-room and Board room by Mr. Franco Scalamanadre, and of wall paper for those

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\* At this point Mrs. Anderson's History ended. She concluded with these words: "May this record of fifty-seven years of patriotic service rendered by the Georgia Society of Colonial Dames of America inspire its present and future members to meet the complex conditions of this troubled and changing world with the same high courage and love of Country manifested by their pioneer forefathers."



rooms and the hall from Miss Nancy McLelland, expert in the reproduction of antique French wallpaper. The gifts from these noted New York decorators resulted from the enthusiastic interest of Mr. James E. Leath of Kinderhook, New York when he visited the House. It was announced that draperies for the drawing-rooms could soon be acquired because of generous contributions from members.

Many additional gifts were received for the House in 1950-1951:

Pair blue Empire vases—Mrs. Bierne Gordon, Walpole, Mass.  
Armchair (in memory of her mother, Mrs. Charles Clapp)—Mrs. Benjamin Osburn, Columbia, S. C.  
Antique armchair—Mrs. W. A. Winburn, Savannah  
Mahogany sewing-dressing table—Mrs. S. S. Bennett, Albany  
Engraving by Rafpiglioso—Mrs. Thomas Barrett, Augusta  
Coffee spoons—Mrs. Elliott Waddell, Columbus  
Fifty-two coffee cups—Columbus Town Committee  
(Each guest at a Washington's Birthday luncheon brought one cup)  
"Alt Wein" coffee set—Augusta Town Committee  
Fifty-six pieces of flat silver—Macon Town Committee  
(A memorial to the sons of four members who lost their lives in World War II)  
Silver Bowl (in memory of her mother, Mrs. Georgia E. Tracy Wadley)—Mrs. William G. Burt, Macon  
Pair of Sheffield compotes (in memory of her mother, Mrs. Charles Clapp)—Mrs. Benjamin Osburn  
Mahogany table—Mrs. Anton P. Wright, Savannah  
Framed Peter Gordon map—Mr. Clarence Anderson, Savannah  
Portrait of Mrs. Joseph J. Wilder, 2nd President of the Georgia Society—Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Savannah (Mrs. Wilder's daughter)  
Books, maps, manuscripts and pamphlets—many members

Nine pieces of furniture were accepted for the House-on loan; also accepted on loan were six portraits, on condition that they remain either until the walls were refinished, or replacements obtained. It was decided that the bequest of Mrs. E. T. Comer would be held intact until suitable dining-room furniture could be found and purchased.

A number of By-law changes were voted at the 1950 Annual Meeting; one of the most important, raising the age limit for new members from 21 to 25. The Board approved a request by Miss Nellie Haile, Savannah's pioneer tourist guide, to bring tourists to the Dames House (at a charge of fifty cents per person). In other Board action it was voted to furnish two rooms in the basement of the House, to be used by wives of service men as a meeting place and as a place to rest between trains and buses. It was decided to print 1000 copies of Mrs. Anderson's updated History of the Society, meeting the cost by borrowing from the Richmond Fund and putting back into the Fund all proceeds from the sale of the History. The Board voted, also, to discontinue the printing of memorials to deceased members and instead to put aside \$25 yearly to purchase books for the Library to be inscribed as memorials.

From the time of the Round Table in Milledgeville in the Fall of 1950 until the Annual Meeting in Augusta in April 1951 there was much activity on the part of the Patriotic Service and Historical Activities Committees. Prizes were given for essay contests—state wide, and in Athens and Thomasville. The Madison Town Committee copied and preserved records from the old Oxford Cemetery. A bronze marker commemorating the Federal Wire Road, the historic route of the first telegraph wire connecting the North and the South, was erected by the Columbus Town Committee. Many fund-raising events and many memorials helped raise money towards the Georgia Society's quota for restoration

of Gunston Hall. There was a continuing program of patriotic service—especially for the men of the S. S. "Gunston Hall," and for men in military installations throughout Georgia, notably in Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus and Savannah.

An outstanding accomplishment of the Historical Activities Committee was the completion of the memorial to John Wesley on Cockspar Island, near Savannah, where the young Wesley first set foot in Georgia. On November 9th, 1950, two hundred and fifteen years after he landed, the monument was unveiled by Mrs. Clarence Anderson, who originated the idea of a Dames' memorial to the famed clergyman. A simple and moving ceremony, planned by Mrs. A. Pratt Adams, Historical Activities Chairman, featured talks by historian Alexander A. Lawrence and the Reverend F. Bland Tucker, Rector of historic Christ Church, Wesley's own church while in Georgia. The Reverend James H. Wilson, Pastor of Trinity Methodist Church (the oldest Methodist church in Savannah) gave the invocation and the benediction. The President, Mrs. Maclean, then presented the memorial to the U. S. Park Service as part of the nearby Ft. Pulaski National Park.

Mrs. Maclean was honored at the Biennial Council in Washington in October of 1950 by being elected 2nd Vice-President of the National Society. Therefore, at the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Society in Augusta the following April, she retired from the Georgia presidency after an administration marked by deep interest, enthusiasm, and initiative.

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## 1951 - 1957

Following her Term as Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Wayne was elected President in April 1951 and held office for the next six years. Under her capable management, the accomplishments of the Society reached a new high, while her wit and gentle humor, (often directed at herself) won the respect and affection of all. When she announced in the middle of her presidency, that she would be away for a couple of months in Europe, her Board was dismayed, but the efficiency of the Vice-President, Miss Caroline Meldrim, soon allayed all fears, and when Miss Wayne returned with a fabulous yellow Paris hat, all agreed that her trip had been most worthwhile.

A number of important decisions were made during Miss Wayne's term of office. Among the first were: to allow visiting Dames to stay overnight in the Dames house; to employ an Executive Secretary (Mrs. Kenneth Lasseter, a member) one morning a week for ten months; to undertake a supplement to the outdated 1937 Register; and to apply to the City Fathers for a tax exemption for the Society as a non-profit organization. (This necessitated cancelling Miss Haile's contract to bring tourists to the House, but when the exemption was denied the contract was renewed.)

Although the Society had many projects during this period, the House and Garden were of major interest, and the center of much enthusiastic activity; the very large number of gifts\* made by Town Committees and individuals

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\* A list of gifts is included at the end of this section.

reflected this interest. Many necessary repairs were made to chimneys, gutters, floors, garden steps and weatherstripping. The draperies for the drawing rooms were completed and hung, and a lovely sideboard was purchased for the dining room with Mrs. Comer's bequest.

As recommended by Miss Clermont Lee, landscape architect, extensive renovation was undertaken in the rear garden with repairs to the walls, and the addition of brick walks and flagstones. Beds were planted following the plan of Mrs. Reynolds Flournoy of Columbus. This work was made possible by gifts of plants, many contributions and memorials, including a generous one from Mrs. Price Gilbert of Atlanta in memory of her husband, an iron grille given by Miss Anne Douglas in memory of her mother, Mrs. Walter Douglas, and a contribution from Mr. George Mercer of Savannah. Capable and dedicated garden chairmen were Mrs. Thomas Hilton, Mrs. A. J. Waring, and Mrs. John Carswell.

A basement room was turned into a new Library and Reading Room by the Library Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Shelby Myrick, and furnished in Early American style by the Macon Town Committee. Begun in 1952, it was finished in 1954, and a party given there after the November Board meeting by the Committee. Many gifts of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, pictures, maps, newspapers and periodicals were given to the Library. Valuable books included additions to the "Collections of the Georgia Historical Society" and the "Colonial Records of Georgia." Mrs. Foreman Hawes copied index files for the Historical Society.

Improvements to the bedroom floor of the House added to its comfort and beauty. The Atlanta Town Committee renovated and redecorated the southeast bedroom (Mrs. Low's bedroom during her occupancy), and designated it the "Lamar Room" in honor of Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar, first Georgia member to be elected a National President. Under Miss Jane Wright's chairmanship of the Gifts, Loans and Decorating Committee, the southwest bedroom was partially furnished by the Savannah Town Committee. The Northeast bedroom, in which the Thackeray desk was located, received a fender formerly in the House: this room was called the "Thackeray Room."

Capably directed by Miss Caroline Meldrim, the kitchen in the basement was done over with equipment donated by the Savannah Town Committee, three Savannah members—Mrs. Everett Ellis, Mrs. William C. Winburn, and Mrs. J. K. Livingston, and by a donation from Mrs. William J. Vereen of Moultrie. Another improvement to the basement floor was the setting up of the northeast room as a museum room in which to place displays of the Historical Collections Committee, which had worked diligently for years under Miss Emily Ravenel, then merged with the Historical Activities Committee, headed by Mrs. Thomas Eldridge.

Throughout the years the Dames House was used not only by members, but for many civic events. It was opened for the Christ Church Tour of Homes annually, and was loaned for meetings to the Poetry Society of Georgia. On one occasion a reception was given there honoring the poet, Ogden Nash, who had lived in the House as a little boy. It was used by Historic Savannah, Inc.

to entertain the Society for the Preservation of Spirituals, and was opened for a meeting of the Juliette Low Regional Committee. Feelers were put out by the Girl Scout leaders as to the possibility of their buying the Dames House for a shrine to Juliette Low. Miss Wayne appointed a committee, with Mrs. Paschal Strong as chairman, to meet with them and discuss the matter. It was happily settled when the Scout committee accepted the Dames' suggestion that Mrs. Low's birthplace, the Gordon home on Oglethorpe Avenue, be purchased instead. They took an option and bought it.

While many members were involved with House affairs, others were equally busy with the Patriotic Service and Historical Activities Committees. Gifts were sent regularly to the "USS Gunston Hall," also to servicemen stationed in Alaska and Iceland. Particularly appreciated by the men in Iceland were fishing tackle and a coffeemaker. Members worked in Veterans' hospitals, with the Red Cross Blood Bank, and as Nurses' Aides. They participated actively in the March of Dimes, TB and Mental Health programs, gave teas and entertainments at Servicemen's centers, distributed literature on Americanism and held classes for foreign-born adults. Annually, a patriotic program was held in Whitefield Memorial Chapel at Bethesda Orphanage near Savannah. Members participated in Air Raid Alert and Armed Services Day programs. Mrs. Thomas L. Ross, Patriotic Service Chairman, gave a talk on Patriotic Service in peacetime. Historical activities included an essay contest on the life of Mrs. W. W. Gordon for members of the Society, which was won by Mrs. Clarence G. Anderson; an exhibit of antiques by the Macon Town Committee; the tabulating and copying of memorabilia; compiling of genealogies; and the publication by Mrs. Anderson of the diary of Mrs. W. Neal Habersham, her grandmother. The Wallace Letters were edited by Walter Hartridge, Savannah historian, for publication in the Georgia Historical Society Quarterly. Mrs. A. J. Waring made beautiful slides of the Dames House. At the invitation of the South Carolina Historical Activities Committee, a pilgrimage was made to the ruins of old Sheldon Church near Beaufort, a most rewarding visit for those who had planned and taken part in historical programs, placed markers on historic sites, and helped copy and preserve records and relics.

Another very important project involving all Town Committees was successfully concluded when the Society's quota of \$11,940 was reached for the restoration of Gunston Hall, home of the famous Virginian, George Mason, friend and neighbor of George Washington. To meet this quota many fund-raising events were held, including a silver exhibit sponsored by the Macon Town Committee, and a "Progress of Fashion," put on by the Savannah Town Committee with Mrs. Sophie Meldrim Shonnard of New York as commentator. Mrs. Rembert Marshall, Georgia's Regent of Gunston Hall, gave a large contribution as part of the Society's donation.

In the interest of civic pride (as well as historic preservation), a delegation of Georgia Dames protested to the State Legislature against opening the squares of Savannah to traffic, and to the Savannah Police Department against allowing parking on Lafayette Square, on which the Dames House is located. Miss Wayne, herself, represented the Society as a member of the Women's Advisory Committee for Defense. Hers was a busy schedule with meetings in

Savannah and other Georgia cities (including the newly reorganized Town Committee in Waycross), attendance at the National Board and the Biennial Council in Washington. A particularly interesting National Board meeting in Richmond, Va. in 1953 included a tour of Williamsburg and a memorial service at Jamestown. Also, in the summer of 1953, Miss Wayne visited the Headquarters of the Massachusetts Society.

At the Biennial in October 1952 the Georgia Society was greatly honored when Mrs. Malcolm Maclean, its former President, was elected President of the National Society. The following January 22nd, the Georgia Society gave a beautiful reception in her honor to which all National officers, all State presidents and heads of other patriotic organizations were invited, as well as her family and close friends. The Atlanta and Savannah Town Committees gave receptions, and special meetings were held also in Mrs. Maclean's honor.

An important innovation made in January 1953 was a trial meeting of the Board in Atlanta following a recommendation made at the Round Table in Moultrie the preceding October, that one Board meeting a year be held elsewhere than in Savannah. The Board voted to contribute \$100 to a regional Patriotic Service Scholarship, and to re-establish the Tallulah Falls Scholarship. It was voted, also, to renew the Charter of the Society, due to expire in February 1954, for twenty-five more years. At the Annual Meeting in Columbus in 1955, the name of the Society, in accordance with a request from National, was changed to "The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia," and Mrs. George Heyward was appointed chairman of a committee to amend the Charter accordingly. An honored guest at the Annual Meeting was Mrs. George N. Smith, National Historian and former President of the Wisconsin Society. There were many beautiful entertainments both in private homes and in clubs. The speaker at the banquet, held at the Country Club, was Dr. Waights Henry, President of LaGrange College.

In November, 1955 at the Round Table in Americus it was decided to have the Annual Meeting in Savannah every third instead of every other year. In January, 1956 the Board Meeting was held in Athens. The Annual Meeting in April in Savannah, which honored Mrs. Maclean, and was attended by the National Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank D. Bisbee of Florida, and the National Registrar, Mrs. William McK. Bellamy of North Carolina, had the largest registration ever before in the history of the Society. At the request of the Fort Frederica Association, it was voted to transfer to the National Park Service the Dames' half-interest (the other half owned by the Society of Colonial Wars) in the property on which stands the marker for the Battle of Bloody Marsh.

Miss Wayne's last year in office was a busy one. In October she attended the Biennial Council in Washington, where she and other Georgia delegates were justly proud of the charm and efficiency with which Mrs. Maclean presided. An additional honor for the Georgia Society was the appointment of Mrs. Eldridge as Regional Chairman of the Historical Activities Committee. In October, the Board gave a tea at the Dames House for the National Girl Scout Board. In November the Round Table was held in Marietta. In all, the President visited thirteen town committees, and attended naturalization ceremonies and SSS coffee



hours in Savannah. At the Annual Meeting in Macon she retired after six eventful years in office. She had directed the programs of the Society, had seen the Headquarters transformed into a lovely, warm, and homelike place, had dealt capably with numerous problems—everything from taxes to termites—and turned over to her successor a Society rich in honors and filled with enthusiasm.

#### GIFTS FOR THE HOUSE, 1951-1957

- Mahogany wardrobe (formerly owned by John MacPherson Berrien)—Miss Elizabeth Anderson Brown, Atlanta, in the name of Berrien's granddaughter, Lydia Anderson Butterfield
- Silver goblet (in memory of her aunt, Clara Daughtry Butt, 1897-1934)—Julia Butt Slaton, Atlanta
- Iron fender (originally in the Low house)—Mrs. Albert Stoddard, Savannah
- Tablecloth—Mr. William Murphey, Savannah
- Silver pitcher c. 1840 (formerly owned by her grandfather, George Owens)—Miss Meta Thomas, Savannah
- Pearl-handled carving set—Mrs. A. Pratt Adams, Savannah
- Silver salad set—Mrs. Frederick M. Stetson, Savannah
- Silver ladle—Madison Town Committee
- Portrait of Mrs. Peter Meldrim (a former President)—from her daughters, Miss Caroline Meldrim, Mrs. George Noble Jones, Mrs. Meldrim Shonnard, Mrs. Erastus Hewitt
- China punch bowl (over 100 years old)—Miss Caroline Woodbridge, Savannah
- Pair of Empire sofas with matching footstools (brought to Savannah by sailing packet)—Mrs. Bulow Campbell, Atlanta
- Early American pine table (for Library)—Mrs. Shelby Myrick, Savannah
- Book case—Mrs. Randolph Anderson, Savannah
- Old English bedside table (in memory of Miss Cena Whitehead and Mrs. W. W. Pace, Sr.)—Albany Town Committee
- Oriental rug—Mrs. Frank M. Chisholm, Savannah
- Chest of drawers (refinished by Mrs. Joseph G. Stovall)—Savannah Town Committee
- Pair of crystal girandoles (in memory of Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar)—Augusta Town Committee
- Dozen Wedgwood plates (commemorating the 200th anniversary of Georgia's founding)—Mrs. Benjamin J. Tarbutton, Sandersville
- Silver tray (in memory of Mrs. Reginald W. Hatcher and Miss Elizabeth Neyle Thomas)—Milledgeville Town Committee
- Table—Albany Town Committee
- Card tables—five members
- Franklin Stove—from the National Society
- Marseilles bedspread—Mrs. E. P. Lawton, Savannah
- Swan vase with mirror, mahogany bookcase—Miss Caroline Woodbridge, Savannah
- Six silver tablespoons and six silver teaspoons—Mrs. Walter Douglas Lamar, Macon
- Pair Philadelphia Windsor chairs, early 19th Century candle mold, steel file box for scrapbooks—Mrs. Frank Jones, Macon
- Chair (160 years old), sewing table (100 years old), brass lamp, two candlesticks, "sewing bird"—Mrs. Bulow Campbell, Atlanta
- Brass fireside set, Colonial cooking implements, crane and pot hooks, iron tongs and shovel, bellows (for Collections Room)
- Four Early American lamps and interesting trinkets—Mrs. Thomas Eldredge and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Atlanta
- Accessories for basement rooms—Mrs. Thomas Ross, Macon and Mrs. Mary W. Wheat, Columbus
- Paisley shawl—Mr. and Mrs. Evelyn Luquer, New York
- Contributions—Mrs. Rembert Marshall, Atlanta; Columbus Town Committee; Madison Town Committee (in memory of Mrs. J. L. Walker); Waycross Town Committee (in memory of Mrs. John F. Brantley and Mrs. A. D. Little).
- For the Library: A copy of "Wau-Bun" by Mrs. John H. Kinzie, mother of Mrs. W. W. Gordon, founder of the Georgia Society; an 1841 Hymnal from Mrs. W. Cyrus Bailey, Augusta; many other books, pamphlets, maps, pictures, and newspapers.

## 1957 - 1961

Mrs. George Heyward, former Vice-President, was elected President at the *Annual Meeting in April, 1957, and served for the next four years, during which* she happily combined a friendly informality with an outstanding talent for organization and administration. In the first few months of her presidency she attended the National Board Meeting in Washington, the Round Table in Milledgeville and regular sessions of the Board in Savannah. The Meeting of District 8 of the Historical Activities Committee was held at the Dames House in October with Mrs. Thomas Eldredge, District Chairman as hostess, and Mrs. Charles Irwin Hannis of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Vice-Chairman of the National Committee, as guest of honor. A talk on Savannah was given by Mrs. Foreman Hawes, and there was an exhibit in the House Museum and Collections room, with loans from the Athens, Atlanta, Macon and Thomasville town committees. In November the Society was again hostess at the Dames House for the Region III meeting of the Patriotic Service Committee, presided over by Mrs. Jonathan Yerkes of Jacksonville, Florida, Chairman of Region III. It was attended by twenty-three representatives of eleven states; Mrs. Stuart Hilton Smith, Chairman of the National Committee, was guest of honor and principal speaker. Much of the success of these District and Regional meetings was due to Mrs. Raymond Demere, chairman for hospitality.

At the Annual Meeting in Albany in 1958 a new project (to be undertaken jointly with the Society of Colonial Wars) was introduced by Mrs. Heyward—to make a shrine of All Saints Church in Cranham, Essex, England, where General Oglethorpe and his wife were buried. In addition to many historical activities continued by the town committee, new ones were added. The Madison Town Committee participated in Morgan County's Sesquicentennial and compiled an historical booklet for the occasion. A biographical sketch of Rebecca Maxwell Couper (a Georgia lady of distinction) was written by the Atlanta Town Committee Chairman, Mrs. R. J. Thiesen, to be included in the Pennsylvania Society's file on Colonial women. An interesting survey of buildings in the older part of the city was made by the Savannah Town Committee, and Mrs. Craig Barrow of Savannah was instrumental in having a bronze marker to Georgia's first naturalist, John Abbott (1751-1840), placed in Bulloch County. Many Thomasville members helped in writing "The History of Thomas County." Mrs. Foreman Hawes of Savannah collaborated with the Georgia Department of Archives in collecting pictures, with historical sketches, for the "Georgia Date Book"; also, Mrs. Hawes edited, for publication in the Georgia Historical Society Collections, "The Papers of Lachlan McIntosh, 1774-1799."

Under its new chairman, Mrs. Allen Daughtry of Milledgeville, the Patriotic Service Committee began several new activities: foreign exchange students were entertained in the homes of many members; boxes of books were sent to men in the Merchant Marine; volunteers worked as Red Cross Grey Ladies and in cancer clinics; a set of slides, "The Cradle of Liberty" (given by Mrs. Robert Prendergrass of Americus) was shown to grammar school children and to groups of Scouts. An unusual service made by two Madison Dames, with their husbands on station in Japan, was teaching English to Japanese women. One of



these Madison ladies also gave a talk on Missiles to the International Women's Club and to the faculty of Keio University.

An event of special note was the completion and publication by Mrs. Walter Strong, Genealogist, and her committee, of the "Supplement to the 1937 Register." The volume was eloquently dedicated "with grateful appreciation of the Society to Julia Eve Strong who, realizing the need for this book, had the zeal, courage and perseverance to collect, prepare and index the necessary information."

A number of changes in administering and operating the Dames House were made during Mrs. Heyward's presidency. An interesting experiment was the opening of the Library one morning a week to the public, with committee members under Mrs. G. Noble Jones, Chairman, serving in turn as hostesses. A Property Planning Committee was set up, with Mrs. Thomas Gignilliat, Chairman, to include the chairmen of several committees—House, Garden, Furnishings and Finance—and the Treasurer, to make plans for a five-year period, and to see that the duties of the various chairmen did not overlap. An important step taken was the vote to include in the Budget specific funds for the House.

During the illness and subsequent resignation of the House Chairman, Mrs. Frank M. Chisholm, the President took over her duties until Miss Wayne, former President, became chairman. With the help of Mrs. B. Barnwell Cubbedge, Gifts—Loans Chairman, a Decorating Committee was appointed, headed by Mrs. Edward V. Jones of Albany, to pass on the suitability of gifts for the House. Many were received\* including a number of items from Mrs. Rembert Marshall of Atlanta with her gracious permission that any might be sold or traded for more suitable pieces. An appraisal of Mrs. Marshall's gifts was made (as a contribution to the Society) by the noted expert on antiques, Mrs. Alida Harper Fowlkes.

At the 1959 Annual Meeting in Savannah Miss Marguerite Appleton, National President, was the guest of honor and gave a stimulating talk at the banquet. Events of the busy year were reviewed at the business meetings. Mrs. Heyward was appointed a member of a steering committee to discuss the restoration of Fort Jackson (built on the Savannah River in 1808 and named for a Revolutionary hero); she attended the Biennial Council in Washington, the Round Table in Waycross, regular Board meetings, special services commemorating the 225th landing of General Oglethorpe; and, accompanied by Dames from Waycross and Savannah, the dedication of the Fort Frederica museum on St. Simons Island. Mrs. Eldridge was appointed to represent the Society on the Fort Frederica Association Board. As a special tribute to Mrs. Eldredge, after her death, members of the Georgia Society participated in the District 8 Historical Activities Pilgrimage to historic spots in North Carolina (the Cornwallis House in Wilmington and Tryon Palace in New Bern), which Mrs. Eldredge had planned. The various Town Committees continued their historical projects: Athens cleaned old tombstones; Macon bought furniture for the Washington Memorial Library in honor of members who were trustees, reprinted "The History of Macon and Central Georgia" by John C. Butler, and micro-filmed early Georgia records; Marietta gave two old land grants (one with the seal of

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\* A list of gifts is included at the end of this section

George III), they also protested the building of highways that would endanger historical sites.

One of the most gratifying achievements of the Society was the completion of the Cranham Church project. An altar rail in the chancel, a priest's desk, and choir stalls of walnut, carved with the Oglethorpe crest and the Georgia seal, were installed, and a bronze marker placed to show these items were the gift of the Georgia Colonial Dames. Mrs. Lester Karow and Mrs. George Mercer, Jr., of Savannah, represented the Society at the unveiling ceremony.

On the recommendation of the Board, it was voted to budget yearly sums for the Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Committees, and to have part of the expenses of delegates to the Biennial paid from the Treasury. Accordingly, the Annual dues were raised to \$10.00, and the Life Membership fee to \$200. Another significant step was taken in voting to establish the Georgia Society's own Patriotic Service History Scholarship (while continuing the contribution to the Regional Scholarship). The Georgia scholarship provided that \$500 be voted each year for a graduate student in the field of American history, the award to be made up of contributions from each Town Committee and from the Treasury. Mrs. Daughtry announced that three Madison Dames were given awards by the Air Force for spending over one hundred hours each as Ground Observers, while recognition was given another who had been head of the County Selective Service office for fifteen years. Also, throughout the State, Dames worked in many fields with a number volunteering for crippled children's clinics and home nursing.

Mrs. Cubbage expressed the hope that soon the House would be furnished only with pieces of the period 1840 or earlier, while announcing many additional gifts received. The Furnishings Chairman, Mrs. Edward V. Jones, reported two drawing-room sofas and footstools re-upholstered, curtains put in the Savannah bedroom, new lamp shades acquired, and the statue of Venus back on the stair landing after a long absence. The Garden Committee, under Mrs. Charles Ellis, Chairman, was chiefly concerned with maintenance. The garden was swept, weeded, and watered by the maid, Olivia, and a part-time man. Twice yearly a landscape service was employed for a complete overhaul—pruning, spraying, fertilizing, and making any necessary replacements. Contributions in memory of Mrs. Clarence Anderson were used to add several lovely plants to the garden.

The Round Table in November, 1959 was delightfully entertained in Thomasville. That December, for the first time, the Governor of Georgia (Vandiver) proclaimed December 15th "Bill of Rights Day" and agreed to let the proclamation with the Georgia seal be sent to Gunston Hall for the Archives. At the Annual Meeting in Atlanta in April 1960 the guests of honor, Mrs. T. Spencer Williamson, National Vice-President and President of the Virginia Society, and Mrs. William Bellamy, National Registrar and Past President of the North Carolina Society, spoke of the many accomplishments of the Georgia Dames in carrying out the objects of the Society. The awarding of the History Scholarship to its first winner, Mr. George S. McCowan, a doctoral student and part time faculty member at Emory University, was a source of great pride.

