A Letter from Our President:

March 2014

Dear Dames,

It has been a busy fall for the Colonial Dames of MA! Tours were given at the three museum properties during the season (May-October) and then Quincy Homestead and Martin House Farm were closed for the season. Prescott House of course is open year-round. Our wonderful headquarters house is used by Dames for our programs, committee meetings and collections management, as well as by community groups and private individuals who rent the first 2 floors. Dames travelled this fall: far, to Connecticut on our fall trip and near, travelling to Area Assemblies, Book Circles, and programs and meetings.

The saddest trip of all for the many Dames who were able to attend was that to Trinity Church for the memorial service for our beloved Grace Yeomans Thaler, who passed away of pancreatic cancer in October. She was to be our next President and was serving on the Executive Committee as the President-Elect this year. She has left a huge hole in our lives and we miss her every day. For those who did not see it, we have reprinted her obituary in this edition of the newsletter. Many generous friends of hers sent donations to the Dames at Tom’s request, and we are very grateful to him for that. The donations total over $23,000 and have been added to a major gift that the Thalers made to create the Grace Thaler Memorial Fund. This fund will be a living legacy of Grace and her love for the Dames. The income will be used to fund projects at Prescott House.

We are also working in many ways to fulfill our mission, which is to actively promote our national heritage through historic preservation, patriotic service and educational projects. More help is always needed as we endeavor to fulfill this mission by maintaining our museum properties and the costume collection and making them available to the public; through maintaining our archives and doing historical research; collaborating with other institutions in Boston in and around Boston; and through the essay contest we sponsor for high school juniors in the Greater Boston area and eastern MA. Please say “yes!” if you are called to help. Even better, don’t wait to be asked! Call me or any committee chairman if you would be interested in one of our many areas of activity. We welcome you and look forward to working with you.

Looking forward to spring, we will open the houses and prepare for tours and the annual meeting. Come join other Dames at The Country Club and welcome the new program year!

With best wishes,

Bethe Hagopian, President

Photo Right: Nancy Lamb, Dr Laurel Thatcher Ulrich and President Bethe Hagopian at The 1st Annual Prescott Award for Excellence in Historical Writing held this Winter.
September DAMES Trip to Connecticut

Mary Crary and Mary Nokes – Mary Crary had a cocktail party at her house for us in Farmington CT

Group picture in front of The Austin House – owned by the Wadsworth Athenaeum. Front Row left to right: Kate Dimancescu, Mary Nokes, Gina White, Mary Weiler. Second row: Ann Sears, Eva Taylor, Pam Byron, Kay Guild. The gentleman behind is: Eugene Gaddis – Head of The Austin House
Both the Area Assemblies and the Book Circles were lively gatherings. The book discussions highlighted rural life in the late 1800s, the significance of women’s work to the family and to the economy, and particularly the practice of medicine/midwifery at that time. Although the book was slow in the beginning, those who kept reading felt it was informative, engaging and well worth the effort. All are eager for the next selection.

NANCY PLACE’S HOUSE: WELLESLEY
Pictured here: Betsy Powell, Susan Harding, Carol Halliday; back row: Nancy Place, Barbie Greppin, Madi Grant.

ANNE FARRINGTON’S HOUSE: CHESTNUT HILL
Robin Jackson, Ann Hanford, Bets Weitzel, Karen Melican, Anne Farrington.

KIM CONE’S HOUSE: DOVER
Dex McGill, Anne Manchester, Edie Forrester, Beppy Martin, Kathryn O’Connor, Patty Crosby, Kay Guild, Kim Cone.

ELISE WOLCOTT’S HOUSE: WENHAM
FALL AREA ASSEMBLIES

COCKTAILS; LYNN DUNPHY’S HOUSE, BEACON HILL
Kirby Lunger, Winston Jenkins, Bethe Hagopian, Cynthia Cadwalader, Lynn Dunphy, Katie Barrow: not pictured: Ann Fenno, Candy Roosevelt, Pam Byron, Cally Abdulrazak.

KIM CONE’S HOUSE, DOVER: Dex McGill, Patty Crosby, Edie Forrester, Jane Cobb Amtower, Kim Cone, Anne Manchester, Beppie Martin.


