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A Message from the President

Charbra Adams Jestin

The highlight of my three-day National Finance Committee meeting at Dumbarton House during the last week of September was hearing David Rubinstein lecture on his *patriotic philanthropy*: he has pledged to donate more than fifty percent of his personal wealth to philanthropies and charities, including his purchase for the public good of many historical items. His first significant purchase, made in 2007, was the only thirteenth-century version of the *Magna Charta* in the western hemisphere that he feared might leave the United States. Feeling that this document embodied the principles that guided our own War for Independence and the creation of our 1787 Constitution, he not only purchased it but also donated the money for a new gallery to house it at the National Archives in DC as well as a new visitor's center. The document is now on permanent display and will belong to the nation on Mr. Rubenstein's death. In addition to entertaining his audience with the drama of the auction at which he bought the *Magna Charta*, he amused us with stories of his sharing the cost of repairing the Washington Monument with the US Congress and his support of the Lincoln Monument, Monticello, Montpelier, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the panda program at the Washington Zoo.

Thankfully for the nation, Mr Rubenstein has decided to share his good fortune with the people of this country. It was his patriotic philanthropy that prompted the DC Dames to ask him to speak

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A Message from the Director

Charles T. Lyle

Since the publication of the spring issue of the newsletter, a lot has been going on at the Museum. On July 4, we opened a special exhibition to mark the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Webb House to the public by Wallace Nutting on July 4, 1916. Working collaboratively with the Wallace Nutting Collectors' Club, the entire first floor of the Webb House has been used for the special exhibition, **Wallace Nutting: Preservation Pioneer**. In addition to featuring the Yorktown Parlor and Northeast parlor with the painted historical murals on the walls installed by Nutting, the



First Floor Exhibit Gallery, Webb House. The room features interpretive panels and a selection of important examples of Nutting's reproduction furniture, iron and treen ware. Among the rare examples on view are a Sudbury cupboard to the rear and a Connecticut Sunflower and Tulip chest to the right.

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at Dumbarton House. He was eloquent on the principles of the *Magna Charta* that informed the founding of this nation and on the risk this country runs of loosing its relationship to that past. He complimented the NSCDA for the work it does in keeping the concepts of our founding fathers relevant. The hard-won rights of self-governance, freedom from tyranny, and due process of law can easily be lost if we fail to remember our original principles.

The evening left me with the renewed belief that we in CT are on the right course of creating a museum that can reinforce these founding principles, be more sharing of its treasures, and provide welcoming and comfortable spaces to learn and work in. As we get ever closer to reaching our Building Fund Campaign goal, our sense of urgency grows. What we are doing is so vitally important to remedy the creeping ignorance of and lack of interest in our national history. This is a noble project we undertake and one that will enhance our museum, ensure its future, and garner greater respect for our organization.

Also this fall 26 Dames and spouses were the happy participants in a well-organized, educational, and extraordinarily entertaining three day trip to the greater Boston area, where we saw the best Georgian architecture that New England has to offer. What a thrill it was to tour the Massachusetts Dames headquarters house on Beacon Hill, to marvel at the splendor of the Jeremiah Lee house in Marblehead, and experience the grandeur of Gore Place in Waltham. These are but a few highlights of a trip rich in colonial history. We all ended the trip with a renewed pride in our own three historic houses in Wethersfield.

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hallway and northwest chamber, formerly the Tea Room, are used to exhibit forty-four hand-tinted Nutting photographs, fifteen pieces of Nutting furniture, several books and catalogs published by him, original hand-tinted lantern slides used in his lectures, and examples of his treen (wooden) wares and iron work--most of it on loan from members of the Collectors' Club. It is one of the most comprehensive exhibitions ever done on Nutting with fourteen detailed exhibit panels with illustrations that highlight Nutting's career and his restoration of the Webb House and use of the interiors for his "colonial" photographs.



The first floor hall of the Webb House features a selection of framed Nutting photographs and examples of Nutting's reproduction Windsors in several different styles.