It was voted that \$500, generously donated by the Town Committees in memory

of Mrs. Thomas Eldredge, should be used to repaint the interior of Whitefield Memorial Chapel at Bethesda Orphanage which was damaged in the hurricane. Hurricane damage to the roof and chimneys of the Dames House was repaired and a stove bought for the upstairs pantry. The House was on the Candlelight Tour of Homes, it was used by a number of members for overnight stays, and for many entertainments, including a reception during the Triennial meeting of the Society of Colonial Wars for its new Governor-General, Mr. Robert W. Groves of Savannah. The Garden Committee received a number of contributions as memorials. The Library Chairman, Mrs. Charles Sanford, reported several acquisitions, and the sale of many Registers and the 1957 Supplement.

In the Fall of 1960, the Round Table met in Moultrie. The new Brunswick Town Committee, with Mrs. Heyward and the 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Joseph Harrison, attending, had its first meeting on January twenty-seventh. The March Board Meeting was held in Macon at the lovely home of Mrs. Robert J. Carmichael, the Georgia Regent of Gunston Hall. Also, in March, a subscription luncheon was given for visitors to the Society—Mrs. Edwin Craig, Honorary President of the Tennessee Society, and two members from South Carolina, Mrs. Simon VanderHorst Waring and Mrs. Jeannie Cason, Registrar.

Guests at the Annual Meeting in Augusta in 1961, Mrs. Ralph Trowbridge Hanson, National Registrar, the South Carolina President, Mrs. William Sherbrooke Popham, and Mrs. VanderHorst, gave inspiring talks. The Society voted to erect jointly with the Society of Colonial Wars a suitable monument in Colonial Cemetery to Button Gwinnett, one of Georgia's signers of the Declaration of Independence. It was voted, also, to contribute \$100 yearly to Gunston Hall, the current contribution in honor of Mrs. Rembert Marshall, former Regent.

Town Committee activities throughout the year were unusually varied and interesting. Atlanta made an outstanding historical contribution with its publication of the "Abstract of Georgia Wills, 1733-1777," at a cost of \$2,000, contributed entirely by Atlanta members. Columbus, Macon, Milledgeville, and Thomasville took part in Civil War Centennial programs. Savannah sponsored a series of talks on early Georgia history (to be published in booklet form), emphasizing the sociological, philanthropic, military and agricultural purposes for which the Colony had been founded, to offset the popular idea that it was just a haven for debtors. Announcement was made by Mrs. Daughtry of a new Patriotic Service program "Operation Freedom," spearheaded by the National Patriotic Service Committee, to stimulate patriotism and combat Communism in the United States. As she retired from office, Mrs. Heyward could well be proud that not only had she carried on established projects, but had given to them new dimensions, and with her forethought and planning for the future, had greatly broadened the scope of the Society's interests and work.

#### GIFTS FOR THE HOUSE 1957-1961

Daybed, Chair, candlestand, sewing table, blue Bristol lamps—Mrs. Bulow Campbell, Atlanta

Miniature of Mrs. Andrew Low, nee Mary Stiles, (in memory of Elizabeth McRay Stiles and Isabelle Couper Marshall)—Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Screven, Savannah

Mahogany bed, two mahogany bureaus, three Hitchcock chairs, armchair, sewing table, small spool table, chaise lounge, oval mirror, standing lamp, pair brass lamps, lace curtains, bedspread, large rug—Mrs. Rembert Marshall, Atlanta

Twenty-three plates, clear glass hurricane shade and silver candlestick, silver candelabrum (in memory of Lilla Woodbridge Cunningham and Mildred Duncan Cunningham)—Miss Caroline Woodbridge, Savannah  
 Pair of large frosted glass hurricane shades (in memory of Miss Mary Lamar Erwin)—Mrs. William L. Erwin, Mrs. Andrew C. Erwin, and Mrs. Howell C. Erwin, Athens  
 Bell-shaped crystal lamp to hang over stair landing (in memory of Mrs. Henry Dawson Allen)—Milledgeville Town Committee  
 Two dozen folding chairs—Savannah Town Committee, Mrs. Malcolm Maclean, Mrs. Ralston Lattimore, Savannah  
 Hitchcock chair—Mrs. Wellborn Reynolds, Atlanta  
 Mahogany four post bed—Miss Caroline Meldrim, Savannah  
 Four post bed and antique quilt—Mrs. Rembert Marshall, Atlanta  
 DeBrahm map (1757) of South Carolina and part of Georgia (in honor of Mrs. R. J. Carmichael, Town Committee Chairman)—Macon Town Committee  
 Two silver sandwich trays—Mrs. Lloyd Bowers, Columbus  
 Pads for library chairs—Mrs. Thomas L. Ross, Macon  
 Set of Toile de Jouy bed hangings—Mrs. Evelyn Luquer, New York  
 Silver Revere bowl (in memory of Mrs. Clarence Anderson and Mrs. John McIver)—Macon Town Committee  
 One dozen silver forks (in memory of Mrs. John McIver)—Mrs. Francis Dasher, Savannah  
 Two silver serving spoons (in memory of Mrs. John McIver)—Miss Emily Ravenel, Savannah  
 Two mahogany bureaus (formerly on loan from Mrs. Clarence Anderson)—Mr. Clarence Anderson, Savannah  
 Cheval glass—Mrs. Raymond Demere, Savannah  
 Mahogany sofa—Mrs. Arnoldina Freyer, Savannah  
 Silver cream pitcher, sugar bowl and tongs (in memory of Mrs. Thomas Eldredge)—from Georgia members who went on the Tyron Palace Pilgrimage  
 Twenty-four photographs of old Savannah—Miss Anna West, Macon  
 Pair of crystal wine decanters (in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. George Owens)—Mrs. Garrard Haines, Jr., Savannah  
 Handmade couch throw—Mrs. Edward H. Inman, Atlanta  
 Contribution (in memory of Miss Floride Allen)—Mrs. Lois W. Hatcher Greer, Atlanta  
 Pair of Rockingham vases (formerly on loan from Mrs. W. A. Winburn)—Col. W. A. Winburn, Savannah  
 Framed fan—Mrs. Henry Norris Platt, Philadelphia (granddaughter of Mrs. Joseph J. Wilder, second State President)  
 Pair of china bud vases—The President, Mrs. Heyward  
 Filing cabinet (in memory of Mrs. Louis LeHardy)—Mrs. Frank Jones, Macon  
 Pair large china vases (in memory of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Wayne)—Miss Mary Wayne, Savannah  
 Hand knitted bedspread—Mrs. Stuart Kraft, Savannah  
 Needlepoint bellpull—made and given by Mrs. James Bothwell and Mrs. William Burdell, Augusta  
 Two portraits of her grandparents (Helen Bryan Woodbridge and William Woodbridge)—willed by Miss Caroline Woodbridge, Savannah  
 For the garden: Two iron chairs (in memory of Mrs. Louis LeHardy), Iron bench (in memory of Mrs. W. A. Winburn)—Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Groves, Savannah—Two iron benches for the rear courtyard (in memory of Mrs. Louis LeHardy)—Mrs. Bond Johnson, Iron table—Owens-Thomas House, Savannah, a number of memorials  
 For the Museum Room: Early American cradle—Mrs. Rembert Marshall, Atlanta; Colonial washbasin and lantern—Mrs. Bulow Campbell, Atlanta; Child's chair—Mrs. Henry Hunter, Columbus; Baby clothes and chair—Mrs. Kyle Spencer, Columbus  
 Linen—Mrs. Charles McGehee, Savannah; Mrs. Henry Hunter, Columbus; Mrs. John P. Hines of Florida  
 Jams and jellies—Mrs. Jonathan Yerkes, Jacksonville, Florida  
 Donations for purchase of: Two bedside lamps—Mrs. Mary Willis Wheat, Columbus; Telephone jack—Mrs. Wright Bryan, Atlanta; New American Flags—Mrs. J. E. Holmes, Moultrie  
 On Loan: Pair of Sheffield candelabra—Mrs. Ralston Mingledorff, Savannah  
 Two brass fenders, coal scuttles and two sets of fire irons—Miss Caroline Meldrim, Savannah

## 1961 - 1967

At the Annual Meeting in Augusta in April, 1961, Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr., who had served as Recording Secretary for the past four years, was elected President, bringing to that position a calm dignity of manner, and a keen, clear mind. She managed the affairs of the Society for the next six years with efficiency and harmony, while at the same time caring for her large, young family. She capably handled problems of the individual Town Committees and of the Georgia Society as a whole, while achieving close co-operation with the National Society—carrying out its large scale projects and conforming more closely to its regulations and suggestions as to genealogical documentation, eligibility lists, and other details pertaining to membership. She kept in close touch with the thinking of other State Societies, through the yearly National Board Meetings and the Biennial Council in Washington, and in visits to other states. In her first year in office she attended the Presidents' first meeting at the National Board (suggested by her predecessor, Mrs. Heyward, and set up somewhat like the Georgia Round Table).

From Washington Mrs. Martin went to Charleston, S. C. for the District Eight Patriotic Service Meeting. Mrs. Allen Daughtry and twenty other Georgia members attended. At this important meeting the announcement was made of the revamping of the Patriotic Service program throughout the country, in the light of world events, to combat subversion and Communism, and to teach and encourage patriotism, especially among the young. To start the program a nationwide essay contest on "Patriotism, Re-appraised" was announced; the National Patriotic Service Committee was later to win the Freedom Foundation's 1961-62 Washington Medal for this project, and for audio-visual aids to patriotic education. In 1962 Mrs. Daughtry became the District Eight Chairman and was succeeded as State Chairman by Mrs. Leo Allen.

All who met Mrs. Allen were infected by her enthusiasm, and the Georgia Town Committees were soon participating actively in arranging essay and poster contests, and in the "Buy a Flag and Fly a Flag" project. A new film, "Raising and Lowering the Flag," was made available, and Mrs. Allen herself gave the Society the beautiful and inspiring "Parade of Flags," to be used throughout the State by the Town Committees. When the Registrar, Miss Emily Ravenel, asked the Board to obtain material pertaining to the "insidious activities threatening our country, so that the Society might formulate a policy in keeping with the standards we claim as descendants of our ancestors," Mrs. Allen sent for a government-compiled list of anti-American organizations in this country.

At the Annual Meeting in Savannah in April 1962 the year's activities were reviewed, beginning with the Round Table in Americus which was largely devoted to problems of membership, admission of candidates, and methods of election. Mrs. Harold Cooledge, Historical Activities Chairman, reported that interesting slides depicting Colonial Georgia industries had been made from pictures in the DeRenne Collection in the University of Georgia Library; that one thousand copies of the "Wallace Letters" and five hundred of the booklet "Museum Houses" had been ordered and would be sold for the Richmond Fund; that the Macon Town Committee had endorsed the restoration and preservation



of Wesleyan College in Macon, the oldest chartered women's college in the world; that Athens had completed an historic pamphlet, "Some Early Athens Streets"; and that Atlanta was presenting the first copy of "Georgia Wills" to Mrs. Martin. She also announced that Miss Jeanne Hunter was the new Custodian of the Society's Historical Collections. Mrs. Carmichael, Regent of Gunston Hall, brought the good news that Gunston was made a National Historic Landmark, and that the 14th Street Bridge over the Potomac had been named the "George Mason Bridge." The Georgia Society's contribution to Gunston in memory of Mrs. Rembert Marshall had been used for the purchase of one of a pair of very old flower prints for the upstairs hall. Mrs. Carmichael and the Regent from Tennessee gave frames for the prints. The attendance of five past presidents—Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Myrick, Mrs. Maclean, Miss Wayne, and Mrs. Heyward, made the meeting particularly memorable.

The year 1962-63 was a busy one for Mrs. Martin, with the Round Table in Madison, the District Eight Patriotic Service Meeting in Savannah (under the chairmanship of Mrs. Daughtry), the National Board and Biennial in Washington (at which the Arizona Society was admitted), and the Region IV Patriotic Service Conference in Richmond. In February of 1963 Mrs. Martin was present at the anniversary celebration of the Savannah USO, (which was founded by a Savannah Dame, Mrs. Robert W. Groves, Mrs. Martin's mother), and in March attended the Girl Scout Committee meeting for the Juliette Low Birthplace. Interesting accounts of Mrs. Martin's many activities and visits were highlights of the regular Board meetings. The Annual Meeting in Athens in April, with Mrs. John Q. West, Chairman, had several innovations—a breakfast meeting of the Patriotic Service Committee, and the presence at the general meeting of the Society's History Scholarship winner, Mr. John Duncan of Charleston, a doctoral student at Emory University.

In April, also, Mrs. Martin attended the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society in Wilmington, where the scrapbook of material which had won the Freedom Foundation award was shown. The President went to Richmond in May for a Region IV Biennial Patriotic Service Meeting, attended a Moultrie Town Committee meeting in September and one in Waycross in October, as well as the National Board in Washington. In November she conducted the Round Table in Marietta, then went to Rome for the organizational meeting of the new Rome Town Committee. Mrs. Aubrey Matthews was Rome's first Board member.

In March of 1964, Mrs. Martin attended the Region III Combined Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Conference in St. Augustine. From Florida, the National President, Mrs. James Wendell, the National Historical Activities Chairman, Mrs. J. W. E. Moore, and Mrs. Francis Lewis, Historical Activities Chairman for Region IV, came to Savannah and stayed at the Dames House, where a beautiful dinner in their honor was arranged by Mrs. Charles McGehee, Jr., Savannah Town Committee Chairman. They were present at the Society's monthly Board meeting, and spoke most interestingly of the National Headquarters, Dumbarton House, and of George Washington's ancestral home in England, Sulgrave Manor. Mrs. Wendell noted that the Society's contribution for the upkeep of Sulgrave had been for many years the income from a Trust



Fund of over \$112,000 raised by Mrs. Lamar, Georgia's first National President. The distinguished visitors were taken by Mrs. Martin on a historic tour, and were most impressed by the Whitefield Memorial Chapel at Bethesda, which the Georgia Society built in 1925.

Honored guests at the Annual Meeting in Columbus (planned by Mrs. J. Fearis Caldwell and Mrs. Edward W. Swift, Jr.) were Mrs. Roland Baldwin, Chairman of the Region III Historical Activities Committee and a past president of the Florida Society, and Mrs. Daughtry of Milledgeville, Patriotic Service Chairman for District Eight. Outstanding historical activities reported by Mrs. Cooledge, State Chairman, were programs with slides of historic houses shown by Waycross, Athens, and Atlanta; historical papers written in Savannah and Athens; the furnishing of a room in the Library by the Madison Town Committee for study groups and the showing of slides; the cleaning of the Celtic Cross (marking the site of Colonial Fort Augusta) by the Augusta Town Committee. It was voted to use \$2000 from Savings, plus monies in the Memorial Fund, for the purchase of furnishings for the Headquarters House. Also an assessment of members was voted to augment this sum.

In response to the growing interest in Museum Houses, all committees under the overall chairmanship of Mrs. Thomas Gignilliat, had worked steadily and harmoniously with the aim of making the Dames House one of the most beautiful in the country. After the death of Miss Mary Wayne, a Past President and devoted House Chairman, Mrs. John Carswell assumed that important position, while the work of re-decorating, begun by the Gifts, Loans and Decorating co-chairmen, Miss Jane Wright and Mrs. Craig Barrow, was carried on by Mrs. Charles Ellis and Mrs. Merritt Dixon. A trained decorator was employed in an advisory capacity, many items on loan were returned to their owners and were replaced by gifts\* and purchases of museum quality. The "Thackeray Room" was completed by the Moultrie Town Committee, and the Augusta Town Committee undertook the furnishing of the middle bedroom, to be called the "Princess Augusta Room." Very generous gifts from members of both town committees insured the success of these projects. Mrs. Gignilliat, while Garden Chairman, and her successor, Mrs. Donald Livingston, saw that the garden was well-kept, a sprinkler system installed in the back garden, and beautification continued. New planting included a "Colonial Dame" camellia, and cinnamon pinks from the Owens-Thomas House. Color slides of the garden were made for the Historic Garden Collection.

When the Internal Revenue Service ruled that the House could be shown for a fee without incurring a government tax, it was voted to open it one day a week regularly; later this was increased to three days a week. It was decided to name the House the "Andrew Low House" for its builder and first owner; postcards and brochures advertising it were distributed; and a hard-working committee formed to take care of various details and chores. At the November Round Table in Milledgeville, plans were endorsed for opening the House to the public (with Dames as volunteer hostesses) in January 1965.

All plans were suspended when fire broke out in the House soon after.

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\* A list of gifts is included at the end of this section.

Thanks to early detection by neighbors, and to the great care taken by the firemen, damage was less than feared, but it was decided to completely electrify and air-condition the House while repairs were underway. Preliminary estimates of cost were considerably increased when dry rot, falling beams, and exposed wires were discovered. At the March Board Meeting, held in the "Wunda Flame Room" of the Savannah Gas Company, Mrs. Joseph Harrison, Finance Chairman, recommended that \$20,000 be voted for repairs to supplement the insurance coverage, plus an assessment of \$10 per member. It was further recommended that an Endowment fund be established for future upkeep of the House. The National Historical Activities Committee contributed \$500 in response to an appeal for this emergency. The garden of the Dames House was not damaged by the fire and was shown on the annual Christ Church Tour of Homes in the Spring.

At the Seventieth Annual Meeting of the Society in April 1965 in Savannah, other important aspects of this eventful year were reviewed. At the Biennial in October, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Leo Allen had attended the Memorial Service in Arlington Cemetery at the Dames' monument (to men who died in the Spanish-American War). Especially moving was the unveiling of a newly-placed plaque on the monument in memory of *all* the men and women who had lost their lives in *all* wars of this century. Mrs. Martin attended the Annual Meeting of the District of Columbia Dames when she went to Dumbarton House to give a copy of "*Georgia: a Pageant of Years*" for the Library. After the Biennial she went as a guest of the Delaware Society to Winterthur Museum. In November she presided at the Round Table in Milledgeville; at that time the Society's History Scholarship was named "The Rebecca Daughtry History Scholarship" in honor of the distinguished Milledgeville member. In December Mrs. Martin was a guest at a ceremony commemorating the Centennial of the defense of Civil War Fort McAllister near Savannah.

Many historical activities were reported at the Annual Meeting. Slides of Fort Frederica had been made and shown at the Biennial. Laws and acts about women were researched in the Georgia Archives and sent to the Pennsylvania Society for their project. A history, with pictures, of Georgia court houses was begun, and one hundred and fifty-nine pictures were taken by the Atlanta Town Committee. Macon restored graves in an old cemetery, and had also contributed to the old Cannon Ball House. Albany sent old pictures to the Georgia Archives, and joined with other civic organizations to save an old house in the city. Savannah participated in the celebration of Georgia Day, expected to be an annual event.

In October of 1965 Mrs. Martin held the Round Table in Valdosta, attended Town Committee meetings in Atlanta, Macon, Brunswick and Savannah, then went to Washington for the National Board where plans were made for the Diamond Jubilee of the National Society. Also in October she attended the Region III joint Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Conference in Wilmington, N. C. Delegates from eleven states took part; a large number from Louisiana stopped off in Savannah on their way home. They were given a historic tour of the city, with Mrs. Raymond Demere and Mrs. Leopold Adler, II as guides, followed by refreshments at the Dames House. In March Mrs. Martin

and the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Richard Stone, visited the Columbus Town Committee and were much impressed with the restoration of the old Springer Opera House.

Honored guests at the Annual Meeting in April 1966 were the Presidents of the Florida and the South Carolina societies, Mrs. Robert Paul and Mrs. Jeannie Cason. Important action taken by the Board was the creation of the new office of "Roster Secretary" whose duties would be the handling of all bills for dues, and the keeping of an up-to-date file of names, addresses and classification of members. Mrs. Julian Space, former By-laws Chairman and Vice-President, was the first elected to that position. It was voted to discontinue calling the Headquarters the "Andrew Low House" and return to the former designation of "The Colonial Dames House"; also the brief ban on members using the House for private functions was lifted. It was voted to dismantle the Museum Room in the House—articles there to be either returned to donors, given to the Georgia Historical Society, the Youth Museum, or other organizations. Particularly interesting was the report of Mrs. Charles N. Wasden, Historical Activities Chairman, of her efforts to interest the State's Jekyll Island Authority in excavating and restoring the ruins of the Horton-DuBignon House on Jekyll, home of the first English resident of Georgia, Major William Horton. Thanks to Mrs. Wasden's efforts, the ruins were later excavated and a house plan reconstructed by the noted architect and historian, J. Everette Fauber of Lynchburg, Va.

Due to the splendid supervision and help of Mr. Olaf Otto, Jr., of Savannah, repairs and improvements to the Dames House were completed in record time. Also the front garden was replanted with yupon, illex rotunda, and new rose bushes and lights installed there. In the Fall of 1966, beautified by many lovely gifts, the House was opened to the public on a revised schedule of seven days a week, under the supervision of Mrs. John Carswell, first Museum House Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Walter Hartridge, House Chairman. The Society was fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Georgia Fawcett, so knowledgeable of Savannah and Georgia history, as a dedicated part-time hostess; Savannah Dames—forty-two in all—acted as volunteer hostesses on other days and for the Christ Church Tour of Homes. Orientation lectures were given the hostesses by Walter Hartridge on the subject of the Low family, and by Mrs. Charlton Theus on the furnishings in the House. There was much publicity in the newspapers, magazines, and on TV and radio. Due to the efforts of Mrs. Carswell and Mrs. Hartridge, many groups visited the House—tours arranged by banks, churches, Girl Scouts, department stores, industries, and the military. Attendance soared, door receipts increased, and the Society received an award from Historic Savannah, Inc. for "outstanding community service."

In November the Round Table, planned by the Brunswick Town Committee, met at the King and Prince Hotel on St. Simons Island. The Patriotic Service Chairman, Mrs. Edward V. Jones of Albany, reported that Mrs. Leo Allen was the new District Eight Chairman, succeeding Mrs. Daughtry. Mrs. Jones spoke of the Dames' nation-wide response to the project of providing comforts for the wounded servicemen of the Vietnam War, aboard the U. S. Navy Hospital ships "Sanctuary" and "Repose."

An account of the Biennial in Washington in October, celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the National Society, and attended by a large delegation of Georgia Dames, was given by Mrs. Martin and others. Each State President, dressed in a costume of the period in which her Society was admitted, and to the strains of appropriate music, walked to the dais and presented her Society's contribution to the Diamond Jubilee Fund. The Georgia Society's gift was \$3441.38, and the music played for Mrs. Martin's entrance was "Georgia on My Mind." Mrs. Jones said that Mrs. Martin's lovely pale yellow costume was greatly admired as one of "the most regal and elegant."

In the winter of 1967 the President visited the Virginia and Minnesota Societies, and the Athens and Savannah Town Committees. In March she and Mrs. Ralston Mingleorff, 1st Vice-President, attended the Regional Meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, at which Mrs. Wasden was a featured speaker.

At the 1967 Annual Meeting, held at the Little Theatre in Albany, gratifying reports were given of the many, varied projects of the Town Committees, of the many gifts received for the Dames House, and of all aspects of its successful operation as a Museum House. A complete revision of the By-laws, incorporating important changes in the voting for new members, and representing long and serious study by special committees, was presented by Mrs. Kenneth Lasseter, By-laws Chairman, and approved by unanimous vote. At the Albany Meeting it was voted also to raise the annual Rebecca Daughtry History Scholarship award from \$500 to \$750.

Mrs. Martin retired from office on April 26th, 1967, the 74th Anniversary of the founding of the Society. During her Presidency she won the admiration and esteem of all for her untiring service and devotion to her responsibilities, and for the wide view of Dames affairs which she brought to the Society. In her last report as the Georgia President\* Mrs. Martin spoke of the many ways in which the past six years had enriched her life, and expressed her thanks to all who had helped her during that time.

#### GIFTS FOR THE HOUSE 1961-67

Pair of old Paris porcelain lamps (in memory of five members)—Milledgeville Town Committee

Twelve Gunston plates—Mrs. Frank Jones, Mrs. Francis K. Hall, Mrs. Robert J. Carmichael, Macon

Seven coin silver spoons, fourteen silver forks—Miss Virginia Watts, Waycross

Metal card file for genealogical documentation—Mrs. Foreman Hawes, Savannah

Furnishings for "Thackeray Room"—Moultrie Town Committee:

Mahogany tilt-top table, two lamps made from old English candleholders, mirror with Ogee frame (for chest), small table, china tea service, old English coal scuttle and fire set (screen, poker rests, tea kettle), crewelwork Gentleman's chair, sketch of Thackeray (from England), three other pictures, needlepoint luggage rack, pair of brass urns for mantel, curtains, bedhangings and bric-a-brac

Several silver sandwich trays and bon-bon dishes—Mrs. Samuel Varnedoe, Savannah

Sheffield sandwich tray, The "Parade of Flags," and books—Mrs. Leo Allen, Waycross

Silver compotes—Mrs. Thomas Tillman, Mrs. John Terrill, Athens

Silver butter spreader—Mrs. Richard Harris, Valdosta

Silver bon-bon dishes—Mrs. Wayne Patterson, Mrs. Walter Oates, Mrs. Willis Ragan Atlanta

Georgian (1790) two pedestal mahogany dining-room table—purchased with check from

Mrs. Robert White of Palm Beach (in memory of her mother, Mrs. Walter Douglas)

Tall brass pitcher (for flowers)—Mrs. Randall Winburn, Savannah

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\* Mrs. Martin was elected National President at the Biennial Council in Washington in October, 1976.

Silk Scalomande fringe (for Savannah Room), vase of bell brass—Mrs. Alida Harper Fowlkes, Savannah

Fabric—Interior Shop, Savannah

Sheraton sofa for hall—purchased with the bequest of Mr. Clarence Anderson, of Savannah, (in memory of Mrs. Anderson)

Salt glazed Staffordshire teapot (1790), pair bronze mantel ornaments—Mrs. E. P. Luquer, New York.

Silver compote—Mrs. Harold Cooledge, Atlanta

Hepplewhite sofa (in memory of Miss Caroline Woodbridge)—Mr. William Murphey, Savannah

Lion head pulls for secretary—Albany Town Committee

Needlepoint for dining room chairs—several members.

