



# Newsletter

of

## The Van Voorhees Association

ORGANIZED 1932

AUGUST 1985

### From the President

If this issue of the Newsletter does not live up to previous standards of interesting reading, I can understand and I apologize. Organizational bylaws are not what we seek at bedside for late evening reading, but they can be of vital importance to a growing organization.

Why, you might ask, do we need new bylaws if the old ones were good enough for 53 years? Well, some would question whether they were really good enough, but as we look ahead to a less-centralized, more participatory Association, we need to give more emphasis to structure and procedure so as to provide for a continuity that was perilous under the old bylaws. Viewed in light of human frailties, we need bylaws that will help protect the Association from possibly misguided leadership, and will help protect the leadership as well as the Association from possibly misguided member elements.

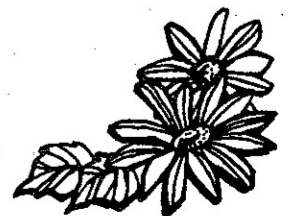
I hope that you will give careful thought to these bylaws as revised by the Executive Committee and come to the Annual Meeting prepared to vote on them. For those of you who cannot make the Annual Meeting, please use the absentee ballot provided in this Newsletter.

I hope that a large number of you will attend our 53rd Annual Meeting in New Brunswick on Saturday 12 October. This meeting has special significance as we celebrate the 325th anniversary of the landing on American soil of Steven Coerte Van Voorhees. While looking back in time, we shall also focus on the family in the current era by listening to one of our own, police Captain Richard Z. Voorhees who was recently given wide recognition as Police Officer of the Year for his role in "Operation Home Free" which assists runaways to return.

If you have not already made your reservations to be with us for the luncheon please use the form provided so as to be sure of a place.

Finally, Lois joins me in inviting all of you who are in New Brunswick on Friday evening to come to our room in the Hyatt for socializing during the 6:30-7:30 hour before dinner.

Don Vorhis



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Report of Nominations Committee

Cornelia V. Mason, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, reports that she and her committee members have received approval from the members listed below to serve the Association for 2-year terms in the positions shown if elected at the Annual Meeting on 12 October.

President: Donald G. Vorhis  
(Incumbent)  
Secretary: Candace Voorhies  
(Currently serving on interim appointment as well as working on Publicity Committee)  
Treasurers:  
Checking G. Harold Buttler  
(Incumbent, also serving as Finance Committee Chairman)  
Savings: Florence V. Cejka  
(Incumbent)

Assisting the Chairman in the preparation of this slate of officers were Mrs Elizabeth V. Edgar and Mrs. Elisabeth V. Ripton.

## PUBLICITY

This busy committee has achieved their primary goal of contacting all fifty state historical societies, making them aware of our Association. Many state historical societies responded requesting brochures for their interested patrons.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting material for the November Newsletter is October 1, 1985.

## *In Memoriam*

VIRGINIA M. VOORHEES of Bound Brook, NJ, died on May 10, 1985 at home. She was the wife of Orlis Voorhees and mother of Scott J. Voorhees of Emerson, NJ. She had resided in Bound Brook for the past 35 years.

## GENEALOGICAL QUERY

GQ-5 Badly need info on DEBORAH VOORHEES b. 174? prob. Long Island; m. WILLIAM KOVENHOVEN of Windsor Twns., Middlesex Co., NJ; NY marriage license date 8 Sept. 1764. William s. of William Covenhoven & Margaretta Schenck. He d. 1777 & is bur. Penns Neck, NJ. Will names wife Deborah and children: William, Roeloff, Margaret, Deborah, Mary in that order. Find no trace of widow Deborah. Did she remarry? Van Kouwenhoven Gen. p. 212 states Deborah of L.I., parentage not determined. Suspect parents were Roelof & Deborah (Cortelyou) Voorhees of Flatlands who had dau. Deborah and dates right. Suspect "Voorhees Family" p.333 in error in stating Deborah m. 1st cousin Peter Voorhees b. 1751. Help most welcome.  
Mrs. Howard Mason, Moss Hill, Russell, MA 01071

BYLAWS  
of  
THE VAN VOORHEES ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Name and Purposes

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be The Van Voorhees Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association."

