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This was the year when the newly installed sign in front of the Massachusetts Historical Society clearly announced to the world, “We welcome you.” It is the most prominent symbol of our intention to bring our vast resources and expertise on America’s and Massachusetts’s past to a larger audience, and in turn encourage that audience to make the MHS its home for history.

The sign tells of increased public programs, expanded seminar offerings, and a greatly enhanced slate of exhibitions. Combined with new publications, including another volume of the Adams Papers, and increased resources on the web, it reveals our commitment to reach out to more with more. And the response was dramatic. The past year has seen a significant increase in the number of daily visits to the reading room. No longer limited to a well-defined group of academics and scholars, visitors included high-school, college, and graduate students; historians and authors of all stripes; and a growing portion of the curious public. Furthermore, while the MHS moved in new, exciting directions in FY2011, it also improved our standard services to researchers and scholars through increased professional staff and new technology.

Our commitment to collecting has also taken on new life as we seek to increase significantly our Acquisition Fund for purchases. Our dedication to making our materials ever more widely accessible through processing, the creation of online collection guides, and digitization continues. We are truly flourishing.

Thanks to the generosity of many as well as prudent management, the Society finds itself in a stable financial position. But as the nation’s economic climate and a changing technological world present us with new challenges, it will require the diligence, creativity, hard work, and continued generosity of many to maintain that stability. We are, however, blessed with an extraordinarily skilled and dedicated staff, an involved and generous group of Trustees and Overseers, and talented and faithful committee members, Fellows, and Members. We look forward to working together to build on the past efforts of so many friends who have made the MHS one of the greatest resources for understanding American history and culture for 220 years, and we welcome the interest and support of all who love history and who believe in the importance of collecting, preserving, and making accessible the materials that promote its study.

—William C. Clendaniel, Chair, Board of Trustees

—Dennis A. Fiori, President
COllections

If multi-generational collections of family papers are the heart of the Society’s collections, then fiscal 2011’s acquisitions have strengthened that heart. Thanks to generous donations, as well as careful purchasing, the MHS acquired 180 linear feet of manuscript material that complements our valuable holdings in that area. Among the many exciting additions were thirteen previously unrecorded letters by Henry Adams, dated 1884 to 1890, that reveal a side of the historian seldom seen. Henry’s letters to Anne (Palmer) Fell, a close friend of his wife, Marian “Clover” Adams, include rare, intimate discussions of Clover and his emotional state following her suicide in December of 1885. “Even now,” he wrote, “I cannot quite get rid of the feeling that Clover must, sooner or later, come back, and that I had better wait for her to decide everything for me. . . . The only advice I have for you is to get all the fun you can out of life. The only moments of the past that I regret are those when I was not actively happy.” Another addition to the Society’s most important family collection, the Adams Family Papers, is a newly discovered letter from Abigail Adams to Cotton Tufts, her cousin and the family’s financial advisor, dated March 2, 1788. Abigail’s letter, in pristine condition, discusses the tenuous situation in France, the ratification process, and the Federalist Papers. Her comments on business and personal matters as well as her candid opinions on the political climate are what those familiar with Abigail’s writings would expect—and yet are no less remarkable.

Many more of our important family collections were similarly bolstered by gifts in fiscal 2011. The MHS added a sizeable collection of Coolidge, Dame, and other related family papers, including supplements to those of Lorin Low Dame, whose papers we already hold. Dame served in the Massachusetts Light Artillery during the Civil War and was also a prominent naturalist and environmentalist, a feature that makes the papers a vital addition to our environmental collecting initiative. The collection includes letters, diaries, writings, drawings, and numerous photographs, among other material. A donation of personal and family papers of Henry Dwight Sedgwick III (1861–1957) and his son Robert Minturn Sedgwick augment the Society’s vast holdings for this family, including those of Henry’s brothers Ellery and Rev. Theodore “Teedy” Sedgwick. The personal and business papers of Benjamin P. Richardson (1802–1870) and his extended family also contain those of his son Benjamin Heber Richardson (1835–1918) and grandson Benjamin P. Richardson (1861–1926). The collection includes family letters, personal and business accounts, and receipts of the elder Richardson, as well as correspondence and business papers of his son Jeffrey Richardson and the firm of J. Richardson & Bros., iron merchants. Finally, the diaries and memoranda books of H. A. Crosby Forbes bring our significant Forbes family holdings to the present day.

Additions to the papers of social worker and reformer Joseph Lee include a diary and commonplace book that his daughter Amy Lee kept between 1918 and 1922 as a teenager.
and young adult. The volume contains writings on “my religion,” “enjoyments,” “If I ran society,” and her future husband, Charles “Chis” Cary Colt. The donation also included an oil portrait of Joseph Lee painted by an unknown American artist around 1930.

Letters from Winfred Denison, Theodore Roosevelt, and Felix Frankfurter are among the additions to the Robert G. Valentine papers given to the Society in several installments beginning in 2004. Valentine was commissioner of Indian affairs and a founder of the field of industrial counseling, but perhaps of most interest to researchers is Valentine’s unofficial role as the owner of a house in Washington’s Dupont Circle that became known as the “House of Truth,” where leading statesmen and thinkers of the early twentieth century gathered to share their thoughts.

A small collection of papers of John Brooks, Revolutionary War general and later governor of Massachusetts, and related Keyes family papers includes Brooks’s commission as a marshal for Massachusetts signed by George Washington. Also among those papers, a letter from John J. Spooner of December 1786 provides a detailed account of activities surrounding the suppression of Shays’s Rebellion.

The Winslow “Family Memorial” is a nearly one-thousand-page, handwritten manuscript consisting of autobiographical and family reminiscences that Isaac Winslow (1774–1856) started in 1842. Winslow continued the project until his death in 1856, when his daughter Margaret Catherine picked it up, incorporating her own diary entries, commonplace book, and reminiscences through 1873, and making extensive use of family letters and diaries. The completed memorial, which tells the Winslow story as it dates back to the founding of Plymouth Colony, contains detailed descriptions of domestic life across multiple generations. Among the many topics of interest—too numerous to list—are the experiences of Winslow’s father (also Isaac, 1743–1793), a Boston merchant and Loyalist who fled to Halifax and New York, and a leader of the Sandemanian sect until his scandalous suicide in 1793. If it happened during the 250-year period covered by the memorial, odds are good that the Winslows had something to say about it. The gift also included a full transcription, with an extensive introduction and annotations, compiled by the donor.

Additions to the ongoing acquisition of church and organizational records on deposit at the MHS continued as well, including supplements to the First Parish of Hingham (also known as the “Old Ship Church”) and Boston’s Trinity Church collections and the organizational records of the Massachusetts Audubon Society dating back to 1896.

Although the vast majority of the Society’s acquisitions come as gifts, the MHS purchased several items of note during fiscal 2011. Benjamin Seaver, the former mayor of Boston, received regular communications from his children in Boston while traveling through Europe in 1854. Thirty-seven letters written between January and June provided Seaver with updates, and opinions, on the volatile political climate at home. The documents give a striking record of the Missouri Compromise, the Fugitive Slave Law, the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, and the Anthony Burns case; they also update Seaver on his wife’s hospitalization at McLean Asylum for the Insane.

The MHS also purchased seven drawing books by Bertha Louise Cogswell of Cambridge, containing 155 pages of crayon and pencil drawings that the young artist made from 1876 to 1880. Captioned in pencil, Cogswell’s creative images depict her childhood experiences and her life as an adult as she imagined it. Thirty Civil War letters written by Frank L.
Smith detail his service with the Twenty-Fifth Massachusetts Infantry Regiment from 1861 to 1865, complete with extensive descriptions of the Battles of New Bern and Cold Harbor.

Among the visual materials and artifacts that enhanced the Society’s collections this fiscal year was a pair of shoe buckles that once belonged to James Madison. The silver buckles arrived along with an 1828 letter Madison had written to his brother-in-law Richard Cutts, supplementing the Society’s Cutts-Madison papers. Objects like these are particularly valuable for the Society’s exhibition program. Two artifacts acquired in fiscal 2011 went on display almost immediately. A naval ship’s cannon captured at the Battle of New Orleans in 1815, purchased by Rezin D. Shepherd, a volunteer at the battle, and passed down through the Brooks and Saltonstall families, was one of several family heirlooms donated in FY2011. The cannon now adorns the second-floor lobby of the Society; time will tell if the MHS continues the Saltonstall family tradition of firing croquet balls from the cannon on festive occasions. A large Civil War recruitment banner for Company H of the Twenty-Fourth Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, formed from the New England Guards of the Massachusetts militia, arrived just in time to augment the fall 2011 exhibition. Pressed into service as part of The Purchase by Blood: Massachusetts in the Civil War, 1861–1865, the fabric banner became an integral part of the display. Also added to our collections were a number of visual materials from the mid-nineteenth century, including photographs of Civil War and Spanish-American War soldiers and veterans from Massachusetts, and Civil War–era ephemera such as dance and calling cards.

Several significant collections became more accessible to researchers through the physical arrangement of the materials and the creation of online collection guides. Guides to the
newly organized records of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation and the Charitable Irish Society are now available, the latter thanks to a grant from the organization. With the contents of the Charitable Irish records systematically arranged for the first time, researchers are no longer required to look in multiple places for overlapping dates and subjects and can locate important material that remained hidden prior to re-organization. An immigration agent’s reports from 1910 to 1917 describe specific cases of immigrants, mostly girls and women, looking for work or relatives in the United States. The project also brought to light individual letters of notable people, including Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Cabot Lodge, Herbert Hoover, Alfred E. Smith, Franklin Roosevelt, and Leverett Saltonstall. The Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation was incorporated in 1814 with the purpose of building a dam across the tidal marshlands of the Charles River in Boston to produce power for mills. The company later worked with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to fill in the Mill Pond and develop the land known as the Back Bay section of Boston. Among the “finds” in the collection are payroll records that list all employees and their salaries, a gold mine for social historians.