ETHEL HAMANN’S HOUSE, BELMONT: Mauny Plum, Mary Nokes, Ethel Hamann, Cally Abdulrazak (not pictured).
THALER, Grace Ashwell (Yeomans) 58, of Beacon Hill and Wellfleet, Massachusetts, died of pancreatic cancer on Sunday, October 27, with her devoted husband, Thomas W. Thaler, at her side. Grace, an independent decorative arts appraiser and consultant, was the daughter of the late Clinton Babcock Yeomans and the late Joan Barrows Yeomans. Grace grew up in West Hartford, Connecticut and summered in Dublin, New Hampshire. She attended Emma Willard School, and graduated from Loomis-Chaffee School and Smith College, where she majored in Art History. Before developing her own independent art appraisal business, Grace held leadership positions at Sothebys New York and Grogan & Company of Dedham, Massachusetts. Graces expertise was in Chinese Export porcelain and ceramics. She completed the distinguished Attingham Summer School program of study in Britain. Until she became ill this summer, Grace served on the Board of Governors and the Furnishings Committee of the Shirley-Eustis House Association in Roxbury and on the Board and the Collections Committee at Gore Place. She was active on the Board of the National Society of Colonial Dames in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and was the co-chair of their historic headquarters, the William Hickling Prescott House, at 55 Beacon Street in Boston. Grace was to become the next President of the Dames in the spring of 2014. She was a past Corporator of the Worcester Art Museum, a proprietor of the Boston Athenaeum, a past member of the Board of Managers of The Vincent Club, and a member of the Chilton Club, where she was an enthusiastic member of the Restaurant Committee. Grace was passionate about food and cooking, and as a past President of the Smith Club of Cambridge, hosted many gatherings with Julia Child. Grace was the loving sister of Carol Conard and Tyler Madden and a devoted godmother to her nieces Lindsey Johnson Vandal, Victoria Sears Cabot, and Eliza Lucy Thaler. She is also survived by her sisters children, Adelaide Blair Johnson, Ian Borgman Johnson, Erin Tyler Madden, and Megan Elizabeth Madden; her husbands nieces and nephews; and many cousins, all of whom she adored.
**Save The Dates:**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014** (note this date change from that listed in Yellow Book)

*The Dames-Warriors Joint Cocktail Reception for Prospective Candidates* will be held at Prescott House – 6 to 8 p.m. This is always a popular event, with a large turnout of members and prospective Dames and Warriors. Be thinking NOW of friends and relatives who you would like to see as members of our Massachusetts Society and plan to invite them to be your guests! (Note: prospective Dames attend free of charge!) Invitations will be mailed in the early spring Hosted by The New Members & Candidates Committee.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014 6PM**

**JEAN BRETT MEMORIAL LECTURE**

William Hickling Prescott House

The Jean Brett Fund was established in 2006 with a generous donation made in her memory by her daughter, Jan Brett. The interest from the Jean Brett Fund is used to underwrite an annual lecture given by a nationally known lecturer. This year we are fortunate to have William Sargent coming to speak on his new book, *Treasures of Chinese Export Ceramics from the Peabody Essex Museum*. A review on the *PEM* website says: “Contextual essays and 275 object entries present ground-breaking scholarship by former PEM curator and internationally renowned authority on the subject, William R. Sargent. This publication marks the first significant compendium of PEM’s superlative collection and will serve as a vital reference on the subject for decades to come.”

Your invitation will be in the mail soon. We look forward to seeing you at this very special evening honoring one of our departed Dames.

**DAMES EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH SEMINARS:** Boston Colonial Women & Religious Freedom

**October 9, 2014** Prescott House Lecture and Dinner: Professor David Hall, "Introduction to Anne Hutchinson, Mary Dyer, and Early Colonial Boston Culture"

**March 7, 2015** (snow date March 14, 2015) Park St. Church, Boston (childcare provided): "Martyrs, Midwives, and Modern Court Challenges"

**October 24, 2015** Trinity Church, Boston: "Sarah Osborne and Anne Hutchinson: Inner World and Outer Challenges"

**April 7, 2016** Harvard University: "Objective Factors: A New Method to Discuss Religion: 1600 to 2016"
2013-2014 has been a stellar year for the Massachusetts Young Dames Committee and the events we have been able to offer to the general membership. Make sure you thank and encourage these Dames when you see them: Kirby Lunger, Catherine Halpin, Eliza Deland, Kat Holliday, Winston Jenkins, Lynn Dunphy, Jacqueline Mccleary, Lucynda Vanderweil, Vicky Cabot and Katie Barrow.