Two English porcelain plates ca. 1800, two tole vases to be made into lamps, plant stand, two Marseilles spreads, fabric for sewing table, unframed prints—Mrs. Raymond Demere, Savannah

Large photograph of second Mrs. Andrew Low (Mary Stiles)—from her great, great nephew, Joseph Mercer

Miniature of Mrs. Screven—Mrs. Stewart Huston, Pennsylvania

Set leather-bound books, miniature of Eliza Mackay—willed by Mrs. Margaret Screven Duke

Four pieces of bedroom furniture for Augusta Room—Mrs. Rodney Cohen, Augusta

Piecrust table, lamp, oval portrait of young girl, for Atlanta Room—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Inman, Atlanta (in memory of his grandmother, Mrs. Edward Hamilton Inman)

Copy of 1790 map of Georgia (Original purchased and given to State Archives and History Department)—Atlanta Town Committee

Large Chinese vase—Mrs. Nightingale McKinnon, Savannah

Glass vase—Mrs. Knox Tumlin, Savannah

Linen—Moultrie Town Committee; Mrs. Thomas Ainsworth, Thomasville; Mrs. James Garrard, Milledgeville; Mrs. Benjamin Tarbutton, Sandersville

Many books were given to the Library, some as memorials. A number of plants, and sand for the walks were given for the garden, also two large iron tables (in memory of Mrs. James S. Daughtry and Mrs. Sam S. Bennett) by the Albany Town Committee

Memorials for the House: Columbus Town Committee, Brunswick Town Committee, Madison Town Committee (in memory of Sue Reid Vason), Mrs. Homer Berger, Thomasville (in memory of Mrs. Sarah Laws, Mrs. Kingman White, Savannah (in memory of Mrs. Charles Russell)

Donations for the House: Madison Town Committee—for purchase of two heavy brass candlesticks for pianoforte (in memory of Mrs. Walker Reid)—Mrs. Charles N. Warden, Macon—for restoration of portrait of Mrs. Lamar and its frame; for purchase of guest book—Mrs. Alfred O. Blackmar, Columbus; an Atlanta Dame—for the House Fund

The following items were loaned to the House: Sheraton style settee, rug for "Thackeray Room," pair Victorian straight chairs, Victorian armchair—Mrs. Randall Winburn, Jr. Savannah

Small oil painting, Audubon print, old English print, small footstool, Chinese "Rose Medallion Vase," two table lamps, mahogany tilt-top table, mahogany Pembroke table, mahogany bedside table—Mrs. Frank Lindsay, Savannah

Items purchased for the House:

Handsome Austrian secretary as memorial to Mrs. Anderson

English Georgian barrel chair, two fine English tables ca. 1800, antique mahogany English commode, glass-topped fruitwood curio table (early 19th Cent.), two lamps for drawing room, English 18th Century armchair, English Empire sewing table, Oriental Export bowl, contemporary telephone stand for Board Room, two large Oriental rugs for drawing rooms, two small Oriental rugs for hall.

For the Savannah Room: Fruitwood armchair, small Oriental rug, tilt-top table, two English prints, lamp shade, small English wing chair, draperies for windows and bed.



## 1967 - 1971

Mrs. Ralston Mingledorff was elected to succeed Mrs. Martin at the 1967 Annual Meeting in Albany. A daughter of the late Mrs. George Heyward, a much esteemed Past President, she was fortunate in having the benefit of her mother's experience, and in having served as Corresponding Secretary and 1st Vice-President under Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Mingledorff's vibrant personality, bouyant spirits, and bonhomie, won her a host of loyal friends. Her speech was frank and forceful, and her leadership dynamic. As she took office she "pledged her heart and mind to all the good works of the Society," and all present were infected by her enthusiasm.

In October, Mrs. Mingledorff presided at her first Board Meeting, held at the Dames House in Savannah, then went to Washington for the National Board. In November she held the Round Table Meeting in Waycross, where Mrs. Robert Hodgkin, Town Chairman, was hostess. Mrs. Walter Strong, Registrar, and Mrs. Alice Huger, Genealogist, held a workshop on "Membership"; special study was given to the election of non-resident members. (As a result of this study a by-law change was voted the following April, allowing each Town Committee to elect one non-resident member in addition to its regular quota).

The Annual Meeting at the Savannah Inn and Country Club, on Wilmington Island near Savannah, in April 1968, celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the founding of the Georgia Society. A number of distinguished guests attended: Mrs. George Banzhaf of Milwaukee, National 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Edward Fithian Kingman of California, National 3rd Vice-President; Mrs. Harry Bell of Philadelphia, National Registrar, Mrs. Harry Van Nuys Wade of Indianapolis, Chairman of the National Historical Activities Committee; four State Presidents -- Mrs. Thomas A. Huguenin of South Carolina, Mrs. James P. Hill of Florida, Mrs. James Lambdin of Mississippi, and Mrs. James Campbell (the former Dorothy Ann Tison of Savannah) of Vermont.

Many delightful entertainments were planned by Mrs. Charles McGehee, Jr., Town Committee Chairman, and her co-chairmen, Mrs. Archibald Morris and Mrs. John Saylor. At the beautiful banquet Mrs. Mingledorff gave a brief resume of the seventy-five year history of the Society. She spoke of the time when the "Circles," as the Town Committees were first known, were chiefly occupied with literary and historical programs, and had no part in the overall operation of the Society. She paid tribute to past presidents and other dedicated members who were instrumental in placing historical markers throughout the State, and who broadened the scope of the Society's work to give comfort and cheer to the Armed Forces, and to exert an influence in the present changing times by keeping alive the heritage of the past.

Impressive accounts of the work of various committees during the past year were given by the chairmen. Mrs. Edward V. Jones gave a heartening report of patriotic service to the troops in Vietnam. Nine hundred and five "ditty bags" were made, two hundred and five wrapped gifts and many contributions were sent to the Hospital Ships "Sanctuary" and "Repose." Books were donated to the "USS Gunston Hall" and to local military installations, and entertainments were held for service men.



The Historical Activities Chairman, Mrs. John C. Hagler, reported that Mrs. Donald Hastings of "Floweracres" had been appointed to the National Committee as advisor on Historic Museum House Gardens; also she announced a new National Project—the preserving of church records and information about church and family cemeteries—on which several Town Committees were working. Many had contributed to the preservation of Colonial Cemetery in Savannah, had made donations to Colonial Fort King George near Darien, and had made surveys of old homes and of customs houses. The History Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Kenneth Coleman of the University of Georgia to further his studies in England for the volume of the "History of the American Colonies" which he was writing for Charles Scribner and Sons.

All House Committees had been busy. Mrs. Hartridge reported that lights had been installed in front and rear gardens, and a burglar alarm system was being installed. The beauty of the garden showed the splendid care given it by Mrs. Thomas M. Johnson. This was the first of Mrs. Johnson's ten years of devoted service as Garden Chairman. Books in the Library had been rearranged by the Chairman, Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr. and Col. Britt, to use the shelf space to better advantage, and to facilitate the use of the books. They were also re-catalogued more simply. A quantity of loose material—pamphlets, pictures etc.—was sorted by a committee under Mrs. Mingledorff. Coming to light at that time were the first minutes of the Georgia Society, and a calling card of the Low family's guest, William Makepiece Thackeray.

In October of 1968 Mrs. Mingledorff and thirteen other Georgia members attended the Biennial in Washington. Mrs. Harry J. Warthen, Jr. of, Richmond was installed as National President, and Mrs. Leo J. Allen of the Georgia Society appointed Patriotic Service Chairman of District III. In November the Round Table was held in Thomasville; Mrs. William Vance Watt and her committee placed beautiful Thomasville roses in the motel rooms of those attending, and entertained delightfully. At the meeting the Board went on record as protesting the demolition of any historic houses or sites in any part of the State, including the Turner House in Savannah, across the Square from the Dames House, and several blocks on Oglethorpe Avenue.

In December the President visited the Augusta Town Committee, and as part of her continued effort to bring the Town Committees closer together, arranged the first joint Historical Activities and Patriotic Service meeting of the Georgia Dames in Savannah, in January. Mrs. Charles Powell, Patriotic Service Chairman, urged continued service for Vietnam, and urged all to promote the flying of American flags. The idea of having a Portrait Survey as a new state Historical Activities project was discussed.

There was a great deal of activity at the Colonial Dames House in Savannah. In October of 1968 the National Trust held a lovely dinner there during its convention, and many Dames attended. In December the Trustees Garden Club held its meeting there, decorating the House in the style of an old-fashioned Christmas. It was opened to the public as a joint fund-raising project of the Garden Club and the Dames. A full-page picture of the decorated double drawing-rooms appeared in the book "Flowers and Furniture in American Historic Homes," published by Hearthside Press, and a picture of the facade was used

on the cover of the Savannah Telephone Directory. A meeting of the Museum House Association was held there in January, and the House was on the Christ Church Candlelight Tour in March. It was especially lovely with flowers throughout, and the Board Room furniture newly upholstered in soft rose velvet.

At the 1969 Annual Meeting in April, the gracious hospitality of the Athens Town Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Thomas H. Milner, was shared by two honored guests, Mrs. Arthur Rivers, President, and Mrs. Thomas Huguenin, Immediate Past President, of the South Carolina Society. At the meeting it was voted to change the Board membership to include Town Committee chairmen (as in other states). The Society voted to contribute \$500 towards the restoration of Colonial Cemetery in Savannah. Mrs. Samuel Inman, Historical Activities Chairman, reported outstanding work by the Town Committees: the furnishing of a room in historic Rankin House by Columbus; a talk on "Porcelains" by Mrs. Charlton Theus in Albany, the proceeds used to help publish Albany's history book; a Memorial Fund set up by Thomasville for redoing a room at the Dames House; a Candlelight Tour sponsored by Milledgeville in co-operation with the local Historical Society; joint efforts by Madison and the Landmark Society to establish a museum in the old railroad depot; color slides, with commentary, of Georgia history from the 16th Century through the Revolution, shown by Savannah at the Georgia Day Open House at Headquarters. Mrs. Mingledorff expressed appreciation to Mrs. Walter Strong, Registrar, for compiling (with the help of Mrs. Kenneth Lasseter and Miss Jeanne Hunter) a booklet of accredited Georgia ancestors, as requested by the National Registrar. She also thanked Mrs. Homer Berger of Thomasville and Mrs. Mark Cooper of Rome for assisting the Genealogist, Mrs. Huger, with a large backlog of candidates' papers.

All House Committees had been busy, and there were many visitors, including several Williamsburg guides and a group of Girl Scouts studying to be guides. In one month thirty-three tours had been scheduled, among them a group of over two hundred wives of directors of a large Georgia bank, and over a hundred wives each of wholesale grocers and doctors of the Georgia Medical Association. Many Girl Scout troops toured the House. Mrs. Johnson had had the fountain in the back garden repaired and crushed oyster shells put on the front walks; she had also planted a "Juliette Low" camellia, bulbs, and a number of Belgian azaleas. Mrs. Malcolm Maclean, Jr., Hospitality Chairman, reported all bedrooms generally filled at the time of Board meetings. Many Gifts were given to the House\* and the Chairman of the Gifts, Loans and Decorating Committee, Mrs. Charlton M. Theus, planned a meeting in January of an advisory committee, with members appointed by each Town Committee.

The President's Spring and Fall schedule included an April visit to Wilmington for the North Carolina Society's Annual Meeting, and in May, attendance, with Mrs. Powell, at the Region III Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, conducted by Mrs. Leo Allen. In October, Mrs. Mingledorff went to Washington for the National Board Meeting, then conducted the Round Table in Americus, at which Mrs. Campbell of Vermont

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\* A list of gifts is included at the end of this section

was a guest. In October the Dames House was used for a reception for Dr. F. Bland Tucker of Christ Church upon the occasion of his retirement. Also in the Fall, the President, with Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Inman, attended the Region II Conference in St. Louis. It was learned that the "USS Gunston Hall" was being decommissioned, and a letter of thanks for the Society's long interest was received from its commander.

In March of 1970 the Board Meeting was held in Milledgeville. A lovely morning party was given by Mrs. John Garner, and a luncheon and tour of Madison by Mrs. Henry D. Green and Mrs. William G. Ponder of the Madison Town Committee.

At the 1970 Annual Meeting in April the Atlanta Town Committee entertained with delightful hospitality. Mrs. James Kenan, Town Chairman, was hostess, and at the banquet in the Sheraton-Biltmore, her husband was the featured speaker. Mrs. Mingledorff spoke also, reminding the assembly of their "responsibility to maintain the highest devotion to God and country, never forgetting who we are and what we represent." Honored guests were Mrs. James P. Hill, President of the Florida Society, and Mrs. Huguenin, Past President of the South Carolina Society.

Among the many interesting reports given at the Meeting was that of Mrs. Carmichael, Regent of Gunston Hall. She spoke of an extensive building program planned at Gunston and an anticipated fund drive. Also plans were underway to encourage more tourists. Mrs. Inman announced that the new state-wide Historical Activities project was a Survey of Portraits and Miniatures, and that several Town Committees had begun work. Mrs. David Wright, Library Chairman, announced that "Albany on the Flint," dedicated to Mrs. Edward Jones' daughter, had been completed and a copy given to the Library. At the request of the new National Genealogical Information Services Committee, she had compiled a catalogue of genealogical material in the Library. Mrs. Henry D. Green, Gifts, Loans and Decorating Chairman, listed many gifts to the Dames House.

In May the President held an Executive Committee meeting at her home. In October she attended the National Board and Biennial in Washington, and the Round Table in Madison at the old restored Parish House. Patriotic Service Chairman, Mrs. Powell, reported that the Vietnam project had come to an end due to the reduction of troops; Historical Activities Chairman, Mrs. Inman, discussed various aspects of the Portrait Survey. Mrs. Leonard Wallace, Town Chairman, and her committee gave a delightful tour of old Madison houses and a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Henry D. Green.

The November Board Meeting was held at the "Buccaneer" Motel at Jekyll Island to discuss the proposed Horton-Dubignon House restoration. Mrs. Charles N. Waaden gave a resume of what had been done to date. Several gentlemen attended the meeting: Mr. Walter Hartridge of Savannah, who spoke most interestingly of the history of the island and the house; Col. Britt of Savannah, who represented the Georgia Society of Colonial Wars; Mr. Joseph Bright of Valdosta, a prominent architect who volunteered to investigate means of preserving the ruins; and Mr. Horace Caldwell, Director of the State's Jekyll Island Authority, who expressed interest but could make no commitment because of lack of funds. After the meeting, those attending toured the former "Millionaires' Village" and

were Mr. Caldwell's guests at a beach luncheon. In spite of much publicity and great effort to enlist the aid of state legislators, restoration was found to be impossible, as the Society could not afford it, and the State was unwilling to allocate the necessary funds. A plan to preserve the ruins was accepted, and Mrs. Mingledorff appointed Mrs. Lucian L. Daniel of Moultrie to keep the Dames informed on the matter. The March Board Meeting was held in Macon at the Idlehour Country Club. Mrs. Mingledorff announced that it would be necessary for the Society to establish its own tax exemption with the Internal Revenue Service independantly of the National Society, and that she had sought legal advise on how to proceed.

The 1971 Annual Meeting was held in Savannah in April with Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr., Town Committee Chairman, as hostess, and Mrs. Leopold Adler, II and Mrs. John Angell co-chairmen for arrangements. Mrs. Harry J. Warthen, Jr., National President, was guest of honor at the reception at the Dames House and banquet at the DeSoto Hilton. An interesting innovation was a lecture (open to the public) at the Telfair Academy by Chancellor Alexander Heard of Vanderbilt University, a former Savannahian and son of the late Mrs. R. Willis Heard, a valued Savannah member. The lecture was followed by cocktails at the home of Mrs. Adler on historic Monterey Square and luncheon at the Oglethorpe Club.

At the Meeting Mrs. Mingledorff announced the expiration of Mrs. Carmichael's term as Regent of Gunston Hall and confirmation of the appointment of Mrs. Henry D. Green as Regent. Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr., the new Registrar, read a list of fifty-two members admitted during the year. Eighteen by-laws changes were accepted as presented by Mrs. Shelby Myrick, Sr., By-laws Chairman. Other chairmen reported a wide variety of Town Committee activities. Mrs. Mingledorff then thanked all who had helped make her Presidency so interesting and rewarding. With deepest regret, after four productive years under her guidance, the Society accepted her decision to decline re-election and retire from office.

#### GIFTS FOR THE HOUSE, 1967-1971

- Ten pieces of a sterling and coin silver tea set (ca. 1851-5)—Bequest of Mrs. William C. Burt, Macon.
- Sheraton sofa, spider-leg mahogany table (ca. 1835-40), Queen Anne wing chair (1775)—purchased with contribution in honor of Mrs. Mills B. Lane, Jr., by a group of friends
- Items for the Atlanta Room: Pair of figurines and pair of three-branch candelabra for mantel, English mahogany straight chair, brass candlestick, crystal and silver inkwell, bookends, waste basket, bric-a-brac. (Also several pieces of porcelain for drawing room cabinet)—Atlanta Town Committee
- For the Library: Draperies, library steps, pole lamp and two table lamps—Macon Town Committee
- Two antique serving spoons (in memory of Katherine Champion Meadows, Town Committee Chairman 1956-60)—Albany Town Committee
- Silver cake knife, serving spoon, ten butter spreaders, carving set—Mrs. L. Neill Bickerstaff, Columbus
- One dozen silver ice cream forks—Mrs. Marshall Morton, Columbus
- Silver cake knife—Mrs. Jefferson Box—Columbus
- Silver teapot (ca. 18th Century)—Moultrie Town Committee
- Silvered iced tea spoons—Mrs. Wayne Patterson, Columbus
- Brass jardiniere—Mrs. E. B. Young, Albany
- Four Davenport plates (with Swiss scenes, ca. 1830), large collection fans—Mrs. James G. Kenan, Atlanta

Cabinet, 19th Century (in memory of Miss Emma Julia Wright, Thomasville)—Mrs. David Wright, Savannah  
 Silver urn and coffee pot (part of set previously received—Mrs. Henry L. Green, Atlanta)  
 Screen for dining room—Mrs. Lonnie D. Ferguson, Thomasville  
 Two 18th Century portraits—Mrs. Fluellen Murphy, Macon  
 Silver tray, made by George Purse of London, 1735-6, and firescreen, (in memory of her mother, Louise Cox Carbine of Madison)—Mrs. George P. Henderson, La Jolla, California  
 American mahogany sewing table (ca. 1840)—Mrs. Henry D. Green, Madison  
 Sheffield tray (in memory of her mother, Susan Tracy Collins)—Mrs. Benjamin F. Borden, Macon  
 Six silver spoons—Mrs. Antonio J. Waring, Savannah (in memory of Dr. Waring's mother, Annie Johnston Waring)  
 Several pieces of furniture (to be used in the House or sold)—Mrs. Reginald S. Fleet, La Jolla, California  
 Sheffield tray—Miss Sophia Rossetter Collins, Macon  
 Cup and saucer for Moultrie Room—Mr. Frank McCall, Moultrie  
 Hanging lantern—returned from Dumbarton House and placed in hall (former hall light placed in Board Room)  
 Outdoor Colonial Dames Flag (in memory of Mrs. George Heyward)—Mrs. Leo Allen, Blackshear  
 Outdoor American Flag (in memory of her mother, Mrs. George Heyward)—Mrs. Mingledorff, President  
 Linen: Mrs. Mingledorff, Mrs. Homer Berger, Thomasville, The Columbus Town Committee and individual members (Mesdames Bickerstaff, Hardaway, Sr., Hunter, Ogletree, Hamburger, Sr., Crawford, Kyle, Sr., Box, Blackmar, Wellborn, Gerrard)  
 Books—Alabama Society (Portrait Book); Mrs. Alice Huger (genealogical), Mrs. Frank Hollowbush, Mrs. Nephew G. Clark, Mrs. Charles McGehee (genealogical), Savannah  
 Contributions:  
 Athens Town Committee, Macon Town Committee, Marietta Town Committee, Madison Town Committee (in memory of Mrs. Carter Shepherd), Mrs. R. B. Ellis, Tampa, (in memory of Charles John Ellis, Marjorie Cook Babbitt, Annie Hawkins Clark), Albany Town Committee (for purchase of porcelain for drawing room cabinet in memory of Miss Willie Walters and Mrs. Gordon Donaldson), Columbus Town Committee (for purchase of porcelain for drawing room in memory of Mrs. Edward B. Everett and Mrs. Owen D. Edge, Mrs. Richard Stone, Savannah (in memory of Mrs. Paul E. Seabrook), Valdosta Town Committee (in memory of Mrs. James Wood Oglesby), Mrs. Maxwell Oliver, Valdosta, (in memory of Mrs. Richard Harris), Mr. Philip Ellwanger, Savannah, Mrs. Carlus Griffin, Valdosta (in memory of Mrs. Richard Harris)  
 Purchases for House:  
 Sheraton mirror, made by Murray and Elliott, 509 Market Street, Philadelphia, ca. 1820—for the Savannah Room  
 Small antique mahogany pedestal table  
 Antique Chinese Export lamp  
 Regency wire and brass fender, pair brass candlesticks—for Board Room  
 Mahogany grandfather's clock, Chippendale side table, Raeburn chair—for the hall.



## 1971 - 1975

Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr., Savannah Town Committee Chairman for the past three years, was elected President at the Annual Meeting in Savannah in April 1971. She served for the next four years, ably assisted by two splendid Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Walter H. Strong and Mrs. Walter C. Hartridge. Although a Georgian by birth and ancestry, Mrs. Britt had been away for many years during her husband's Army career, in many sections of the United States, and in such far-flung parts of the world as England, Germany and Taiwan. On her return to Georgia, she felt more than ever that its history and heritage were of the greatest value and worthy of preservation, and that the Portrait Survey was potentially a significant historical contribution.

Her visit to Oklahoma City in May, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr., and Mrs. Leo Allen, for the Region III Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Conference, was a nostalgic one for Mrs. Britt, who had lived several times at the old Army post, Fort Sill, not far away. At the Conference, the three Georgia delegates were particularly impressed by the pride in their state shown by the Oklahoma Dames, with interest in preserving not only the early State and Territorial traditions and mementoes, but Indian culture as well. A dinner at the Cowboy Hall of Fame (with its art treasures and museum with reconstructed frontier town and Indian village) and a program of authentic Indian dances, climaxed the Oklahoma Society's lovely entertainments and warm hospitality. At the Conference Mrs. Britt consulted the Alabama Dames responsible for their Portrait Book and brought home many ideas and suggestions.

In late May, the President held an Executive Committee meeting at the Dames House. Mrs. John Kirk Train, Treasurer, reported assembling the required financial data to be included in the Society's request for Federal Tax Exemption; Mrs. Britt compiled a list of Dames' activities which would justify the exempt status. In October at the Round Table and Board Meeting in Rome, planned by Mrs. Aubrey Matthews and Mrs. Mark Cooper, the Board, acting on legal advice, passed an emergency amendment to the By-laws to direct the disposition of property should the Society ever be dissolved; also the wording of the Charter was changed to delete the word "social" in describing the purposes of the Society. In due course a notice of Exemption was received from the IRS.

In November, however, new tax problems arose, when the City of Savannah and Chatham County imposed a property tax on the formerly tax-free Headquarters House. The Society's decision to fight the tax necessitated further legal advice, followed by protests, an injunction, and a law-suit—happily won, nearly three years later. Their successful young attorney, son of a Georgia Dame, and deeply interested, himself, in historic preservation, had emphasized the possibility of losing the case and the need to put aside a reserve fund each year—just in case. This tidy little nest egg was later used to great advantage for necessary repairs to the House.

After consultation with experts, the Treasurer, Mrs. Train, changed the handling of the Society's investments, and improved their quality. However, as wear and tear on the House increased with larger numbers of visitors, maintenance was higher, so that it was necessary to increase the dues and raise the



Registration fee at the next Annual Meeting. Later the fees for Life Memberships were also raised. Greater support for the Endowment Fund was urged. For continuity in handling the Society's finances, the office of Assistant Treasurer was created and Mrs. Archibald L. Morris appointed to that office.

Finances on all levels were the chief order of business in the Fall of 1971. The first National Board Meeting attended by Mrs. Britt in Washington in October was largely concerned with the proposed expansion of Dumbarton House, the National Headquarters. Then in November, Mrs. Henry D. Green, Georgia Regent of Gunston Hall, reported a new nation-wide Fund Drive for proposed archaeological study and building at Gunston. Each Town Committee appointed a Gunston chairman to raise funds, and the following February, Mrs. Green gave a luncheon in Atlanta to promote the drive. Mrs. Britt and many other Georgia members attended, a talk was given by Mrs. Frederick Frelinghuysen, First Regent of Gunston, and slides were shown. At the end of the Fund Drive the Georgia Society had contributed nearly \$17,000.

The Annual Meeting in Augusta in April 1972, beautifully planned by Mrs. William G. Bush and Mrs. Arnold Barrett, was delightful and stimulating, with many interesting reports. Mrs. Inman reported that in addition to the one hundred and fifty pictures of portraits collected to date, the Town Committees had been busy with other projects: Augusta continued to cooperate with the county in maintaining their old Colonial Cemetery and with their Historical Society by filing genealogical records at Augusta College; Brunswick had held a program on the "Dead Town of Sunbury"; Albany's history book was in its second edition; Savannah had held a Georgia Day Open House, featuring a harpsichord concert of old music; Atlanta sponsored an essay contest on the life of George Mason; Thomasville held an auction to raise money for the old house recently given them; Moultrie took a tour to the restored town of Westville, and their Chairman gave a talk on the museums and old houses she had recently visited on the Delaware Dames Tour; Columbus raised a large sum to purchase a parking lot for Rankin House. Mrs. Powell reported on the Society's patriotic service; the film "Old Glory" and the "Parade of Flags" were shown in a number of schools; Macon had arranged for a High School class in American government to attend naturalization ceremonies; Marietta contributed to "Young Americans for Freedom," to help prisoners of war in Vietnam and their families.

Mrs. Charlton M. Theus, Chairman for Gifts, Loans and Decorating, commended Mrs. Howard Morrison and her committee for a superb job in researching, indexing and photographing all the furnishings of the House. She announced the following gifts:

A handsome bequest by Mr. Barrett LeHardy of Savannah (in memory of his mother, Mrs. Louis LeHardy)

Silver punch bowl and cups—Mrs. Rayburn S. Webb, Albany

Stands for "Parade of Flags"—Mrs. Leo Allen, Blackshear

Pair of crystal and ormolu candelabra (in memory of her mother, Mrs. Einar S. Trosdal)  
—Mrs. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Savannah

Carpeting for basement stairs—Mr. L. Neill Bickerstaff, Columbus

Linen—Miss Alice Hall, Milledgeville

Draperies and rug for Thomasville Room—Thomasville Town Committee

Fire screen (walnut and tapestry)—Dr. Augusta Clay, Savannah

Contributions from:

Several Town Committees for the House  
Valdosta Town Committee—for a rug or furniture  
Mrs. Reginald Fleet, La Jolla, Calif.—for re-doing her gift of furniture  
Atlanta Town Committee—for repairs to chandeliers  
Columbus Town Committee—in memory of Mrs. J. Arthur Lynch  
Waycross Town Committee—in memory of Miss Mary Letford  
Valdosta Town Committee—in memory of Mrs. James Mood Oglesby  
*On Loan: Mahogany bureau and table—Scarborough House, Savannah*

Mrs. Crutcher, House Chairman, reported that the House was kept fresh and lovely by the Greens Committee, and that it had been on the Christ Church Tour of Homes. Mrs. Olaf Otto, Jr., Headquarters Chairman, reported a number of repairs to the House and others urgently needed. Mrs. Patterson, Museum House Chairman said that if the House was to operate on the former schedule of opening six days a week, it would be necessary to employ another hostess to help with the large number of visitors—attendance had been over 2000 in the past seven months.