Section 2. The purposes of the Association shall be: (a) to stimulate interest in the Van Voorhees family, (b) to promote fuller recognition of kinship among the numerous branches of the family, (c) to assemble genealogical and historical information on or relating to the family, and (d) to make available to Association members and other interested parties as appropriate the information on the Van Voorhees family.

Section 3. The Association is to be operated exclusively for "pleasure, recreation and other nonprofitable purposes" within the meaning of Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Dues

Section 1. Membership shall be open to any descendant of Steven Coerte Van Voorhees and to those related by marriage or adoption to Van Voorhees descendants.

Section 2. There shall be five classes of membership, for purposes of dues payment, all of which are entitled to full membership benefits. These five classes shall be: Junior, for dependent children age 18 and under; Active, for members paying dues at the basic annual rate; Sustaining, for members paying dues at double the basic rate; Contributing, for members paying dues at quintuple the basic rate or more; and Life, for members whose dues have been prepaid at the prescribed rate. The membership requirements and privileges pertaining to each class shall be as determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Those desiring membership in the Association must complete the application required for that class of membership, make payment of dues and agree to abide by the Association Bylaws.

Section 4. Membership dues are payable annually, in amounts determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Those who attended organization meetings of the Association on 16 January and/or 21 May 1932 are termed Founders.

## ARTICLE III

### Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority of the Association.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected at a General Meeting and shall hold office for a term of two years and until their successors are elected. Their terms of office shall begin at the close of the General Meeting at which they are elected.

Section 3. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the President shall nominate a candidate who, upon confirmation by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the office.

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office of President for the remainder of the unexpired term. The office of Vice President shall be filled in accordance with Section 3 herein.

## ARTICLE IV

### Executive Committee

Section 1. The governing representative of the Association shall be an Executive Committee empowered to have, hold and administer all of the property, funds and affairs of the Association pursuant to the purposes and functions set forth in these Bylaws.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the chairman of each standing committee, and a representative from each of the four male lines of descent from the common ancestor, Steven Coerte Van Voorhees. The President shall appoint the committee chairmen and line representatives to terms of three years with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. Other members of the Association may be invited to serve on the Executive Committee in non-voting capacities by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall manage the business and affairs of the Association except as the same shall from time to time be delegated to the officers of the Association.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall hold at least two meetings annually, and may hold additional meetings on fifteen (15) day notice upon the call of the President of the Association, or upon the written request of any three members of the Executive Committee.



ART. IV, cont.

Section 5. The President of the Association shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Five voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at Committee meetings, unless herein otherwise provided.

Section 7. The use of the mails to conduct the business of the Executive Committee is authorized, with the proviso that when such business calls for a vote, a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by each Executive Committee member voting with respect to the subject matter thereof.

ARTICLE V

General Meetings

Section 1. A General Meeting of the Association shall be held in the fall of each year, open to all members and guests of the Association and presided over by the Association President. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for setting the actual date and for having the Secretary notify the membership at least thirty (30) days prior thereto as to date, location, timing and agenda.

Section 2. Additional General Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee, provided that the members are so informed at least thirty (30) days prior thereto.

Section 3. Members attending a General Meeting may consider any issue raised by action of the Executive Committee or by motion from the floor. A vote to amend the Bylaws, however, may only proceed if there has been thirty (30) day prior notice in writing to the members and a ballot for absentee voting.

Section 4. A majority of those members voting in a General Meeting shall be required for the election of officers and for action on questions brought by the Executive Committee or by members from the floor. On all questions which have been put to the members for absentee voting in advance of the General Meeting, the number constituting a majority shall be determined from the combined total of those members present and voting plus all absentee ballots received by the Secretary prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

Section 1. The Association shall seek the broadest possible participation of the members in its life and work, for which purpose it shall maintain an effective committee structure.

ART. VI, cont.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall see to the formation of committees in the several areas of Association interest and concern, not to exceed a total of eight (8) standing committees. It shall further advise the President as appropriate on appointees to chair each of the committees, ratifying such appointments when made.

Section 3. The chairman of each committee shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the makeup and functioning of the respective committee.

Section 4. Each standing committee of the Association shall have as ex officio members thereof both the Association President and the Vice President.