The David Richards family papers became available for research for the first time, the culmination of two years of work accomplished almost entirely by volunteers. The project uncovered a wealth of information on early-twentieth-century women’s education and the treatment of mental illness. Students from the archives program in the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science also processed and created new finding aids to the Binney family papers, the Murray-Robbins family papers, and the Thomas Greaves Cary papers. The important work of processing collections will continue in the coming year with help from the Peck Stacpoole Foundation, which in FY2011 awarded the Society a grant to arrange and describe the papers of the Cummings family, including those of poet E. E. Cummings and his parents. Rev. Edward Cummings, a Unitarian minister of the South Congregational Church and a colleague of Edward Everett Hale, was heavily involved in international relief activities, including the Russian Famine Relief Committee and the World Peace Foundation.

The much-anticipated catalog of every known Adams document—more than 110,000 separate items—became available at the MHS website just after the close of fiscal 2011 (www.masshist.org/adams/slipfile/catalog.php). The Online Adams Catalog (OAC) is a searchable database built from the Adams slip file, a paper catalog created over fifty years by the editors of the Adams Papers that tracks the correspondence and writings of four generations of the Adams family. Funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) and the Packard Humanities Institute, the project is the result of a three-year joint effort by the Library Collections Services and Adams Papers departments. The file has undergone regular updates and revisions during its lifetime, and the database will continue to evolve as newly discovered documents (such as the letter from Abigail Adams to Cotton Tufts described above) are added. The digitization of this important resource provides researchers with an item-level catalog of the papers of one of America’s most historically significant families, improves the efficiency of the Adams Papers editorial project, and serves as a model for other data conversion projects. One such project to benefit from the OAC model is a searchable online database of the Saltonstall family papers, which offers approximately 3,000 of the prominent Massachusetts family’s documents (www.masshist
For more news on projects to improve access to the MHS’s vast Saltonstall collections, see below.

In addition to online collection guides and item databases, new records are added to ABIGAIL, the library online catalog, on a daily basis. Among the new titles that were added in FY2011 are nearly one thousand theater broadsides ranging from the 1820s to 1950 that showcase the amateur and professional world of theater and opera, chiefly in the Boston area, and almost five thousand serials and almanacs that include many rare pamphlets and periodicals.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Ever dedicated to promoting the broad use of its collections, the MHS rolled out an impressive array of online research tools in fiscal 2011. Among these exciting new resources is Highlights from the Saltonstall Family Collections at the Massachusetts Historical Society, the culmination of a major project to preserve and improve access to the Saltonstall family collection funded by two grants from the Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation and contributors to the William L. Saltonstall Memorial Fund. Now available at www.masshist.org/features/saltonstall, the site provides access to 186 online presentations of letters, documents, and photographs that include digital images of original materials, transcriptions of the documents, and contextual essays on each subject to orient visitors to the site. The selected items highlight the breadth and depth of the Saltonstall materials that the MHS holds: one of the earliest examples is Oliver Cromwell’s military instructions to Saltonstall ancestor John Leverett in 1653; a more recent example is Sen. Leverett Saltonstall’s diary, letters, and photographs that bear witness to the atomic bomb testing in the Bikini Atoll in 1946. The papers, photographs, art, and artifacts of the Saltonstall family—one of the founding families of Massachusetts—chronicle five centuries of family history and involvement in public life, from before the European settlement of America through the twentieth century. Saltonstall family collections at the Society include papers of Leverett Saltonstall (1783–1845), mayor and U.S. representative from Salem, Massachusetts; letters Eleanor “Nora” Saltonstall wrote to her family while she served as a volunteer in France during World War I; and the personal and political papers and photographs of U.S. senator Leverett Saltonstall (1892–1979).

The fall of 2010 brought to completion another new MHS website, The Siege of Bos-
ton: Eyewitness Accounts from the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society (www.masshist.org/online/siege). Funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, the site presents three hundred manuscript pages that convey the first-hand experiences of soldiers, prisoners, and residents during the eleven-month period (from April 19, 1775, to March 17, 1776) when American militiamen effectively contained British troops to Boston and parts of Charlestown. The images of the manuscripts are accompanied by transcriptions and contextual descriptions.

The MHS has also begun a series of Civil War online presentations modeled on our long-running Object of the Month feature. Launched in January 2011, Looking at the Civil War: Massachusetts Finds Her Voice presents a document dating from 150 years ago each month as part of our four-year effort to commemorate the Civil War. The selected documents include letters and diaries from statesmen, soldiers departing for the front, local businessmen, and women offering support to the troops from home. Massachusetts Historical Society Commemorates the Civil War (www.masshist.org/online/civilwar) provides additional links and information about all of the Civil War–related activities taking place at the Society from 2011 to 2015, including public programming, exhibitions, publications, and a conference. With funding from the Charles Francis Adams Trust, fiscal 2011 also featured the transcription of Charles Francis Adams’s previously unpublished Civil War diary. The text will be made available at the Society’s website. As minister to Great Britain during that time, Adams was responsible for maintaining British neutrality.

As the digital content available at the MHS website continues to grow by leaps and bounds each year, the challenge for the Society is to make the wealth of information as accessible to information seekers as possible. One step toward gamely meeting that challenge in FY2011 was the implementation of SOLR, a powerful indexing system that allows users to search large amounts of disparate data across the entire MHS website.

Apace with its online resources, the brick-and-mortar research experience at the MHS continues its record of excellence. Fiscal 2011 was a remarkable year for the library, which saw a 3.5 percent increase in researcher visits over FY2010 and an 8.8 percent increase over the average number of research visits for the past five fiscal years.

The library was open 287 days in the 2011 fiscal year and saw an average daily attendance of 9.6 researchers, with a single-day high of 31 researchers in early January. Individual researchers visiting the library numbered 1,353 for a total of 2,766 research visits, with 718 researchers using the MHS library for the first time. The onsite researchers were as diverse as the MHS collections, coming from 40 American states and more than 20 foreign countries. The library welcomed users from more than 130 Massachusetts cities and towns. Library visitors included a mix of academics (faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students from colleges and universities around the world), local and family historians, first-time and prize-winning authors, ambitious high-schoolers, and the just plain curious.

In supporting the work of our researchers, the library staff paged over 4,788 requests for materials (one less than the total paged last year) and photocopied over 8,000 pages of MHS-owned material. The latter number, a significant decrease (approximately 20 percent) from previous years, suggests that our digital photography policy and the addition of our ScanPro microfilm readers have made it possible for researchers to make their own copies, reducing the burden on staff time. The majority of copy requests currently being processed
are those that remote researchers make. Thanks to the addition of the ScanPro microfilm readers and enhanced capabilities of our photocopier, the Society can now send “photocopies” out in electronic format as multipage PDF documents.

In addition to serving an increased number of library visitors, the library also fielded 2,665 remote requests for reference assistance. These requests, placed via telephone, e-mail, post, and fax, allow researchers at a distance to access the Society’s rich collections or information about those collections. These interactions also present an opportunity to build positive relationships with people who may never visit the MHS but may show support through donations or membership.

The MHS supports a number of researchers each year through its various fellowship programs, including National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)–MHS long-term fellowships, New England Regional Fellowship Consortium (NERFC) fellowships, various short-term fellowships, and the Swensrud and Kass fellowships for K–12 educators. In FY2011, MHS-supported fellows accounted for 5.3 percent of the individuals who used the MHS library and 17.65 percent of the total research visits.

The creation of an alumni association was the highlight of the year for the Society’s research fellowship programs. Since 1984, when the MHS made its first grant, it has awarded almost 600 research fellowships, including more than 100 in collaboration with sister institutions. The mission of the alumni association is to nurture the ties that develop during each fellow’s tenure. The alumni demonstrated the strength of these connections when their contributions allowed the Society to establish a new grant, a short-term alumni fellowship. It was one of 36 awards the MHS made in early 2011—3 long-term fellowships (with important support from the NEH), 12 traveling grants through the NERFC, 1 Loring fellowship on the Civil War (in collaboration with the Boston Athenæum), and 20 MHS short-term awards. The successful candidates were selected from a total of 251 applications, the second largest number to date.

Since its founding, the Society has pursued a mission to support research activities through publications, communicating manuscripts of historical note. In March 2011, the Adams Papers editorial project published volume ten of the Adams Family Correspondence series. The book spans the eighteen months from January 1793 through June 1795 and offers over three hundred letters from the remarkable family, including many between Abigail and John. As always there is an interesting mix of correspondence that ranges from the intimate and domestic to comments on national and international affairs. Political and social unrest in America are represented in this volume by the Whiskey Rebellion. At the same time, the Adamses, and most of the Western world, watched with horror and anticipation the events taking place in Revolutionary France. In the midst of this turmoil, John Quincy Adams, destined to greatness by his adoring parents, steps onto the international stage with his first diplomatic appointment as U.S. minister resident at The Hague. The team editing John Adams’s public papers has advanced enough of the work on volume sixteen of the Papers of John Adams to assure its delivery in the first quarter of 2012. A separate team of editors continues work on the two-volume edition of the diary and autobiographical writings of Louisa Catherine Adams (wife of John Quincy Adams), which Harvard University Press will publish in 2012. Following its publication in this scholarly format, the contents will be pared down to a one-volume trade edition.
The department’s reputation for maintaining the highest editorial standards and consistent productivity continues to enhance the fundraising efforts necessary to support the work. During fiscal 2011 the Adams Papers project obtained three significant grants and contracts. The NHPRC awarded the edition $185,300. The project also received a two-year NEH award of $500,000. And the Packard Humanities Institute continued its long and vital support by providing $330,381.