Part of the renewed spirit and enthusiasm involved our mixing larger events organized for all our members (think Christmas cocktail party) with events targeted toward younger members. One of these targeted events was a theater trip last fall to see “Cocktail Hour” at the Hunting Don Theatre. Over 15 young and prospective Dames had the opportunity to meet each other before the play at a nearby restaurant. The theater event spearheaded a real team effort in planning this year’s Christmas cocktail party. To our delight, the Christmas party was a fabulous record setting event with the highest attendance in recent history. Sign up early next year as we were close to fire capacity and you do not want to be left out of the 2014 party! With the success of this year’s party, we are very pleased to announce that the Young Dames Committee has been able to donate over $1,300 in proceeds back to the society!

Don’t miss our coming events! Make sure your emails are up to date as communication from our committee is largely electronic. (You can email Ida at NSCDA-MA@verizon.net) We want to make sure you receive the upcoming invitation for our trips to Martin House Farm and Quincy Homestead we are planning this spring and fall as well as other gatherings. For any questions about this committee and how to get involved (more volunteers = more activities), please email us at ns cdama@gmail.com.

On a national level, encouraging younger member participation and helping network the future leaders has been a priority. At the 2012 Biennial a special committee was created of Dames ranging in age from 25-50. This committee connects younger Dames across the societies so that we can learn from each other and support increased younger Dames involvement in activities as well as promoting our mission.

Last summer, the National Young Dames Committee hosted a Gundalow boat trip and tea at the NH Society’s Moffatt-Ladd House to celebrate the 250th anniversary of their house. Dames and prospects from over five societies joined in the celebration including our former national President Hilary Gripekoven. On Sunday, April 6th, the National Committee and the Pennsylvania Young Dames will be hosting a tea at the Pennsylvania State Headquarters to honor the 400th anniversary of Princess Pocahontas’ marriage to John Rolfe. Princess Pocahontas is one of our newest approved ancestors. This event will be supporting the NSCDA’s American Indian Nurse Scholarship which grants scholarships to American Indian students studying nursing. All Dames are welcome to join us and/or donate to the scholarship. In particular, if you are a descendant of Pocahontas or John Rolfe, we hope you will join us! Please email the National Young Dames Committee at nscda.filiae@gmail.com if you would like to receive an invitation or if you know someone in the Philadelphia area you would like us to invite.

(Upper Right) Group Shot from 2013 Christmas Cocktail: Kirby Lunger, Katie Barrow, Kristen Alexander (prospect), Kat Holliday, Jacqueline McCleary, Morrie Killian (National Young Dames Committee Chair- NH), Lynn Dunphy
On November 8, 2013 the Mass Society inaugurated the William Hickling Prescott Award for Excellence in Historical Writing. The first recipient was Dr. Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the 300th Anniversary University Professor of History at Harvard University and originator of the now famous line “Well-behaved women seldom make history.” We were honored to host our national president, Marcy Moody and several descendants of William H. Prescott (see pictures accompanying the article) at the gala reception held at Prescott House, the Society’s headquarters and former home of this eminent 19th century historian of colonial Mexico. President Bethe Hagopian presented Professor Ulrich with the award which was created to reflect our mission: to preserve objects from our past in order to provide original material for scholars like Dr. Ulrich and to help others to understand life in former times. There are interesting parallels between both historians: detailed analysis of primary sources, imaginative and perceptive interpretation of the meaning behind routine activities and their contributions to society, and Harvard, where Dr. Ulrich teaches and Prescott studied and lost his sight as the result of a food fight!

Dr. Ulrich spoke of her current research using diaries of Mormon women traveling to Utah in the middle of the 19th century. She compared their hardships and achievements to Martha Ballard, a midwife from rural Maine who lived in the late 18th century. Dr. Ulrich won the Pulitzer Prize and the Bancroft prize among 5 others for her book *A Midwife’s Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812*. Her book was the fall selection for our Dames Reading Circles. The MA Society felt that Ulrich’s research into “women’s work” - economic, medical, and social - through their personal writings was a perfect match with “Dames’ work” around the country. Our houses and collections are invaluable tools for teaching. The creation of this award not only honors Dr. Ulrich for her wonderful re-construction of history, but also the foresight and continuing stewardship of the Dames in preserving history in artifact, art and traditions of service.