Over the summer Mrs. Britt had assisted the Roster Secretary, Mrs. F. Willson Daily, in preparing a new Directory, printed with the Historian's Report; this was distributed at the Round Table in Marietta in October. Mrs. Norman C. Shipley, Town Chairman was hostess. The President went to Washington, also, in October, for the National Board and the Biennial Council. Twenty-one other Georgia members were present at the Biennial. The Council dinner featured a slide lecture by Mr. Clement Conger, Curator of the White House, preparatory to the Dames' visit there next day. Particularly valuable was a three-hour evening Presidents' meeting attended by Mrs. Britt. Important new ideas were discussed in the Patriotic Service and Historical Activities workshops, in which the chairmen, Mrs. L. Neill Bickerstaff and Mrs. Joseph E. Bright participated. The important project brought back by Mrs. Bickerstaff, was that of urging school boards to inspect new textbooks, alerting them to the trend towards belittling American national heroes and substituting others. In appointing Mrs. Bright Historical Activities Chairman, Mrs. Britt gave her the enormous task of finalizing the Georgia Portrait Survey—collecting and researching more portraits, finding a publisher, editing and turning the mass of material into a beautiful and historically valuable volume.

In November the President was invited by Mrs. Samuel Noble Roberts, Town Chairman, to attend the Atlanta Town Committee's meeting at the home of Mrs. Rhodes Perdue, and to give a talk on the history of the Georgia Society. A visit was also made to the Tully-Smith House, which the Atlanta Dames had helped restore. Mr. Richard Doud of the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery spoke at the November Board Meeting in Savannah; his advice and help was of inestimable value to Mrs. Bright and the Portrait Committee. Mrs. Lawrence Lee, Jr., new Museum House Chairman, was authorized by the Board to employ a second part-time hostess for the Dames House, to be trained by Mrs. Fawcett and begin work in December. Mrs. Lucian Daniel reported that the grounds of the Horton-DuBignon House had been landscaped and preservation of the ruins undertaken, largely due to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Green.

Although attendance at the Board Meeting in January 1973 was curtailed

by an ice storm over the State, important business was transacted. Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Mingledorff and Mrs. Strong were appointed to look into compiling a new Register of the Society. Mrs. Morris, Treasurer, and Mrs. Frank A. Chisholm, Finance Chairman, announced growth of the Endowment Fund, but unusually large disbursements due to printing, legal fees, and the installation of a new burglar and fire alarm system at Headquarters. Necessary repairs had been made to walls and water pipes, and some antique bath fixtures replaced. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Britt, with the help of their husbands, had filled out the tedious IRS forms required of tax-exempt organizations; it was hoped to persuade a friendly accountant to take over that chore in the future. In spite of rain and heavy fog, many Board Members came to Savannah for the March meeting at which Mrs. Henry Stevens, Corresponding Secretary, gave an interesting program on the Society's historical markers, with slides and commentary.

At the 1973 Annual Meeting in Columbus, under the direction of Mrs. Kenneth Henson, Town Chairman, and Mrs. Buford King, there were delightful entertainments at Rankin House, the "Big Eddy" Club, the Country Club, and at Mrs. Bickerstaff's home. At the business meeting, held at the Bradley Museum of Fine Arts, Mrs. Britt announced that she had appointed Mrs. Mingledorff, Georgia's first "Lady of Dumbarton," to serve on the newly formed Dumbarton House Board. Also she announced that Mrs. Martin was a member of the National Finance Committee. Mrs. George Patterson, Chairman of the Gifts, Loans and Decorating Committee, reported that Insignia Number I of the Georgia Society, formerly owned by the founder, Mrs. W. W. Gordon, had been given to the Society by her granddaughter, Mrs. Samuel C. Lawrence. She announced that the portrait of the first Mrs. George Anderson Gordon (Caroline Steenbergen), hanging in the hall of the Dames House, had been given by Mrs. Winslow Warren of Walpole, Mass. and her brother. New tambour curtains had been installed in the Atlanta Room by the Atlanta Town Committee, and a curtain on the stair landing by the Moultrie Town Committee. A small Victorian vase was given by Mrs. Leo Allen of Blackshear and a donation for a piece of porcelain by Mrs. James Derry Burns of Macon. An English ironstone platter ca. 1840, on a teakwood stand, was purchased with a contribution from Mrs. Howard Dasher of Valdosta, and an English Worcester bowl, ca. 1810, with a contribution from the Albany Town Committee in memory of Mrs. Allen Franklin Churchill. Many other generous contributions were made to the House, including those by a number of members for carpeting for the front stairs.

Mrs. Lorton Livingston, Library Chairman, announced that she had purchased the National's Society's first publication, "Three Centuries of Customs Houses," and "Children of Pride," the epic collection of Civil War letters of a Georgia family. Mrs. Bright reported that while nearly all Town Committees were working on the Portrait Book, the major project, some were engaged in making church and cemetery surveys. She also announced that the University of Georgia Press was interested in the Portrait Book and would soon decide if they would publish it.

In May, with Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Mingledorff, Mrs. Britt attended the beautiful Region III Conference in New Orleans at the Roval Orleans Hotel. They were entertained in homes in the Garden district, in the French quarter, and at the Louisiana Dames Residence in historic Pontalba Apartments. At the

closing session of the meeting, Mrs. Britt issued the Georgia Society's invitation to the next Regional Conference, to be held in Savannah in April, 1975.

In October a delightful Round Table Meeting was held in Moultrie, with Mrs. Robert E. Fokes, Jr. and Mrs. Lucian Daniel in charge. Mrs. Britt appointed Mrs. Frank Chisholm chairman for the Regional Conference and Mrs. Henry Stevens co-chairman; plans were immediately underway to make it an outstanding and enjoyable event. Ways and means to have the Dames House in the best possible condition by that time were discussed. Later in October, Mrs. Britt went to Washington for the National Board Meeting; it was decided at that time to table plans for the proposed expansion of Dumbarton House, due to the state of the economy. Board meetings in November, January and February were well attended in spite of the energy crisis and bad weather. (Two Atlanta members, Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Frazer, once had to circle the Savannah airport, return home, and telephone their reports to the Board).

The Annual Meeting in April 1974 was held in Savannah at the DeSoto-Hilton, with Mrs. Jesse Fulenwider, Town Chairman, as hostess, and Mrs. John E. Simpson and Mrs. John Saylor co-chairmen. Honored guests were the National President, Mrs. William Curtis Pierce and Mrs. James Harlan Boswell, President of the South Carolina Society. Special features were a reception at the Dames House honoring Mrs. Pierce, and a historic river tour and luncheon aboard the "Waving Girl." At the business meeting it was reported that the Dames House had been on the Tour of Homes, that Mrs. Mingleдорff had given a reception there for a group of English and French preservationists (including the Director of the American Museum in Bath), that the English Speaking Union had used it for their annual celebration of the Queen's Birthday (at which Mrs. Britt gave the traditional toast), and that the Garden had been loaned as the setting for a garden-party scene in an American Heritage movie—to co-operate with the State of Georgia's policy of promoting local scenes for movies and television. Several By-laws changes were accepted as presented by the By-laws Chairman, Mrs. Strong; one controversial amendment to lower the age limit for prospective members from thirty to twenty-five was tabled (and at a later meeting defeated.) Mrs. Patterson reported contributions for the House and other gifts:

Collection of Derby porcelain, ca. 1820, (in memory of Mrs. Albert W. Stoddard, Savannah, Mrs. John E. Ladson, Jr. and Mrs. James Frank Norman, Moultrie, and in honor of Mrs. William J. Vereen, also of Moultrie)—Mr. Frank McCall, Jr. of Moultrie

Mason's ironstone platter of Imari design (in memory of Miss Isabelle Brinson of Moultrie)—Mrs. George E. Patterson, Savannah

Additional pieces Derby porcelain (in memory of Mrs. Stoddard)—Mr. Lynford Hadwin, Savannah

Rose Medallion plate (in honor of Mr. Frank McCall)—Mrs. James Gilbert, Brunswick

Italian pottery plate for Thomasville Room—Mrs. Hiram Megahed, Thomasville

Regency brass fender (in memory of her husband)—Mrs. Joel Guy Inman, Albany

Regency mahogany secretary (in memory of his aunt, Miss Mary Davis)—Mr. Sanford Birdsey, Macon

Six additional pieces of Derby porcelain (in memory of Mrs. Cyrus Carl Huber and Mrs. William C. Vereen, Jr., of Moultrie)—Mr. Frank McCall, Jr., Moultrie.

Mrs. Patterson announced the purchase of a beautiful antique (ca. 1790) china cabinet with part of Mr. Barrett LeHardy's bequest as a memorial to his mother, Mrs. Louis LeHardy.

Mrs. Britt reported for Mrs. Bright that the University of Georgia Press had accepted the Portrait Book, and that publication was scheduled for April

1975. She expressed her deep appreciation of Mrs. Bright's vision, dedication and achievement in this project. She also thanked Mrs. Bickerstaff and her committee for their success in raising the Portrait Book Fund, generously over-subscribed by patrons' contributions.

In the summer of 1974, Mrs. Britt continued to work actively on the Portrait Book Committee, writing a large number of the descriptive sketches of the Savannah portraits. She also attended a meeting in Valdosta with Mrs. Bright and other Committee members, to make the final selection of portraits and miniatures (six hundred out of nearly a thousand submitted) to be illustrated in the book. With Mrs. Strong's help she then notified by letter all those whose entries had been rejected.

The Round Table in Milledgeville in October was notable for its warm hospitality, the meeting at the old "Homestead" and the interesting talk on its history and furnishings by Miss Katherine Scott of the Milledgeville Town Committee. At the meeting it was voted to change the name "Gifts, Loans and Decorating Committee" to "Acquisitions and Furnishings Committee." Mrs. Patterson, Chairman, announced the gift of a new Visitors Book by Mrs. Bickerstaff, and new curtains and dust ruffle for the Thackeray Room from the Moultrie Town Committee. Mrs. Hunter Clay, House Chairman, had made and given voile curtains for the Savannah Room, and curtains for the back stairs. A cause for real jubilation was Mrs. Britt's announcement that after the long three-year fight, the Society had won its case exempting the Dames House from local taxation. Consequently, long-awaited and extensive work was undertaken on the House: the air conditioner was moved from its inconvenient, leaky perch in the attic; repairs were made to the facade, the blinds and garden walls; the whole exterior and the iron fence were repainted.

In October Mrs. Britt attended the National Board and Biennial in Washington, having the honor of carrying the American flag in the opening and closing ceremonies. At the November Board meeting the resignation of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mary H. Lynah, was accepted, and the appointment of Mrs. Daily, Roster Secretary, to take her place until April, was confirmed. Veterans' projects, studied at the Biennial workshops, and a special essay contest for Georgia High School students were announced by Mrs. Roberts, Patriotic Service Chairman. In January Mrs. Britt, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Daily went to Atlanta, for the Board Meeting, arranged by Mrs. Frazer, Town Chairman, at the Piedmont Driving Club.

The first joint Regional Conference in Savannah in fifteen years, was held April 6-8, 1975, at the DeSoto-Hilton Hotel with Mrs. Britt presiding, for representatives of Region III's Historical Activities, Patriotic Service, Genealogical Information Services Committees, and Registrars. In addition to the delegates from the eleven states of the Region, many National Officers attended, including the President and First Vice-President. Stimulating programs and workshops emphasized the observance of the Bicentennial, and the educational impact of the Colonial Dames' projects. A series of entertainments began on Sunday evening with cocktails at the homes of Mrs. John Carswell and Mrs. Lawrence Lee, Jr., in the old restored, down-town district, followed by a beautiful candlelight dinner in the Dames house and garden. Monday's feature was a buffet luncheon at the Yacht Club,



preceded by aperitifs at the nearby home of Mrs. Raymond Demere. In the evening there was a cocktail hour at the Chatham Club before the banquet, at which Dr. Phinizy Spalding of the History Department of the University of Georgia, spoke delightfully on Georgia's early history. On the last day of the meeting, luncheon was served in the Harborview Room of the DeSoto with sherry first in the garden of the Dames House. There was a tour of the historic district followed by tea at the Telfair Academy, and in the evening the meeting came to a close with a dinner in the beautiful old "Pink House" restaurant. The entire historic 18th Century house was reserved for the occasion.

Two weeks later, the Annual Meeting was held in Macon under the chairmanship of Mrs. Haley Duncan, assisted by Mrs. Derry Burns and Mrs. Francis Hall, at the Macon-Hilton Hotel. An honored guest was Mrs. Judson Freeman, President of the Florida Society, accompanied by two other Florida members, Mrs. Gilliland and Mrs. Parish. A lovely reception was given at the Idlehour Country Club, the banquet was held at the hotel, and there were delightful informal luncheons after the Meeting in the homes of several members. At the Meeting in the restored Grand Opera House, the many satisfying accomplishments of a memorable year were reviewed. Glowing letters had been received from nearly every one who came to the Regional Conference, and Georgia members who were there reported their pleasure in taking part and their pride in being Georgia Dames. After four years, in which a number of problems had been resolved and the Portrait Project brought to a successful conclusion, Mrs. Britt retired from the Presidency, and was succeeded by Mrs. Francis Willson Daily.

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At this point Mrs. Britt's account of our history ended, she concluded with these words: "May this record of eighty-two years of continuous service to the nation and to the State of Georgia, serve as inspiration to those in the future who will carry on the traditions and ideals of the Society."



## 1975 - 1981

Mrs. Francis Willson Daily assumed the presidency at the April 1975 Annual Meeting held in Macon. Mrs. Daily, an exceptional Dame and splendid leader, headed the Society during one of its most fruitful periods, most especially in the restoration and refurbishing of the Andrew Low House.

The October Round Table was held in Thomasville, and later, Mrs. Daily attended the National Board meeting and served on the National Nominating Committee.

One of the most exciting events of the year was the introduction of *Early Georgia Portraits, 1714 to 1870*, compiled by the Historical Activities Committee during the preceding five years, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joseph Elliott Bright. It proved to be an important addition to the State's published history. Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr. handled the negotiations with the University of Georgia Press and was responsible for the plates for this book remaining the property of the Society. This will enable us to republish this book, should it ever be advantageous to do so.

The garden at the Andrew Low House was completely reworked, preserving the original design. Attention was given to the courtyard and fountain in the rear garden. The hundreds of visitors to the house delight in the planting in both front and rear gardens. Many of the camellia bushes are labeled for the benefit of those who admire our fine specimens.

Linda Watts, our first female winner and a graduate student at Emory University, was awarded the Society's American History Scholarship which goes each year to a graduate student wishing to pursue a career in this field.

The 81st Annual Meeting was held in Albany in 1976. This being the Bicentennial year of our country, each member attending this Meeting received a copy of a bust of George Washington by Jean-Antione Houdon. The cast for these was taken from the original by David Flaharty, sculptor to the White House and State Department.

The names of Mrs. M. Heyward Mingledorff and Mrs. Edward Vason Jones were added to the Roll of Honor.

A special guest at the banquet that evening was Clement E. Conger, Curator of the White House, who presented an engrossing, illustrated talk on the rich heritage of furniture being assembled in the diplomatic reception rooms at the State Department in Washington. Edward Vason Jones, husband of a Georgia Dame, was the architect for these magnificent rooms.

The Round Table was held in Valdosta. A few weeks later the largest number of members of any Corporate Society represented Georgia at the Biennial Council of The National Society, held in Washington at the stately Mayflower Hotel. On the closing day, Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr., a past President of the Georgia Society, was installed as President of The National Society. Her first official duty, following the final business session, was to present The National Society's Bicentennial gift to the White House. It was an elegant, mahogany, inlaid tall-case clock, placed in the Diplomatic Reception Room, where it stands against the background of the celebrated Dufore scenic wallpaper. Clement E. Conger, representing Mrs. Gerald Ford, wife of the President of The United States of America, accepted the gift.

A reception and dinner honoring Mrs. Martin was held at the Andrew Low House the evening before the November Board of Managers' meeting. Wearing the diamond

sunburst pin of the National President on her long blue and gold National Officers' ribbon, Mrs. Martin was a gracious figure on that gala evening.

Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr. and her committee brought the history of the Georgia Society up-to-date, compiling the accomplishments of the Society since 1950, where the existing history concluded.

Members contributed twenty biographical sketches for the National Historical Activities Committee's publication, *Women-Colonial and Pioneer*.

Thomasville's room was completely renovated during the summer. William Frank McCall, Jr. was the architect for this and he designed a paneled mantel and chimney breast to replace the plain wooden one that dated from the days when the room had been the laundry room. That mantel was placed in storage. Paneled inside shutters were installed at the windows. Identical inside shutters were also installed in the office, so the exterior appearance of the house remained balanced. The renovation work and complete refurnishing of the room was a gift from Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr. The Board of Managers began holding its meetings in this room later in the year and continued to do so while Mrs. Daily was President.

Macon's library was redecorated through gifts from fifty-four members of their Town Committee. Mrs. M. Ferrill Robinson made numerous trips to Savannah to supervise this work. The woodwork was pickled to harmonize with the colors in the antique oriental rug placed in the room. This room was the original kitchen in the house but had been altered many years ago when the space was occupied by the Colonial Kitchen Tea Room.

Mrs. Daily presided over the largest Annual Meeting in our history in April 1977, in Savannah. Present at the Meeting was Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr. This was the third time that Georgia had been privileged to welcome one of its own members as President of The National Society. Mrs. Martin was honored at a reception during the Annual Meeting. The names of Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr. and Mrs. Lindsay Neill Bickerstaff were added to the Roll of Honor.

The year 1977 preceded the Golden Anniversary of our ownership of the Andrew Low House, State Headquarters. Mrs. Daily expressed the pride of the members of the Society when she said: "It is a wonderful part of our heritage, which the wisdom and sound judgement of our members fifty years ago placed in our trust. Let us celebrate this 50th anniversary year of ownership with matching devotion and support." A resolution was passed at this Meeting, stating that in anticipation of the 50th anniversary, individual members and Town Committees of the Georgia Society would raise a voluntary gift of \$50,000 (the Anniversary Fund) before the next Annual Meeting.

An innovation at this Meeting was the first Town Committee Chairmen's meeting. This was a breakfast meeting and gave them an opportunity to share information on topics of special interest to them, such as guest members, courtesy members, whether to accept transfers from other Corporate Societies, projects, fund-raising and how to encourage active participation by all members. The first meeting proved to be so useful that it immediately became a fixture at both the Round Table and the Annual Meeting. Mrs. Lloyd Guyton Bowers, Jr. served as chairman for the first several meetings.

The Georgia Society awarded our American History Scholarship of \$750 to a graduate student at Emory University, and also the District 8 scholarship of \$400 (composed of contributions from the Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina Societies) to a graduate student at Georgia State University.

Eight Georgia Dames, in addition to Mrs. Martin, National President, and the State President, attended the Region III Conference hosted by the Florida Society at Ponte Vedra Beach in May. Mrs. Daily conducted the first Town and County Committee workshop at this meeting, which covered such subjects as membership and growth, greater participation of members, finances, fund-raising and special projects.

The October Round Table began at Jekyll Island, where a bronze plaque was dedicated to mark the ruins of the Horton-duBignon house, built in 1742. The Georgia Dames had funded an archaeological survey of the ruins which recommended the walls of the house be stabilized and capped, also paid for by the Society. Following a luncheon given by the Jekyll Island Authority, members proceeded to Waycross. A lovely dinner was hosted by the Town Committee and next morning the Board of Managers met in the Okefenokee Heritage Center, where special interest centered around Waycross' Victorian parlor.

The need for a Procedure Manual was recognized and each member of the Board was asked to submit an outline of her duties and responsibilities throughout the year. Special reminders and customs were included for preservation of the style and traditions the Dames strive to uphold. Mrs. Lloyd Guyton Bowers, Jr. gathered all this information into a beautifully organized notebook and a copy was made for each member of the Board who was instructed to pass it to her successor upon retiring from office.

Mrs. Daily attended the meeting of the National Board and brought back items for the Society's consideration prior to the next Biennial Council. These included the creation of a new National Standing Committee, the Museum House Committee, whose purpose would be to assist, advise and educate the members in what has become a major focus of our activities, namely the approximately eighty-five houses and rooms we own or operate across the country. Another change would alter the representation of the Corporate Societies at future Biennial Councils by giving each Society the option of having five alternates. The delegates' strength would not be changed. The Georgia Society felt the ratio of alternates to delegates should remain unchanged.

Forty Georgia Dames joined members of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Georgia, Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia and St. Andrew's Society of Savannah in November 1977, for the dedication of a monument to the early settlers of Darien, located in the old City Cemetery. The four societies jointly subscribed to the cost of the heavy granite marker, which stands in a grove of live oaks, not far from the town's center.

A second Assistant Registrar was appointed, as demands upon the Registrar and Assistant Registrar had increased. The National Society is now requiring that each new member's papers contain documentation for each generation. The Georgia membership had grown to 1048.

Miss Katherine Simkins Bryson and her committee had been preparing for more than a year, the twenty-year update to the Society's printed register, *Supplement to the 1937 Register of Members and Ancestors of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia*. This was a complex and exacting task, as the names of many new members and additional eligible ancestors had to be inserted and indexed into the material from the earlier editions. This additional volume is a valuable genealogical resource for all Dames.

The condition of the parlor and dining room draperies at the Andrew Low House had become a source of embarrassment by the summer of 1977. A special committee was formed to consider suitable replacements, with Mrs. M. Heyward Mingledorff serving as chairman.

The noted architect and authority on the classical period in American decorative arts, Edward Vason Jones, volunteered to guide the work at the Low House. He was currently working on both restoration of the public rooms in the White House and on the creation of the Diplomatic Reception rooms at the Department of State.

Mr. Jones' first advice was that the architecture of the house should serve as the guide for all restoration. His second piece of advice was that work should start "from the floor up." We needed to have the correct floor covering before considering draperies. Originally there would have been wall-to-wall carpet in these rooms. Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr., a member of the committee, generously offered to give the carpet for both parlors. It was agreed Mr. Jones should have the order for this added to that currently being woven in England for installation in a similar period room at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. This carpet pattern is called "Devonshire."

A workshop for Town Committee representatives and interested Dames was held in January 1978 and Mr. Jones outlined what would be correct to use in the Low House. The classical architecture of the house, plus the family history of Andrew Low, the builder, dictated a furnishings cut-off date of about 1860. The Atlanta representatives, Mrs. Samuel Noble Roberts and Mrs. William Emory Waters, promptly had a consultation as to the correct furnishings for their room (the Low's bedroom), which was then restored to the proper period as a memorial to Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar. Active restoration plans were thus underway on both floors of the house open to visitors.

The Board realized that a continuing source of funds would be needed to carry forward the correct furnishing of the house. A committee was appointed to research possible projects. Mrs. Norman Mercier Shipley chaired the committee and it recommended the Society publish a cookbook. Several companies specializing in this field were contacted and the Board settled upon Wimmer Brothers, of Memphis, Tennessee. The proposed specifications agreed upon, the motion was introduced and passed by the 83rd Annual Meeting, held in Athens, in April 1978, "That the Georgia Society publish a cookbook and that the profit from it should go to the restoration and furnishing of the Andrew Low House."

Mrs. Daily announced that the 50th Anniversary Fund coffers swelled during the year, thanks to many productive activities by members. The Fund had reached approximately \$40,000 toward the \$50,000 goal and the time for donations was extended.

Reports read at this Meeting revealed that the Society had been busy with many other projects during the year. The Patriotic Service Committee had shown the films, "Prelude to Revolution" and "Washington Crossing the Delaware" to schools, clubs and civic groups. The popularity of and demand for the Parade of Flags continued. We awarded both our own (\$1000) and the District 8 (\$500) scholarships to graduate students in American History. This was the first year the Society sponsored an essay contest for high school students to participate in the Washington Workshops Congressional Seminar scholarship program, sponsored by the National Patriotic Service Committee. Jeanne Symmes, an Atlanta high school student, was the winner of one of four scholarships awarded by the National Committee. The Historical Activities Committee launched a program for each

Town Committee to compile and publish its history. Research was underway to aid in the restoration of Hardaway House, in Thomasville, which had been given to that Town Committee during the past year. The name of Mrs. Walter Hartridge Strong was placed on the Roll of Honor.

Americus hosted the Round Table, launching a year of intense work in preparing the cookbook under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lonnie Dunlap Ferguson. Each Town Committee had a cookbook committee and every member of the Society was asked to submit recipes. Every recipe was tested, in some instances at luncheons or dinners where groups sampled and tasted a number of dishes. The favorite recipes from each Town Committee then went to Mrs. Ferguson and her committee for additional evaluation. Fifteen dividers for the sections of the cookbook, as well as the cover design, were painted by Mrs. Jack Melchers Passailague. A gift from Mrs. Frank Abercrombie Hollowbush enabled us to have them reproduced in full color in the cookbook.

Twelve Dames accompanied Mrs. Daily and Mrs. Martin to the 1978 Biennial Council, where they proudly watched Mrs. Martin preside. The National Museum House Committee was established. Later the name was changed to Museum Properties, as not all the holdings owned or operated by the Dames are houses. Mrs. James Derry Burns was named Region III member of the Funding Committee for Publications of the National Historical Activities Committee and Mrs. William Graham Ponder was named History Scholarship Consultant for the National Patriotic Service Committee.

Each Corporate Society was asked to name a Sulgrave Manor Representative to keep members informed about the English manor home of George Washington's ancestors. Mrs. Lucian Lamar Daniel was named Georgia's Representative.

Members were busy collecting vignettes about women during the Colonial and Pioneer phases of our country's history from family archives. Letters, diaries and oral histories supplied the details. These were submitted to the National Historical Activities Committee for possible inclusion in a publication. All sketches submitted were placed in the Library of Congress.

Restoration work on the Andrew Low House moved at a brisk pace, accelerated by the collapse of the dining room ceiling. Other ceilings on the parlor floor were found to be in weakened condition and all were extensively repaired without disturbing the original plaster cornices. The center medallions were restored and chandeliers repaired and re-wired. Finally, walls and woodwork on the parlor floor were painted. Edward Vason Jones personally supervised the mixing of the colors to ensure the correct hue for the 1840's period of the building.

All this time, the Cookbook Committee was working non-stop to organize, index and eventually proof read everything that would go between the covers of our book. The sales committee was formulating a campaign and instructing representatives from each Town Committee on effective techniques to use. Sound ideas had come from some of the workshops held at the Region III Conference, in Dallas, Texas, in mid-March.

One of the busiest years in the Society's history closed with the Atlanta Town Committee rolling out the red carpet for the Annual Meeting. The name of Mrs. James Derry Burns was placed on the Roll of Honor.

Hurricane David roared through Savannah on September 4, 1979. The following afternoon Mrs. Daily and Mrs. Walter Charlton Hartridge, Acquisitions and Furnishings Chairman, conducted an inspection tour of the Andrew Low House, and were re-



lieved to find the building had not been damaged. A huge tree had fallen across the garden, demolishing half the brick wall on the south side and causing extensive damage to the entire rear garden. All shutters were off the house being repaired, so they were spared. Mrs. Daily and Mrs. Hartridge did experience a strange happening when inspecting Atlanta's Lamar/Low bedroom - the sounds of a woman's wails of distress were heard emitting from the area about twelve feet into the room!! There was silence everywhere about as electric power was still off, there was dead calm outside and there was no street traffic. This eerie happening is as yet unexplained!