On the non-Adams side of the Society’s publishing activities, several large-scale projects continued along their journeys during fiscal 2011, including the documentary editions of Caroline Healey Dall’s lifelong diary and Ellen Wayles Randolph Coolidge’s London travel diary. Between these two endeavors, staff copyedited hundreds of pages of annotations during the year. The Dall journal, which is the second installment of four in-depth scholarly editions prepared as part of the ongoing Collections series, is scheduled for printing in 2013. The Coolidge diary—a single-volume edition of the writer’s 1838–1839 record—moved swiftly onto typesetting and production as the fiscal year turned. The printed and bound copies, titled Thomas Jefferson’s Granddaughter in Queen Victoria’s England, arrived in-house in December 2011. Working from Coolidge’s handwritten diary, which is in the MHS collections, two editors based at Monticello prepared the transcription and editorial apparatus. The MHS partnered with the Thomas Jefferson Foundation on the publication.

Since the standard paper and ink notion of publishing—or “making public”—has broadened in our current age to encompass bits and bytes, the staff at the MHS has had to upgrade its skill set frequently in order to maintain the same levels of access and sustainability. In that effort, we have had vital support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which awarded the Society a three-year grant in 2011 to fund coordinated professional development and training activities for the staff. During the first six months of this new initiative, staff members from across departments took part in a dozen training and professional development activities—classes, workshops, webinars, and conferences, “preconferences,” and even “unconferences.”

We were especially pleased with how well two in-house workshops went. In the first, Julia Flanders and Syd Bauman from Brown University spent two days with almost twenty staff members from many departments, introducing them to the purpose and hands-on practice of encoding electronic text. This workshop went a ways towards making sure the MHS can achieve consistency and expediency in how it prepares, archives, and delivers digital textual content. Later in the spring, Mellon funds provided an in-house Social Web workshop for about a dozen staff members, also drawn from across most of the Society’s departments. Jennifer Koerber, a Boston-area librarian and consultant, guided the group through a tour of the types of social media websites that get the most traffic; she also presented material about assessing the effectiveness of social media efforts, as well as about developing “personas” to help an institution find and engage its online audience—a strategy the cross-departmental Web Advisory Group since adopted.

**PROGRAMMING AND OUTREACH**

In fiscal 2011, the MHS engaged researchers, the general public, and teachers through imaginative programs, workshops, and exhibitions. The Society’s first reception for gradu-
ate students and a conference on U.S. immigration since the Hart-Cellar Act of 1965 were the features of an active year for scholarly programs. The reception, which took place on September 23, drew almost sixty doctoral and master's degree students as well as seven faculty members who socialized in a relaxed setting. Tours of the building and presentations on MHS collections, publications, and programs introduced guests to the Society and its contributions to scholarship. The conference—*What’s New about the New Immigration to the U.S.? Traditions and Transformations since 1965*—featured a keynote address by Prof. Maria Cristina Garcia of Cornell University and five panels, each exploring three precirculated essays on such topics as religion, the economy, and politics. More than one hundred people attended all or portions of the program. Twenty-three sessions in our four seminar series and twenty-six brown-bag lunches completed our programming for scholars. All told, fifty-two events drew an attendance of more than twelve hundred.

During fall 2010 and spring 2011, the Society hosted more than sixty public programs in different formats, from author talks to salon-style conversations. Representatives from six departments at the MHS participated in a mini-series that asked the question “What does Massachusetts have to do with…?” such far-ranging topics as Jefferson, Tahiti, pirates, graham crackers, the French Revolution, the California Gold Rush, World War I battlefields, Norse legends, and Columbus Day. Three public programs in the On the Move series were held in the fall: Eric Jay Dolin spoke on the fur trade, Eric Jaffee on the Boston Post Road, and Nick Bunker on the voyage of the Pilgrims and the Mayflower Compact. FY2011’s string of successful events continued as Pauline Maier engaged a large audience with her description of the ratification of the Constitution, and the MHS co-sponsored a talk by Joseph Ellis on John and Abigail Adams at Brookline Booksmith.

In the spring, the Society partnered with Old South Meeting House to coordinate a series of lunchtime programs on Lexington and Concord and the American Revolution in downtown Boston, and the MHS participated in the bicentennial activities to honor abolitionist senator Charles Sumner with a talk by Beverly Palmer, editor of the Charles Sumner Papers. Dangers and Denials: Cautionary Tales for Our Times, a three-part series of conversations with political historians Andrew Bacevich, Bruce Ackerman, and Jim Kloppenberg, examined what happens when evidence from the past is disregarded as nations fall prey to the seductions of greed, power, and ambition. Historians Walt Woodward and Paul Lockhart spoke respectively on the alchemy of John Winthrop, Jr., and the emergence of the American army during the Siege of Boston. Rounding out the public schedule, British author Andrea Wulf presented the second annual Jefferson Lecture: an intriguing look at gardening as a source of recreation, education, inspiration, and intellectual stimulation for the founding fathers.

Recognizing the importance of events like these, the Society formed the Public Programs and Exhibitions Committee, which held its inaugural meeting in May 2011. This new committee serves in an advisory role to the Trustees, reviewing policies and making recommendations regarding the goals, directions, and funding of the Society’s public programs and exhibitions. The committee reviews the staff’s plans on a seasonal basis, giving advice on thematic approaches and helping when possible to suggest and arrange for speakers. It focuses on expanding audiences through new content, formats, locations, partnerships, and technologies to advance the education mission of the MHS.
That mission includes making an investment in history educators, a goal the MHS continued to pursue vigorously in fiscal 2011. From July 18 to 23 and August 1 to 6, 2010, eighty teachers from across the country participated in NEH-funded Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops that the Society’s Education Department designed and directed. Coming from thirty states, the forty educators who gathered each week for “At the Crossroads of Revolution: Lexington and Concord in 1775” examined the decisions and dilemmas surrounding the events of 1775 and analyzed how later generations would interpret and use this history. The Society’s rich collection of Revolutionary-era documents served as the foundation for the institute. The program also introduced educators to landscapes, structures, objects, and exhibitions that connected the treasured documents to real places where events unfolded that irrevocably affected the course of American history. “It’s one thing to discuss the importance of place,” wrote one attendee, “but an entirely different thing to sit in those places and learn.” Minute Man National Park, which preserves almost nine hundred acres of cultural landscape, served as the main “campus” for the week. Instructors included Robert Gross, former MHS director William Fowler, Brian Donahue, and Ray Raphael. Lesson plans developed by the workshop participants can be seen on the MHS website at www.masshist.org/crossroads.

MHS collections provided the basis for twenty other workshops for educators both at the Society and at other sites. These workshops were funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Teaching American History grant program. Unfortunately, Congress eliminated that program at the end of 2011, and so the MHS has pursued alternative partnerships and sources of funding, including the Library of Congress, the NEH, the National Park Service, the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, the Sidney A. Swensrud Foundation, and other private foundations. The MHS has teamed with the American Antiquarian Society and a consortium of other New England historical organizations to develop and market itineraries for teacher professional development in the future.

In November 2010 and again in May 2011, the MHS became a history laboratory for middle- and high-school students and their families as part of a program in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. Participants learned about the jobs of MHS staff, investigated the records of the New England Emigrant Aid Company and other antislavery groups, and put together their own exhibitions with facsimile documents after viewing the originals.

The MHS reached out to a number of audiences with three enthusiastically received exhibitions. The exhibition Precious Metals: From Au to Zn opened on August 2, timed to coincide with the annual meeting of the American Numismatic Association in Boston and continuing through October. Curator of Art Anne E. Bentley took the lead in displaying treasures from the Society’s extraordinary numismatic collection with the assistance of guest curator and MHS Fellow John W. Adams, an expert on early American coins and medals. From October 2010 through January 2011, the Society exhibited manuscripts and other materials related to Josiah Quincy, Jr., to celebrate the publication of his legal manuscripts by the Colonial Society of Massachusetts. In the years before the Revolution, Quincy, a brilliant young Boston attorney, emerged as an ardent spokesman for the cause of liberty. MHS Fellow Daniel R. Coquillette, the editor of The Major Political and Legal Papers of Josiah Quincy Junior, was the guest curator for Josiah Quincy: The Lost Hero of the Revolution.
On March 11, 2011, the MHS opened an exhibition of nineteenth-century photographs titled *History Drawn with Light: Early Photographs from the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society*. The display marked a new standard in the design and construction of MHS exhibitions. The first display at the MHS to make use of a professional exhibition team, *History Drawn with Light* proved to be a critical and popular success and was held over through the summer of 2011.

Generously sponsored by Eaton Vance Investment Counsel and the William L. Saltonstall Memorial Fund at the MHS, *History Drawn with Light* was reviewed in the *Boston Globe* and featured in *BU Today* and *Where Boston*, among other places. This, in conjunction with the numerous print and online calendar listings, underwriting on WBUR and WGBH, and promotion among our membership, led to a noticeable increase in attendance compared to previous exhibitions. Exit surveys completed by visitors were overwhelmingly positive.

In addition to three major exhibitions, during the course of the year the Society also mounted a dozen smaller, temporary displays on subjects ranging from the ratification of the Constitution to the early American fur trade and the long-awaited (first advertised in 1706) publication of the first volume of Cotton Mather’s *Biblia Americana*.

Visitors to the Society’s building in the spring of 2011 would have been early witnesses of the new arrival there: a bronze kiosk, roughly seven feet high by three feet wide, designed to display signs printed on a special film. The convention established then for the two sides of the kiosk continues this year: on one side, a colorful poster invites the public to visit the current exhibition; on the other, another poster provides information about hours, reading room access, and public programs. The sign’s impact was demonstrated within a short time through the survey cards that visitors to the spring exhibition filled out: one reading of ten showed that four of those respondents came in because of the sign. Among the surveyed visitors drawn in by the sign were many from the Boston area, as well as some from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Buffalo, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; and Germany.

