

Descendants of the Founders of New Jersey



Newsletter Summer 2011

Descendants Hold Annual Meeting at Cranbury Inn May 7, 2011

The Spring Meeting of the Descendants of the Founders of New Jersey was held at the Cranbury Inn, Cranbury, New Jersey, on May 7, 2011. As usual, the meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Officers and Councilors, and also – as is our custom – this meeting was also open to members-at-large and guests. The New Jersey Branch of the National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims also had its spring meeting at this time. The New Jersey Society of the War of 1812 was invited to join us for lunch and to hear the speaker, Dr. Marc Mappen.

Officers serving for 2010 – 2012

Governor General	#309	George James Hill, M.D.
Deputy Governor General	#263	John Arthur Moller
Domine General	#181	Patricia Wright Blakely
Recording Secretary General	#291	Gail Bennett Hahn
Corresponding Secretary General	#185	Bruce Ryno
Treasurer General	#263	Daniel Byram Bush
Registrar General	#296	Evelyn Hunt Ogden
Historian General	#226	William Beckett Brown, III
Auditor General	#241	Heather Welty Speas

Councilors

Councilor General 2009 – 2012	#268	Cynthia Long Newfield
Councilor General 2009 – 2012	#300	Alan Russell Matlack
Councilor General 2010 – 2013	#171	Richard Marshall Burr
Councilor General 2010 – 2013	#295	Michael Sayre Maiden, Jr.

Councilor General 2011 – 2013
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#C6 Virginia Adams Smith
#261 Harry Paine Folger, 3rd

For those who didn't attend the meeting, and would like to have a copy of the Agenda, please turn to the next page for this information. You will also see below several items of interest, including a biographical sketch and outline of the talk by Dr. Mappen; the report of the Auditor General, Heather Speas; and draft Minutes that were prepared by our Recording Secretary General, Gail Hahn.

But first, a photo of those who were at the meeting:



Dr. Marc Mappen (far left in the photo) has been described by the New York Times as "the eminent New Jersey historian" and by the Star Ledger as "an engaging speaker." He is the coeditor of the award-winning *Encyclopedia of New Jersey* and author of *Jerseyana: The Underside of New Jersey History*. His most recent book (his fifth) is *There's More to New Jersey Than the Sopranos*, now in its third printing, which the historian Thomas Fleming has praised as "a delightful read, full of wit and information on every page." Marc has written over 100 articles and essays in publications that include the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, Rutgers Magazine, and New Jersey Heritage. He has been interviewed on the History Channel and National Public Radio. He has received awards from the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey, the Advocates for New Jersey History, the South Jersey Cultural Alliance, and other organizations. Marc was formerly a dean at Rutgers and recently retired from his

position as executive director of the New Jersey Historical Commission.



**Draft Agenda for Joint Meeting
May 7, 2011
Cranbury Inn, Cranbury, N.J.**



George J. Hill, M.D.
Presiding

Governor General, Descendants of the Founders of New Jersey
Governor, New Jersey Branch, NSSDP

Welcome	Hill
Request acceptance of a Joint Meeting, which members of both societies and guests may attend	
Invocation	Domine or <i>ex officio</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	Hill
DFNJ Roll Call and requests for excused absences	Recording SG Hahn
Minutes of the previous meeting	Hahn
Report of the Treasurer General	D. Bush
Reports of Other Officers	
Governor General	Hill
Deputy Governor General	Moller (in absentia)
Corresponding Secretary General	Ryno
Registrar General	Ogden
Historian General	Brown (in absentia)
Auditor General	Speas
Webmaster	Maiden (in absentia)
Others?	
New Business	
Consider forming a Membership/Recruitment Committee	
Consider meeting with another society during Lineage Society Week (e.g. Delaware)	
Liaison to other organizations (e.g., Gen. Soc. N.J., League of Hist. Societies, etc.)	
Restrict access to regalia? (suggestion of Lee Perryman)	
Old Business - Suggestions for Nominating Committee to consider? (Folger, Brown, Ryno)	
For the good of the society	
Recess until after lunch	

***** **Photos, formal and informal** *****

Adjournment of both societies *sine die*, following lunch and a lecture by Professor Marc Mappen, Ph.D.



DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS OF NEW JERSEY
REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL
2011

May 6, 2011

This General Officer met with Treasurer General Mr. Daniel Bush and Mrs. Bush on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 and reviewed the books and accompanying bank and investment statements and found everything to be correct and in order, to the best of this Officer's ability.

The Descendants of the Founders of New Jersey should be very proud and thankful to have such competent members managing the organization's treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Wade Speas (Heather)
Auditor General

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Descendants of Founders of New Jersey
Minutes of Councilor Meeting
& General Meeting
May 7, 2011
The Cranbury Inn
Cranbury, New Jersey

The Councilor & General Meeting of the Society of the Descendants of Founders of New Jersey was held at the Cranbury Inn, Cranbury, New Jersey, on Saturday, May 7, 2011. **Governor General George J. Hill** called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. The invocation was given by the **Governor General**.

A roll call was held, with the following officers present: George J. Hill, Gail B. Hahn, Bruce Ryno, Daniel B. Bush, and Evelyn H. Ogden. Alan R. Matlock, and Richard M. Burr. John A Moller, Patricia W. Blakely, William B. Brown, Heather Speas, Virginia Smith, Harry P. Folger, and Michael S. Maiden were all excused absent. Members present were Ruth Ryno, June Sallee, George Farrand and wife.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer General Daniel B. Bush presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of Oct 29, 2010 was \$28,357.71. Receipts for the period were \$1,278.03. Disbursements for the period were \$1,060.74. Investments total \$13,193.64, giving a net worth of \$41,768.64. All forms have been filed. (Our treasurer has returned to us, after recovering from surgery.)

Governor General George J. Hill described the wonderful opportunity he had, in attending the Lineage Society Week, in DC. There were 4 meetings per day, for the 10 days. Some large societies such as the DAR and SAR are represented by the heads of their organizations in the National Order of the Gavel, which meets during this week in DC. Small organizations such as the descendants of the founders of several states, often have joint meetings during this week. This was an opportunity to reach out to the larger community. The hope is it will follow with more interest in our group.

The **Deputy Governor General's** responsibility is to set up the program. He is asking for suggestions for the fall program.

Registrar General Evelyn H. Ogden announced the updated biography and index book is ready to be put on the website. There was discussion on printing your own books on LuLu or Heritage Books. Make sure you have control of the copyrights to your book. 3 new members were announced: Susan Hopkins of NY (ancestor Thomas French), David Coward of CO (ancestor Thomas Hand) and Matthew Bowdish of CO (ancestor Robert Styles). The **Governor General** reminded all, that all members are now life members, as are in many small organizations. Our meetings run at cost.

It is the responsibility of the **Historian General** to keep a record of officers, their duties, and the membership, as well as the history of the society. Each year the activity of the society should be recorded, using the minutes as a guide. Bruce Ryno received the records of the society, going back to the beginning, from the son of a deceased member. If anyone is interested in helping the **Historian General** in going through the material and writing the history, please contact William B. Brown.

Governor General George J. Hill spoke on having liaisons with other lineage and genealogy groups, like the GSNJ and the Lineage Society of Delaware. He suggested that **Registrar General Evelyn H. Ogden** write an article on the society, for the GSNJ newsletter.

A member was concerned with the ease of ordering an insignia. **Councilor General Cynthia N.** responded that the company checks with the **Governor General**, before filling the order.

The Nominating Committee consists of Harry P. Folger, Bruce Ryno, and William B. Brown. John A. Moller has agreed to be **Governor General** for the upcoming year.

The **Auditor General's** report will be filed with the minutes.

The meeting was recessed for the National Society of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims meeting and lunch, at 11:47.

After lunch, **Governor General George J. Hill** introduced our guest speaker, **Marc Mappen, Ph.D**, who spoke on his recent book, *New Jersey: It's More than the Sopranos*.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Gail B. Hahn, Recording Secretary General

Since the time of the meeting, Registrar General Evelyn Ogden has approved applications from two new members:

#363 Jennifer Kim Sallee Chang Application Date: 6 May 2011
34 Cannon Rd.
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Founder: Lewis Morris of Passage Point Acceptance Date: 30 May 2011

364 David John Stringfellow Application Date: 26 April 2011
10619 Lakeside Oak Court
Burke, Virginia 22015-2221

Founder: Claes Jansen Van Purmerent Acceptance Date: 10 June 2011

AND THE LAST WORD IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS:

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
FOR THE FALL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2011
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