The Brunswick Town Committee hosted the Round Table at Sea Island in early October. A plaque was presented by the Society to commemorate the location of Fort St. Simons, built by English troops under the command of General James Edward Oglethorpe in 1738. Mrs. James Derry Burns, State Historical Activities Chairman, spoke on "Historical Markers Placed by the Georgia Society of the Colonial Dames."

Mrs. Daily represented the Georgia Society at the National Board meeting and served as chairman for the meeting of the Corporate Society Presidents. She was re-elected to serve in that capacity for the 1980 meeting.

Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr. and Mrs. James Dickson Maddox had outlined a highly successful sales campaign for *Georgia Heritage, Treasured Recipes* and the first ten thousand copies were promptly sold. A second printing was received in January 1980, and one month later the first major purchase of furniture for the Low House was made from cookbook profit ... a pair of handsome mahogany armchairs for the front parlor. Brisk sales continued.

The Georgia Day Concert continued to be the State Society's main contribution to the celebration of the founding of the Colony, February 12, 1733. Mrs. Sue Guerry, harpsichordist, and groups of string or woodwind players from the Savannah Symphony Orchestra performed music of the 18th Century, and concert attendance increased each year. The Savannah Town Committee served tea following the musical program. Visitors to the city, students, neighbors and Dames were all drawn to these events, which were free and open to the public.

The Whitefield Chapel at Bethesda Home for Boys, built by the Dames and dedicated in 1925, was found to be in need of repairs. Door receipts from the growing number of visitors to the Low House were used to pay for refinishing the pulpit and prayer desk and repairing the brass box lock on the door and the light fixtures outside the entrance. The area around the Chapel was replanted and members worked needlepoint for cushions on the two pulpit chairs and prayer desk.

The Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Committees held the first joint workshop for Town Committee representatives in February 1980. Mrs. William Graham Ponder, Patriotic Service Chairman, read a resolution asking that George Washington's birthday be observed on its true date, February 22nd. The Board recommended that this be read at all Town Committee meetings and that Dames petition their representatives in the Legislature to further this goal in the General Assembly.

The 1980 Annual Meeting was held in Savannah. The custom was inaugurated at this Meeting of recognizing members present who had been Colonial Dames for fifty or more years. Four "fifty-year" ladies were present. All members in attendance whose names were on the Roll of Honor were recognized. Three new names were placed on this distin-



guished list: Mrs. Lonnie Dunlap Ferguson, Mrs. Francis Putney Wetherbee and Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr.

A generous gift from Mrs. Richard Winn Courts enabled us to have the meridians and footstools, originally from Barnsley Gardens, recovered in red and gold lampas. They had been given to the Society by her mother, Mrs. John Bulow Campbell, in the 1950's. It was Mr. Jones' recommendation that all seating furniture in the parlors be covered in this fabric.

Another generous gift from Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr. enabled the Society to have the entire exterior of the house returned to what Mr. Jones recommended as the correct colors. The Historic Review Board approved this and Mr. Jones worked with the painters to ensure the exact shades were mixed. All the stucco, including that on the newly rebuilt garden wall and on the carriage house, owned by the Girl Scouts, was painted a muted shade of saffron. The Girl Scouts paid their pro rata share. The 150 repaired shutters were painted charcoal and the window frames and sashes, stone color. The double front doors were painted cinnabar and the surrounding trim was painted white. Brilliant as these changes were, Mr. Jones reminded us that the colors would fade in the strong Savannah sunlight.

Members of the Society were deeply saddened by the death, on October 1, 1980, of their distinguished mentor and generous friend, Edward Vason Jones. Under his guidance the double parlors had been painted a *cafe-au-lait*, the center hall a soft gold and the dining room and morning room a deep celadon. All woodwork was painted off-white. Brussels carpeting, woven in England on looms dating to 1810, had been installed in the parlors. Lambrequins in red and gold lampas, with a grid design reflecting the ironwork on the first floor balconies (a documented fabric woven by *Scalamandre*), were placed above embroidered undercurtains. Period fire-gilt brass tiebacks and rosettes completed the dignified window treatment. Mr. Jones had brought Dieter Pluntke, of Alexandria, Virginia, to mahogany flame-grain all the doors on the parlor floor. Evidence of silverplating was revealed on the hardware beneath many layers of paint. The hardware was all removed and replated by Ball and Ball, of Whitford, Pennsylvania. Four artisans, who worked for Mr. Jones at the White House and State Department, spent a week in Savannah resetting the ornamental center medallions on the parlor floor. The center medallions in the morning room and over the front door were cast from designs of Mr. Jones' as both had been lost for many years. Carter Hern, of Savannah, removed seventeen coats of paint from the delicate carving surrounding the front door. Dental tools were employed to do this work.

Following Mr. Jones' death, Berry B. Tracy, Curator of the American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, consented to work with the Acquisitions and Furnishings Committee in carrying forward the work left unfinished by his colleague. Restoration of the dining room and of Atlanta's Lamar/Low bedroom was accomplished under Mr. Tracy's guidance. A number of magnificent pieces of furniture were presented to the Society by friends in memory of Mr. Jones.

The Madison Town Committee hosted the 1980 Round Table and provided a memorable tour through some of the wonderful antebellum houses which were fortunately spared by Sherman's soldiers.

The Society commissioned J. E. Caldwell and Company, of Philadelphia, who now make the insignia for The National Society, to design a pin to be worn by members of the Georgia Society. Mrs. John Cleves Symmes, Jr. suggested that the *Franklinia Alatomaha*,

as sketched by William Bartram on his travels through Colonial Georgia, be used as the basis for the design. Mrs. Isaac Means Aiken, Jr., Registrar, worked closely with the designer and the distinctive pin approved was based closely on this sketch of a hitherto unknown shrub with beautiful white blossoms, found along the Altamaha River and named in honor of Dr. Benjamin Franklin. It is interesting to note that when the flower was listed with the Library of Congress, the name was misspelled Alatomaha, whereas the river is spelled Altamaha.

Mrs. Richard Platt, Archivist, and Mrs. Walter Strong spent many hours researching Andrew Low, William Low, their wives and children, to guide restoration work at the Low House and to enhance the interpretation of the house to visitors. A pamphlet, "Ladies of the Andrew Low House", was written as a supplement to the regular brochure, which detailed the history of the building.

Mrs. Martin stepped down as President of The National Society at the 1980 Biennial Council, and in recognition of her four years of service in this office, the Georgia Society presented a silver inkstand, with cobalt bottles, circa 1800, to Dumbarton House, our National Headquarters, in her honor.

February 22, 1981 fell on a Sunday and in response to the resolution offered one year ago by the State Patriotic Service Chairman, Mrs. Ponder, the opportunity was seized to observe this day by holding a special service in the Whitefield Chapel at Bethesda Home for Boys. Dames, boys and staff attended. The Parade of Flags was trooped in to the accompaniment of patriotic airs played by brass players from the Savannah Symphony. Dr. John Calvin Reed delivered an address entitled, "Washington, the Measure of a Man."

The members gathered in Augusta for the 1981 Annual Meeting and they reflected proudly upon a vigorous Society with 1,113 members. Mrs. Daily, who had been a brilliant President and leader for six years, presided. Thanks to the steady increase of visitors to the Andrew Low House, door receipts were available to increase the amount of our annual American History Scholarship and to fund a second annual scholarship. The active participation and support of the members was noted in the activities of the Town Committees. Historic Savannah Foundation awarded a certificate recognizing the restoration efforts at the Andrew Low House, and it was also reported that *Georgia Heritage* cookbook sales had generated \$52,575 in total profits, with a third printing authorized.

We were honored by the presence of Mrs. James Millard Tunnell, President of The National Society, and of Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr., Honorary President of The National Society. Mrs. Martin was voted Honorary President of the Georgia Society at this Meeting. It was announced that Mrs. Francis Willson Daily's name had been placed on the Roll of Honor.

At the close of the Meeting Mrs. Hunter McGuire Clay, who had been a hard-working Roster Secretary, was elected President.

## FOR THE ANDREW LOW HOUSE

1975-1981

### Gifts:

- Magnificent silver punch bowl, twelve cups and engraved tray, from Mrs. Rayburn Stoke Webb
- New curtains at windows and dust ruffle on Baldwin family bed in Moultrie's Thackeray bedroom, from their Town Committee
- New curtains for windows in Savannah's bedroom and on back stairs, made by Mrs. Hunter McGuire Clay
- Large blue and white bowl, from Mrs. John Clyde Leitch
- Commemorative plate depicting historic McAllister House, from Colorado Society
- Pair of Coalport vases, turquoise, with floral decoration, circa 1825, from William Frank McCall, Jr., in memory of Olaf Otto, Jr.
- Twelve Lennox commemorative service plates, from Mrs. John Curtis Dixon, Jr.
- Pair of English burled mahogany consoles, circa 1840, from Valdosta Town Committee
- Thirty folding chairs for meetings, from Mrs. John Clyde Leitch
- Curtains for ground floor entrance door, garden door and glass doors of hall cabinet, made by Mrs. Hunter McGuire Clay
- Silver Repoussé tea strainer, from Mrs. John Augustus Shields, in honor of Mrs. Rudolph John Thiesen
- Doll with wax head, purchased in Paris in 1853, for little girl in Athens, Georgia, from Mrs. Hubert Bond Owens
- Pair of silver candlesticks, circa 1810, in memory of Mrs. Hugh Hardin
- Etched glass decanter, from Mrs. Thomas Carolin Clay
- Table linen, from Mrs. M. Heyward Mingledorff and Mrs. Garrard Haines, Jr.
- Needlework, from Mrs. Hunter McGuire Clay
- Wilton carpet, in "Devonshire," a documentary design, circa 1835, custom woven in England for both parlors, from Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr., in memory of her husband
- Design of ornamental plaster centerpiece for morning room and receptacle for front door light, from Edward Vason Jones
- Brass door knocker, from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vason Jones, in memory of their daughter, Nella Vason Jones
- Sculptor's fee for casting centerpieces from surviving original parts, for double parlors, dining room and both hall centerpieces, and for casting new centerpiece for morning room and light receptacle at front door, from anonymous donor
- Restoration of front parlor chandelier, from Savannah Town Committee
- Restoration of back parlor chandelier, from Atlanta Town Committee
- Restoration of dining room chandelier, from anonymous donor, in memory of Lawrence Elliott Lee, Jr.
- Painting exterior of house, from Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr.
- Mahogany flame-graining of doors on parlor floor by Dieter Pluntke, of Alexandria, Virginia, from Mrs. Francis Willson Daily, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Clarkson Toms Hunt, II

Pair of French gilt candelabra; ten mahogany side chairs, originally from "Woodlands" (Barnsley Family); fabric to cover meridians and footstools and funds to repair same, from Mrs. Richard Winn Courts; meridians and footstools had been given by her mother some years ago  
 Lace tablecloth and twelve napkins, circa 1850, from Mrs. William Parks Stevens, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Robert J. Taylor  
 Silver cake basket, English, George II period and banquet cloth, from Mrs. Michael Hines Roberts, Mrs. George Clayton Griffin and Mr. James Houston Johnston, III, in memory of their three aunts, Elizabeth D. Johnston, Eugenia Marion Johnston and Edith Duncan Johnston  
 Two silver iced tea spoons, from Mrs. John Clyde Leitch  
 Lady's gold pocket watch, circa 1840, and seven damask and cutwork tablecloths, from Mrs. Frank Abercrombie Hollowbush  
 Repoussé silver water pitcher, eight matching goblets and eight silver service plates, from Mrs. Converse Ferrell  
 Two-piece Old Paris sauceboat, circa 1850, from Mrs. George Enselm Patterson, Jr., in memory of Mrs. John Elzie Ladson, Jr.  
 Silver punch ladle, with mahogany handle, from Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Archer Turner, in memory of Mrs. Samuel Stevens Benner  
 Portico clock, Charles X period, from Mrs. M. Heyward Mingledorff, in memory of her mother, Mrs. George Cuthbert Heyward, Jr.  
 Two needlepoint pillows for Thomasville's room, from Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr.  
 Fan belonging to Mrs. Joseph John Wilder, second President of Georgia Society, from Mrs. James Egleston Hungerpillar  
 Repairs, cleaning and framing of early National Society flag, from Macon Town Committee  
 Doormat for front door, from Mrs. Ralph Francis Crutcher  
 Pair of commemorative Dumbarton House silver candlesticks with hurricane globes, from Mrs. William Donovan Littlefield and Mrs. Robert Dixon Newcomb  
 Mahogany dining room table (American 1835-1840), from Mrs. Richard Winn Courts  
 American coin silver soup ladle (made by William Roe - 1805) and pair of English sugar tongs (made by Edwin Lowe - 1806-07), from Mrs. Bruce Montgomery, Jr.  
 Plantation-made wooden tray, initialed MCS, for Mary Cowper Stiles, second wife of Andrew Low, from Mrs. Lucius Stone Smith  
 Brass box, from Macon Town Committee  
 Carved ivory fan, from Mrs. Edmond Archer Turner  
 Two dolls with bisque heads (19th Century), from Mrs. Mills Bee Lane, Jr.  
 Red and gold haircloth upholstery for piano stool, from Mrs. Walter Cecil Dowling  
 Reframing of picture in Atlanta's Lamar/Low bedroom, from Mrs. Mills Bee Lane, Jr.  
 Many books for Macon's library  
  
**To Macon's Library - redecorated by Macon Town Committee, 1976:**  
 Hepplewhite, mahogany, inlaid tea caddy, circa 1810, from Mrs. Ralph Adams, in memory of Mrs. John David Crump  
 Two ironstone Imari plates made by Turner, pair of brass candlesticks and chinoiserie box, from Mrs. M. Ferrill Robinson, in memory of Mrs. Hampton Lillibridge Ferrill

Antique brass chandelier, from Mrs. Edward Burke Burdett, Mrs. Joseph Riley Crump, Mrs. John Milton Cutler, Mrs. James Sewell Elliott and Mrs. William Day Krenson, II, in memory of Mrs. John David Crump, Mrs. Walter Grace, Sr., Mrs. Walter Grace, Jr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson

Gunston Hall plate, from Mrs. Lee Percy Oliver, Jr., in honor of Mrs. Robert Joseph Carmichael and Mrs. Francis Daly Smith

Piece of porcelain, from Macon Town Committee, in honor of Mrs. M. Ferrill Robinson  
Draperies for room, blue baroque floral design on natural linen, from Mrs. Margaret Haley Duncan

Chippendale wing chair, with crimson damask upholstery, and mahogany candlestand, from Mrs. Agnus Burr Domingos, Jr. and Mrs. Jack Preston Morgan, in memory of their mother, Mrs. William Carter Burdett

**To Thomasville's Room: - complete renovation and refurnishing of room, from Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr., 1976:**

Chippendale-style sofa, Marlboro legs and scrolled arms

Set of four Chippendale-style armchairs, flame-stitched tapestry on slip seats

Antique pedestal card table, with tooled leather top

Antique mahogany washstand, cut-out top, fitted to hold an object, shelf below

Wing chair, salmon-colored tapestry upholstery

Two side chairs, with upholstered backs and seats

Lolling chair, mahogany arms and legs, tapestry upholstery on back and seat

Oak corner chair with pierced splats

Other mahogany furniture: butler's-style coffee table; Pembroke-style table; circular tea table; kettle stand; candlestand; Canterbury; four-drawer chest of drawers

Queen Anne-style firestool, mahogany legs, tapestry upholstered seat

Two porcelain lamps; large metal lamp; small candle fixture lamp

New frames for five items: early map of Georgia; early view of Savannah; General Oglethorpe, age 102; letter signed by Woodrow Wilson; early map of United States

Mirror with mahogany Chippendale-style frame; oil portrait of young man, 18th Century, English

Pair of brass candlesticks; octagonal candy dish with hinged lid

Brass andirons and fender

Staffordshire group of rustic couple; small leatherbound books

Miscellaneous porcelain plates; mahogany, inlaid tea caddy; metal paper weight in animal form

Large Karistan rug, oriental pattern

Paneled mantel, chimney breast and inside shutters for four windows, made by Bracey Millwork Company, Thomasville, Georgia

Plaster repairs to walls; repainting room; repairing and refinishing floor

Services of architect William Frank McCall, Jr.; work of Otto Construction Company

**To Headquarter's Office:**

Three pairs of paneled inside shutters for windows, from Mrs. Thomas Lyle Williams, Jr.

To Atlanta's Lamar/Low Bedroom - period restoration, started 1980

(This bedroom has been furnished to reflect the way it would have appeared in the warm months of the year, classical, 1840; restored as a memorial to Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar, Georgia's first National President; bedroom was designated the "Lamar Room" in her honor in the early 1950's):

Cross-banded white mull sunburst and hangings on bed; three pillows (cutwork and lace); trapunto spread

Bureau, 1820 classical, mahogany flame-grain, lion mask pulls, animal feet, refinished and conserved

Crystal and silver hair receptacle, initials MRC

Pin dish, 1805; potpourri jar, Chinese export porcelain; blue and white rice bowl

Mahogany sewing table, rope-turned legs, cloth work-basket drawer

Black and gold oriental lacquered workbox, 1840, lovely ivory fittings inside; several early books

Duncan Phyfe corner washstand, mahogany, tambour doors

Milk glass cologne bottle and stopper; blue and white soap dish; Chinese porcelain rice bowl; Canton chamber pot with lid

Sewing table, drop leaf, mahogany, two-drawer, 1830-40, refinished and conserved

Astral lamp, Sheffield base, with original glass shade; silver saucer candlestick and snuffer

Porcelain saucer, blue and gold; two books: *Pride and Prejudice*, *Artemis Word* (autographed)

Picture of Mary Cowper Stiles Low (second mistress of house), 1849

Sheraton mahogany armchair and side chair, both with crimson upholstered seats

Pair of side chairs, mahogany, sabre-legged, slip seats

Barrel-backed wing chair, 1800, recovered in red documentary fabric

Side table, two-drawer, drop leaf

Wine glass, green crystal; brass candlesticks, acanthus leaf trim, crystal and emerald prisms

Two books: leather-bound, gilt embossed: *The Improvement of The Mind*, 1821, by Isaac Watts; *The Vicar of Wakefield*, by Oliver Goldsmith, 1859

Labeled Eli Terry clock, églomisé glass panel in door; Argand lamps, brass with frosted globes

Five-piece brass fire set; curtains: cross-banded white mull held by milk glass rosettes on pewter posts, for four windows; rug: woven straw matting, from West Indies

Wallpaper: documentary pattern, 1825, "Ashley House," by Scalamandré; documentary border paper, "Empire Scroll" (large ceiling border; small border above baseboards, around door and window frames)

Mahogany one-drawer stand with marble top, New York, circa 1825

Old Paris porcelain veilleuse (night light with tea warmer), second quarter 19th Century

Potpourri jar, Chinese export porcelain, circa 1820

Oval pin tray, Meissen, classical design, cobalt and gold decoration, circa 1835

#### Loans:

Mahogany tall-case clock, circa 1825, from Olaf North Otto

Rosewood étagère, originally owned by Mary Telfair, from Francis McNairy Antiques; returned 1984

Pair of mahogany pier tables by Duncan Phyfe, from Mrs. James Griner Balling

Polished steel and ormolu candelabrum and pair of marble-based candle holders, from Francis McNairy Antiques



Mahogany lady's work table, from Francis McNairy Antiques; purchased 1986  
 Old Paris vases, gold with pastoral scenes, from David Byers  
 Pair of Argand lamps, from Edward Vason Jones; memorial gift 1983  
 Pair of mahogany French Empire armchairs, pier table with gilt stenciling (1835) and pair  
 small bronze girandoles with prisms, from Francis McNairy Antiques; chairs purchased  
 1986; table and girandoles returned in 1984  
 Bullseye mirror, from David Byers  
 Banjo clock and four-poster mahogany bed (New York-1820), from Mrs. James Griner  
 Balling  
 Sideboard (New York-1818), mahogany with birdseye maple banding; toy elephant and  
 child's wooden trunk, from Mrs. Edward Vason Jones; purchased sideboard in 1984  
**Acquisitions:**  
 Mahogany tea caddy, English, circa 1850  
 Black lacquered chinoiserie box  
 Chinese export teapot  
 Six English porcelain plates  
 Settee, black frame with gold stenciling and caned seat, circa 1820, for hall  
 Pair of French bronze doré lamps  
 Antique wrought iron lantern, with six clear glass panels, wired and hung on piazza  
 Forty-eight piece doll's dinner set, pink and white china, gold trim  
 Pair of brass candlesticks for doll's table  
 Rose medallion umbrella stand, circa 1850  
 Davenport Coalport teapot, circa 1830  
 Malacca gold-headed walking stick  
 French ormolu watch stand  
 Brass-bound rosewood piano stool  
 Pair of mahogany armchairs, attributed to Duncan Phyfe (1820-1825) - first purchase  
 made with profit from *Georgia Heritage* cookbook sales  
 Gold over mantel mirror, classical style  
 Four pairs of gilt-brass tiebacks  
 Audubon print of tall-tailed snipe, from First Edition of *Birds of America* (1840)  
 Mahogany bureau (New York-1815), from workshop of Michael Allison  
 Pair of girandoles, bronze and ormolu with pear-shaped prisms  
 Red and gold lampas lambrequins, with embossed, brass center rosette and embroidered  
 muslin undercurtains, for eight windows in parlors  
 Eight pairs of round, embossed brass tiebacks  
 Three pairs of strap, embossed, fire-gilt brass tiebacks

## 1981-1985

The Round Table was held in Marietta in October of 1981. The Marietta Dames entertained beautifully and Board members enjoyed a productive session. Mrs. Hunter McGuire Clay, the new President, presided.

Mrs. Clay attended the Region III Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas and the National Board meeting in Washington during the year. The workshop for the National Museum Properties Committee was held in Savannah, with meetings at the Andrew Low House.

Members of the Columbus Town Committee entertained at the 87th Annual Meeting amid the beautiful surroundings of Callaway Gardens, in April 1982. Mrs. Clay spoke of her busy schedule during her first year as President. It was announced that the name of Mrs. Julian Austin Space, Jr., had been added to the Roll of Honor.

Georgia Dames launched a new project, to place a fountain in Lafayette Square, in Savannah, in commemoration of the State of Georgia's 250th anniversary. Since the Andrew Low House faces the park, this was deemed a perfect spot for the fountain. The Mayor of Savannah and City officials enthusiastically endorsed the idea.

Robinson Iron, of Alexander City, Alabama, was commissioned to cast the fountain. In addition to Savannah's fountain, Town Committees in other parts of the state were invited to select their own projects, which would be funded by the State Society, in honor of Georgia's Semiquincentennial.

Atlanta Dames reprinted *Abstracts of Colonial Wills of the State of Georgia, 1733-1777* which was available for sale. Proceeds went to the restoration of Atlanta's Lamar/Low bedroom in the Andrew Low House. "Ashley House" wallpaper and "Empire scroll" border paper was hung; new curtains and valances for the windows were installed; bed hangings and spread, in documentary fabrics, were completed; the wing chair was recovered and the Empire chest of drawers was refinished.

The Low House front door was repainted; the sideboard and a bureau in the house were refinished; spindles and handrails on the stairs were cleaned; a taffeta sunburst was installed on the pianoforte and the piano stool was recovered. Orders were placed for floor coverings and carpeting for the dining room, morning room and stairs. A fourth printing of the cookbook was ordered. Proceeds would continue to go to the Low House for improvements. The Valdosta Town Committee assumed responsibility for the upgrading of the Lee bedroom, occupied by General Robert Edward Lee in 1870.

The Patriotic Service Committee again awarded the \$1000 American History Scholarship to a graduate student and added an additional \$500 award to this program. The Society continued to give a Congressional Seminar Essay Contest scholarship for the Washington Workshops.

The Round Table in 1982 was held in Milledgeville and Mrs. Clay visited many of the Town Committees during the year.

Carpet in the "Lorenzo" pattern was installed in the dining room under the guidance of Berry B. Tracy. New window hangings, based upon a design of LaMésangère, were installed. Deep, hand-covered, silk fringe edged the lambrequins. Slip seats on the ten chairs were covered in bottle-green damask, "Silksey-Woolsey Rosette" pattern, matching the fabric of the lambrequins. "Lorenzo" pattern carpet was also installed in the morning room. Stair carpet in "Haddonfield" pattern was selected and chased brass rods, with

acorn finials, were ordered to secure the carpet to the stairs. The museum quality pieces of furniture, that were being loaned by Ronald Stephen Kane and Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Platzer of New York, arrived in pristine condition and were placed in the house. These pieces, sent upon the recommendation of Mr. Tracy, after a year on loan, were given to the Georgia Society as a memorial to Edward Vason Jones. The Museum House and Acquisitions and Furnishings Committees asked that Town Committees, especially those not sponsoring a room, consider contributing funds toward the purchase of furniture, paintings or other accessories needed.

The Region III Conference was held in Point Clear, Alabama, hurricane included, and the 1983 Annual Meeting was in Savannah, the scene of a magnificent birthday celebration in honor of Georgia's Semiquincentennial. The beautiful three-tiered fountain, which had been placed in the center of Lafayette Square, was dedicated in an impressive ceremony that brought together a large gathering of Colonial Dames, their husbands and escorts and a host of city dignitaries. Flags flew; the Parris Island Marine Corps Band provided patriotic music; the mayor spoke of the wonderful new addition to the cityscape and school children cheered. The occasion, arrangements and events were all memorable.

Georgia Dames continued to publicize the Bill of Rights and George Mason's influence; to encourage essay contests on historic and patriotic subjects; to publish booklets and pamphlets on Colonial history and to foster preservation and restoration in Georgia and the country as a whole.

The Society's first Macon Workshop was held at the Sidney Lanier Cottage in 1983 as a joint meeting of the Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Committees, initiated by the respective Chairmen, Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr. and Mrs. James Dickson Maddox.

The National Board met in Chicago, breaking the tradition of meeting in Washington. Mrs. Clay also went to Columbus for the dedication of the fountain given by the State Society to the City of Columbus, commemorating Georgia's Semiquincentennial, and to Nashville for the National Museum Properties Committee workshop. The Round Table was held in Moultrie in the fall of that year.

The Annual Meeting was in Macon in 1984, and Mrs. Clay said that the year had been a most successful one for the Georgia Society, financially as well as in accomplishments. The Headquarters house "grows more beautiful each year as does the garden, so much so that serious consideration must now be given to the constantly increasing number of tourists who visit the house." Mrs. Harben Daniel was thanked for the superb job she had done in completing an exhaustive study of all gifts and memorials since the founding. The results of this research have been recorded in a beautiful book given by the Athens Town Committee. The name of Mrs. Walter Charlton Hartridge was added to the Roll of Honor.

All books in the library were catalogued. The most successful cookbook went into its fifth printing (August 1984) with ten thousand new copies. The profits made it possible for splendid additions to the Low House.

The Society voted contributions to the following during 1983-84: to the Friends of Oglethorpe to assist with the cost of two plaques and with repairs to the parish church where Oglethorpe and his wife are buried; to the Rome Town Committee for the purchase of a drinking fountain to be placed at the Visitors Bureau in commemoration of the 150th year of the founding of Rome; to the Madison Town Committee for a large cast-iron urn to

be placed on the grounds of the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center; and to the Statue of Liberty Repair Fund.