The opening reception for the Nutting exhibit was held on the hundredth anniversary on July 4 with over 250 people attending. A tent was installed behind the Stevens House for refreshments and music. It was a beautiful day and many guests were dressed in red, white and blue holiday attire. We were also pleased to receive a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Forum to partially fund the

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On October 2nd, I represented the Society at the Massing of the Colors in Lebanon, CT. This annual event, in which all heritage societies in the state are invited to participate, began with a



lengthy presentation of all the flags in attendance, each flag drummed in, announced, and then displayed. This was followed by a brief service of readings, both biblical and sectarian, a few hymns and a prayer. Besides multiple DAR and SAR chapters, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Children of the American Revolution, and Founders of Hartford and New Haven, there were numerous other organizations represented—47 in total. It was another day in which my heart swelled with pride at representing our own very worthy society.

I hope to see you on October 19th when we will celebrate 125 years of the NSCDA and on December 12th when you are invited for tea and sherry and to see the three houses decked out in their Christmas finery.

All the best, Charbra Adams Jestin

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costs of the project. The exhibit has received extensive publicity, including a feature articles in *The New York Times*, *The Hartford Courant*, *Antiques and The Arts Weekly*, *The Maine Antique Digest*, *Wethersfield Life* and *Hartford Magazine*. The exhibit closes on October 31 and has helped to raise public awareness of the importance of Wallace Nutting and the Webb House as one of the principle historic sites that feature his remarkable accomplishments.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Wallace Nutting Collectors' Club held their fall meeting at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wethersfield on September 23 and 24. Their events were open to the public and featured a major auction of Nutting furniture and photographs on Friday. On Saturday morning, they had a marketplace with several dealers specializing in Nutting antiques and three lectures by Club members. After lunch, club members were invited to a special behind-the-scenes Tour with me of the exhibit and the Webb House

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News from the Webb-Deane-Stevens Building Committee

Judith Rowley
Chair, Building Committee

The newly formed Building Committee met August 2 and September 8 to review and discuss the architectural renderings for the Education Center and the estimated costs given to us in the Spring of 2014 by architect James Palladino.

The Building Committee, which will meet throughout the Fall to address a myriad of details, is composed of the following Dames, Rowley (Chair), Hayes, Jestin, Kernan, Wagner, Warren, along with Rich Malley (Curator), Anne Guernsey (Director of Development), and Charles T. Lyle (Executive Director).

We have been steadily moving forward to our projected goal of *\$7.5 - \$4 million is projected for construction and \$3.5 million for endowment*. To date, the Dames have raised an impressive \$6 million, which includes a generous pledge of over \$1 million from an anonymous Dame. During the first phase of the Capital Campaign that ran from 2003 to 2008, we raised \$1.8 million: 50% for construction and 50% for endowment to maintain the addition.

We are proud to say that Dame participation stands at 60%. All donors from 2003 to today will be recognized. So, if you haven't given yet, we encourage to do so!

Currently we are waiting optimistically to hear from the State concerning our Bond application for \$1.7 million from the Bond Commission. Once the money is in hand, we will be in position to begin construction.

Until then, there are many things that need to be addressed including an archaeological dig, energy-efficient mechanical systems, and layout of staff offices.



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On Thursday evening, September 22, Michael Ivankovich, a noted Nutting expert, gave a fascinating power point presentation in the Barn titled *Wallace Nutting Overview, 1861-1941*. It was attended by about 70 people and the speaker received a standing ovation at the end. Also featured in the Fall Lecture Series was an informative and entertaining talk by Connecticut historian Bill Hosley on *Wallace Nutting's Crusade for the Colonial Past*, held on October 13. Fifty-two people were here for the lecture.



The Yorktown Parlor at the Webb House features a female manikin dressed in reproduction clothing arranging flowers. It is based on Nutting's 1916 photograph of the room titled "Birthday Flowers." The arrangement of the furniture, braided rugs, flowers and other details from the photograph are also recreated to give visitors the impression that they are stepping into one of his photographs.