Dr. Ulrich’s lecture was videotaped. If you are interested in hearing her talk, please type this address in your browser http://lincolntv.pegcentral.com

In the "folders" search box choose "Miscellaneous" and in the next field type the title "2013 Nov 8 Colonial Dames". Click "search”.

*Susan Harding, Chair of Long Range Planning Committee, Massachusetts Society, NSCDA*

*Photo Left:* Sitting under the portrait of William H Prescott are his descendants with Dr Laurel Ulrich. Left to Right: Bob Devens, Fran MacAusland, Dr Laurel Ulrich, Russ MacAusland, and Sam MacAusland.

*Photo Right:* National President Marcy Moody (right) with Dr Laurel Ulrich and Carol Blew.
The Friends of Dumbarton House annual campaign will begin in February in Massachusetts. I hope that each member of our Society will give careful consideration to how important our national headquarters and Museum House is, not only to the Dames, but also to historians, artists and architects, gardeners, and the community at large of Georgetown in Washington.

In line with that thought, here are a few bits of history about Dumbarton House. Did you know:

-- In 1703 The Maryland General Assembly awarded a land patent of 795 acres to Scottish immigrant Ninian Beall, who named his tract "Rock of Dumbarton" since it was the highest land in the area.
-- In 1798 Samuel Jackson bought 4 1/2 acres of the "Rock" and built a grand Federal style mansion thereon named Cedar Hill.
-- In 1804 the house was bought by Joseph Nourse, George Washington’s Register of the Treasury, whose duty was to maintain all financial records of the Republic. The House was then a working farm with dependencies (outbuildings) gardens, animals, and a staff of slaves, indentured servants, and freemen.
-- In 1814 Dolly Madison briefly took refuge at Dumbarton while fleeing the White House from the British, and carrying the famous portrait of George Washington.
-- In 1914 the entire brick house was moved back 100 yards to allow widening of Q Street and the construction of the Q St. bridge over Rock Creed in order to connect Georgetown to Washington proper.
-- In 1928 the NSCDA purchased the house as its national headquarters, renamed it Dumbarton House, and began its restoration to its authentic beginnings.
-- In 2012 an interior restoration began to bring the interior of the house and furnishings back to the Federal period, and to design adequate administrative offices for our burgeoning programs of the NSCDA.
-- In 2013 as a result of our environmentally sensitive restorations, the Environmental Protection Agency officially designated Dumbarton House a "Green Partner".

Jane Moore, Lady of Dumbarton

The old and the new merged at Quincy Homestead on our final 2013 public open house day in October. Revolutionary War reenactors from the 2nd Rhode Island Colonial Regiment, Carl Becker and Brian Jean, came in uniform and armed with muskets. Before and after tours, they shared fascinating information about the lives of soldiers during the Revolutionary War. Carl is an active supporter of Martin House Farm and a great friend to the Dames. His presence added much to the enjoyment of our visitors. Pictured with him are contractor David Kelly and his helper. They were renovating the display space in the carriage house for our Hancock Chariot that is currently undergoing extensive conservation treatment. The space in the carriage house has been transformed from an open, dusty barn with a skylight spilling damaging ultra violet rays on our "booby hut" into a clean, enclosed room with appropriate artificial lighting for safely displaying the Hancock Chariot. Our Capital Campaign has made this important conservation work possible. Stay posted for an announcement of when the Chariot will be returned to the Homestead, and plan to come visit it late in the 2014 season.

Karen Melican and Elizabeth Thorndike, Co-Chairs
The Quincy Homestead's 1740-ish tallcase clock was returned to the Homestead in November in working order. In the center of its dial is a new brass circle treated to resemble the patina of the outer dial and thus more accurately show the original look of the clock. Lester Tyrala of Quincy took apart he movement and completely serviced the clock. Where required, he did lathe-work on the pivots, replaced bushing, and made corrections to the escapement pallets. The clock was re-assembled, oiled, fitted with new ropes, and given a one-week benchtest before being returned to the Homestead. It is a one-day clock, so soon docents and greeters on the committee will be taught the correct way to wind the clock each tour day. Gathered around the clock, with its bonnet removed, are the committee members who closed the house in November. They are (photo below left) Alexandra Rollins, Andrea Sahin, Karen Melican, Gina White, Helen Braun, Marcia Synnott, Betty Brady and Meg Robbins.