The Society’s increased marketing efforts over the past few years appear to be hitting their stride. The 2011 fiscal year brought a growing advertising effort, marked by a public radio underwriting campaign, as mentioned above. The MHS also persisted in taking advantage of the many free and economical promotional opportunities available in print and online. MHS collections were the focus of increased media attention. *Antiques and Fine Art Magazine* featured the Society’s Columbia and Washington Medal in its Summer-Autumn 2010 issue. The *Patriot Ledger* provided local coverage of the donation of thirteen Henry Adams letters, mentioned above. The *Sacramento Bee* featured the Society’s collection of correspondence between John and Abigail Adams in an article about love letters, which was...
reprinted in community newspapers across the country. In January 2011, the MHS loaned the pen with which Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation to the State Archive of the Russian Federation in Moscow for display in an exhibition that received much media attention in Russia. The New York Times took note of the MHS loan in its review of the exhibition, “Russia Links Lincoln with the Freedom of Serfs.” C-SPAN continued to record a small selection of MHS public programs for broadcast on Book-TV, and closing out the fiscal year, the Society’s acquisition by gift of a hitherto-unknown Abigail Adams letter was covered by the Patriot Ledger, the Boston Globe, WBUR’s Here & Now, and ABC News.

Another important aspect of the Society’s outreach efforts this fiscal year was staffing booths at three local events targeting different key constituencies—the American Numismatic Association World’s Fair of Money (August 10–14), the Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair (November 12–14), and the 125th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (January 6–9). Three events held at the MHS in conjunction with the World’s Fair of Money and another two during the AHA Annual Meeting brought new people into the building.

The MHS also reached out to history enthusiasts farther afield in FY2011. The Society hosted fifty-seven guests in New York City on October 5 thanks to the generosity of MHS Overseer John Winthrop. The Society shared fourteen of its treasures to the delight of all in attendance. A second traveling reception, also hosted by Mr. Winthrop, took place on April 23 at his home in Charleston, S.C. Reaching out to web audiences, staff authored over 130 posts for the Beehive, the MHS blog; posted stories and updates on Facebook; and continued to transcribe John Quincy Adams’s line-a-day diary to support his daily “tweets” to over 17,000 followers on the MHS Twitter feed, @JQAdams_MHS. All of this work is paying off: the Society saw membership as well as attendance for events, public programs, and exhibitions grow this year.

DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP

The MHS is extremely grateful to all of its Fellows, Members, and friends who contributed their finances, time, and expertise in fiscal 2011. The Society had much to celebrate and could not have accomplished so much without their support.

The MHS Annual Fund reached an unprecedented high for gifts made during a fiscal year, receiving a total of $402,461 from 567 donors. Surpassing both the Society’s budgeted and internal goals, the Annual Fund finished 5 percent ahead in dollars and 6 percent ahead in donors compared to the previous year. Not surprisingly, the Society’s active Fellows and Members constituted more than three-quarters of the Annual Fund’s base of support. Their loyalty was evident, with approximately 83 percent of FY2010 donors renewing their support this fiscal year. Fifteen percent of donors made a first-time gift in FY2011, nearly twice as many as in FY2010.

General MHS membership continued to grow in FY2011, with 939 active Fellows and Members in all categories. The Society received a total of $106,710 in Fellow and Member dues in FY2011, exceeding its prior-year total by 3.6 percent. FY2010’s special introductory rate initiative bore fruit this year, resulting in renewal rates of approximately 41 percent in its first year. As a result, the Development Committee agreed to continue offering the reduced special introductory rate of $75 for the first year of membership, after which Mem-
bers are asked to upgrade to a permanent level. New, first-time Members constituted 25 percent of membership in FY2011, which is on par with last year. The year also brought 53 distinguished new Fellows elected by their peers.

In an effort to reach out to more history enthusiasts, the MHS introduced some additional changes to its membership categories this year. After ten years, Student membership dues increased from $25 to $35 per year, but the new rate includes the added benefit of a special event. Two new categories, Associate memberships for those age forty and under and Educator memberships for those who teach grades K–12, both $75 per year, round out the adjustments to our program. The Society also continues to explore ways to better serve its loyal, renewing Members and welcomes any feedback.

Fiscal 2011 marked the second year of the Society’s three-year Strategic Initiative, a fundraising effort designed to address a projected budget shortfall resulting from the 2008 financial crisis and subsequent unstable economic environment. The Society is committed to reducing the draw on the endowment so that it can rebuild with the economy. Therefore, in order to close the funding gap, the Board of Trustees approved the Strategic Initiative in conjunction with a program of reduced expenses and increased fundraising. A select group of the Society’s closest friends agreed to underwrite operating expenses through unrestricted contributions in addition to their Annual Fund donations. Thanks to their support, the Strategic Initiative raised a total of $405,163 in FY2011—35 percent over the fiscal year goal of $300,000.

The year also brought two new fundraising enterprises. The first was created in conjunction with the introduction of the Research Fellows Alumni Association, as mentioned above. Fifty-one former fellows responded to the first of what will be a yearly appeal, donating more than $3,500 to the MHS. The second new initiative was the Society’s inaugural signature fundraising event, Cocktails with Clio. Held on November 4, it was a great success, with approximately 170 guests and staff attending the festivities despite poor weather. A particular highlight was the intimate format of the speaking program, which featured a lively discussion between National Book Award–winning author and MHS Overseer Nathaniel Philbrick and MHS President Dennis Fiori. In particular, Mr. Philbrick described how he has used MHS collections in his best-selling works to challenge popular conceptions about historical truths. The Cocktails with Clio Committee and its

President Dennis Fiori questions author and MHS Overseer Nathaniel Philbrick as to how he became a writer of history at Cocktails with Clio. Photograph by Bill Brett.
chair, John Moffitt, deserve particular recognition for their help in the planning and fund-raising, which raised approximately $60,000 to benefit the Society’s outreach programs.

One of the Society’s most successful fundraising efforts in recent years has been a tribute to a beloved MHS Officer, Trustee, Fellow, and friend. The William L. Saltonstall Memorial Fund—established to reflect his interests, provide for the financial security of the MHS, and help fulfill the Society’s mission to promote the study of American history—received $244,457 in gifts and grants in fiscal 2011. Thanks to the help of family members and friends, in particular Overseer George Lewis and Trustee Emeritus John L. Thorndike, the fund now totals $468,589 from 152 donors, which is 34 percent over the $350,000 goal. Of this total, approximately $94,000 supported Collections Services work on the Saltonstall family papers. The rest forms the principal of the endowment portion of the fund, the income from which will be used to help underwrite MHS exhibitions or other public programs.

Grant writing at the MHS is an organization-wide effort, involving staff from every department. The result has been ongoing success on this front, despite shrinking foundation dollars. By the end of the fiscal year, the Society received more than $1 million from twenty different organizations ranging from private foundations to state and federal agencies. These grants supported a number of projects and activities. While each grant is important, a few highlights not yet mentioned include a three-year $351,784 Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections grant from the NEH to support the Society’s security infrastructure project, which was designated a “We the People” project; a four-year $300,400 grant from the NEH to support the Society’s long-term fellowship program; a one-year $48,000 grant from the Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund to support the Society’s art storage project; and a one-year, $24,900 Massachusetts Cultural Council Cultural Investment Portfolio grant to provide general support for the Society’s outreach initiatives.

The MHS is fortunate to continue to benefit from a long-standing tradition of giving and is thankful to the many individuals who remembered the Society in their estate plans. This year, bequests and planned gift disbursements were received from the estates of Benjamin S. Blake, Carola Berthelot, Elisabeth B. Loring, Shepard Pond, and Alice R. Riley. These thoughtful legacies help provide for the Society’s future and ensure that it is able to fulfill its mission for another 220 years.
MHS Overseer Byron Rushing and Frieda Garcia make their entrance at Cocktails with Clio. Photograph by Bill Brett.

Cocktails with Clio Committee Member Julia Pfannenstiehl and MHS Trustee Fred Pfannenstiehl enjoy the festivities with Meade Fasciano and Allys and Chris Spilios. Photograph by Bill Brett.
Below: Trustee Pauline Maier and Fellow Robert Allison study an issue of the Boston Evening-Post in one of the volumes assembled by Harbottle Dorr, Jr., at the MHS Fellows Annual Meeting. Photograph by Laura Wulf.

MHS Fellow Katherine Kottaridis and Tony Vrame examine the Quincy family tree on display in the exhibition Josiah Quincy: The Lost Hero of the Revolution. Photograph by Laura Wulf.
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Treasurer’s Report

for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011

I am pleased to present the Annual Treasurer’s Report to the Fellows and Trustees of the Society. The news is generally quite good.

After the disastrous losses to the endowment during Fiscal Year 2009 (when the net loss was $17.9 million), the return turned positive last year (up $5.1 million) and grew another $12.1 million in fiscal 2011. Nevertheless, the market value of the endowment on December 31, 2011, was $60.2 million, still down from its all-time high of $80.9 million reached on December 31, 2007. The Trustees do not expect a return to those higher values any time soon and as a result are decreasing the draw on the endowment for annual expenses from 5.0 percent to 4.5 percent over fiscal years 2012 to 2016.

The apparent decrease in gifts and grants this year reflects a bookkeeping and timing issue since we recognize multi-year federal grants in the year they are awarded, even though they will be spent over subsequent years. Similarly, pledges to the Strategic Initiative Reserve Fund were recognized in earlier years, but cash payments will be received through the end of the 2012 fiscal year. That reserve, and increased gifts to the MHS Annual Fund—as well as management’s tight control on expenses—will enable the Society to balance its books for the next five years.

The increase in operating expenses was primarily the result of staff salary and benefit adjustments (they had been frozen the previous two fiscal years) as well as the additional costs of our enhanced outreach programs. The large decrease in gifts, grants, and bequests was the result of one-time bequests and the timing, once more, of large grants to be used in subsequent years.

As noted in last year’s report, we have paid off the $4.2 million of bonds that were used for building renovations, and we have not incurred any new indebtedness in fiscal 2011. The net assets of the Society increased from $71 million to $80 million during the year, thanks to the corresponding increase in the value of the endowment.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Cotter, Treasurer
### Statement of Activities (in thousands)

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1. Any person of good character, wherever residing, may become a Member in accordance with terms and conditions from time to time established by the Board of Trustees (hereinafter sometimes “the Trustees”). No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, religion, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, or ethnicity. Members shall enjoy such privileges as the Trustees provide but may not vote at meetings of the Society. The Trustees may from time to time create other categories of membership with responsibilities and privileges, as they deem appropriate.