As the Nutting project winds down, the staff is currently working on other projects, including our popular "Witches and Tombstone Tours" on October 22 and 23 and decorating for Christmas tours starting with the opening party on Friday, December 9 and Candlelight Tours on the evenings of December 16 and 17. We have also contracted with the Public Archaeology Survey Team in Storrs, CT to complete a phase 1 archaeological survey at the proposed site of the new Education Center behind the Webb and Deane Houses. This is a requirement of the State Historic Preservation Office and will be continued with a more extensive dig in the spring of 2017. The Museum's houses are considered to be one of the most important domestic sites of the colonial period in Connecticut, and the archaeology is expected to yield a rich concentration of artifacts and other information that will help us to more accurately interpret how people actually lived in our houses.

A Few Heartfelt Words from our Doyen, Dorothy Venter

In this day of strife and turmoil and discord in the world – we, Dames, can be grateful and thankful for at least one constant in our lives. That is our legacy from past generations of Dames who had the wisdom and foresight to save for us some treasures.

It is a legacy that we must protect – our three houses, which are finite representations of the lives of the wise men and women in Wethersfield who had the courage to help found this nation – and imbue it with ideals of freedom and liberty.

I became a Colonial Dame because I was intensely interested in our history – and also in the preservation of fine houses and beautiful artifacts. Today, more than ever, we should remember what our ancestors accomplished – and pass this legacy on to future generations of children – who are not always taught history in our schools.

We can be very proud of the fact that the many State Societies of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of American have preserved more properties than any other organization in this country except the National Park Service.



The founding of this nation was accomplished, with great effort and heartache by men and women who believed in freedom from tyranny. As noted, some of those men and women were here in Wethersfield and lived in our houses. We can honor them by continuing to preserve and financially care for those houses – and most importantly, by supporting the building of a much-needed addition to the museum. It is critical to have space for exhibitions, classrooms for children, office space for staff and a gathering place of important functions. There is imperative need for this addition to insure that the museum will not perish. We have been bequeathed a legacy and we must not fail to preserve it.

Editor's note: this is a transcript of a speech given by Dorothy Venter at the Annual Meeting of The Colonial Dames in May 2016

President's remarks to the 61st Biennial Council in Washington DC October 16 & 17, 2016

In December of 1893 Elizabeth Colt, widow of manufacturer Samuel Colt, along with three other prominent women of Hartford established The Connecticut Society. Elizabeth Colt served as Connecticut's first president and then served as a National Vice-President from 1900 until her death in 1905.

In the early 20th century, The Connecticut Society's Committee on Old Houses documented surviving 17th, 18th, and early-19th century houses across the state. We are fortunate that today the CT State Library holds 1,070 volumes of these surveys, each bound in blue Moroccan leather and available for scholarly use.

The society's greatest contribution was, and continues to be in the realm of historic preservation. Early on, it was active in preserving the Old State House in Hartford. Then in 1919 the Connecticut Dames assumed the responsibility of preserving and interpreting its own historic property with the purchase of the Joseph Webb House in Wethersfield where, in May of 1781, Gen. George Washington met for five days with the Comte de Rochambeau to plan the movement of their troops southward that led to their engaging Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown and the successful conclusion to the War of Independence.

Today, The NSCDA-CT is the proud custodian of the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum, considered by many to be "the jewel in the crown of Connecticut's historic house museums." The Museum's three 18th century houses sit on their original sites in the center of Wethersfield's Historic District and include two National Historic Landmarks: the

1752 Joseph Webb House and the 1769 Silas Deane House. The 1789 Isaac Stevens House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Museum is widely recognized for the quality of its interpretation as well as its school and public education programs including lecture series, Revolutionary War re-enactment camps, and communal Thanksgiving dinners.

In 2014, the CT society embarked on a Building Fund Campaign to construct modern space for our educational programs, exhibitions of our hidden treasures, archival storage, and office space. I am happy to say that we have raised 2.4 million dollars towards our 3.4 million dollar construction goal and a further 3.5 million dollars in endowment to support the new construction.

The Connecticut Society continues to build its membership and looks forward to embarking on its second century of museum stewardship with strength and vigor.