We had two major projects this past year. With significant help from Colonial Dame Liz Mumford, we produced a new, updated brochure. Liz’s watercolors of costumed figures in various rooms give the true flavor of our farm. From July to December Heritage Restoration removed, restored, and replaced all the old windows and doors. This meant working around the summer tours and the September School Program. The photo of your Co-Chairs by the front door on Feb. 4 shows some of this restoration. Note that the front door is now green and not blue. In the restoration process the original green paint came to light. We also have a repaired loom and Swansea resident Nan Szenher now comes, in costume, to demonstrate weaving during the school program. We hope to be able to train some of our docents to weave as well.

Carl Becker and his Second Rhode Island Colonial Regiment and camp followers mustered out for our opening day in July. We had a successful tour season and the docents did their usual outstanding job touring all the fifth graders in September.

Left Photo: Anne L. von Rosenberg and Beppy Martin in front of the newly restored windows and door.

Right Photo: Beautiful Views from Martin House Farm, February 2014.
Willful Ways...

Bequests are great for those who think that they would like to direct where “it” goes even if they can’t take “it” with them! Since it often takes quite a bit of planning to set up a will, we can be loath to tamper with it after it is done. But let us pass along a very self-interested tip: leaving to children IRAs that still have funds in them can result in their owing income taxes on that money even after the estate has paid taxes. In other words, IRA funds can be taxed twice if left to children. However, if the IRA funds go to a charity, there are no taxes and no complications. Naturally, we would love to have that charity be the NSCDA-MA, or at least one of them. Think about joining the 1893 Society to make a last gesture of support. We hope those of you who do include us in your will will let us know in advance - it’s a lot more fun to celebrate it now rather than later.

Another simple way to demonstrate appreciation for the work we do is through the “in lieu of” option in an obituary. Tom Thaler was kind enough to choose the Dames among Grace’s many organizations, and the love and respect accorded her has become a very generous legacy for our Society. We thank him and their many friends who have responded with contributions to the Grace Thaler Fund.

Benefactors of the Prescott Award Evening

Pride in Preservation: A Fund for the 3rd Century would like to thank the following generous Dames and benefactors for their support of the campaign and the Prescott Award.

Candace Roosevelt and Thomas Adams
Elizabeth Ajemian
Elizabeth M. Hagopian
Susan and Douglas Harding
Jane Carr and Andrew Hertig
Catherine F. Hitchings
Frances B. MacAusland
Pam Kerschner and Russell MacAusland
Anne and Eli Manchester
Karen and Warren McFarlan
Marcia Synnott
Thomas W. Thaler
Patriotic Service Essay Contest
The essay topic for this year’s 2014 Congressional Seminar Essay Contest was:

To What Degree Can It Be Said That the Decisions of John Marshall’s Supreme Court Laid the Essential Groundwork for Establishing a Strong Federal Court?

We distributed essay packet information to fifteen schools and several public libraries. We had forty-two essays submitted to us by the December 1st deadline. From mid-December to mid-January three panels of volunteer readers read them. Much thanks goes out to Dames Sarah Meigs, Susan Harding, Sarah Kish, Kim Cone and Martina Tramontozzi; to Massachusetts Historical Society readers Kathleen Barker, Ann Clutterbuck-Cook and Peter Drummey; and to volunteer readers Sarah Amtower and Steve Kish.

The ten essays that our readers judged to be the best were sent off to National. After much deliberation, the national winners were announced on February 14th. Our Massachusetts winner was Vanessa Savage from Lexington High School. Congratulations Vanessa and a big thank you to all that have worked so hard to make this contest a success.

Jane Cobb Amtower, Essay Contest Chair

Your Campaign Dollars at Work

Five years and $1.4 million later, your capital campaign committee would like to provide a synopsis of the work that has been done to date.

WINDOWS, WINDOWS, WINDOWS!
Interior painting of the window frames was done at Quincy Homestead, and new darkening shades will protect the furnishings. The carriage house has been renovated to provide a more secure home for the Hancock Chariot, which is in the process of being restored. Visitors to the Homestead will have easier access and a pleasanter experience when viewing the chariot, and there will be space for an educational exhibit about the chariot. Meanwhile, down at Martin House Farm, the windows and doors of the museum house have been dealed and painted and there are new storm shutters. Extensive renovation of the caretaker’s cottage has allowed us to rent it, providing much-needed income to our society. All of the front windows at Prescott House have been restored, as have the windows on the upper floors.