ARTICLE VII

Regional Activity

Section 1. The Association shall encourage and support as appropriate the development of regional interest and activity in line with Association purposes, supplementary to activity at the national level.

Section 2. Regional activists in support of Association purposes may be designated Regional Representatives of the Association; resulting regional organization may be recognized by Executive Committee action to confer Association Chapter status which shall be renewable annually.

ARTICLE VIII

Finances

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall have control and management of the Association's financial resources. Withdrawals from the Association's checking account(s) or from its invested funds may be made upon such signature(s) of such officer(s) and/or Executive Committee members as the Executive Committee shall from time to time by resolution direct.

Section 2. The fiscal year of the Association shall end on December 31st in each year, unless otherwise provided by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments otherwise in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article I hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to

ABSENTEE BALLOT

(If you cannot be present at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Van Voorhees Association, the Executive Committee urges you to participate in the business of the Association by marking this ballot and returning it by 10 October 1985 to the Association Secretary at the address shown below.)

	Yes	No
I approve the Bylaws of the Association as revised by the Executive Committee	[ ]	[ ]
I approve the slate of officers as recommended by the Nominations Committee:	[ ]	[ ]

President: Donald G. Vorhis

Secretary: Candace Voorhies

Treasurers

Checking: G. Harold Buttler

Savings: Florence V. Cejka

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

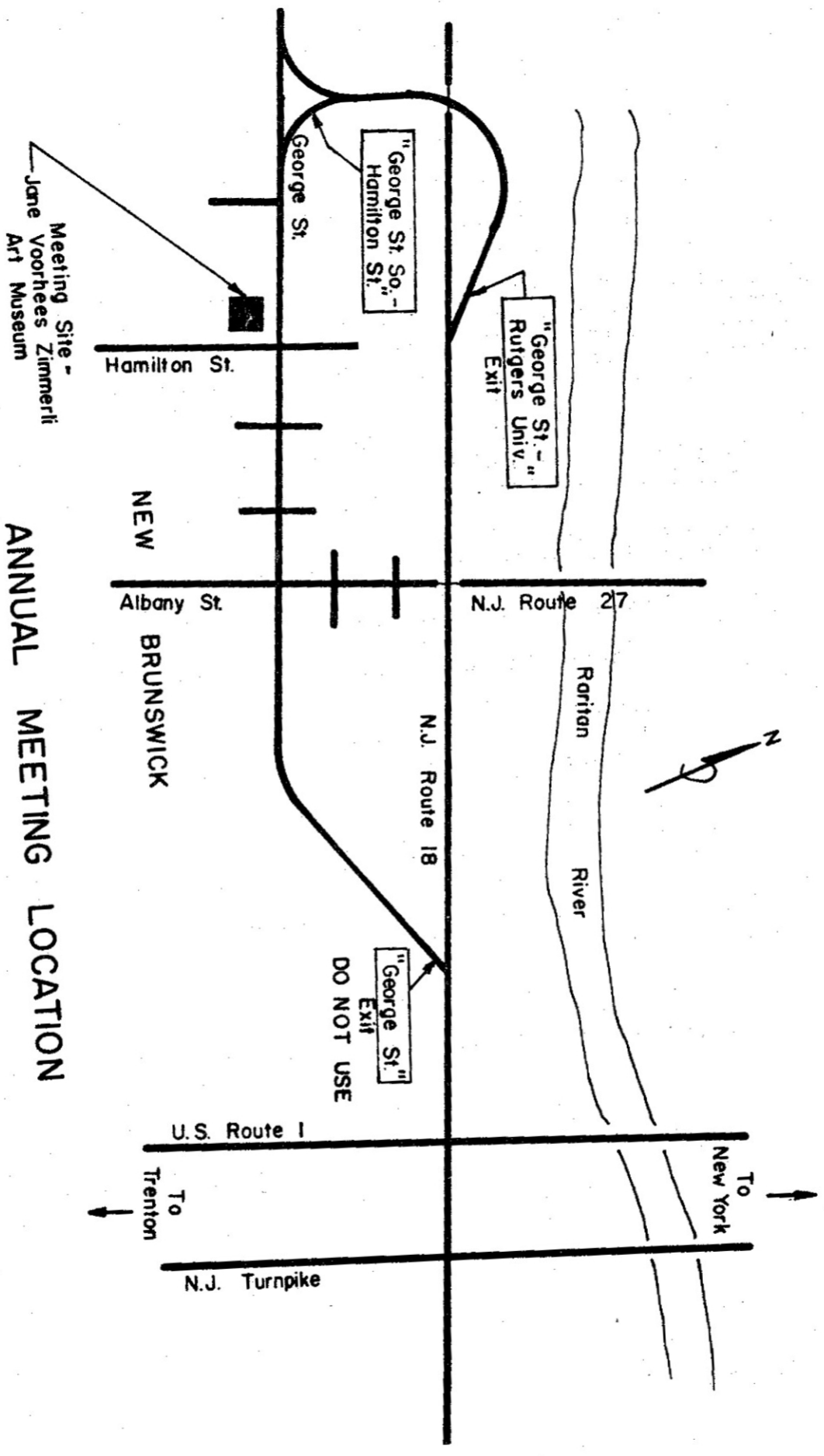
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Return to: Ms. Candace Voorhies, 1364 Highland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620