*Dames at the Biennial 2016
From left to right: Mary Treadway, Ann Burton,
Martha Fransson, Pamela Mahoney and
Charbra Adams Jestin.*



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Area 4 Colonial Dames Book Club

Emily Puskar

On September 14 we met at the home of Emily Puskar to organize our new Book Club. Our purpose will be to read books pertaining to women in Colonial history.

Attending were six Dames: Sandy Barada, Torrey Cooke, Mimi Dickerson, Libby Mueller, Emily Puskar and Mary Treadway.

Our meeting date in the future will be on the third Tuesday of the month from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m. We will bring our own lunch and the hostess will provide beverages. Please R.S.V.P. directly to the hostess if you plan to join us.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 18, 12-2:30 p.m. at the home of Mimi Dickerson, 41 Thrush Lane, New Canaan, CT 203-966-5994, or equifest@aol.com. We will discuss the book: **America's First Daughter**.

Future meetings:

--**November 15** - Place: Libby Mueller, 144 Florida Road, Ridgefield, CT 203-981-1997, libby@ejmueller.com
Book: **The Flight of the Sparrow: A Novel of Early America** by Amy Brown

--**December 20** - Place: TBA
Book: **Treacherous Beauty: Peggy Shippen, The woman behind Benedict Arnold's Plot to Betray America** by Steven Case and Mark Jacob.

We hope more of you will join us on October 18.

An Update on *iDame*

Katherine Holden, Registrar

It's been over 5 years since we introduced the digital address book (contact list), *iDames*, but we're still experiencing a good deal of confusion. Our administrator and I are contacted on almost a daily basis with questions about members, which could easily have been answered much more quickly at home. This indicates to me that we have not done an adequate job explaining a very easy system. Our printed directory is updated once a year, while *iDames* is updated every time any change in information occurs. From the day I register her, each and every member has a listing in *iDames* with all her pertinent information. If someone is not listed in *iDames*, she is not a member. All of us use similar contact lists on our iPhones, iPads and computers. For reasons of security and cost, many private clubs no longer even offer the option of a printed directory.

To use *iDames*:

- Go to our NSCDA state website: www.nscda-ct.org. I suggest bookmarking the site using a title you can remember, such as DAMES.
- At the top of the page, click on the link to [iDames - NSCSDA Membership Lists](#).
- Type in the member password: ct1893. Your computer should ask if you want to save this password.
- Click on the blue link: *iDames*
- Sign in with username: damect and password: badgect. Your computer should ask if you want to save the username and password. You are now at the table of contents of our address book, *iDames*. Bookmark and save it, using a title such as Dames Address Book. This hopefully, will allow you to avoid signing in every time you want to use the address book. It works on my computer and I hope it will work on yours.

Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum Board Gets into Gear

Margery Warren, W-D-S Board Chair

The newly constituted Webb-Deane-Stevens Board, consisting of eight Dames, six community members, and two *ex-officio*, has met three times thus far: in April, June, and most recently on September 15. Its current schedule calls for six meetings annually.

An *ad hoc* Nominating Committee was formed to name the initial Executive Committee, and the following Board Committees have been organized: Buildings & Grounds, Collections, Finance, Governance, and Membership Development. It is planned that membership on the Board's committees will be broadened over time to include additional community candidates as well as interested NSCDA-CT members.

The 2016-2017 W-D-S Museum Board Executive Committee is: Margery Warren, Chair; Ann Burton, Vice-Chair; Eunice Groark, Treasurer; Marye Wagner, Secretary; Don Peterson, Member-at-Large. The 2016-17 Board Roster with expiring terms is in the box at the right.

<p>Term Expiring in 2017 Clare Edwards Lee Kuckro Don Peterson Dorothy Venter Margery Warren</p> <p>Term Expiring in 2018 Ann Burton Cindy Greenblatt Nina Hayes Tom Miano Judy Rowley</p> <p>Term Expiring in 2019 Eunice Groark Douglas Hyland Sally Kernan Marye Wagner</p> <p><i>Ex-Officio</i> Charles Lyle, Executive Director Charbra Jestin, NSCDA-CT President</p>

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thurs.Nov.17, at 1:30 p.m.