The Project Study Committee also recommended that the Board mail invitations to all members in a humorous vein, to a "non-event" function, requesting contributions to the Endowment Fund for the Andrew Low House. Georgia Dames responded with donations of \$9000.

Following the Macon Workshop in September, the Round Table was held in Rome in October and the new drinking fountain was dedicated. Mrs. Clay also attended a ceremony in Madison when members of the Madison Town Committee dedicated the handsome urn.

Work continued at the Andrew Low House and on the index of furnishings. French pattern wallpaper was selected for Augusta's children's bedroom. Plans for Moultrie's Thackeray bedroom and Valdosta's Lee bedroom were placed on hold following the death of Berry B. Tracy.

The Georgia Society increased the annual American History Scholarship to \$1500. The District 8 scholarship of \$650 was also awarded in Georgia. Six and one-half scholarships were given to the Washington Workshops Congressional Seminar.

The Low House was the subject of many complimentary articles in major publications during the year. The archives received a 1968 article, "Colonial Dames Celebrate Diamond Jubilee," listing the impressive accomplishments during the seventy-five years.

Oral history interviews with long-time residents of an area became an ongoing project; the compiling of a list of Dames who had served in the military was also started, the object being to tape similar interviews about their military experiences. Throughout the state, the Parade of Flags was used in celebration of patriotic occasions and Naturalization ceremonies continued to be attended by Dames. The United States flag and the Georgia flag were presented by the Georgia Society to the Milledgeville Town Committee for the Old Governor's Mansion.

A newsletter, *Chatter*, prepared by Mrs. James Dickson Maddox and Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr., was introduced. It is mailed at regular intervals to members.

Mrs. Clay, President, reported at the Annual Meeting in Albany, in 1985, that Georgia Dames "should be very proud for we stand high among the forty-two Societies; our membership is growing, our financial position is sound and we are working to increase our endowment." She announced that at the 1984 Biennial Council, Mrs. Francis Willson Daily was elected National Recording Secretary, Mrs. James Dickson Maddox was appointed consultant for the Washington Workshops Congressional Seminar and Mrs. Issac Means Aiken, Jr. was selected as a member of the National Memorials Committee.

The names of Mrs. Alva Wallace Barrett, Jr. and Mrs. Calder Willingham Payne were added to the Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Shelby Myrick, Jr., daughter-in-law of the Society's eleventh President, was elected its twenty-first President at the close of the Meeting. Interestingly, our first and fifth Presidents had also been mother and daughter-in-law.

## FOR THE ANDREW LOW HOUSE

1981-1985

### Gifts:

- Handsome gilt brass rosette and gold, silk taffeta sunburst for John Broadwood pianoforte, from Mrs. Walter Cecil Dowling, in memory of her father, Dr. Charles Sterling Jernigan
- Two dolls, a cradle and doll bed, from Mrs. Henry Mortimer Marks, Jr.
- Lace and cutwork tablecloth and three steel engravings of Queen Victoria, from Mrs. Bruce Farquhar Macrae
- Pair of black marble bases for girandoles in Savannah's bedroom, from David Flaharty, sculptor
- Framed sketch of Andrew Low House, from Mrs. Richard Platt
- Two tablecloths, one lace, one cutwork, from Mrs. M. Heyward Mingledorff
- Coin silver punch ladle, circa 1852, from Mrs. Charles Alexander Hight, in memory of Vesta Mathews Stovall
- Three piece brass candelabra, from Mrs. Robert Engram Fokes, Jr., in memory of her mother, Mary Peniston Cook
- Handsome table for Macon's library, from their Town Committee
- Small Colonial Dames seal, anonymous gift, in memory of Ralph Bowden, III and daughter, Elizabeth
- Table napkins, from Mrs. Hunter McGuire Clay
- Watercolor of Mary Cowper Stiles Low, second wife of Andrew Low, from Girl Scouts of The United States of America
- Silver and crystal epergne, circa 1820, from Mrs. John Clyde Leitch, in memory of her mother, Mrs. William Walter Douglas
- Child's rocking chair, from Mrs. Thaddeus Benjamin Youmans, Jr., in memory of Mrs. Thaddeus Benjamin Youmans
- Pair of Argand lamps, from Mrs. Edward Vason Jones and Mrs. James Griner Balling, in memory of Mrs. Raymond Jennings Head; lamps had been on loan
- Marble wash basin and painting of bathroom (second floor, front), from Mrs. Hunter McGuire Fowlkes
- Renovation of original pantry into small kitchen, made possible by generous contributions from Georgia Dames
- Four Empire side chairs, blanket chest, and bench with cane seat, from John Morris; these pieces had been on loan
- Bed signed in two places by H. Boyd of Cincinnati, Ohio, from John Elzie Ladson, Jr. and his sons, John Elzie Ladson, III and Michael Brice Ladson, in memory of Mrs. John Elzie Ladson, Jr.
- Desk chair, from Dr. George Erwin, in memory of his wife, Mary Talley Erwin
- Pianoforte and piano stool, round center table and Pembroke table, from Ronald Stephen Kane, in memory of Edward Vason Jones; these pieces had been on loan
- Many books for Macon's library

**Loans:**

- Duncan Phyfe mahogany sofa, circa 1835, from Mrs. Edward Vason Jones  
Mahogany wardrobe, attributed to Charles-Honoré Lannuier, from Mrs. James Griner Balling  
Mahogany pianoforte with rosewood cross banding, brass stringing and original dust cover; stencil on fall board: "H. & W. Geib, 23 Maiden Lane, New York," circa 1825, from Ronald Stephen Kane  
Mahogany piano stool, circa 1825, from Ronald Stephen Kane  
Mahogany center table with brass stringing and rosewood inlay, circa 1825, from Ronald Stephen Kane  
Mahogany Pembroke table, New York, circa 1825, from Ronald Stephen Kane  
Mahogany pier table with original marble top, circa 1830, from Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Platzer  
Two mahogany pedestal card tables, one made in New York, one made in Boston, both circa 1820, from Francis McNairy Antiques; tables purchased in 1986  
Mahogany sewing table, with cloth work-basket drawer, from Francis McNairy Antiques; table purchased in 1986  
Pair of brass doré candelabra, with prisms, from Francis McNairy Antiques; candelabra purchased in 1986

**Acquisitions:**

- Wilton carpet, in documentary pattern, "Lorenzo," for dining room and morning room  
Green, rosette pattern, damask lambrequins with deep, silk-covered, molded fringe and tassel tiebacks, over muslin undercurtains, for four dining room windows  
Wilton carpet in "Haddonfield" pattern and chased brass rods with acorn finials, for main stairs

**Garden:**

- New sprinkler system for back garden, from Mrs. Lindsay Neill Bickerstaff, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Arthur Bussey  
Camellia bush, from Mrs. John Cleves Symmes, Jr., in memory of Juliette Gordon Low, to commemorate 70th anniversary of founding of Girl Scouts of The United States of America



## 1985-1989

Fall activities commenced with the annual workshop for Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Committee Representatives and for the Town Committee Chairmen at the Sidney Lanier Cottage in Macon. The Round Table in 1985 was held in Thomasville. Mrs. Shelby Myrick, Jr., the President, also went to Detroit for the National Board meeting, where, by rotation, she served on the National Nominating Committee, and in the spring, to Charleston, South Carolina for the Region III Conference.

The bedrooms at the Andrew Low House were redecorated under the leadership of the Museum House Chairman, Mrs. Henry Derriel Green. Her husband, a well-known authority on period furniture, served as advisor. Wallpaper, fabrics and rugs were ordered for the Augusta, Moultrie, Savannah and Valdosta bedrooms and furnishings were rearranged. Rudolph Sparks of Atlanta served as consultant. The house was described as a "museum house of the first quality." It continued to attract more visitors and serve as the scene for brilliant civic and social functions.

Members of the Garden Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. John Devine Carswell, formulated a statement of purpose and clear-cut objectives for the development of the garden at the Low House. The irrigation system in the front yard was replaced and a new computerized control box installed. The oyster shell paths were replaced by pea gravel.

The historical collection of records and documents was stored at the Georgia Historical Society and an index is kept there and in the library at our Headquarters. Two copies of our 1937 register of qualifying ancestors and two copies of the 1977 supplement were sent to the National Headquarters and to the National Registrar, in order to comply with a request from Dumbarton House that each member's qualifying ancestor be entered into the National Society's computer.

The American History Scholarship of \$1500 was awarded, for the first time, to a student in Historic Preservation, Michelle Seabee. A memorial flag was presented by the Georgia Society to honor the veterans at the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville.

A Dames' meeting in 1912 had the notation that "due to unavoidable circumstances no work of importance was completed on which to give a report." This could never be said of Georgia Dames as the many and varied activities described in their 1986 annual reports would attest.

The Annual Meeting that year was held in Savannah with Mrs. Myrick presiding. She paid tribute to the seventeen Town Committees, commenting that eleven of the seventeen have fewer than fifty members, half of those with less than twenty-five, and she was impressed with the wide variety of activities undertaken relating to our purposes, as outlined in Article II of the National Constitution. Membership had increased to 1202.

Contributions in 1985-1986 included the following: to the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Godalming, England; to the Moultrie Town Committee for a painting by Mary Passailaigue which was hung in the Moultrie Art Center; to the challenge fund of the Georgia Historical Society which was to be used to catalogue; to the Americus Town Committee to place wrought iron gates at the entrance of historic Oak Grove Cemetery; and to a one time donation for the project "Decorative Art of Georgia Prior to World War I," sponsored by the Atlanta Town Committee. This project, to photograph and catalogue the decorative arts in Georgia prior to 1915, was spearheaded by Mrs. William Wortham

Farinholt, Mrs. James Tinsley Porter and Mrs. John Ray Efird. The project was a major undertaking and required many hours of hard work. Pamela Wagner was selected Director of the Research Project. She visited each of the seventeen Town Committees and approximately 1500 houses, to research and document furniture, paintings, silver, porcelain and other decorative arts, of the period in Georgia. Over 700 metalware entries, over 600 ceramic entries, and almost 700 textile entries were placed in the computer, and 2,311 pieces of furniture were documented. The high point of the survey was the High Museum of Art Exhibition, "Hidden Heritage: Recent Discoveries in Georgia Decorative Art, 1733-1915," which ran August 28 to November 11, 1990. A catalogue sponsored by the Society was printed to accompany the exhibition. Every Georgia Dame was invited for a Dames' Day at the High Museum, Tuesday, September 18, 1990. The 1991 High Museum Calendar contained photographs of artifacts discovered by the Dames' survey and a silk scarf reproduced from a quilt was sold in the gift shop.

Georgia had five scholarship winners attend the Washington Workshops Congressional Seminar.

The fall of 1986 included the Macon Workshop and the Round Table in Valdosta. Fourteen Georgians attended the Biennial Council in Washington. Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr., Honorary National President, was named Co-Chairman of the National Centennial Planning Committee; Mrs. Francis Willson Daily was re-elected National Recording Secretary and Mrs. James Dickson Maddox was appointed Chairman of the National Patriotic Service Committee. The renovation and expansion of Dumbarton House was adopted as The National Society's Centennial project; it was reported that Gunston Hall was also receiving extensive restoration; and the name of the Museum House Committee was changed to Museum Properties, as some Corporate Societies have rooms or buildings rather than houses.

The Andrew Low House was again in the spotlight in 1987. The house was the scene of a reception honoring Mrs. Bruce Bridgford, our National President. It was also the setting for the annual Birthday Party for the Queen (sponsored by the Savannah Branch of the English Speaking Union), the Tour of Homes, the Georgia Day Concert and Tea, a party for a group of International Girl Scouts on the occasion of their 50th reunion and for meetings of several Town Committees.

Two American History Scholarships at the graduate level were awarded this year: one from the Georgia Society of \$2000 and, by rotation, the Region III Scholarship of \$1000. We also cooperated with the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation by providing one-half of a \$1000 scholarship in the field of Historic Preservation.

The Region III Conference, held in Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1987, preceded the 92nd Annual Meeting, held in Athens.

Macon again hosted the Workshop in September. As this was the 200th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution, that theme prevailed throughout the meeting. Waycross entertained at the Round Table and the Board of Managers again met in Savannah for their November, January, February and March meetings.

Mrs. Myrick served on the National Nominating Committee and as Secretary for the Presidents' meeting at the October 1987 National Board meeting in Princeton, New Jersey. She noted that Region III is the fastest growing one in The National Society and that Colonial Dames have restored more historic properties than any other organization in the country. Georgia now has 1223 members.

The Museum Properties Committee continued to work toward the goal of making the Andrew Low House an accredited museum house. Van Jones Martin's photographs, taken over the past year, were incorporated into a slide program with script and were distributed. A set of "8 by 10" pictures was made for the scrapbook with duplicates made of the Atlanta, Augusta, Moultrie, Savannah and Valdosta bedrooms for those respective Town Committees. Anne Shelander Floyd was engaged for professional help in cataloging the collection according to standards set by the National Museum Properties Committee's guidelines.

Because of the outstanding applications for the American History Scholarship on the graduate level, the Board of Managers voted to award two \$2000 scholarships in 1988. The Georgia Society cooperated with the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation by providing one-half of a \$1000 scholarship in the field of Historic Preservation, funded by the Rome Town Committee.

A sundial was placed in the garden of the historic Brumby House in Athens; a plaque was presented by the Macon Town Committee to be erected at the site of the marker for Old Wesleyan College in Macon, the first college in the world to grant degrees to women; and a twenty-six volume set of *The Colonial Records of the State of Georgia (1732-1782)* was placed in the genealogical library in the Thomasville Cultural Center, all funded by the Society on the recommendation of the Projects Study Committee.

Mrs. Myrick commented on a number of vital changes that have taken place in the Georgia Society at the 1988 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. A second Genealogist has been added to the Board of Managers with division of duties as follows: the Genealogist for the northern half of the state will process papers from the Town Committees of Atlanta, Augusta, Athens, Columbus, Madison, Marietta, Milledgeville and Rome. The other Genealogist will serve the Town Committees of Albany, Americus, Brunswick, Macon, Moultrie, Savannah, Thomasville, Valdosta and Waycross. The admission forms have been revised and the office on the ground floor of the Andrew Low House has been improved with new cabinets, lighting and paint; a part-time bookkeeping service was employed for assistance in record keeping, using our computer. She also reported that the Board decided to no longer accommodate overnight guests at the Andrew Low House and to enter a contract with the Citizens and Southern National Bank Trust department for investment management. The name of Mrs. Samuel Noble Roberts was placed on the Roll of Honor.

The Macon Workshop had proved to be so successful that it was being copied by other Corporate Societies. The Round Table met in Americus: significant projects that highlighted discussions were the Decorative Arts Survey, making splendid progress, and the Dumbarton Centennial Fund. Members of the Georgia Board voted to underwrite the restoration of the formal library at Dumbarton House, which already contained many Georgia pieces, at an estimated cost of \$38,000. However, it was decided to assume a larger role, and a Society goal of \$100,000 was set with Mrs. Joseph Warren Stilwell, Jr., Lady of Dumbarton, and Mrs. Hurt Starbuck, Georgia Chairman of the Dumbarton Centennial Fund, leading the effort.

Twenty-six members of the Georgia Society attended Biennial Council, where Mrs. Myrick served on the Tellers Committee, attended the meeting of the National Nominating Committee and was chairman of the Presidents' meeting. Among other actions taken, the National Memorials Committee was abolished, its duties to be accomplished by the Regional Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. Myrick spoke of the busy year just past, when members of the Georgia Society gathered in Savannah in April 1989, for their 94th Annual Meeting. The Society contributed to the restoration of Forsyth Park fountain in Savannah. A bronze plaque near the fountain acknowledged our participation.

A number of books, pamphlets and other items were given to libraries and museums by Dames. Scholarships and prizes continued to be awarded on the local level as well as through the State Patriotic Service Committee.

An Endowment Trust document was approved by the Board of Managers. The Trustees consist of the President, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, for their terms of office, plus a chairman who shall either be a past President or a past Treasurer, and a member-at-large, who each serve for five years. Progress was also being made with our computer.

Many of the furnishings of the Andrew Low House were catalogued and lists placed into the computer. Mrs. Myrick photographed the furnishings and the pictures were placed in an album with proper identification attached.

Mrs. Stilwell, Lady of Dumbarton, served on the History and Research Committee at Dumbarton House which researched and documented discoveries made by the archaeological dig at the site. This was a mandatory part of the zoning procedure in the District of Columbia.

Gunston Hall became a fully accredited member of the American Association of Museums. The Georgia Regent, Mrs. Bernard Neeson Neal, told of exciting events happening there. The seventeen Town Committees all had photographs, articles or editorials in their newspapers calling attention to George Mason and the Bill of Rights.

A bylaws change allowed that the elected positions of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary be filled by members not living in Savannah. Mrs. William Schweigert Burdell, Jr., of St. Simons Island and Mrs. Howard Jackson Morrison, Jr., of Atlanta were chosen for these offices. Mrs. Hunter McGuire Clay was named to the Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris, who, since becoming a Dame, had served the Society in a wealth of important positions, was elected President.

## FOR THE ANDREW LOW HOUSE 1985-1989

### Gifts:

Collection of English porcelain, bequest from Mrs. Hunter McGuire Fowlkes  
Chinese export bowl (1780), from Calder Willingham Payne, in memory of Mrs. Calder Willingham Payne

Mahogany shaving stand with mirror, circa 1840, from Savannah Town Committee

19th Century portrait of little girl, from Augusta Town Committee

Meissen compote, circa 1840, from Mrs. Richard Winn Courts

Brass mantel clock, from Mr. and Mrs. Albert Felton Jenkins, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Schweigert Burdell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamilton Hilsman, III and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Derriel Green, Jr., in honor of Mrs. Henry Derriel Green

Two embroidered linen hand towels and ironstone dish, from Mrs. Hoyt Henry Whelchel, Jr.

Framed needlepoint of Colonial Dames Seal, from Mrs. Alva Wallace Barrett, Jr.  
Meissen statue of "Diana of the Hunt," from Robert Houstoun Deméré, in memory of his mother, Mrs. Raymond McAllister Deméré, and Mrs. Thomas Barrett, III  
Pair of brass candelabra with prisms and astral lamp, bequest from Mrs. Frank Abercrombie Hollowbush  
Pair of sterling silver military brushes, from Mrs. John Joel Rucker, in memory of her husband  
Portrait of Robert Toombs by Peter George Alexander Healy (1813-1894), bequest from Mrs. R. M. Elliott, Sr.  
Bokhara-type rug for Macon's library, from Mrs. Nathaniel Arnold Hardin  
Many books for Macon's library

**Acquisitions:**

Pair of mahogany French Empire armchairs  
Two mahogany pedestal card tables, one made in New York, one made in Boston, both circa 1820  
Mahogany sewing table, with cloth work-basket drawer  
Pair of brass doré candelabra with prisms  
(These four items had been on loan from Francis McNairy Antiques)  
Pair of French candelabra, circa 1900



## 1989-1993

Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris was the enthusiastic and energetic leader of the Georgia Society as members started the year 1989 and began to look to the decade of the nineties. When the summer began, the Finance Committee set up the Andrew Low House Endowment Fund and the Reserve Investment Fund. Initial programming of the computer began with entry of the registration number, name, and address of each member.

Mrs. Morris attended the Region III Conference in Natchez, the Annual Meeting of the Florida State Society, an Oral History workshop in Savannah, the Macon Workshop and the Round Table in Brunswick. She also attended the National Board meeting in Omaha, Nebraska where she reported on the history and success of the Macon Workshop. She prepared and distributed packets containing details and pertinent information to all Corporate Society Presidents, due to their increasing interest.

A nation-wide transfer agreement, initiated by The National Society, met with opposition from the Georgia Board. A number of Town Committees have stipulations which would make it impossible for Georgia to sign the agreement, although our Society readily accepts transfers.

Several procedures were introduced in the fall, whereby three or four Town Committee Chairmen, selected alphabetically, were invited to give reports at each Board meeting. Other Town Committee members were invited to the Board meetings according to space available, the purpose being to allow each Chairman to have a traveling companion and to interest her members in current activities. Orientation tote bags, with information on local and State Society history, bylaws, copies of Article II and other material were prepared to give to new members and transfers. The bags also contained a Directory and the Historian's Report. Members were asked to fill out profile forms for local and state use.

The Museum Properties Committee purchased a classical mahogany secretary, circa 1845, for the back parlor of the Low House. It came from a distinguished Augusta family.

Copies were made of the reproduction photographs of the Andrew Low family, presented by Mrs. Richard Platt. One set was given to the Georgia Historical Society, one set was stored and a third, minus the portrait of Andrew Low, was placed in a notebook for docents to use. The portrait of Andrew Low was given to the Museum Properties Chairman for framing.

Two bluestone benches, given anonymously by a member in memory of Mrs. Shelby Myrick and in honor of Mrs. Shelby Myrick, Jr., were placed in the courtyard.

The Historian's Report was changed from the soft booklet style to a loose-leaf format. The printing of the Directory will continue on an every-other-year basis.

The Georgia Society again awarded two American History Scholarships of \$2000 each. The Society continued to join with the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation in promoting a \$1000 scholarship for a graduate student in the field of Historic Preservation, the Society's half being funded through the generous donation of a member. The Society also contributed \$500 to the District 8 American History Scholarship and \$500 to the Indian Nurse Fund, with an additional \$100 being contributed by a Town Committee. The Society also awarded four scholarships to the Washington Workshops Congressional Seminar.

The Andrew Low House was featured in *Gardens of Georgia* and *Gourmet*; and in 1990, the Georgia Society was the subject of four articles published in *Dames Dispatch*.



Members voted not to reprint the cookbook as the market appeared saturated. The *cookbook had been a marvelous success and provided funds that were needed for the Low House furnishings.*

Mrs. John Bagley Watkins, National President, was an honored guest at the Annual Meeting in Augusta, 1990. A memorial to Mrs. Albert Sidney Britt, Jr., former Society President and beloved member, was written by Mrs. Francis Willson Daily and read by Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr. Members of the Georgia Society, in attendance at the meeting, stood in tribute to Mrs. Britt, a great lady and an outstanding Dame.

The Centennial Fund for the renovation and improvements at Dumbarton House was raised from two million to three million dollars. This was necessitated by having to receive the approval of several boards in the District of Columbia and in Georgetown. The Lady of Dumbarton, Mrs. Stilwell, reported on the house, garden and progress made in inventories of the historic building. Mrs. Hurt Starbuck, Dumbarton Centennial Fund Chairman for Georgia, reported that although Georgia had raised \$174,615, the State Society at that time was not one hundred percent represented.

Mrs. Shelby Myrick, Jr. and Mrs. James Dickson Maddox were recognized as their names were placed on the Roll of Honor.

Real spring cleaning took place in the basement of the Andrew Low House in the summer of 1990. The furnace room, hall and Macon's library closet were painted; cabinets were cleaned out, straightened and excess material discarded by a committee of past Presidents. Among the many old pictures and documents that surfaced was a copy of a Corresponding Secretary's report from the early 1900's. A chest discovered in the furnace room was placed in the downstairs hall to house the orientation bags for new members.

The Georgia Decorative Arts Survey, which was designed to locate, document and photograph previously unrecorded objects made in Georgia from the time of the English settlement in 1733 to World War I, recorded more than 4,300 objects at approximately 870 sites in 73 counties. The High Museum of Art in Atlanta displayed 109 of these artifacts. Atlanta Dames, who sponsored the project, entertained State Society members at the Dames' Day luncheon at the High Museum to celebrate the completion of the project and the exhibition. The perfect ending came with recognition from the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries. More than 67,000 visited the exhibition while it was on display and many catalogues were sold.

The Workshop was held in Macon and the Round Table in Madison, where the Town Committee members entertained graciously at Port Armor Inn on Lake Oconee.

Twenty-one Georgia Delegates, Alternates, Observers, National Officers and Consultants attended Biennial Council in Washington. Mrs. Morris served on the Tellers Committee. A beautiful service was held at Arlington Cemetery with an inspiring and informative talk on history and preservation, given by James Longstreet Sibley Jennings, Jr.

The ladies serving as representatives to Dumbarton House, Gunston Hall and Sulgrave Manor continued to bring back glowing reports of the museum houses. Members who visited these houses returned pleased with what they saw.

Mrs. Morris was asked to serve on the Codifying Acts in Council Committee chaired by National Vice-President, Mrs. Howard Mitchell Summerell, in the fall of 1990. This committee does not make policy, but puts "into proper form" all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Acts in Council (bylaws). Mrs. Morris kept members fully informed on her efforts to ward off changes in the Covenant and Article II. A resolution to protect

even further the Preamble and Article II of the National Constitution and the Salute to the Flag, was proposed by the Georgia Society (the result of Region II's resolution to revise the Covenant and Article II). It was fully endorsed and signed not only by the seven states which co-signed the letter, New Hampshire, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Virginia and Massachusetts, but also by Maine, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Maryland, New Jersey and Oklahoma. The Societies from Texas, District of Columbia, Florida, Arkansas, Wisconsin, California and Tennessee declined to sign. The Georgia Society stood firm in the belief of this endeavor.

Plans for the 1993 Georgia Centennial Celebration were well underway in early 1991 under the capable leadership of a Steering Committee headed by Mrs. Francis Willson Daily and Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr. The state-wide Committee was composed of Mrs. Lonnie Dunlap Ferguson, Thomasville; Mrs. Archibald Little Griffin, Valdosta; Mrs. Francis Daly Smith, Macon; Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr., Rome and Mrs. Morris. One objective, to purchase the Carriage House at the rear of the Low House, did not materialize as the Girl Scout Council of Savannah did not wish to relinquish their rights to the building, which had been willed to them by Juliette Gordon Low. It was suggested that Halcyon Days enameled boxes be ordered from England with the Andrew Low House depicted on the lid and a commemorative inscription inside. The Committee also recommended an educational grant for the publication of *Nostrums for Fashionable Entertainments: Dining in Georgia, 1800-1850* by Feay Shellman Coleman, Research Curator at the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Committee recommended the casting of seventeen sundials, one for each Town Committee. The Town Committees were asked to select locations in their communities and assume local costs. Town Committees were asked to focus special attention on Historical Activities, Museum Properties and Patriotic Service as part of the 1993 Centennial Celebration.

A special recognition at the March Board meeting honored Mrs. Betty Ann Tattall, housekeeper at the Andrew Low House for the past twenty-five years. She was presented a framed resolution signed by Elizabeth Putnam Carswell, House Chairman, 1966, and by Elizabeth Carswell Morris, President, 1991. The Board presented her a check and six Presidents with whom she had worked, gave her a watch.

Mrs. Morris attended the Region III Conference in Nashville which was planned to coincide with the actual founding date of The National Society, April 8, 1891. The Conference celebrated with a banquet, at which the eleven Presidents attending each lit nine candles, with the National President lighting the 100th. Mrs. Morris served as secretary of the Presidents' meetings.