WATER, WATER, WATER!
The brickwork on the courtyard side of Prescott House had to be repointed to prevent water damage from leaks. That scaffolding came down, only to be replaced a couple of years later with scaffolding on the front of the house when we replaced our slate roof and restored the balustrade. This work will prevent further water damage to the interior and thereby protect our priceless costume collection. The same project saw the repair of the Branch Street roof.

OTHER PROJECTS
Our costume collection is now stored in renovated space on the 5th floor of Prescott House, allowing the committee members and visitors to work in much pleasanter surroundings. New lighting and protective shading over the skylight were installed and new storage spaces were added. Finally, the front door of Prescott House was repainted.
Drivers and Passengers Needed:

Callie Abdulrazak is organizing Suburban Neighborhood Dames Cluster “Zip-pools” to help folks from the suburbs save energy and parking fees. An added benefit will be the opportunity to get to know your fellow Dames better. Talk to Callie about Zip-pooling at an Assemblies or a Book Circle or email her at: callyabd@gmail.com

OUR RADICAL FOREMOTHERS:
Boston Religious Colonial Women and Their Contribution to Religious Freedom

The NSCDA-MA is launching an educational outreach program for the community that will focus on colonial women’s history and its relevance to major issues in our country today. Our colonial foremothers have not been as heralded as our forefathers, in part because the society of the day did not allow women to be public writers. However, several very smart and able women worked around that restriction. Through documented trials, poetry published in England, diaries and private poems, our foremothers gave us a taste of colonial life, women’s thinking and the culture of the era. Some women, such as Anne Hutchinson and Mary Dyer, even contributed to our critical First Amendment right, the freedom of religion.

Living in the United States, many of us do not fully appreciate what it is like to live in many areas of this world where such freedoms are either not in the country’s constitution or not enforced for persons of minority views. This special project provides 4 seminars over two years from October 2014 to April 2016. The first, October 9, 2014, is a kick-off for Dames and invited guests and will have the “academic father” of the series, Harvard Professor David Hall, as lecturer at a Prescott House dinner event. Dr Hall is an authority on religion and society in 17th century New England and England. His upcoming spring Harvard course is titled: "Radical Religion in England and America, 1560-1700".

The next three events are seminars at host sites where members of the co-sponsoring communities are invited: two afternoon events at historic Boston churches and a Thursday evening at Harvard University. These programs will go into more depth about the historic contributions of several women such as Sarah Osborne, an early single parent later re-married to a disabled widower with 3 sons, all of whom Sarah supported as one of the very first female schoolteachers. The presentations will also look into both the outer and inner worlds of some of these amazing women and will draw out important lessons for the realities of our current world presented by speakers who are on the frontlines of some of the most critical concerns for us all.

Watch for further details on each of the upcoming events in future issues of the NSCDA-MA newsletter.
Happy New Year to all. The Book Committee has selected **DEFIANT BRIDES, by Nancy Ruth Stewart**, which is the story of two Revolutionary–era teenagers who defy their Loyalist families to marry radical patriots, Henry Knox and Benedict Arnold.

Here is a synopsis from the Web which gives a glimpse into Nancy Stewart’s dual biography: “When Peggy Shippen, the celebrated blonde belle of Philadelphia, married American military hero Benedict Arnold in 1779, she anticipated a life of fame and fortune, but financial debts and political intrigues prompted her to conspire with her treasonous husband against George Washington and the American Revolution. In spite of her commendable efforts to rehabilitate her husband’s name, Peggy Shippen continues to be remembered as a traitor bride.

“Peggy’s patriotic counterpart was Lucy Flucker, the spirited and voluptuous brunette, who in 1774 defied her wealthy Tory parents by marrying a poor Boston bookbinder, Henry Knox, simply for love. When he later became a famous general in the American Revolutionary War, Lucy faithfully followed him through Washington’s army camps where she birthed and lost babies, befriended Martha Washington, was praised for her social skills, and secured her legacy as an admired patriot wife.”

I look forward to reading this book, and hope that many of you will also. Our Book Circles are a great way to gather in our local communities and have a reason to learn something new about our colonial forebears. Once I have found a hostess for each of our areas (North Shore, South Shore, Cape and South Coast, Boston area which includes close to Boston suburbs, and West of Boston suburbs), I will send out a formal invitation. Also keep in mind Area Assemblies; If you would prefer to host an Area Assembly, let me know.