Life Stories from the Webb-Deane-Stevens Houses: Jesse Deane

When he was born at the Webb house in 1764, surely no one could have imagined that little Jesse Deane would one day travel to Europe with John Adams or that he would live in France with Benjamin Franklin. At first, he was simply the seventh child born to Mehitable Webb Deane and the first with her new husband Silas. The baby was beset with various illnesses, including childhood rickets, but the family had access to several doctors and the large and busy household included many helping hands. Young Jesse had the wonders of the Webb family store nearby, and soon his enterprising father was expanding into West Indies shipping with all its imported luxuries. A portrait of the toddler, standing at his mother's knee, reflects the family's refinement and prosperity. At about this same time, the Deanes moved next door into their stylish new home.

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Report from the Trenches: “Digging Deeper” Textile Tour a Solid Success

Rich Malley, Curator



Over the past decade, there has been a trend among history museums to provide special “behind-the-scenes” experiences for visitors. For example, Connecticut Historical Society developed such a program five or six years ago, conducting collections-focused special tours through their large storage areas several times each year.

But what about smaller institutions and house museums like Webb-Deane-Stevens which lack spacious storage areas that are a key to this type of visitor experience? Well, the answer is you bring the collections to the people instead. In this

way the “Digging Deeper” textile tour developed this year takes advantage of spaces within the houses, which provide visual and cultural context for many of the selected items; and the education center, where visitors can rest their legs while closely examining other pieces from the Museum’s very rich collection.

In developing this special tour we benefitted from the skills and knowledge base of multiple individuals: textile consultant Lynne Bassett, executive director Charles Lyle, long-time museum teachers and guides Elizabeth O’Brien and Linda Pagliuco, and volunteer Julia Morrow. Linda and Elizabeth were of particular help, given their familiarity with many of the museum’s textile treasures. We also drew inspiration from a quilt program offered here some years ago.

Planning the tour and its themes, and selecting the objects was one part of the equation. The more important aspect was how the material would be presented, and in this regard Elizabeth and Linda proved key to a successful experience. Due to the variety of individuals signed up for the program, typically no two tours were exactly alike, and special circumstances like weather extremes needed to be taken into consideration. Since beginning the tours in June we have modified the route and presentation to provide a better visitor experience. The fact that most of the tours (including our “Soldier’s Life”) offering have been filled (or oversubscribed in several instances) provides proof that we are on to something here. Look forward to more such tours in the new year.



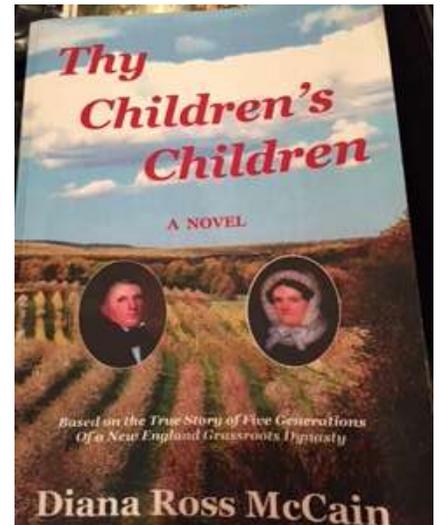
Photographs above and below: Museum guides Elizabeth O’Brien, left and Linda Pagliuco, right leading a “Digging Deeper” textile tour.

Historic Activities

Mary V. Treadway, Chair

For the Connecticut Dames, the Fall season has begun with interesting and vigorous historic activities. In September, several Dames gathered at the home of Emily Puskar to form a plan for an “Area 4 Colonial Dames Book Club.” We will meet once a month, taking turns being “hostess.” Focus will be on the first women in America through the Colonial period. After establishing our format, Emily graciously treated us to a lovely and sumptuous buffet. She also accepted the duties of being our secretary to keep us on track and organized. Our first book discussion is, America’s First Daughter, hosted by Mimi Dickerson.