Two special guests were present for the 96th Annual Meeting in Columbus in 1991, Mrs. Ben Mather Osburn, of the Delaware Society, who was Co-Chairman of The National Society's Centennial Fund Steering Committee, and Mrs. C. Ben Hughes of the North Carolina Society.

The Georgia Society presented Gunston Hall with a gift of twelve Lenox plates which had been designed in 1941 to commemorate The National Society's Golden Jubilee. The Macon Town Committee added a Pembroke table and tapestry pillows to their library.

The Society awarded two \$2000 scholarships for graduate study in American History and a \$1000 scholarship, given by a Georgia Dame, to a graduate student in Historic Preservation. In addition, a \$500 Indian Nurse Fund award and three \$695 Washington Workshops Congressional Seminar scholarships were presented.

Mrs. Morris reported that the Transfer Resolution initiated in 1989, had been signed by thirty-nine of the forty-four Corporate Societies, with Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland and South Carolina abstaining. Mrs. Henry Derriel Green was chosen for the Roll of Honor and Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris was re-elected President for a second two-year term.

The Workshop was again held in Macon in the fall, where Mrs. Morris asked that members focus on learning more about our Society and the objectives of The National Society during the next year. As Georgia's participation in the celebration of the National Centennial, the Board emphasized the education of the members concerning The National Society: a list of their accomplishments, compiled by the Delaware Society, was printed in *Chatter* and the Town Committees presented the history to their members in the form of a skit. Mrs. Morris also asked each Town Committee to adopt a Centennial project, to be completed in our Centennial year, 1993; an accounting of their accomplishments is listed elsewhere. (see P. 139)

Plans for Centennial projects were presented to the Board at the Round Table in Marietta. They included the educational grant, the Halcyon Days boxes, the sundials and the possibility of producing a video tape on the early history of Georgia. All four projects were adopted after the members voted at their November Town Committee meetings.

Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr., Bylaws Chairman, and members of her committee revised the Society's bylaws which were printed and sent out to the membership with Mrs. William Graham Ponder's Historian's Report.

Mrs. Lamar's portrait was returned to Dumbarton House to be hung in the library. Governor Zell Miller signed a proclamation honoring George Mason on the 200th birthday of the Virginia Bill of Rights and Congress passed a bill allowing the building of a monument in Washington honoring George Mason, both projects furthered by the efforts of the Colonial Dames.

The reports of the seventeen Town Committee Chairmen were read at regular Board meetings during the year. The sharing of information of the efforts of the Town Committees in the fields of restoration, preservation, education and furthering an appreciation of our country's heritage, proved beneficial to all. The reports, as diverse as the size and location of the towns and cities in Georgia, were indicative of the many useful activities and projects in which the Town Committees were involved.

Again, three scholarships for graduate study, plus the Indian Nurse Fund award and three Congressional Seminar scholarships were given in 1992. The Archivist/Librarian, Mrs. Edgar Pomeroy Williams, with the aid of Helen Fellers, M.L.S., reviewed, inventoried, identified and reworked the library collection during the year.

The Society contributed toward the Valdosta Town Committee's project for replacing the city's historical markers. Members also contributed approximately \$225,000 toward the restoration of Dumbarton House with almost one hundred percent participation.

The Annual Meeting in 1992 was held in Macon. In her report, Mrs. Morris explained Georgia's position on our resolution, as she had stated it at the 1991 National Board meeting in Philadelphia. She said: "During the meeting of all forty-four Presidents, I gave an update on the resolution which was initiated by your Board of Managers in opposition to resolutions which would change our Covenant, Article II and the Salute to the Flag. My report said, in part: 'Although it is possible that this resolution may never be acted upon, it may have slowed down the momentum of making these changes, which

seemed to dominate the Presidents' meetings last year. I do not believe that any of us who signed the resolution are opposed to change - it is just that we believe strongly in the foundation and purpose of our Society as expressed in the Covenant, Preamble, Article II and our Salute to the Flag, and do not wish to see them altered. I thanked them for their response, whether for or against, and expressed appreciation and respect for their ideas, interest and concern. I also informed them that I had sent over 1200 signatures from fourteen states to the Chairman of the Codifications Committee and the Chairman of the New Business Committee, by her deadline of May 1st."

This year also marked the discovery of some old, hand-tinted, glass lantern slides, found in the Andrew Low House. It was revealed after research that they had been collected by the Patriotic Service Committee in 1931, as a project sponsored by the National Committee. These slides, with explanatory narrative, were exchanged among the Corporate Societies, thus widening the historical knowledge beyond the boundaries of each state. Georgia's seventy-one slides, illustrating history and famous personages, events and places connected with the early history of the state, were transferred to a video tape, and with updated text and appropriate music, became one of our Centennial projects, "Georgia Illustrated, 1513-1793". It was shown for the first time in Macon and was made available to the membership, libraries and schools. A video such as ours became a National Patriotic Service Committee project for each Corporate Society at Biennial Council, 1992.

Also in Macon, Mrs. Francis Daly Smith and Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr. were named to the Roll of Honor.

## CENTENNIAL YEARS

Banner years for members of the Georgia Society followed, as 1992 was the year to observe the National Society's Centennial and 1993 was the year to commemorate the 100th year of the founding of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia.

The Macon Workshop in September, again organized by Mrs. James Longstreet Sibley Jennings and Mrs. Jack Cutts Smith, was the largest ever. Seventy-six members attended, including the seventeen Town Committee Representatives to the Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Committees, Town Committee Chairmen, Town Committee Representatives to the Museum Properties Committee and the five Genealogists. Mrs. Kenneth Marshall Henson, Chairman of the Town Committee Chairmen, Mrs. Howard Jackson Morrison, Jr., Museum Properties Chairman, and Mrs. William Lee Wood, Jr., Genealogist, conducted the latter workshops.

The Round Table was held in early October in Milledgeville. Mrs. Morris thanked Mrs. Joseph Truman Stubbs, Jr., Mrs. Robert Curtiss Clark, Mrs. Kenneth Marshall Henson, Mrs. James Joseph Walton Biggers, Jr. and Miss Barbara Bunn Vereen for assisting her with the Procedure Manual.

Recommendations from the Museum Properties Committee were approved for policy on furnishings, acquisitions and accessories. It was determined that gifts must be of museum quality or of historical significance. Olivia Allison and Stephen Bohlin-Davis were retained as consultants. Mrs. Morrison and members of the Museum Properties Commit-

tee held several meetings to acquaint members with the valuable collection contained in the house and its history.

The Andrew Low House received special attention as members of the Museum Properties and Furnishings Committees worked to have the new floorcloth for the front hall, stair carpet and upgraded furnishings in place for the April celebration. Bob Christian, Savannah artist, designed and painted the handsome floorcloth placed on the parlor floor hallway.

Fifty Georgia Dames, several husbands, daughters and one son attended the greatly anticipated National Centennial Celebration and Biennial Council at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington in October. There were trips to Arlington, Gunston Hall, Mount Vernon, Tudor Place, Merrywood, the National Gallery and a grand celebration at Dumbarton House where several hundred Dames toasted the marvelous reopening of the National Headquarters. An elaborate reception for past and present National Presidents and a splendid birthday banquet capped off the well-executed and impressive festivities. Several Georgia Dames played important roles in business meetings. Mrs. Robert Vincent Martin, Jr., Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris, Mrs. Francis Willson Daily, Mrs. James Longstreet Sibley Jennings, Mrs. James Dickson Maddox, Mrs. Lloyd Langston Summer, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Warren Stilwell, Jr. and Mrs. Bernard Neeson Neal held distinguished positions. Mrs. Jack Cutts Smith, Mrs. Archibald Little Griffin, Mrs. William Graham Ponder, Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Howard Jackson Morrison, Jr. were responsible for Georgia's outstanding exhibition. It was announced Mrs. Neal was elected Vice-Regent of Gunston Hall. Mrs. Morris was asked to serve on the National Historian's Committee (1992-94) which publishes the *Proceedings* of each Biennial Council.

The regular Board meetings in Savannah were well attended as the momentum for the big birthday celebration continued to grow. The largest annual gathering ever was anticipated.

The seventeen Town Committee Chairmen collected their sundials in November and announced plans for placing them and for the ceremonies that would accompany the dedications. These were set for February. The Halcyon Days boxes were well received and members purchased them as valuable keepsakes. On February 10, 1993, the Board of Trustees and the Director of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences entertained at a reception in honor of the publication, *Nostrums for Fashionable Entertainments: Dining in Georgia, 1800-1850* by Feay Shellman Coleman, partially underwritten by a Centennial grant from the Georgia Society. Dames were among the invited guests and the author and book received best wishes and critical acclaim.

## FOR THE ANDREW LOW HOUSE 1989-1993

### Gifts:

Eight sterling knives and forks and fourteen teaspoons in "Etruscan" pattern by Gorham, from Brunswick Town Committee, in memory of Mrs. Edward Postell King, Jr.  
Sterling sugar shell, "Etruscan" pattern, from Mrs. James Dunn Gould, III and Mrs. Floyd Thomas Taylor, III, in memory of Mrs. Marion Fleming Martin, Jr.



Photograph of portrait of Andrew Low, age 23, circa 1835, in gilt frame, from Mrs. Richard Platt  
 Mahogany pier table with gilt stenciling and marble top, on loan since 1982, from Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Platzer  
 Pembroke table and tapestry pillow for their library, from Macon Town Committee  
 Center Argand lamps with double burners, completing mantel garniture, from Mr. and Mrs. James Griner Balling, in memory of Mrs. Francis Putney Weatherbee  
 Framed picture of Andrew Low House, from Stephen Bohlin-Davis, curator of Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace  
 Twenty-six volumes of William Makepeace Thackeray's works, from Mrs. David McCord Wright  
 Expert conservation restoration of both meridians, from Mrs. Richard Winn Courts  
 Aubusson rug, circa 1810, 8' 6" x 7' 6" in wine, red, rose and ivory, from Mrs. Frank Emmanuel Block in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. John George Burckhardt  
 Doll, circa 1893, German/Heinrich/Handwerk, socket head on fully composition body, sleep eyes, open mouth, embedded fur eyebrows, from Mrs. John Devine Carswell  
 Two handsome Federal mahogany side chairs, circa 1795-1800, from Mrs. Robert Prall Browne  
*Daily Strength for Daily Needs*, published in 1892, Boston, Roberts Brothers, and signed by Miss Anna E. Pomeroy (Mrs. Benjamin D. Brantley), who became a Colonial Dame in 1915, from Mrs. Frank McGee Mayo  
 Eight silver punch cups, engraved "Americus 1993," in honor of our Centennial, from Americus Town Committee  
 Two Rose Medallion cups and saucers, from Mrs. Robert Prall Browne, in honor of members of Marietta Town Committee  
 Three pairs of tiebacks, gilt-brass, sheaf of wheat and white glass floriform design, circa 1850, from Mrs. Walter Cecil Dowling, in memory of her father, Dr. Charles Sterling Jernigan  
 Mahogany firescreen of classical design, probably made in Savannah area, descended in family of Joseph Stiles (grandfather of Mary Stiles Low); originally given by the late Dr. Augusta Clay in 1972, transferred to her brother about ten years ago, returned to Society by Mrs. Thomas Carolin Clay  
 Mahogany wardrobe, with fire-gilt brass capitols on columns, made by Charles-Honoré Lannuier, New York, 1815, from Mrs. James Griner Balling, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vason Jones  
 Many books for Macon's library

#### Acquisitions:

Mahogany secretary, Philadelphia, circa 1830, originally owned by Colonel Turner C. Clanton of Augusta  
 Wooden venetian blinds for all windows of Andrew Low House  
 Federal mahogany étagère, Philadelphia, circa 1825  
 Gilt metal sunnumbra lamp, with footed base decorated with burnished gilt bands, circular font fitted with opaline glass shade, circa 1840  
 Copper and brass fire starter, handle designed as oil reservoir, shell-embossed end fitted with row of teeth for striking sparks, signed and patented, English, circa 1860



Fifteen volumes of leather-bound books, *Character Sketches of Romance, Fiction and the Drama*, by Rev. E. Cobham Brewer, L.L.D., edited by Marvin Harland, and *Great Men and Famous Women*, edited by Charles F. Horne, a series of pen and pencil sketches of the lives of more than two hundred of the most prominent personages in history

Two pairs of embossed brass curtain tiebacks for Augusta's children's bedroom

Wing chair, circa 1800, with tapered mahogany legs and brass casters, from Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, exchanged for upholstered "Turkish" armchair, circa 1875, deaccessioned

Scalamandré "Haddonfield" carpet replaced worn carpet on stairway

Floorcloth of green faux marble, with sienna border and black and gold Greek Key, installed in main hall; design painted by Bob Christian, of Savannah

Baseboards in main hall, upstairs hall and on the stairs, marbled to match those in parlors

Expert, professional furniture conservation to: walnut, Gothic-style American bookcase, circa 1840; rosewood folio stand, with accordion mechanism; rosewood and birdseye maple writing desk, with fret-work gallery (only original piece of Andrew Low's furniture in house-used by William Makepeace Thackeray during his visits, 1853 and 1856)

Garden:

Terra cotta coping for front flower beds, from Thomas Heyward Gignilliat, Jr.

## THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Savannah was where it all began, and Savannah was the site of the Centennial Celebration. Due to an exchange with the Macon Town Committee, Savannah hosted the Annual Meeting and Centennial Celebration. Mrs. Francis Willson Daily, Chairman, Mrs. Henry DuBignon Howard, Co-Chairman, Mrs. Bruce Farquhar Macrae, Town Committee Chairman and Mrs. Morris set the date for April 25 until April 28, 1993. The Hyatt Regency on Savannah's beautiful riverfront was designated headquarters.

A large representation of Dames from Georgia's seventeen Town Committees gathered in Savannah for the big event. In celebrating one hundred years in Georgia, members of the Society participated in marvelously planned and executed events, and they completed outstanding projects which will enrich the state for many years to come.

In what may well have been the Georgia Society's most prodigiously productive period, members successfully finalized the completion of a year's hard work including placing the sundials in seventeen sites selected by the Town Committees and dedicating them in impressive ceremonies. Members added generously to the decorative arts collection at the Andrew Low House and spearheaded efforts to provide more scholarships to further an interest in history and historic preservation, working to set an example of patriotic resolve and leadership.

Members of the Savannah Town Committee entertained at a lavish three day Annual Meeting commemorating the Centennial. Under the brilliant leadership of Mrs. Daily, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Macrae, the Centennial was a monumental success.

The Centennial events commenced on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 when 256 Dames and 119 husbands/escorts, along with representatives from the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia, St. Andrew's Society of Savannah, Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia, Salzburger Society, Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Georgia and Daughters of the American Revolution attended an inspiring service at historic Christ Church.

Representatives of the seventeen Town Committees participated in the processional, carrying colorful flags from the Society's Parade of Flags, with the addition of an early Georgia flag. The Rev. Dawson Teague, chaplain, Society of Colonial Wars, conducted the service and members heard a splendid address given by their President, Mrs. Morris. She said in her welcome: "On the occasion of our 100th anniversary, which is actually today, I am delighted to welcome all of you to the commemorative service of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia. In looking over our past accomplishments, many of our early markers and monuments were erected in cooperation with the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia, Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia, St. Andrew's Society of Savannah and Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Georgia; we were also involved with the Salzburgers, placing a tablet in their church in Ebenezer in 1911. I am delighted the ties are still evident - by your presence here today. In our reflections of the past, we should recognize our ancestors who have paved the way for us, and also recognize the early members of our Society, who so bravely and tenaciously held this organization together through many wars and times of peril, and moved forward with the belief that patriotism and love of God and country were important; they held sacred the past and thrust forward to save it for the future - our inheritance today. It should be our such endeavor to do the same for the next one hundred years so the generations which follow will have our same good fortune - to know that the past is part of us and needs to be honored and kept alive." The beautiful liturgy of the 1928 prayer book was read and the congregation joined in singing hymns that have lifted the spirits of Americans for generations. A special acknowledgement of our heritage came when the congregation stood to sing "God Save the Queen."

Immediately following the service, the congregation proceeded to General James Edward Oglethorpe's bench for the laying of a wreath to honor the Centennial and to recognize one of the first of many memorials placed in Georgia during our first one hundred years. This was followed by a brilliant dinner at the adjoining homes of two members, Mrs. Charles Hill Morris and Mrs. Frank Kohler Peeples, on Sylvan Island. A fantastic display of fireworks, given by Mrs. Daily in memory of her father, climaxed the evening.

Monday was designated a day to reflect upon our heritage. There was a slide presentation by Rudy Favretti entitled "Gardens in Transition - From Colony to State," and a box lunch and cruise up and down the Savannah River, where a cannon was fired in salute from the battery at Fort Jackson. The Board of Managers met during the afternoon to discuss important business of the Society. Our 18th Century evening began with a Georgian buffet supper at the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences and was followed by a musical program at Christ Church, "The Rage of London - 1760", performed by the Georgian Consort.

The big celebration day, Tuesday, April 27th was the occasion of the Annual Meeting at the Hyatt; it is worth noting that although the Georgia Society was organized one hundred years ago, members were unable to hold meetings during two war years, thus the 98th rather than the 100th Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Archibald Lovett Morris, who had been such a fine president, presided. She had tirelessly pursued all of the many details of the organization to ensure that as she left the presidency, her successor would find everything in perfect order. Bylaws were updated and reprinted, the Procedure Manual revised, all of our accomplishments itemized, the Andrew Low House upgraded and our one hundred year history update started. The Society ordered

a new set of flags for the Parade of Flags used during the Centennial, and awarded three scholarships to graduate students in American History, two for \$2000 each and, by rotation, one for \$1200 for District 8, and two for graduate study in historic preservation, \$1000 each, one funded by a Georgia Dame, as well as a grant to an American Indian student nurse and three Congressional Seminar scholarships. Members were delighted to learn that "*Georgia Illustrated*" was making a profit with proceeds going to the Andrew Low House Furnishings Committee.

Mrs. Morris informed members that it was announced at the National Board meeting preceding the 1992 Biennial Council, that at this time, the New Business Committee recommends no change in the Constitution and Acts in Council concerning the number of votes necessary to amend the Preamble, Article II and the Salute to the Flag. She stated that "the committee feels that amendments to articles concerning the basic purpose and nature of The National Society should be offered only in the case of pressing need and in an atmosphere of clear consensus." Even though no action would be taken on our proposed amendment to require unanimity, our Society accomplished its goal of preventing quick and unnecessary changes to the documents which are the foundation of The National Society.

Mrs. Morris continued: "Our display table at Biennial Council was spectacular, featuring our four Centennial projects. We also learned that forty-one Corporate Societies have signed the Transfer Resolution, with Colorado, Florida and Georgia abstaining."

Mrs. Bruce Farquhar Macrae, Roster Secretary, reported that Georgia now has 1304 members. Two names were added to the Roll of Honor, Mrs. Jack Cutts Smith and Mrs. William Graham Ponder. A number of books were added to the library and the Museum Properties Chairman, Mrs. Howard Jackson Morrison, Jr., read a long list of gifts and acquisitions for the Low House.

Mrs. Howard Jackson Morrison, Jr., was elected the new President. Mrs. Morrison, who had been a splendid Atlanta Town Chairman, Corresponding Secretary and Museum Properties Chairman, was an excellent choice to lead the Society into its second century. She is from a long line of Dames, and her mother and mother-in-law, both named Mary as is she, were there to wish her well.

Near the end of the meeting, after Mrs. Morris introduced her successor, and Mrs. Morrison presented a lovely tribute to the outgoing President, a note of sentiment was added as Mrs. Morris' mother and three daughters proceeded to the platform to welcome her "back to the family."

The meeting was followed by a luncheon at the First City Club, a tour of houses and a tea at the Andrew Low House, where everyone viewed the recent acquisitions. Simultaneously, husbands and escorts enjoyed boat and plantation trips.

That night everyone gathered for a magnificent banquet at the Hyatt Regency. Cocktails and an elaborate dinner, with flags and flourishes including lighted candles, champagne and a glorious birthday cake, capped off the evening. To the sound of a dramatic drum roll, the flame of each candle was extinguished on the "blow-out cake." Again, there was pageantry, sentiment, inspiring oratory, patriotic music, a delicious dinner and a profound feeling of gratitude for the worth and purpose of our Georgia Society. This organization has provided the will to raise up people of exceptional vision, courage and leadership in order to perpetuate and to commemorate the brave acts of those who established a nation dedicated to wisdom, freedom and justice, to ennobling the cause of all mankind.

Mrs. Ponder concluded her update of our history with these words: Founded in April, 1893, The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia, has helped restore, preserve and furnish some of the finest museum houses in the state, collect and record documents of the past, as well as educate the young and instill a pride and love of country. After a century of excellence in preservation, patriotic and educational endeavors, the 1304 members of the Georgia Society begin their second hundred years with pride in accomplishment, joy in the present and hope for the future.

## **HISTORICAL MARKERS, PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA 1893 - 1993**

1899: Savannah: Erected a granite boulder on the site of Tomochichi's grave and placed a bronze tablet on the stone, commemorating his friendship for the English. This was the Society's first memorial: "IN MEMORY OF TOMOCHICHI - THE MICO OF THE YAMACRAWS - THE COMPANION OF OGLETHORPE - AND THE FRIEND AND ALLY OF THE COLONY OF GEORGIA - THIS STONE HAS BEEN HERE PLACED BY THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA 1739-1899". (Wright Square)

1899: Savannah: Placed a bronze tablet on Tondee's Tavern to commemorate Georgia's cradle of liberty; today, tablet is on a modern building which replaced the Tavern: "ON THIS SITE STOOD IN COLONIAL - TIME STONDEE'S TAVERN WHERE - GATHERED THE SONS OF LIBERTY - ERECTED BY THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF - COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - 1899". (Northwest corner of Whitaker and Broughton Streets)

1900: Paris, France: Contributed to the statue of George Washington.

1901: Augusta: Erected a Celtic Cross of granite, 15 feet high, at the site of Colonial Fort Augusta: "THIS STONE MARKS THE SITE OF COLONIAL FORT AUGUSTA, BUILT BY ORDER OF GENERAL OGLETHORPE AND THE TRUSTEES IN 1736, KNOWN DURING THE REVOLUTION AS FORT CORNWALLIS. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH WAS BUILT IN 1750 UNDER A CURTAIN OF THIS FORT". (St. Paul's Churchyard, 605 Reynolds Street)

1903: Savannah: Placed a bronze tablet in front of the building which occupies the site of the house where John Wesley lived while Rector of Christ Church, 1736-1737; (now Planters Inn, corner of Abercorn and Congress Streets - tablet was stolen several years ago)

1904: St. Simons Island: The ruins of Fort Frederica and sixty feet of land in all directions were deeded to The Georgia Society in 1903 by Mrs. Belle Taylor; in 1904, the Water Battery of the Fort was restored and a bronze tablet placed on the river side (the only approach to the island at that time; ruins of the fort are located in the middle of the island on the western side - follow Frederica Road, north): "THIS REMNANT IS ALL THAT TIME HAS SPARED OF THE CITADEL OF THE TOWN OF FREDERICA, BUILT BY GENERAL OGLETHORPE, A.D. 1736, AS AN OUTPOST AGAINST THE SPANIARDS". (A second marker was placed at the entrance to the fort in 1934. The deed to the Fort was presented to The National Park Service in 1942.)

1906: Savannah: Placed a stone bench on Bay Street, to mark the spot where General James Edward Oglethorpe pitched his tent on 12 February 1733: "ON THIS SPOT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE YEARS AGO - JAMES OGLETHORPE THE FOUNDER OF THE COLONY PITCHED - HIS TENT AND HERE RESTED AT THE CLOSE OF THE DAY - ON WHICH GEORGIA WAS SETTLED. ERECTED BY THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA ON THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D. 1906". (In front of Hyatt Regency Savannah, 2 West Bay Street)

1907: Savannah: Placed a bronze tablet on the portico of Christ Church in memory of The Reverend George Whitefield: "TO THE GLORY OF GOD - IN MEMORY OF - GEORGE WHITEFIELD - PRIEST OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND - MINISTER TO SAVANNAH 1738-1741 - FOUNDER OF BETHESDA ORPHAN HOME - ERECTED BY THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES". (28 Bull Street)

1910: Savannah: In cooperation with three other groups (project started in 1895), erected a bronze statue to General James Edward Oglethorpe bearing this inscription: "ERECTED BY - THE STATE OF GEORGIA - THE CITY OF SAVANNAH - AND THE PATRIOTIC - SOCIETIES OF THE STATE - TO THE MEMORY OF - THE GREAT SOLDIER - EMINENT STATESMAN AND - FAMOUS PHILANTHROPIST - GENERAL JAMES EDWARD - OGLETHORPE WHO IN - THIS CITY ON THE 12TH - DAY OF FEBRUARY - A.D. 1733 - FOUNDED AND - ESTABLISHED THE - COLONY OF GEORGIA". (Chippewa Square)

1911: Ebenezer: Placed a bronze tablet at Jerusalem Church, commemorating the virtues of the Salzburger: "TO THE GLORY OF GOD - IN MEMORY OF THE - SALZBURG LUTHERANS - WHO LANDED AT - SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, MARCH 12TH 1734 - AND BUILT THIS - JERUSALEM CHURCH - IN 1767-1769. ERECTED BY THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF - COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA". (Highway 275 between Rincon and Springfield)



1913: St. Simons Island: In cooperation with the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia, erected a granite marker at the site of the Battle of Bloody Marsh, where Oglethorpe defeated the Spanish on 7 July 1742. Inscribed on the bronze tablet are the words of Oglethorpe: "WE ARE RESOLVED NOT TO SUFFER DEFEAT. WE WILL RATHER DIE LIKE LEONIDAS AND HIS SPARTANS IF WE CAN BUT PROTECT GEORGIA AND THE CAROLINAS AND THE REST OF THE AMERICANS FROM DESOLATION". (Near intersection of Frederica and Demere Roads)

1914: Miss Margaret (Maude) Heyward, Chairman, Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven and Miss Eugenia Marion Johnston compiled the material for an enlarged and revised edition of the *Register of the Georgia Society Colonial Dames of America*; the complete Register was updated in 1926, a supplement printed in 1928 and the Register was completely revised again in 1937; Mrs. Walter Hartridge Strong, Miss Emily Guerard Ravenel, and their committee compiled the material for a supplement in 1957, and, thanks to Miss Katherine Simkins Bryson, Assistant Registrar, and her committee, an updated volume was published in 1977, *Supplement to the 1937 Register of Members and Ancestors of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia*.

1915: Liberty County: Restored the old brick wall and gateway at Midway Cemetery and placed a marble tablet on the wall, commemorating the early settlers of 1752: "THIS WALL WAS RESTORED BY THE GEORGIA SOCIETY, COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN COMMEMORATION OF THE VIRTUES AND VALOR OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF MIDWAY". (U.S. 17, across from Midway Congregational Church)

1916: Savannah: Laid the cornerstone for a nonsectarian chapel at Bethesda Orphanage, founded in 1740; planning for this project started in 1910. (Ferguson Avenue and Bethesda Road)

1919-1924: *Some Early Epitaphs in Georgia* was published by the Society; this carefully compiled record listed the epitaphs in seven Colonial cemeteries in the State; the foreword outlines the history of the Colony and sketches the lives of the distinguished men who are buried in these cemeteries.