2. Persons meeting criteria established by the Trustees may be elected Fellows at any annual or special meeting of the Society. Fellows are the members of the Society, as defined by Massachusetts law. The total number of Fellows may periodically be fixed by the Trustees. All Trustees while in office shall have the privileges of Fellows whether or not previously elected as Fellows, including the right to vote at meetings of the Society and to be counted for quorum purposes. Fellows shall pay membership dues, and shall enjoy the same privileges as do Members in the dues or giving category to which the Fellow chooses to belong. Only Fellows (including Trustees) may vote at meetings of the Society.

3. The Trustees may periodically set dues for Members and Fellows and may provide for categories of membership dependent upon levels of dues or giving. Any Member or Fellow who fails to pay the dues within two months after a second notice that such dues are payable shall cease to be a Member or Fellow, as the case may be; provided, however, that the Trustees may in their discretion, before or after the lapse of the two-month grace period, extend such period generally or in a specific case, or may reduce or waive the obligation if such action appears warranted in any specific instance.

4. A book shall be kept by the Secretary in which any Fellow may enter the name of a person regarded as suitable for nomination as a Fellow. The Fellows Committee shall periodically select from the names so entered a person or persons to be nominated as a Fellow and the names so selected shall be presented to the Trustees. The Trustees shall select from the names so presented nominees to be reported at the next meeting of the Society. At the following meeting of the Society a brief statement shall be made as to the qualifications of the person nominated, and a vote of the Fellows shall be taken thereon in such manner as the Trustees may from time to time determine. No election shall be effective unless at least twenty votes are cast and unless three-fourths of the votes cast are in the affirmative. Unless the person so elected, after being duly notified by the Secretary in writing, signifies acceptance in writing within six months, such election shall be void.
5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at such time as fixed by the Trustees. Special meetings of the Society may periodically be called by the Board of Trustees or the Chair of the Board of Trustees (hereinafter the “Chair”). A Special Meeting shall also be called by the Secretary upon the written request of at least five Fellows. The time and place shall be fixed by the Trustees for both the Annual Meeting and any Special Meetings. Notice of such Annual or Special Meeting shall be given in writing at least fourteen days in advance.

6. Only Fellows may vote to elect new Fellows, to elect officers and Trustees or to amend the by-laws. Twenty-five Fellows shall constitute a quorum for all permissible purposes. Only Fellows present at any meeting may vote, except that Fellows may vote by proxy or absentee ballot on proposed amendments to the articles of organization. The Chair and President shall determine the matters to be considered at the Annual or Special Meetings, provided that any subject proposed by two Fellows present at a meeting shall at their request be considered at the next meeting.

7. Honorary Fellows may be elected from time to time by the Fellows at the Annual Meeting or at any Special meeting called in accordance with Section 5 above. Such Honorary Fellows shall have no voting power and are not required to pay dues. To be eligible for election, individuals must have produced works of widely recognized excellence based on research of exceptional importance in the field of history, or be distinguished individuals occupying positions of authority in either the public or private sectors that relate to the advancement of history or which lead to the making of significant history. Individuals being considered for election as Honorary Fellows shall first be nominated by the Fellows Committee and then presented to the Trustees. The Trustees shall select from the persons so presented only such persons, if any, that they deem worthy of election and who meet the criteria set out above. Such nominees shall be reported at the next meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE II: Board of Trustees

1. The governing body of the Society shall be the Board of Trustees (hereinafter “the Trustees” or “the Board”), which shall be composed of the elective officers and no fewer than six nor more than eighteen additional individual Trustees. The precise number of the latter at various times shall be established by the Governance Committee, with the Trustees’ approval, when it submits candidates for election by the Fellows at the Annual Meeting of the Society. The individual Trustees and the Officers shall be chosen at the Annual Meeting by majority vote of the Fellows present and voting. A Trustee’s term shall start at the beginning of the fiscal year following the Annual Meeting at which she or he is elected and shall ordinarily terminate after four years at the end of the fourth fiscal year.

2. While an individual Trustee’s term of office shall ordinarily be for four years, a Trustee may be elected by the Fellows for a shorter term upon the Governance Committee’s recommendation and with the Trustees’ approval. A shorter term may be chosen for any reasons the Board deems advantageous to the Society, such as to prevent excessive Board turnover in a given year. Upon completion of two consecutive four-year terms or
of service as a Trustee totaling eight years, an individual Trustee may not be reelected for at least one year; and if later reelected she or he may serve for no more than four additional years as a Trustee. These term limits are based only on an individual’s service as a Trustee; service as an elected Officer is not counted towards them. When an individual Trustee who has thereafter been elected to be an Officer ceases to serve as an Officer, she or he may then be reelected by the Fellows, upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee and Board, to finish out the Trustee term held when elected to be an Officer. She or he may serve out the remaining years, if any, of the interrupted term, and may also be reelected to a subsequent term or terms in conformity with this Section. Whenever calculating for the above purposes the length of a Trustee’s term beginning before FY2007, the year of FY2007 shall not be counted in making the calculation—the purpose of this exception being to compensate for the effect of the change in date of the Annual Meeting made during that period.

3. The Trustees shall exercise general oversight of the work of the Society, shall approve the annual budget and all major policies, and shall elect (and, if need be, discharge) the President. The Trustees shall have and may exercise all the corporate powers of the Society provided for in these by-laws and in the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Trustees may by general resolution delegate to committees of their own number, to officers of the corporation, to the President or other staff members, or to Fellows or Members, such powers not inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as they see fit.

4. Any Trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Secretary or Chair.

5. Any vacancies on the Board of Trustees (including elected officers, other than the President) occurring during the year may be filled by the Trustees. Any Trustee so chosen shall hold office until the end of the fiscal year during which he or she was chosen, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by the normal elective process. Such partial years shall not count toward term limits. For purposes of this Section, vacancies in the office of Trustee shall be deemed to exist whenever, and to the extent that, the number of currently serving Trustees is fewer than the maximum permitted under Section 1 of this Article.

6. There shall be no fewer than five regular meetings of the Trustees. At the beginning of each fiscal year a calendar of meetings will be distributed to each trustee.

7. A special meeting of the Trustees shall be held at any time by order of the Chair, or by written request from the Treasurer or three or more Trustees filed with the Secretary. The order or request, as the case may be, shall specify the purpose of the special meeting.

8. Written notices of all regular Trustee meetings shall be sent to all Trustees at least fourteen days prior to the regular meetings.

9. Notices of a special meeting of the Trustees shall be sent by facsimile transmission or electronic mail or given by telephone to all Trustees at least forty-eight hours prior to the special meeting. The notices shall specify the time, place and purpose of the special meeting.
10. At all meetings of the Trustees, the presence of one half of all the then current Trustees shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Trustees, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or by these bylaws. Under extenuating circumstances with approval of the Chair, Trustees may participate in a meeting of the Trustees by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all Trustees participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. In addition, but only when it is necessary to act urgently and when the Chair authorizes, and after notice of the matter to be decided has been given to all Board members at least forty-eight hours in advance by the means mentioned in Section 9, the Board may also act by majority vote of all its members made in writing (including by E-mail), or voiced in a telephone conference call that has been scheduled at least forty-eight hours in advance.

11. Upon recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Trustees may elect as Trustee Emeritus/Emerita any former Trustee who has completed her or his term as Trustee and whose consistent service to the Board and the Society merits this title.

12. In truly exceptional cases, upon recommendation of the Governance Committee and of the Trustees, the Fellows may elect as Life Trustee a former Trustee or other distinguished person, whose extraordinary service to the Society merits this distinction. There will normally be very few Life Trustees. Examples of likely candidates for this distinction include previous Chairs of the Board of Trustees or other Officers whose long and outstanding service to the Society should be rewarded by this title. A Life Trustee may, if he or she wishes, receive notices of and attend Trustee meetings, but may not vote and will not be counted in determining the maximum number of Trustees as set forth in Article II, section 1, nor for purposes of determining a quorum.

13. Those who were Honorary Members of the Council when these by-laws were adopted (Leo Leroy Beranek and Henry Lee) shall become Life Trustees.

ARTICLE III: Officers

1. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be a Chair, one or more Vice Chairs (as recommended by the Governance Committee with the approval of the Trustees), a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers or assistant officers with such powers and duties not inconsistent with these bylaws as may be appointed by the Chair and approved by the Trustees.

2. The Chair, Vice Chairs(s), Treasurer, and Secretary shall be elected annually by the Fellows for a one-year term at the Annual Meeting of the Society. No such person shall hold the same or any other office for more than a total of ten years.

3. Officer’s terms shall coincide with the fiscal year of the Society that follows the annual meeting at which they are elected.

4. Should the office of the Chair become vacant, the first Vice Chair shall serve as Chair until the next Annual Meeting of the Society. If there is a further vacancy in this office, the succession shall be in the order of other Vice Chairs, if any, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.
5. The Chair shall oversee the work of the Society with the advice of the Trustees, and shall preside at all meetings of the Trustees and the Society. The Chair shall be an ex officio voting member of all committees of the Society. In the temporary absence of the Chair the succession of officers who shall assume his or her responsibilities shall be in the order set forth in the preceding section.

6. The Treasurer shall oversee the management of the financial affairs of the Society and of its investments. With the approval of the Trustees, the Treasurer and other officers of the Society or members of the staff may be given the authority to withdraw bank deposits, either jointly or singly. The Treasurer shall:

a) render a report at each Annual Meeting of the financial affairs of the Society for the year preceding.

b) review with the Finance Committee and the Trustees periodic reports of receipts and expenditures, in such detail as they may direct.

c) have authority to sell, transfer, and deliver any securities, mortgages, or other intangible personal property of the Society; to invest and reinvest the funds of the Society; to accept unrestricted gifts and bequests paid otherwise than in cash; and to execute any contracts and instruments relating thereto. The Treasurer, with the approval of the Trustees, may delegate any of his or her duties to the President or other members of the staff.

d) serve as a member of the Finance Committee and of the Investment Committee.