A recommendation from the CT history bookshelf: “Thy Children's Children” is new novel by Connecticut historian Diana Ross McCain. The book tells the true story of five generations of a Connecticut Family and the sweep of events that shaped our state and our country. The book took twenty years of research, and Diana has shaped the compelling lives of the Lyman family into a remarkable American story. This book is currently being read by Gail Porteus who highly recommends it.



On September 20-23, several of us joined Tita Hyland for a trip to Boston to visit historic sights in the area. What a treat in every way! Please read her entry for a complete report.

Keep in mind there are numerous field trips to take advantage of in the fall. Join up with friends, children, and grandchildren to visit the marvelous historic sites, houses and museums that we are so fortunate to have in Connecticut. That includes of course, our own Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum. We are still revolutionary!

In addition, one can explore without leaving home, thanks to today’s technology. Thank you Google! To name a few sites of interest:

- * ctlandmarks.org
- * c-span.org/history
- * the George Washington Foundation Inc. (Ferry Farm, his boyhood home)
- * www.AmRevMuseum.org (American Revolutionary Museum in Philadelphia..a work in progress, but nearing completion)

Have fun exploring and reading. Report to me what exciting discoveries you find.

Amy Cogswell Garden, 2016 Season

Ann Foley, Coordinator of Volunteers

After a warm, too warm, and dry summer, we are just about to put the garden to bed for the winter. Thanks to the irrigation system, fixed early in the season by the invaluable Dick Agne, our garden looked good throughout the drought. With the cooler weather and the small amount of rain we've had recently, the garden is putting on a show. Purples, lavenders, pinks and yellows spill over onto the garden paths.

Still to come are the Sheffield pink chrysanthemums, which are the last flower to bloom in the garden. And do they make a fitting end to the season! A medium pink, with a dark pink vein in the petal, they present as a lovely pinky coral color, on rather tall stems. They are my favorite – along with the light pink Flowering Almond which is among the first to bloom in the spring.

At the end of October we will be putting the garden to bed. The Town of Wethersfield donates 12 or more cubic yards of composted leaf mulch (and the delivery!). The Garden Angels then get to work spreading the mulch on the gardens. It makes an excellent winter cover and soil amender, but also makes a neat presentation until the snow covers the garden.



*The beautiful Sheffield chrysanthemums
just coming into bloom*

A huge Thank You to the Dames for all their support of the Garden Angels – and please! come join us next season in the Amy Cogswell Garden!

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While it seems there were some happy days, they were terribly brief. In 1767, Mehitable gave birth to another son but the infant James died and Mehitable herself lost her battle with “consumption” shortly thereafter. Silas Deane threw himself into local politics and within a year he was chosen as a representative to the General Assembly. In 1770, he remarried Elizabeth Saltonstall Evards, a twenty-six year old widow from his hometown of Groton. By all accounts, Elizabeth was a kind and caring stepmother for Jesse. She brought her younger sister Sally, just ten years older than Jesse, to live with them while Silas’s sister, Hannah, who was the same age as Sally, joined the household too. There were music lessons and parties. Elizabeth was a fine hostess and Silas was a generous and good natured host, though his increasing work for the colony drew him deeper and deeper into the coming storm. As an appointee to the Committee of Correspondence for Connecticut, Silas joined the Massachusetts delegates in the late summer of 1774 as they gathered in Hartford. Young Jesse first met John Adams when he came down to Wethersfield the following day. It was a sight not soon forgotten when Jesse’s father

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Here we are at the Jeremiah Lee Mansion in Marblehead, MA

The Dames Trip to Boston in September

Organized by Tita Hyland, the chair of the Programs Committee, 20 Dames, some accompanied by spouses left Wethersfield on September 20 at 8:30 a.m. from the Webb House on a bus headed for an exhilarating and busy three days packed with museums, historic houses, mansions and estates.

We took day trips to Quincy, Marblehead, Salem, Boston and Waltham.

We returned to Wethersfield, tired but happy and very much enriched on Thursday September 22 at 5:30 in the evening.

The trip was beautifully organized by Tita. The accommodations and the arrangements for meals were so unique and pleasant! We appreciate the care she put into this wonderful excursion.

A donation upon signup went to the Capital Campaign Building Fund.



