



**The Vermont Society  
of  
Colonial Games**

**Report of the  
Eightieth Annual Meeting**

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The Vermont Society of Colonial Dames has been saddened by the passing of two recording secretaries during the calendar year of 1977 -- Florence Howard Lawson on January 28th and Frances Morrison Weston, October 25th. We mourn the loss of two devoted members and we dedicate this annual report in their memory.

The annual meeting of the Board of Management was held in a room off the lobby at Middlebury Inn at 2 p.m. on September 14, 1977 with ten members answering the roll call conducted by Mrs. Walter Adams, First Vice-President. Mrs. Harold Durgin presided at the meeting.

The reports of officers followed, all were accepted as read and corrected.

The Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Whitney, reported total assets of \$1,938.90 as of July 1, 1977. The Auditor's report showed all accounts in good order.

The Registrar, Mrs. Alton Swan, read names of applications for membership completed and returned --

- 1284 - Mrs. Jackson Nye, Mullins, So. Carolina
- 1285 - Miss Margaret Nye, Mullins, So. Carolina
- 1286 - Mrs. Allan Sniffen, Bedford Hills, New York
- 1287 - Mrs. Gordon Lane, Barre, Vermont
- 1288 - Mrs. Elizabeth Kessler, Mission Hills, Kansas
- 1289 - Mrs. Walter Emerson, Northfield, Vermont

Motion by Mrs. Simonds, seconded and passed, that all of these names be accepted.

The usual Index has been secured by the Librarian and placed in the library at Montpelier.

A book entitled "Independence Must Be Won" by Phillip Viereck is to be placed in the library at Cornwall. It is written in a way that is within the understanding of children.

Voted to reimburse Mrs. Lois Burke for this book.

Index to Knowlton Genealogy, 1897, Charles Stocking, to be purchased at a cost of about \$25.

Mrs. Altorfer made the motion, voted and passed that a book be placed in Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro in memory of Florence Lawson, Mrs. Simonds to choose the book.

Mrs. Simonds recommended that the President and Treasurer decide matters concerning the Savings accounts.

Mrs. Altorfer moved that a new record book for the secretary be secured and so voted.

Mrs. Simonds moved that each year the list of elected officers be sent to the Hereditary Register in Phoenix, Arizona before October 20 and so voted. This was done immediately following this meeting.

A delightful tea was held in the spacious home of Mrs. Chester Way, Court Square, at 3:30 p.m. We are all grateful to a most gracious hostess.

At 6:30 p.m., we partook of a most delicious banquet at Middlebury Inn. Following the banquet, Prof. Glenn M. Andres of Middlebury College presented a program concerning the history of the town of Middlebury and the architectural designs of many of its early dwellings, illustrated with slides.

The 80th annual and business meeting of the Society was held at Middlebury Inn on September 15, 1977, the President, Mrs. Harold Durgin, presiding, at 9:30 a.m. The invocation was offered by Mrs. Stuart Simonds and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mrs. Albert F. Gollnick, Sr. Mr. David Beach, Manager of the Inn, welcomed the group and Mrs. Chester Way responded.

The Memorial Service was conducted by the Historian, Mrs. Ruby Drake, when the following were memorialized --

Name	Address	Date of Decease
Miss Amy Perkins	Rutland, Vt.	October 18, 1976
Mrs. Florence Lawson	Brattleboro, Vt.	January 28, 1977
Mrs. Catherine Bliss	Norwell, Mass.	April 17, 1977
Mrs. Ruth Rockefeller	Red Hook, N.Y.	August, 1977
Mrs. Phyllis French	St. Petersburg, Fla.	August 8, 1977
Mrs. Helen Hughes	Fair Haven, Vt.	1976

Eulogies were given and poems were read as the candles were lighted. All joined in the Lord's Prayer and in the singing of "My Faith Looks Up To Thee."

Reports of all officers were given as they were read and corrected at the meeting of the Board of Management the previous day.

Voted to hold the next meeting at Cortina Inn, Mendon, on September 13, 1978, if proper arrangements can be made.

The following officers were elected by ballot: -- First, Second, Third, and Fourth Vice-Presidents, Historian and Auditor, whose names appear on the next page. Mrs. Walter Adams was elected to the Board of Management.

The Credentials Committee reported 27 members present. The meeting adjourned at about 11:00 a.m. when some of the members went on to the DAR State Conference in Burlington.

+ **NOTE:** Since not all notes of the Recording Secretary were available, the Corresponding Secretary has filled in, to the best of her ability.

## VERMONT SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES Officers

<b>President</b> — Mrs. Harold L. Durgin 55 Litchfield Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701	1978
<b>First Vice President</b> — Mrs. Chester M. Way Court Square, Middlebury, Vt. 05753	1980
<b>Second Vice President</b> — Mrs. James Mitchell (now deceased) Bronxville, N. Y.	1980
<b>Third Vice President</b> — Mrs. Horace Loomis RD 3, Vergennes, Vt. 05491	1979
<b>Fourth Vice President</b> — Mrs. Richard Chevalier 72 Park St., Rutland, Vt. 05701	1979
<b>Treasurer</b> — Mrs. Henry E. Whitney RD 2, Middlebury, Vt. 05753	1978
<b>Rec. Secretary</b> — Mrs. Herman Weston (now deceased) Saxtons River, Vt.	1978
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b> — Mrs. Frederic M. Bingham 102 Court St., Middlebury, Vt. 05753	1978
<b>Historian</b> — Mrs. Albert F. Gollnick Sr. RD 1, Middlebury, Vt. 05753	1981
<b>Registrar</b> — Mrs. Alton Swan 5 Crown St., Rutland, Vt. 05701	1980
<b>Genealogical Librarian</b> — Mrs. Floyd Altorfer 45 So. Main St., Fair Haven, Vt. 05743	1981
<b>Auditor</b> — Mrs. William W. Theis RD 1, Middlebury, Vt. 05753	1981

The above officers, the three members selected by the society, Past Presidents and Honorary members constitute the Board of Management: Mrs. James Winner 1978, Mrs. Ellison Chase 1979, Mrs. Walter Adams 1980, the past Presidents, Mrs. Chester Way, Mrs. Stephen Greene, Mrs. Stuart Simonds; and Honorary member Mrs. Karl B. Smith.



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