The Treasurer shall have assistance, including that of such professional advisors and upon such terms, as the Trustees may authorize on the recommendation of the Finance Committee or the Investment Committee.

7. The Secretary shall be responsible for the issuance of notices of all Trustee meetings and of the Society, shall be responsible for making accurate records of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees and of the meetings of the Society, and shall oversee custody, except as otherwise provided, of the corporate seal, all papers and reports that are ordered to be placed on file, and all documents and letters relating to the official business of these bodies. All proceedings, documents, and records, or copies thereof, shall be kept on file at the Society’s House.

8. The Secretary shall inform all persons of their election as Fellows or Trustees of the Society and send to each a copy of the by-laws.

ARTICLE IV: Committees

1. The Chair shall appoint and may remove chairs and members of all committees. Members of standing committees may serve no more than two four-year terms consecutively on the same committee. On completion of two consecutive four-year terms, committee members may not be reappointed for at least one year; and if later reappointed, that individual member may serve only one additional four-year term on that committee. Committee chairs may serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms in addition to the years they may have served as members. The Chair may appoint or remove a Vice Chair for any committee.
2. Each committee shall have a charter describing its duties and responsibilities. These charters will be reviewed periodically by the Governance Committee to make sure they are currently appropriate.

3. The Fellows Committee shall consider and report to the Trustees on criteria for electing Fellows and on nominees for election as Fellows.

4. The Governance Committee at least six weeks prior to the Annual Meeting shall report to the Secretary and to the Trustees for their approval its recommendations for candidates for offices to be filled at the Annual Meeting of the Society. A candidate for any office to be filled at the Annual Meeting may also be nominated by a petition signed by not fewer than twenty Fellows and filed with the Secretary five weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The Governance Committee shall periodically consider by-law amendments that may be necessary and recommend such amendments to the Trustees for approval. The Governance Committee shall periodically survey the Trustees in order to evaluate the effectiveness of Trustee and Committee meetings and the general functioning of the Board of Trustees and its committees and shall recommend changes, if needed, to the Trustees. The Governance Committee may also recommend to the Chair persons deemed desirable for committee appointments. The Governance Committee shall monitor the conflict of interest policies of the Society.

5. The Finance Committee shall approve the annual budget prior to presentation to the Trustees and shall provide budgetary oversight as needed throughout the fiscal year. Additionally, it shall have the authority to approve any amendments to the budget during the year and report those changes to the Trustees. The Finance Committee will report regularly to the Trustees on the general financial condition of the Society. The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on July 1 unless otherwise established by resolution of the Trustees. The committee shall also review any financing needed for new programs of capital expense for recommendation to the Trustees.

6. The Investment Committee shall determine the allocation of funds among various types of investments, select and discharge investment managers and advisors, monitor their performance and report regularly to the Trustees on investment results.

7. The Audit Committee shall meet periodically with the auditor to review the financial statements and accounting procedures of the Society, and shall meet periodically with the Treasurer and President to review the performance of the auditor. Prior to each Annual Meeting of the Society, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Trustees the appointment of an auditor for the coming year.

8. The Publications Committee shall meet periodically with the Society’s appropriate staff and the President to make selections of manuscripts for publication and advise on policies and procedures relating to publications of the Society.

9. The Research Committee shall meet periodically with the Society’s appropriate staff and the President to advise with respect to fellowship programs, scholarly conferences, and such other research activities as the Society may undertake.

10. The Adams Papers Committee shall meet periodically with the Society’s appropriate staff and the President to advise with respect to the preparation and publication thereof.
11. The Collections Committee shall meet periodically with the Society’s appropriate staff and the President to advise with respect to acquisitions, loans, de-accessions and the management and preservation of the Society’s collections.

12. The Development Committee shall meet periodically with the Society’s appropriate staff and the President to advise with respect to membership and fundraising matters, including the conduct of the annual appeal and of any capital or other special campaign.

13. The Facilities Committee shall meet periodically with the Society’s appropriate staff and the President to advise regarding the maintenance, operations and security of the Society’s facilities, renovations, or other improvements of the facilities including the technology infrastructure.

14. The Chair, with the approval of the Trustees, may from time to time appoint such ad hoc committees for such purposes and for such terms of office as may be specified. The membership of such committees and of the Standing Committees described in these by-laws may include Trustees and Fellows, Members or non-members of the Society.

15. The Trustees may establish support groups such as Friends for such purposes and upon such terms (other than the right to vote as Fellows) as the Trustees may determine.

16. The Quorum for meetings for all Committees shall be a majority of the Committee’s members.

ARTICLE V: Staff

1. The Trustees shall employ a President, who shall serve for such compensation and upon such other terms of employment as the Trustees may determine. The President shall serve at the pleasure of the Trustees.

2. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society and shall administer the policies of the Society as established by the Trustees and shall supervise the operations and fiscal management of the Society.

3. The President shall have the power, subject to these by-laws, to hire and discharge all employees of the Society. With respect to hiring and discharging senior professional staff (including but not limited to the five most highly compensated staff members), he or she shall obtain the Trustees’ approval. If necessary the President, in consultation with the Chair, may hire new senior staff contingent upon Trustee approval at its next meeting.

4. The President shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees and of all committees, except the audit committee.

5. With the approval of the Trustees, the President shall establish and maintain an affirmative action and equal opportunity plan for the employment of staff and personnel policies with respect to their employment.

ARTICLE VI: Indemnification and Personal Liability

1. The Society may, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each of its Trustees, Members, Fellows, committee members, officers, agents and employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as “officer”) while in office and thereafter (and the heirs, executors
and administrators of such officer) against all expenses and liabilities which he or she has reasonably incurred in connection with or arising out of any action or threatened action, suit of proceeding in which he or she may be involved by reason of his or her being or having been an officer of the Society. Such expenses and liabilities shall include, but not be limited to, judgments, court costs and attorney’s fees and the cost of reasonable settlements, provided that no such indemnification shall be made in relation to matters as to which such officer shall be finally adjudged in any such action, suit or proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interest of the Society. In the event that a settlement or compromise of such action, suit or proceeding is effected, indemnification may be had, but only if the Trustees shall have been furnished with an opinion of counsel for the Society to the effect that such a settlement or compromise is in the best interests of the Society and that such officer appears to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interests of the Society, and if the Trustees shall have adopted a resolution approving such settlement or compromise. Indemnification hereunder may, in the discretion of the Trustees, include payment by the Society of costs and expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action of proceeding in advance of the final disposition of such action or proceeding, upon receipt of an undertaking by the person indemnified to repay such payment if he or she shall be adjudicated not to be entitled to indemnification hereunder.

2. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of other rights to which any such officer may be entitled as a matter of law.

3. The Members and Fellows of the Society and of the Board of Trustees and the officers of the Society shall not be personally liable for any debt, liability or obligation to the Society. All persons, corporations or other entities extending credit to, or contracting with, or having any claim against, the Society, may look only to the funds and property of the Society for the payment of any such contract or claim, or for the payment of any debt, damages, judgment or decree, or of any money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the Society.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

1. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the Fellows present at any meeting of the Society at which a quorum is present, provided that notice of the proposed amendments, together with the positive recommendations of the Trustees in regard thereto, shall be set forth in the call for such meeting.
Daniel Aaron, HF 1975
Gordon Abbott, Jr., HF 1998
Roger Abrams, F 2004
Clark C. Abr, F 1991
Benjamin C. Adams, CF 2001
Henry Bigelow Adams, CF 1990
John Weston Adams, F 1984
Mitchell Adams, F 2001
Nancy Mortley Adams, F 1992
Peter Boylston Adams, F 1988
David Grayson Allen, F 2001
Samuel G. Allis, F 2005
Robert J. Allison, F 2000
James A. Aloisi, Jr., F 2005
Charles C. Ames, F 2009
Phyllis Andersen, F 2004
Fred W. Anderson, CF 1995
Virginia DeJohn Anderson, CF 1995
Nancy Anthony, F 2003
Joyce O. Appleby, CF 1992
Mortimer Herbert Appley, F 2008
David Armitage, F 2009
Christopher J. Armstrong, F 2000
Rodney Armstrong, F 1975
Chester Atkins, F 1999
James L. Axtell, CF 1998
Ben Haig Bagdikian, CF 1970
Bernard Bailyn, F 1958
Caroline D. Bain, F 1993
Peggy MacLachlan Baker, F 1997
Frederick D. Ballou, F 1995
Joeth S. Barker-Barlas, F 2000
W. Lewis Barlow IV, F 2008
Georgia B. Barnhill, F 2007
Robert C. Baron, F 1984
Nina Baym, CF 1999
James Adam Bear, Jr., CF 1983
Karen S. Beck, F 2009
Henry P. Becton, Jr., F 1998
Ann Beha, F 1989
James Brugler Bell, CF 1979
J. L. Bell, F 2008
Robert A. Bellinger, F 2005
Anne E. Bentley, F 2002
Leo Leroy Beranek, F 1985
Ellen Berkland, F 2011
Leslie Berlowitz, F 2011
Winfred E.A. Bernhard, F 2000
Max N. Berry, CF 2000
Michael Beschloss, F 2008
John T. Bethell, F 1992
Mary S. Bilder, F 2000
George Athan Billias, F 1980
Bailey Bishop, F 1998
Barbara Aronstein Black, CF 1990
Elizabeth Blackmar, F 2010
John M. Blum, CF 1960 †
John Bok, F 1989
Ronald A. Bosco, CF 2001
Christopher J. Bosso, F 2002
Russell Bourne, F 2010
Beth Anne Bower, F 2003
Q. David Bowers, CF 1987
Paul S. Boyer, F 1997
Allan M. Brandt, F 1996
Helen Breen, F 1996
Timothy H. Breen, CF 1997
Francis J. Bremer, CF 1996
F. Gorham Brigham, Jr., F 1991
Robert Brink, F 2000
Anne F. Brooke, F 2008
Edward William Brooke, CF 1970
John L. Brooke, CF 1994
Lois Brown, F 2009
Richard David Brown, CF 1985
Thomas N. Brown, F 1989
Charles Faulkner Bryan, Jr., F 2009
Lawrence I. Buell, F 1992
William Michael Bulger, F 1987
Webster L. Bull, F 2005
Stimson Bullitt, CF 1983
Carol L. Bundy, F 2007
James MacGregor Burns, HF 1971
Kenneth L. Burns, CF 1990
Thomas D. Burns, F 1990
Richard Lyman Bushman, CF 1974
John G. L. Cabot, F 1989
Désirée Caldwell, F 2009
Eleanor L. Campbell, F 1991
Levin Hicks Campbell, F 1977
Levin H. Campbell, Jr., F 2009
Heather P. Campion, F 2004
Christopher Capozzola, F 2009
Charles Capper, CF 1998
Robert Caro, F 2003
Benjamin L. Carp, F 2011
Vincent Carretta, F 2010
James S. Carroll, F 1996
Mark S. Carroll, CF 1968 †
Hodding Carter III, CF 1987
Philip Cash, F 2001
John Catanzeriti, CF 1988
Edward Chalfant, CF 2004
Joan Rüdder Challinor, CF 1990
Caroline J. Chang, F 1998
Joyce E. Chaplin, F 2008
Paul A. Chernoff, F 2007
Jonathan M. Chu, F 1992
Flavia Cigliano, F 2011
Christopher Clark, F 2009
William C. Clendaniel, F 1997
Henry N. Cobb, CF 2001
John Francis Cogan, Jr., F 1990
Charles Cohen, CF 1995
Daniel A. Cohen, F 2007
Sheldon Samuel Cohen, CF 1990
Ellen R. Cohn, F 2011
Donald B. Cole, CF 1995
Leo W. Collins, F 2000
Patrick Collinson, CF 1990
George T. Comeau, F 2008
Lorna Condon, F 2011
Jill Ker Conway, F 1984
Edward S. Cooke, Jr., F 2010
Francis Lowell Coolidge, F 1987
John Linzee Coolidge, F 1969
Nancy R. Coolidge, F 1991
Daniel R. Coquillettre, F 1983
Robert J. Cordy, F 2002
Nancy Falik Cott, CF 1989
William R. Cotter, F 2004
Ralph Grandaal, F 1999
John Cratsley, F 2005
James W. Crawford, F 1986
Adelaide M. Cromwell, F 1997
Robert D. Cross, CF 1963
Abbott Lowell Cummings, F 1958
Memorials to Fellows and Friends Lost, July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011