And again in front of Prescott House in Boston, the Headquarters for the Massachusetts Colonial Dames

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Silas joined John and Sam Adams and others in a cavalcade of coaches, carriages and horses escorting the delegates on their way to Philadelphia.

Silas wrote to the family about the wonders of the journey and the experiences that he and Jesse's stepbrother, Sam Webb were having in the largest city they had ever seen. He came home for a brief time but he was off again to the Second Continental Congress in 1775. Although no one knew it then, Jesse would not see his father again for years. Silas was given a secret assignment, and after months of waiting around in Philadelphia, he sailed to France in the spring of 1776. That summer, Jesse lost a second mother as Elizabeth succumbed to "consumption" in June. It was six months before Silas learned of Elizabeth's death. When he did, he wrote to his brother Barnabas requesting his son be sent to France. Joseph Webb secured a permit for Jesse to travel and in February of 1778 the thirteen year old sailed for France in the company of John Adams and his thirteen year old son John Quincy. Jesse expected to be reunited with his father at long last, but as they arrived at the port of Bordeaux, Silas was making his way to meet the war ship Languedoc, under the command of Vice-Admiral d'Estaing. Congress had summoned him back to Philadelphia and he sailed amid the might of twelve French war ships and several thousand troops bound for North America, but he missed his son's arrival in France entirely.



Jesse as a child from a painting owned by the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum

Silas was finally able to return to France in August of 1780. He made his way to Franklin's home at Valentinouis and there he met his son. Jesse was living with Franklin, and he continued to stay in France. In the spring of 1783, Silas arranged for Jesse to return to Connecticut, as he had a tumor on his neck and needed surgery. The fifteen year old stayed with his uncle, Barnabas Deane, and also with his aunt Hannah Deane Buck and her husband in Wethersfield. He worked for a time in a counting house, and eventually he married and had a daughter. He never saw his father again, and apparently refused to write to him.

It was Jesse's daughter, Philura Deane Alden who petitioned Congress to clear her grandfather's name fifty years after his death. For his public service and the years of expenses he had never been compensated for, Congress paid Deane's heirs \$37,000 and at long last declared that "Mr. Deane performed highly important and valuable services for this country."

[Sources for this article include: Samuel Webb Letters; Silas Deane Papers; Jeremiah Wadsworth Papers; Franklin Dexter's Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College; and Joel Richard Paul's excellent book: *Unlikely Allies*].



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Registrars Report

Katherine Prescott Holden, Registrar

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George Harlan (1650-1714) PA

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CT-1984 PAINE, DIANA
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John Alden (c.1599-12 Sep 1687) MA

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Richard Borden (1596-1671) RI

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77 South Angell St. Unit 401, Providence, RI 02906-5228
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NOVEMBER 2016			
Nov. 2	11:00 a.m.	West Hartford	Area 2 Membership Mtg
Mon., Nov. 14	9:30 a.m.	Webb House Library	Executive Committee Meeting
Mon., Nov. 14	10:30 a.m.	Webb House Ed. Room	Board of Managers Meeting
Thurs. Nov. 17	1:30 p.m.	Webb House Ed. Room	Museum Board Meeting
DECEMBER 2016			
Fri., Dec. 9	5-8:00 p.m.	WDS Museum	Holiday preview party
Mon., Dec. 12	9:30 a.m.	Webb Library	Exec Committee Meeting
Mon., Dec. 12	11:00 a.m.	Webb House Ed. Room	Board of Managers Meeting
Mon., Dec. 12	2-4 p.m.	Webb House Ed. Room	Staff/Board Christmas Tea and Sherry party
Wed. Dec. 14	TBD	Webb House	Ruth Loiseau—Flower Arranging for the Holidays
Dec. 17 & 18	5-8	WDS Museum	Candlelight Tours
JANUARY 2017			
Mon. Jan 9	9:30 a.m.	Webb Library	Exec Committee Meeting
Mon. Jan 9	10:30 a.m.	Webb House Ed. Room	Board of Managers Meeting
Thurs. Jan.19	1:30 p.m.	Webb House Ed. Room	Museum Board Meeting