I encourage you to host either a Book Circle or an Area Assembly.

*Cally Abdulrazak, Chairman*

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One of our own, MA Dame Kate Dimancescu’s new book **The Forgotten Chapters: My Journey into the Past** has just been published. Here is the review from Amazon: “Katherine Dimancescu’s debut narrative offers readers a window into the lives of some of her well-known and also little known maternal ancestors who helped shape the New England communities they called home. Her narrative shares unexpected discoveries that arose when researching her colonial American roots. These discoveries included slave-owning ancestors in New England, 17th and 18th century diary keepers whose original diaries are intact in archives, persecuted Quakers including Mary Dyer (wife and mother of six children) who was hanged on Boston Common in 1660, an ancestor accused of manslaughter, and another forced to wear a scarlet “D”. She hopes to inspire her readers to rediscover and appreciate often overlooked chapters of New England’s rich colonial history and to enjoy researching their own family roots.”
Member Updates

NEW COLONIALS:
Bray, Mrs. Robert Claxton, Jr. (Diana Byron)
McCleary, Miss Jacqueline Elizabeth
McGill, Dr. Mary A.
McGill, Mrs. R. Bruce (Katharine Dexter Newbury)
Millard, Ms. Carol Cooper (Mrs. David Kaufman)
Tracy, Ms. Rikki
Woodard, Mrs. Charles Fuller (Rose Standish Bryant)

TRANSFERS IN:
Jenkins, Ms. C. Winston (former courtesy member)
Peterson, Ms. Katherine M.
Peterson, Mrs. Richard Gordon (Margaret Walker Jennison)

TRANSFERS OUT:
Whitson, Mrs. Micah Caleb to North Carolina

DEATHS:
Kane, Mrs. Louis Isaac (Katharine Elizabeth Daniels) 10/13/2013
Thaler, Mrs. Thomas Warren (Grace Ashwell Yeomans) 10/27/2013

COURTESY DEATH:
Dewey, Mrs. Edward (Zella Thomas) 11/15/2013

RESIGNATIONS:
Brazelton, Mrs. T. Berry (Christina Lowell)
Cowgill, Mrs. Frank Brooks II (Mary Lucena Hanna)
Culver, Mrs. Edward Holland (Mary Lee Oliver)
Fiske, Mrs. Jean Lamont B. (Jean Lamont Barker)
Mackey, Mrs. George Whitelaw (Alice Willard)
Nennenman, Mrs. Richard A. (Katherine Ann LeBrunerie)

ASSOCIATE STATES NEW MEMBERS:
Bardes, Miss Dee Ellen Garrison - Ohio
Briden, Mrs. Kirk Donald (Suzi Stevens) - Missouri
Bright, Mrs. Gregory Scott (Margaret Lomen Hill) - Washington
Crow, Mrs. Joseph McLiney, Jr. (Laura Ripley Peterson) - Missouri
Flint, Ms. Holmes (Holmes Flint) - W. Virginia
Haerle, Ms. Marion S. (Marion Shepard Haerle) - Indiana
Hopkins III, Mrs. Frederick Earl (Kelly Fgler Matthews) - Florida
Hygelund, Ms. Anna Christine - California
Keith, Mrs. Robert Dyer (Julia Hurt Stevens) - Missouri
Mackin, Ms. Lois Abromitis - Minnesota
Medart, Ms. Cynthia Bland - Missouri
Moore, Mrs. Michael James (Kim Cole) - Illinois
Roth, Mrs. Jonathan Carl (Joanne Ibrook Tower) - Iowa
Schmidt, Mrs. James Bradley (Katherine Scarlett Gibbs) - Florida
Stevens, Ms. Pamela Connors – Missouri,
Coming Soon

Wednesday March 12th AM, Jewels of Boston Fenway Park Tour
Wednesday April 16th PM, Jean Brett Memorial Lecture given by William Sargent
Thursday May 8th PM, Prospective Members Cocktail Party
Tuesday May 13th AM, Annual Meeting and Luncheon at The Country Club, Brookline MA

Please Note: If you have any news or photos for our next Newsletter, please send them along to Sarah Meigs at spmeigs@gmail.com