Malcolm Freiberg (1919–2011), Fellow 1958

With the death of Malcolm Freiberg, who passed away in Cambridge on June 27, the Society lost one of its best friends. Mr. Freiberg joined our staff as editor of publications in September 1957. Although he retired a little more than twenty-seven years later at the end of 1984, in a sense he never really left 1154 Boylston Street.

Born in Newburyport in 1919, Mr. Freiberg attended Middlebury College, from which he graduated in 1941. After military service during World War II, he entered the graduate program in American civilization at Brown University, where he was the first student of the distinguished early American historian Edmund S. Morgan to complete his Ph.D. Teaching appointments followed at Hampton Institute (now University) and Pennsylvania State University before he returned to Massachusetts and began his tenure at the Society.

From the 1950s to the 1970s, every member of the Society’s small staff took on multiple responsibilities. In addition to the editor’s obvious obligation to publications, Mr. Freiberg often found himself organizing the annual spring exhibition, which he complemented with a catalog or “Picture Book.” By the time of his retirement, a tally of his accomplishments also included dozens of issues of the Society’s annual, the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, more than twenty installments of the Journals of the House of Represen-
tatives of Massachusetts, and many volumes in the MHS Collections and Sibley’s Harvard Graduates series that he edited and saw through production.

MHS projects continued to fill many of his hours during a long and productive retirement. Always ready to take on an assignment, he wrote the introduction for Portraits in the Massachusetts Historical Society (1988), edited volume six of the Winthrop Papers, and prepared dozens of entries for volumes nineteen and twenty of Sibley’s Harvard Graduates.

In 2008, the Society recognized half a century of dedicated service when it endowed the Malcolm and Mildred Freiberg Fellowship, an annual research grant that also honors Mr. Freiberg’s late wife. We extend our condolences to the Freibergs’ daughter Sarah, her husband, and their children. Most of all, we offer our deep thanks for all his contributions to the life of the Society.

—Conrad Edick Wright

Peter J. Gomes (1942–2011), Fellow 1976

The death of Rev. Gomes on February 28 received considerable media attention, due to the high public profile of his position—as the minister of Harvard’s Memorial Church—but also to the affection and respect he inspired across the country and across communities. Born in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1942, Rev. Gomes remained devoted to his hometown and its history all of his life. His love of history also guided his first bachelor’s degree, from Bates College, which he followed with a degree in theology from Harvard Divinity School in 1968. In the ensuing decades, a variety of institutions conferred on him several dozen honorary degrees.

His career in higher education began in 1968 with a sojourn to Alabama, where he taught history at the Tuskegee Institute for two years before returning to Harvard as assistant minister of Memorial Church. By 1974, he was Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and minister of Memorial Church, and he established himself as the university’s leading voice on spiritual matters. He continued as preacher to the university until his death, while he also served as a faculty member in both the Divinity School and the School of Arts and Sciences.

In the 1970s, his public profile attained national breadth. In 1979, Time magazine called Rev. Gomes “one of the seven most distinguished preachers in America,” and he twice participated in presidential inaugurations. Preaching and lecturing engagements regularly took him across the country and overseas. He was also an active scholar of history and theology—one whose best-known publications spoke to a broad public audience, such as his 1996 title, The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart.

At the MHS, Rev. Gomes was just as inspiring of mien and generous with his gifts as he was with any of his other communities. Made a Fellow (then Member) in 1976, he accepted a turn on the Council (now the Board of Trustees) soon after. The MHS benefitted from his talents as a scholar and an orator. He made frequent contributions to the Proceedings, supplying the forerunner of today’s Massachusetts Historical Review and Annual Report with memoirs and scholarly essays. Rev. Gomes was among the speakers at the Bicentennial Banquet in May 1991, and in 1984 he officiated at another singular event: the only wedding ever held at 1154 Boylston Street. In 2003, he led a group of MHS Members and Fellows on a tour of his beloved Plymouth, including Pilgrim Hall and Plimoth Plantation. Many new Fellows joined the Society thanks to Rev. Gomes’s sponsorship, and he served over five years on the Meetings Committee. Most recently, he had joined the newly formed Council
of Overseers—a prospect that greatly pleased the staff and Trustees of the Society. His presence at the Overseers’ meetings will be sorely missed. As MHS Trustee the Hon. Levin H. Campbell noted following news of his death, “As so many others can say, Peter was a good friend—one of the most remarkable men I have ever met. Something very good was lost forever with his death.”

—Ondine E. Le Blanc

Hélène Kazanjian Sargeant (1919–2010), Fellow 1983

Hélène was elected a Fellow (then Member) of the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1983, when the Society was just beginning to include women. Her experience with governance as a board member of numerous medical, cultural, academic, and social service organizations; her familiarity with fundraising; her many years as a freelance writer; and her work in public relations were qualities much appreciated by others associated with the Society. She served on the Bicentennial Committee from 1990 to 1993 and on the Development Committee from 1994 to 2007. In those years the Development Department depended heavily on volunteer assistance, and Hélène’s advice was critically important.

Though she was not trained as a historian (as were most of the women who joined the Society in the 1980s), her family considered Hélène to be one. Not only did she cherish the history of her family and write sketches about some of them; she was well read in world history and an inveterate world traveler, firm in her belief that the past can best be understood by exploring historical sites and by experiencing life in other cultures.

Hélène grew up in Belmont. Her father, Dr. Varaztad Hovhannes Kazanjian, was a renowned plastic surgeon; her mother was French, which explains why Hélène insisted on the accents in her name. She graduated from Wellesley College in 1940, where she majored in English and was editor-in-chief of the student newspaper. In 1941, she received a master’s degree from Columbia University School of Journalism and returned to Wellesley to work in the public affairs office. Following America’s entry into World War II, she joined the WAVES, the newly created women’s division of the U.S. Navy, perhaps because Mildred McAfee, then president of Wellesley, had been appointed director of the WAVES. Lieutenant Kazanjian spent nearly four years as editor of the WAVES newspaper and in public relations for the WAVES. In 2004, her wartime memorabilia were exhibited at the MHS conference Women * War * Work.

In 1944, she married Ernest Sargeant, the brother of a Wellesley friend, graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, soon to be a partner at Ropes & Gray, and managing partner for many years. Ernie shared her passion for seeing the world, and she shared his passion for strenuous exercise and fly fishing. Though they had no children, Hélène and Ernie were surrogate parents to their nieces and nephews as well the children of many friends who remember Hélène as a free spirit, witty and full of fun.

—Amalie M. Kass, Trustee

Stephen B. Swensrud (1933–2011), Corresponding Fellow 2003

A valued member of the MHS Council of Overseers, Steven B. Swensrud passed away on February 6, 2011, after a long battle with cancer. Mr. Swensrud, a businessman and private investor, was introduced to the Society through his former classmate, MHS Fellow and Pulitzer Prize–winning author David McCullough.
Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Swensrud earned his undergraduate degree in history from Princeton University. Following two years of service with the U.S. Army Finance Corps and a degree from the Harvard Business School, he spent a year on the HBS staff.

The business career that grew out of these beginnings was largely involved in finance, with an emphasis on venture capital and investment management. At the Boston Capital Corporation, a venture capital organization, Mr. Swensrud was vice president from 1961 to 1967. He went on to serve as a director of many venture funded enterprises for the remainder of his life. Actively involved in investment management, Mr. Swensrud was a co-founder of Batterymarch Financial Management Corporation, a founder of Fernwood Advisors, and a director of mutual funds sponsored by Merrill Lynch and Eaton Vance Corporation.