ANNUAL MEETING LOCATION



ART. VIII, Sec. 3, cont.

influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation or association exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended from time to time, or (b) by a corporation or association contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended from time to time.

Section 4. Upon the dissolution of the Association, or upon the abandonment of the Association's activities due to their impracticable or inexpedient nature, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association to any tax-exempt organization having a similar or analogous character or purpose. As used herein, "tax-exempt organization" shall refer to any corporation, trust, fund, foundation or organization created or organized in the United States which is entitled to exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as now in force or afterwards amended.

ARTICLE IX

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of business at General Meetings and at meetings of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those members voting in a General Meeting, including absentee ballots provided to the members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the General Meeting and received by the Secretary prior to convening of the General Meeting.

ARTICLE XI

Effective Date

Section 1. The effective date of these amended Bylaws shall be October 12th, 1985.

# 53<sup>rd</sup>

# ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday, October 12, 1985

PLACE: Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum  
Voorhees Campus, Rutgers University  
Harrison and George Streets, New Brunswick, NJ  
(See map) Enter through the main museum  
entrance. The receptionist will provide  
directions to the meeting rooms, 101-102  
in Ballantine Hall, the museum annex.

TIME: Art Museum open 12:00 Noon  
Luncheon 12:30 PM  
Meeting 1:30 PM

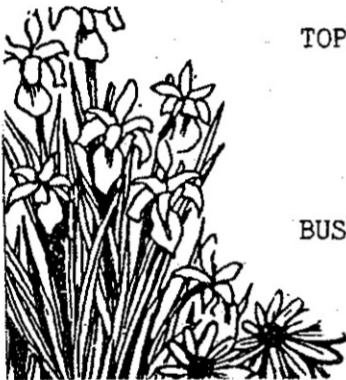
LUNCHEON: Complete stuffed chicken dinner

COST: \$12.00 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR LUNCHEON

SPEAKER: Capt. Richard Z. Voorhees  
Bridgewater Twp. NJ Police Department

TOPIC: "Operation Home Free"  
This program provides free transportation home  
for runaway children, and was started by  
Trailways Lines in response to a suggestion from  
Capt. Voorhees.

BUSINESS: Adopt new Bylaws  
Election of Officers  
(See enclosed absentee ballot)



Due to the requirements of the Rutgers food services department, and to avoid disappointing anyone who wishes to attend the luncheon, we must have reservations by Sept. 15, 1985. Please use the enclosed form to reserve your place. **ADMISSION TO LUNCHEON BY RESERVATION ONLY.** Please **DO NOT** come the day of the meeting and ask to be fed. Those members who do not wish to attend the luncheon are still most heartily welcome for the rest of the program.

For those traveling from out-of-town, the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick is holding a limited number of rooms at a rate of \$49.00 per night for Association members. These will be available on a first come, first reserved basis. Anyone wishing to stay at the Hyatt should make their reservations directly to:

Hyatt Regency New Brunswick  
Two Albany Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Indicate on your reservation that you are a member of the Van Voorhees Association to get the reduced rate.