1921: Published Mrs. Peter Wiltberger Meldrim's booklet, *Bonaventure, the Colonial Home of the Tattnalls*.

1922: Savannah: Issued a calendar, containing pictures of historic houses and places; among the photographs was that of the Manse of the Independent Presbyterian Church, where Woodrow Wilson and Ellen Axson were married.

1923: Augusta: *The Aims and Achievements of The National Society*, an address by Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar in 1922, was published by Mrs. John Francis Bransford.



1924-1925: Savannah: Finished building Chapel at Bethesda. Marble tablet above the entrance door bears this inscription: "TO THE GLORY OF GOD - AND IN MEMORY OF - THE REVEREND GEORGE WHITEFIELD - FOUNDER OF BETHESDA 1740". Placed brass tablet inside Chapel: "THIS CHAPEL - WAS ERECTED BY - THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES - OF AMERICA - 1916-1924". (Ferguson Avenue and Bethesda Road)

1928: Savannah: Purchased the Andrew Low House for State Headquarters. (329 Abercorn Street)

1928: Savannah: Honored Mrs. William Langhorne Wilson, State President 1913-1919, by placing a brass tablet in the Whitefield Memorial Chapel at Bethesda, bearing this inscription: "TO THE GLORY OF GOD - AND IN MEMORY OF - KATE ANDERSON WILSON - WHO WITH UNTIRING ZEAL - AND STEADFAST DEVOTION LED - THE MOVEMENT FOR - THE ERECTION OF THIS CHAPEL - THIS TABLET IS PLACED BY - THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF COLONIAL - DAMES OF AMERICA". (Ferguson Avenue and Bethesda Road)

1930: Augusta: Augusta Town Committee placed a tablet on the wall of St. Paul's Church: "TO COMMEMORATE THE GREAT CONGRESS OF FIVE INDIAN NATIONS HELD HERE AT FORT AUGUSTA IN 1763 WHEN SEVEN HUNDRED INDIANS CAME TO MEET THE GOVERNORS OF GEORGIA, VIRGINIA, NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA. ERECTED BY THE AUGUSTA COMMITTEE OF THE GEORGIA SOCIETY COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - 1930". (605 Reynolds Street)

1930: Macon: Mrs. Samuel Taylor Coleman, Historian, compiled a valuable record of the accomplishments of the Georgia Society, *Thirty-six Years Under Six Presidents*.

1930: Savannah: Placed a bronze tablet on the U.S. Customs House, the site of the house occupied by Oglethorpe: "OGLETHORPE HOUSE - 1736-1740 - ON THIS SITE - STOOD THE HOUSE - OCCUPIED BY - JAMES EDWARD OGLETHORPE - WHEN IN SAVANNAH - HIS HOME HE MADE - IN FREDERICA - THE BETTER TO PROTECT - THE YOUNG COLONY - ERECTED BY THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF - COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - 1930". (Southeast corner of Bull and Bay Streets)

1931: Savannah: Placed a bronze tablet on the building at 107 East Broughton Street; inscription reads: "ON THIS SITE - STOOD THE - PRINTING OFFICE OF - JAMES JOHNSTON - OFFICIAL PRINTER OF - THE LAWS - AND PAPER CURRENCY - OF THE PROVINCE - HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF - "THE GEORGIA GAZETTE" - THE ONLY NEWSPAPER - IN THE COLONY - THE FIRST ISSUE APPEARING - APRIL 7, 1763 - ERECTED BY THE GEORGIA SOCIETY - OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - 1931".

1931: Savannah: Placed a bronze tablet on the garden gate of the Andrew Low House, giving a brief history: "COLONIAL DAMES HOUSE - 1928 - GEORGIA SOCIETY OF THE - COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - THIS HOUSE WAS BUILT BY ANDREW LOW ABOUT 1848 - AMONG THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WHO VISITED - HERE WERE - WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY IN 1853 AND 1856 - GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE IN 1870 - HOME OF JULIETTE LOW - 1886 TO 1927 - FOUNDER - GIRL SCOUTS IN THE UNITED STATES - ORGANIZED SAVANNAH MARCH, 1912". (329 Abercorn Street)

1933: To commemorate Georgia's Bicentennial, published *Georgia, A Pageant of Years*, a history in the form of a date book, compiled by four members: Mrs. Clarence Gordon Anderson, Jr., Mrs. Craig Barrow, Mrs. Franklin Buchanan Screven and Mrs. Thomas Pinckney Waring; the book contains main events of Georgia's history, given chronologically and in condensed form, from Ponce de Leon's discovery of Florida in 1513 to celebration date in 1933.

1935: Augusta: Augusta Town Committee restored the cemetery of New Savannah, which dates from 1733: "NEW SAVANNAH CEMETERY - 1733 - THE AUGUSTA COMMITTEE OF - THE GEORGIA SOCIETY COLONIAL DAMES - OF AMERICA - 1935". (Savannah River bank near Augusta)

1936: Darien: In cooperation with two other patriotic societies, erected a monument of pink Georgia marble with panel of gold bronze: "TO THE - HIGHLANDERS OF SCOTLAND - WHO FOUNDED NEW INVERNESS IN 1736 A.D. - THEIR VALOR DEFENDED THE STRUGGLING COLONY FROM THE SPANISH INVASION - THEIR IDEALS TRADITIONS AND CULTURE ENRICHED THE LAND OF THEIR ADOPTION - PRESENTED BY - THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH - THE SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA - UNVEILED 1936". (U.S. 17 at GA 99)

1937: Macon: Macon Town Committee placed a granite boulder at the site of Oglethorpe's camping ground on his journey to the council of Indian tribes at Coweta: "IN OCMULGEE FIELDS CAMPED - GENERAL JAMES EDWARD OGLETHORPE - AND HIS MEN - ON THEIR WAY TO COWETA TOWN - FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING - THE TREATY WITH - THE CREEK CONFEDERACY - IN 1739 - ERECTED BY THE MACON TOWN COMMITTEE OF THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA". (Spring Street and Nottingham Drive)

1937: Three articles were published under the title of *Georgia's Disputed Ruins*, through the Historical Activities Committee.

1939: Augusta: Augusta Town Committee erected a bronze tablet at Richmond County Court House, inscribed with the names of Georgia delegates and signers of the Ordinance of Ratification on 2 January 1788. (Building burned in 1950's)

1939: The history of the Georgia Society for the period 1893 - 1937, was first compiled by Mary Savage Anderson; later she updated the history, concluding with January 1950; the history was brought forward by Annie McIntosh Britt, covering January 1950 - April 1975; for our Centennial year, 1993, our record was updated by Adelaide Wallace Ponder and incorporated the previous accounts; all publications have included the preceding years.

1939: Cobb County: Marietta Town Committee placed a boulder with bronze tablet at Morris' Crossroads, marking the Indian Hightower Trail. This trail was used by the Cherokee Indians before the land was settled: "CHEROKEE INDIANS - AND - MUSTER AND DRILL GROUND - GEORGIA MILITIA - FOR GRITTER DISTRICT - TOWN COMMITTEE COLONIAL DAMES - MARIETTA, GEORGIA - 1939".

1940: DeSoto Trail: Town Committees presented markers for the DeSoto Trail through Georgia, in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Mississippi River by DeSoto. (Further study going on as to locations)

1941: Society financed the photostating of thirty-five sets of the *Chatham County Map Collection*, a W. P. A. project. These maps, published by the University of Georgia Press and copyrighted by the Society, consisted of forty-two pages with ninety tracings of old maps of early Georgia plantations and the township of Savannah, 1752-1871; they were enclosed in attractive portfolios and purchased by libraries and individuals.

1942: Milledgeville: Milledgeville Town Committee indexed and published a plat with a census of Memory Hill Cemetery, in the historic district, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

1944: Society published *The Letters of Don Juan McQueen to His Family*, written from Spanish East Florida 1791-1807; the book was edited by Walter Charlton Hartridge.

1947: St. Simons Island: Plaque was placed at Fort Frederica at the base of the flagpole, giving the history of the settlement: "IN 1736 ON THIS SITE, FORT FREDERICA WAS CONSTRUCTED BY EARLY SETTLERS OF THE COLONY OF GEORGIA UNDER GENERAL JAMES EDWARD OGLETHORPE. IT WAS THE STRONGEST FORTIFICATION BUILT BY GREAT BRITAIN ON AMERICAN SOIL AND ITS PURPOSE WAS TO PROTECT GEORGIA AND THE COLONIES TO THE NORTH FROM THE SPANISH WHO WERE ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN FLORIDA.

IN 1742, SIX YEARS LATER, MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND SPANISH TROOPS LANDED IN 52 VESSELS AT GASCOIGNE BLUFF ON ST. SIMONS ISLAND. THE BRITISH FORCES ADVANCED TO MEET THEM AND DECISIVELY DEFEATED THE SPANIARDS IN THE BATTLE OF BLOODY MARSH. THUS FORT FREDERICA FULLFILLED THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS BUILT AND GEORGIA REMAINED A BRITISH COLONY. IN 1903, AFTER MORE THAN A CENTURY AND A HALF OF DISUSE AND DECAY, THE SMALL REMAINING RUINS WERE CONVEYED BY MRS. BELLE STEVENS TAYLOR TO MRS. GEORGIA PAGE KING WILDER AS PRESIDENT OF THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA, WHO SOUGHT TO PRE-

SERVE AND RESTORE FORT FREDERICA. IN THIS PATRIOTIC UNDERTAKING THEY WERE ASSISTED BY GENEROUS CITIZENS OF GEORGIA AND OTHER STATES WHO FORMED THE FORT FREDERICA ASSOCIATION AND RENDERED AID IN MONEY, PROPERTY, AND SERVICES TO MAKE THIS LAND AVAILABLE FOR RESTORATION IN 1945. THEIR EFFORTS WERE REWARDED WHEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED FORT FREDERICA NATIONAL MONUMENT.

THIS TABLET PRESENTED BY THE FORT FREDERICA ASSOCIATION." (Middle of the island on the western side - follow Frederica Road, north)

1949: *The Letters of Robert Mackay to His Wife*, written from ports in America and England 1795-1816, was published by the Society; the book was edited by Walter Charlton Hartridge.

1950: Columbus: Columbus Town Committee placed a bronze marker commemorating the Federal Wire Road, the first telegraph connecting north and south: "OLD FEDERAL WIRE ROAD - THE ROUTE OF THE FIRST TELEGRAPH WIRE CONNECTING NORTH AND SOUTH ENTERED COLUMBUS, GEORGIA NEAR HERE, JULY 1848. ERECTED BY THE COLUMBUS COMMITTEE, 1950". (Victory Drive, connecting Columbus and Fort Benning)

1950: Cockspur Island: In a clearing near Fort Pulaski, erected a monument at the site where John Wesley first landed in Georgia; the inscription reads: "JOHN WESLEY LANDED IN AMERICA ON THIS ISLAND FEBRUARY 6, 1736 - FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN WESLEY - 'FRI. 6 - ABOUT EIGHT IN THE MORNING I FIRST SET MY FOOT ON AMERICAN GROUND. IT WAS A SMALL UNINHABITED ISLAND . . . OVER AGAINST TYBEE, CALLED BY THE ENGLISH PEEPER ISLAND. MR. OGLETHORPE LED US THROUGH THE MOORISH LAND ON THE SHORE TO A RISING GROUND ... WE CHOSE AN OPEN PLACE SURROUNDED WITH MYRTLES, BAYS, AND CEDARS, WHICH SHELTERED US BOTH FROM THE SUN AND WIND, AND CALLED OUR LITTLE FLOCK TOGETHER TO PRAYERS'." Base: "ERECTED IN 1950 BY THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA TO COMMEMORATE JOHN WESLEY'S ASSOCIATION WITH THE COLONY OF GEORGIA". (Between Savannah and Tybee Island)

1950: Milledgeville: Milledgeville Town Committee compiled and published a brochure, outlining a walking tour of historic homes.

1958: Bulloch County: Placed a bronze tablet commemorating John Abbott (1751-1840), Georgia's first naturalist. (The marker was vandalized about 15-20 years ago.)

1958-59: All Saints Church, Cranham, Essex, England: In cooperation with the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia, installed an altar rail in the chancel, a Priest's desk and choir stalls of walnut, carved with Oglethorpe's crest and the Georgia seal; a bronze tablet was placed to identify these items as gifts; Oglethorpe and his wife are buried here.

1961: Society published: *Halifax to Savannah Letters of Michael Wallace*; the book was edited by Walter Charlton Hartridge.

1961: Athens: Completed an historic pamphlet, *Some Early Athens Streets*.

1961-64: Savannah: With others, participated in the erection of a monument in Colonial Cemetery honoring Button Gwinnett, Georgia Signer of the Declaration of Independence: "THIS MEMORIAL TO BUTTON GWINNETT, BORN 1735 - DIED 1777 - GEORGIA SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE - PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA - WHOSE REMAINS, BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY, ARE BELIEVED TO LIE ENTOMBED HEREUNDER, WAS ERECTED BY THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT COMMISSION WITH MONIES CONTRIBUTED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA, THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AND BY THE GEORGIA SOCIETIES OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS AND COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - 1964. BUTTON GWINNETT - THE SIGNATURE TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, 1776". (Oglethorpe Avenue and Abercorn Street)

1962: Atlanta: Atlanta Town Committee compiled and published the *Abstracts of Colonial Wills of the State of Georgia 1733-1777*.

1966: Savannah: Opened Colonial Dames House to the public, seven days a week.

1966-77: Jekyll Island: Made restoration efforts towards the Horton-duBignon House, the oldest remaining dwelling in Georgia: 1966-1972; paid for archaeological survey: 1976; landscaped grounds and preserved ruins: 1977; Plaque reads: "PRESERVATION OF THESE RUINS WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN COOPERATION WITH THE JEKYLL ISLAND STATE PARK AUTHORITY - 1970". (Two-story tabby ruins, on northwestern side of island, Riverview Drive)

1968: Savannah: Aided in restoring Colonial Cemetery. (Oglethorpe Avenue and Abercorn Street)

1969: Columbus: Columbus Town Committee furnished dining room in historic Rankin House (1850-70); 1986: furnished north parlor and continue to maintain both rooms. (1440 Second Avenue)

1969: Albany: Albany Town Committee published *Albany On the Flint*, a history of the city.

1972: Thomasville: Thomasville Town Committee began restoration work on the Hardaway House (1856), recently given them, and has continued with its maintenance. (522 North Dawson Street)



1975: Published *Early Georgia Portraits*, which contains over 600 portraits of members of early Georgia families.

1975-78: The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Godalming, Surrey, England: contributed to restoration of the church bells (1975) and repairs to the Norman tower (1978); here Oglethorpe worshipped as a youth.

1977: Waycross: In the Okefenokee Heritage Center, Waycross Town Committee installed some architectural elements from the porch and parlor of Dr. Daniel Lott's 1870 house, the oldest house in Waycross; they furnished the Victorian parlor in the period of the house and continue to maintain it. (North Augusta Avenue)

1977: Darien: Erected a monument in cooperation with three other patriotic societies, honoring the early settlers buried here; inscription reads: "1977 - ERECTED AS A MEMORIAL TO THOSE EARLY RESIDENTS OF DARIEN WHO ARE BURIED IN THE OLD CITY CEMETERY, 1736-1806 OF WHICH THIS PLOT IS A PART. MOST WERE HIGHLAND SCOTS, SOME WERE REVOLUTIONARY WAR OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS (BOTH PATRIOTS AND LOYALISTS) AND SOME WERE LATER ARRIVALS TO THE TOWN. THE HEADS OF FAMILIES OF THOSE KNOWN ARE BELIEVED TO BE BURIED HERE ARE - CAPT. JOHN McINTOSH, MOHR LEADER OF THE HIGHLAND SETTLERS - HUGH CLARK, JOHN CUNNINGHAM, DONALD FRASER, JOHN GRANT, MAJ. ELISHA B. HOPKINS, JAMES MACKAY, ARCHIBALD McBEAN, LT. COL. WILLIAM McINTOSH, THOMAS McKENZIE, ANGUS McLEAN, DONALD McLEOD, HUGH MORRISON, ALEXANDER MUNRO, ALEXANDER MURRAY, DAVID STEWART, COL. ABITHA THOMAS - TO ALL, THIS MARKER IS DEDICATED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA - ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF SAVANNAH - SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA - SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA". (Off U.S. 17, turn east at Post Office toward Columbus Square on Monroe Street, across from African Baptist Church)

1979: St. Simons Island: Placed a plaque at the site of Fort St. Simons; the inscription reads: "THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - ON THIS SITE FORT ST. SIMONS WAS BUILT BY ENGLISH TROOPS UNDER THE COMMAND OF JAMES EDWARD OGLETHORPE IN 1738. IT GUARDED THE ENTRANCE TO THE FREDERICA RIVER THROUGH WHICH SHIPS MUST PASS TO REACH FORT FREDERICA. WITH NEARBY DELEGAL'S FORT, IT TURNED THE SOUTHERN TIP OF ST. SIMONS ISLAND INTO GEORGIA'S MOST HEAVILY FORTIFIED AREA. FORT ST. SIMONS WAS DESTROYED BY SPANISH SOLDIERS IN 1742". (The Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage - southern tip of the island)



1979 - 1993: *Georgia Heritage - Treasured Recipes* consists of favorite and traditional recipes, some with footnotes of historic interest; it was compiled for the purpose of raising funds for restoration furnishing of the Andrew Low House and has succeeded handsomely; the cookbook was printed five times for a total of 45,000 copies.

1983: Savannah: Erected a fountain in Lafayette Square; inscription reads: "ERECTED BY - THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA - TO COMMEMORATE THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF - THE FOUNDING OF THE COLONY OF GEORGIA IN 1733 - DEDICATED APRIL 21, 1983".

1983: Rome: Rome Town Committee reprinted Sibley Greer Mooney's book *Out of the Past ... but Still Alive - 1861-1961* (a group of pen and ink drawings of Floyd County Landmarks with descriptive comments).

1984: Columbus: Columbus Town Committee gave a fountain commemorating Georgia's Semiquincentennial- "PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS BY THE COLUMBUS TOWN COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE COLONY OF GEORGIA BY JAMES EDWARD OGLETHORPE. DEDICATED MARCH 1984". (Promenade/River Walk, west of the Columbus Ironworks Convention Center, on the banks of the Chattahoochee River)

1984: Madison: Placed a large cast-iron urn on the grounds of the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center (1895). (434 South Main Street)

1984: Marietta: Marietta Town Committee rededicated the marker of The Indian Hightower Trail. (Morris' Crossroads)

1984: Rome: Dedicated a new iron drinking fountain at the Greater Rome Convention and Visitors Bureau; inscription reads: "PRESENTED BY - THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA - TO COMMEMORATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF - THE FOUNDING OF THE CITY OF ROME IN 1834 - DEDICATED OCTOBER 3, 1984". (402 Civic Center Hill)

1984: Valdosta: Valdosta Town Committee commissioned a local artist to produce pen and ink drawings of six historic buildings, from which note paper was printed.

1985: Milledgeville: Milledgeville Town Committee participated in Veterans Day activities, November 11, 1985, at the Georgia War Veterans Home, and presented an American flag, honoring Baldwin County veterans.

1985-90: Atlanta: Atlanta Town Committee sponsored the project "Decorative Art of Georgia Prior to World War I", whose object was to locate, record and photograph those artifacts which were made in Georgia between 1733 and 1915; create a central research file, make research file available to the public and gather information for the purpose of research, not for acquisition of the objects; during survey, approximately 1500 homes were visited; over 700 metalware entries, over 600 ceramic entries and almost 700 textile entries were catalogued in the computer; 2,311 pieces of furniture were documented.

1986: Americus: Placed wrought iron gates at the entrance to historic Oak Grove Cemetery; bronze tablet reads: "THESE GATES PRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA THROUGH THE AMERICUS TOWN COMMITTEE - 1986". (Corner of Rees and Lamar Streets)

1986: Milledgeville: Milledgeville Town Committee began restoration of child's room in historic Stetson-Sanford house (c. 1825) and has continued maintaining it; in 1990, installed a brass plaque on the door of the room that reads: "CHILD'S ROOM - ARRANGED BY THE MILLEDGEVILLE TOWN COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA". (Corner of Jackson and Hancock Streets)

1986: Macon: Macon Town Committee sponsored replacing a bronze marker at the site of Old Wesleyan College, including seal of the State of Georgia at the top; inscription reads:  
"SITE: WESLEYAN COLLEGE - WORLD'S FIRST COLLEGE  
CHARTERED TO - GRANT DEGREES TO WOMEN

ON DECEMBER 23, 1836, THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA - CHARTERED THE GEORGIA FEMALE COLLEGE. THE FIRST CLASS GRADUATED - JULY 26, 1840. IN 1843, THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO WESLEYAN FEMALE - COLLEGE; IN 1919 TO WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

THE OLDEST SORORITIES IN THE WORLD WERE FOUNDED AT WESLEYAN: THE - ADELPHIC SOCIETY, NOW ALPHA DELTA PI SORORITY, 1851, AND THE - PHILOMATHEAN SOCIETY, NOW PHI MU FRATERNITY, 1852. THE WORLD'S FIRST - ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION FOR A WOMEN'S COLLEGE WAS ORGANIZED AT WESLEYAN - IN 1859.

THROUGH EARLY YEARS OF DOUBT, WESLEYAN BORE WITNESS THAT WOMEN - WERE CAPABLE OF RECEIVING HIGHER EDUCATION. THE MOTTO ON ITS SEAL - *SCIENTIA ET PIETAS* - REPRESENTS IDEALS WHICH HAVE INSPIRED HER GRADUATES - TO GO FORTH TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH TO TEACH, TO LEAD, - TO SERVE.

IN 1928, THE COLLEGE MOVED SIX MILES NORTHWEST TO THE NEW RIVOLI - CAMPUS. THE WESLEYAN CONSERVATORY AND SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS REMAINED IN THE ORIGINAL BUILDING UNTIL 1953 WHEN THEY WERE TRANSFERRED TO - RIVOLI. OLD WESLEYAN COLLEGE AND THE ADJOINING PIERCE CHAPEL - BURNED FEBRUARY 24, 1963.

1986 GEORGIA HISTORIC MARKER". (Corner of College Street and Georgia Avenue)

1986: Macon: In reference to the previous marker, a bronze marker was attached to the Wesleyan College historic marker, with the following inscription: "THIS RESTORED MARKER - COMMEMORATING WESLEYAN'S - SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR WAS - REPLACED MAY 2, 1986 AND - SPONSORED BY THE MACON - TOWN COMMITTEE OF THE - NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA".

1987: Athens: Presented a sundial to the Athens Welcome Center for the garden: "SUNDIAL - PRESENTED TO CHURCH/WADDELL/BRUMBY HOUSE - 1820 - BY THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA - APRIL 22, 1987". (Corner of Thomas and Daugherty Streets)

1989-93: Albany: Albany Town Committee assumed responsibility for the upkeep and refurnishing of the parlor in the Smith House, built, in 1859 and presently owned by the Junior League of Albany. (516 Flint Avenue)

1990: Milledgeville: *Housekeeping Diary Of An Antebellum Lady* was edited and published by Mrs. James Longstreet Sibley Jennings and presented to the Milledgeville Town Committee.

1990: Milledgeville: Milledgeville Town Committee updated and republished a brochure and map, outlining a walking tour of historic homes.

#### 1991-1993: CENTENNIAL PROJECTS:

An educational grant was made to the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences for the publication of *Nostrums for Fashionable Entertainments: Dining in Georgia, 1800-1850*.

Halcyon Days enamel boxes were designed depicting the Andrew Low House, with proper inscription inside.

*Georgia Illustrated, 1513-1793*, a video tape, was made from old, hand-tinted glass lantern slides found in the Andrew Low House, portraying the early history of Georgia.

A sundial, featuring the seal of the Georgia Society, the Franklinia Alatomaha (Society's pin) and our Centennial dates on the face, on a fluted pedestal base, with acanthus leaf capitol, was commissioned and given to each Town Committee for local placement and dedication.

#### Placements are:

Albany: Front lawn of Memorial Auditorium

Americus: Courtyard of City Hall

Athens: Garden of Lucy Cobb Institute, now Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Atlanta: Courtyard of Weltner Memorial Library, Oglethorpe University  
 Augusta: River Walk - Savannah River Historic Area  
 Brunswick: Fort Frederica  
 Columbus: Garden of Rankin House  
 Macon: Garden of Johnston-Felton-Hay House  
 Madison: Garden of Uncle Remus Regional Library  
 Marietta: Front lawn of Headquarters for Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society  
 Milledgeville: Memorial Hill Cemetery  
 Moultrie: Historic Tree Park  
 Rome: Front entrance of Rome-Floyd County Library  
 Savannah: Lafayette Square (in front of Andrew Low House)  
 Thomasville: Front lawn of Thomasville Public Library  
 Valdosta: Front entrance of South Georgia Medical Center  
 Waycross: Phoenix Park

#### CENTENNIAL PROJECTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Albany: Updated history of Town Committee from 1978-1993  
 Americus: Purchased a pair of sconces for historic Windsor Hotel  
 Athens: Publishing *Higher Education for Women in the South: A History of Lucy Cobb Institute, 1858-1994*; compiled and edited by Phinazy Spalding  
 Atlanta: Contributed to the new Atlanta History Center, for purchase of genealogical books  
 Augusta: Worked with The Augusta Genealogical Society on Magnolia Cemetery, as a botanical plan was needed to label and identify native plants, as well as a plat for historic personages  
 Brunswick: Updated history of Town Committee from 1983-1993  
 Columbus: Erected an historic marker at Linwood Cemetery  
 Macon: Contributing mahogany steps for their library at the Andrew Low House  
 Madison: Sponsoring a student (from Madison) for the Washington Workshops Congressional Seminar in Washington, D. C.; gave two chairs to the Andrew Low House  
 Marietta: Installed a bench, near commemorative sundial, on the front lawn of the Headquarters for the Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society  
 Milledgeville: In cooperation with the Mary Vinson Memorial Library, compiled an index of graves dated prior to 1935 in small cemeteries that had not been previously catalogued  
 Moultrie: Placed a time capsule under commemorative sundial, to be opened 27 February 2093; placed four benches in Historic Tree Park  
 Rome: Produced an audio-visual tape of *Significant Historic Houses of Rome and Floyd County*  
 Savannah: Printing a booklet on the Andrew Low House and the people who lived there  
 Thomasville: Updated history of Town Committee from 1980-1993  
 Valdosta: Replaced 15 wooden markers of historical buildings and sites with permanent, cast aluminum markers, partially funded by the State Society  
 Waycross: Restored their 1870 Victorian parlor at the Okefenokee Heritage Center; also gave antique books to the Andrew Low House