# MILESTONES

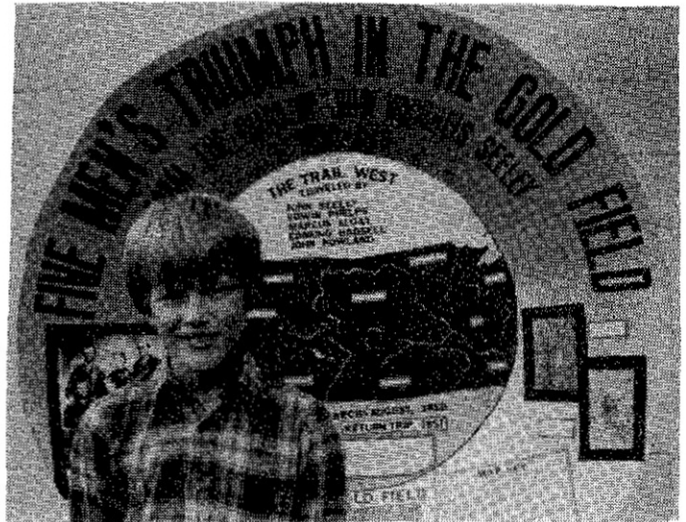
SCOTT T. VOORHEES and SHELIA H. PRICE were married on May 25, 1985 in Martinsville, NJ. After a Bermuda honeymoon, they will reside in Emerson, NJ, where they have purchased a new home.

HAROLD "HULTY" and EDITH BENDER VORHIES will soon be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Though their 50th isn't until October, in order that both of their children (sons) can be with them, it is being held on August 4, 1985. They were married on October 12, 1935. They have two sons: Mahlon Vorhies, who lives in Brookings, SD, and Russell Vorhies who lives in Fairfield, IA. Hulty and Edith have a granddaughter and grandson from each of their sons.

Young TY HOLBORN won First Place in the New Mexico State History Fair competition in May 1985 with his project detailing John Voorheis Seeley's journey to the California Gold Rush in 1850, based on the journal kept by J.V. Seeley, his

great-great-great-grandfather. (John Voorheis Seeley's (1825-1908) mother was Elizabeth Van Voorhees (1796-1845) and grandfather was John Van Voorhees of Ovid, NY (b. circa 1762).)

Ty then carried the project to the University of Maryland on June 12-14, 1985, where he again took First Place in the National Competition, winning \$1000. Ty was very proud to exhibit this project on his ancestor and his parents, JOAN and MEL HOLBORN, are very proud of him.



(tear here)

## 53rd ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON RESERVATION

I am planning to attend the 53rd Annual Meeting Luncheon on October 12, 1985.

Please reserve a place for the following persons:

(myself)

Total places \_\_\_\_\_ at \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and check or money order (payable to "The Van Voorhees Association") for the total amount above to : Mr. G. Harold Buttler, Treasurer  
72 Upland Ave.  
Metuchen, NJ 08840

## Executive Committee - 1985

President: Donald G. Vorhis 4813 Bradford Dr., Annandale, VA 22003  
Vice President: Donald A. Sinclair 108 North 2nd Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904  
Secretary: open

Treasurer, Checking: G. Harold Buttler 72 Upland Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840  
Treasurer, Savings: Mrs. Joseph (Florence V.) Cejka PO Box 38, Fairhaven, NJ 07701  
Historian: Mrs. Joseph (Elizabeth V.) Edgar 423 Harrison Ave. Highland Park, NJ 08904

### Representatives:

Albert Line: Ms. Cornelia Voorhis Mason 2201 Palmer Ave., Apt.4-M New Rochelle, NY 10801

Coert Line: Frank J. Van Voorhis 909 Evening St., Worthington, OH 43085  
Jan Line: Robert S. Voris 802 Berkeley Rd., Westover Hills, Wilmington, DE 19807  
Lucas Line: Mrs. Joseph Edgar (see above)

### Members at large:

Mrs. George L. (Alice V.) Adams 24 Redcliffe Ave. Apt. 1-A, Highland Park, NJ 08904  
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### Committee Chairmen:

Financial: G. Harold Buttler (see above)  
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Membership: Arthur R. Voorhees 65 Hiawatha Blvd., Oakland, NJ 07436  
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