As he focused much of his energetic philanthropic activities on Boston, his adopted home, Mr. Swensrud has been a trustee and/or officer of many area academic, educational, and medical institutions, including the Park School, the Museum of Science, Children’s Hospital Medical Center, and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Nationally, he was a trustee of the Federation for American Immigration Reform in Washington, D.C.

At the MHS, Mr. Swensrud was elected a Fellow in 2003 and an Overseer in 2010 as a result of his keen interest in American history and generous support of the Society’s education program. Through the Sidney A. Swensrud Foundation, he and his niece Nancy Anthony, who is also an MHS Trustee, established an eponymous teacher fellowship that is awarded annually. Known for his lifelong love of travel, Mr. Swensrud and his wife, Patricia, participated in a number of MHS tours throughout the past decade. Mr. Swensrud’s dedication, good humor, and generosity will be sorely missed.

—Ondine E. Le Blanc

C. Conrad Wright (1917–2011), Fellow 1985

The MHS and Harvard lost Prof. C. Conrad Wright, an emeritus faculty member of the Harvard Divinity School. In his career and retirement, Prof. Wright had not strayed from his home: he was born in Cambridge in 1917 and graduated from Harvard College in 1937. He also earned both his master’s (1942) and doctoral degrees (1946) from Harvard.

After service in the Second World War, Prof. Wright returned to Boston to teach at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he remained for eight years before taking a teaching position at Harvard in 1954. In 1955, he published his first book, *The Beginnings of Unitarianism in America*, which initiated his recognition as an authority on American religious history. Prof. Wright was also closely engaged with the Unitarian Historical Society, serving as its president in the 1960s and as the editor of its annual *Proceedings*. At Harvard, he was the John Bartlett Lecturer on New England Church History and Professor of Church History; his teaching career encompassed, formally, more than three decades, during which time he published extensively.

At the MHS, Prof. Wright made critical and extensive use of the Society’s holdings, which he knew to contain some of the best sources for understanding Unitarian history—and his publications helped spread that awareness. He also directed many of his students to undertake research at the MHS. After becoming a Fellow (then Member) in 1985, Prof. Wright participated in three of the Society’s scholarly conferences, published a major es-
say in a collection derived from one of those conferences, and contributed work to the MHS Proceedings. Of course, among his contributions to the MHS we must also count Worthington C. Ford Editor and Director of Research Conrad E. Wright, his son and a fellow historian of Harvard and Unitarianism. Through Prof. Wright’s direction, generations of researchers in religious history have discovered the importance of the Society’s collections, and his value as a mentor clearly lives on. In the words of one MHS staff member, “he was one of the most admired and beloved of teachers I have ever known.”

—Ondine E. Le Blanc

Mark S. Carroll (1924–2010), Corresponding Fellow 1968
A respected publisher and lover of language, Mark S. Carroll used his talents to benefit the publishing divisions of Yale, Harvard, and the National Park Service, among other institutions. After serving in the Army in World War II, Mr. Carroll earned his bachelor’s from Harvard University. He returned to his alma mater years later as director of Harvard University Press. His influence in the publishing world was broad: a founder of the Washington Book Publishers, he served on the boards of many professional organizations and taught publishing courses. He was also an enthusiastic amateur printer, running a moveable-type press in his basement.

Pauline Chase-Harrell (1940–2009), Fellow 2005
As an architectural historian and historic preservationist, Pauline “Polly” Chase-Harrell protected her native Boston’s architectural heritage, saving valuable structures from demolition. She served as chairwoman of the Boston Landmarks Commission, and her work connected her with many Massachusetts cultural institutions. She was also owner and president of Boston Affiliates, a historic preservation consulting firm she founded after earning her Ph.D. at Tufts University. She kept a home in Boston as well as at Arrowhead Farm in Newburyport.

John W. Delaney (1943–2010), Fellow 1996
Forging strong relationships across the political, business, and legal professions, John “Jack” W. Delaney enjoyed success in both the public and private sectors. While still an undergraduate at Harvard College, Mr. Delaney served as a staff assistant to Sen. Leverett Saltonstall; his career in state government culminated in the position of legislative assistant within the Sargent and Dukakis administrations. His private sector career included positions with the First National Bank of Boston and partner status at the law firm of Hale and Dorr.

Richard G. Durnin (1920–2007), Member
A respected historian of New Jersey, and particularly his adopted city, New Brunswick, Richard G. Durnin taught at the City College of New York for decades, retiring with the title of professor emeritus. He was active in local history circles; he helped to found the New Brunswick History Club and was later appointed to the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Charles W. Getchell (1929–2010), Fellow 1995
An attorney who distinguished himself in private practice as well as in the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. attorney’s office in San Francisco, Charles W. Getchell served as an officer in the U.S. Navy after graduating from Stanford University and Stanford Law School. Outside
of his legal career, he wrote poetry, founded the Ipswich Press, attended Boston’s Tavern Club, and served as secretary to the Sabre Foundation, which distributes donated books to underserved communities around the world.

Norman A. Graebner (1915–2010), Corresponding Fellow 1983
An award-winning teacher, Norman A. Graebner was recognized as a top authority on American diplomatic history. Mr. Graebner enjoyed a diverse education over the course of his life, earning degrees from Milwaukee State Teachers College, the University of Oklahoma, Oxford University, and the University of Chicago, where he earned his doctorate. He was a treasured professor at several institutions, including Iowa State University in Ames, the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, and the University of Virginia; and during his Army service in Japan, he established a school for U.S. soldiers.

Max R. Hall (1910–2011), Honorary Fellow 1970
A journalist, writer, teacher, and editor, Max R. Hall was highly influential in the field of scholarly editing for his promotion of reader-friendly, clear language. Mr. Hall was editor at Harvard’s Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, editorial adviser at Harvard Business School, and social sciences editor at Harvard University Press. He wrote many articles for Harvard Magazine, and authored several books, including Harvard University Press: A History. Earlier in his writing career, he worked at the Associated Press.

Catherine A. Hull (1922–2011)
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given in her memory: Henry Dwight Sedgwick III and Robert Minturn Sedgwick family papers
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Lawrence T. Perera: Letter from Abigail Adams to Cotton Tufts, March 2, 1788
David E. Place
Oakes Plimpton
Vincent Puliafico
Phyllis Ritvo
Judith Robinson
Mike Roseboom
Guildo Rousseau
Jake Ruddiman
Anthony M. Sammarco
Roberta Howe Senechal: Additions to Frank Irving Howe, Jr., papers and photographs
Robert Bayard Severy
James L. Shaw, Jr.
Michael E. Shay
Reiner Smolinski
Richard P. Stebbins: Additions to the Howard L. Stebbins papers
Jan Stievermann
James M. Storey: Storey and Madison family papers and books, including an 1828 letter from James Madison to Richard Cutts, and Charles Moorfield Storey papers
Maureen Taylor
Serge Patrice Thibodeau
Trinity Church, Boston (deposit): Additions to Trinity Church records
Kenneth W. Van Blarcom: Manuscript genealogy of the descendants of Henry Adams by Elijah Adams
Vivian Walworth: Manuscript volume kept by James B. Bradlee
Anne Backus Wanzer: European travel diary and sketchbook by Elizabeth “Bessie” Perkins Lee
Barbara Whitmore
Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai
Sheila Dickman Zarrow
Lynn Zastoupil
Ronald J. and Mary S. Zboray

**Library Purchases**
Anonymous document recalling the Methuen earthquake of August 1884, written ca. 1922
Account book of expenses kept by Rev. Amos Binney, 1824–1842
Manuscript minute book of the Charlestown & Somerville Trading Association, 1852–1856, including business accounts of Charlestown carpenter Earl Wyman, 1856–1865
Childhood drawings of Bertha Louise Cogswell, ca. 1876–1882
Account book kept by William Dawes, Jr., as a Boston grocer and tanner, 1788–1798; tea caddy owned by Lydia Dawes; and a rubber stamp
Manuscript accounts kept by Littleton, Mass., tanner Benjamin Dix, 1813–1822
Letters to Benjamin Seaver, former mayor of Boston, from his children, 1854
Civil War letters written by Frank L. Smith, 1861–1865
Letters from Judith Winsor Smith to her husband, Silvanus (Vena) Smith, 1850–1853

**Art and Artifacts**
Susan Doolittle: Oil portrait of Joseph Lee by an unknown artist, ca. 1930
Emily S. Lewis: Civil War recruitment banner for the New England Guards (24th Mass. Infantry Regiment)
Jane Saltonstall: Saltonstall family artifacts including bottles, china, the Massachusetts flag that hung in Leverett Saltonstall’s office, and a naval ship’s cannon said to have been captured at the Battle of New Orleans in 1815
John W. Sears: Massachusetts Oak Tree shilling and two copper cents
James M. Storey: James Madison’s shoe buckles
MHS-NEH Fellowships

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“The Indian Great Awakening: Religion and the Shaping of Native Cultures in Early America”

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“American Aeneids: Conquest and Conversion in Poetry from the Americas” (tenure deferred to 2011–2012)

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African American Studies Fellowship
Richard Boles, The George Washington University
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“When in Rome: American Relations with the Italian States from Thomas Jefferson to Nathaniel Hawthorne, 1790–1860”

Matthew Bahar, University of Oklahoma
“The People of the Dawnland and Their Atlantic World”

Irene Cheng, Columbia University
“Forms of Function: Self Culture, Geometry, and Octagon Architecture in Antebellum America”

Rachel Herrmann, University of Texas at Austin
“Food and War: Indians, Slaves, and the American Revolution”

Sarah Keyes, University of Southern California
“Circling Back: Migration to the Pacific and the Reconfiguration of America, 1820–1900”

Susan Pearson, Northwestern University
“Registering Birth: Population and Personhood in American History”

Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, Columbia University
“Corresponding Republics: Private Letters and Patriot Societies in the American, Dutch, and French Revolutions, ca. 1765–1792”

Marc Silverstone, University of Virginia
“Henry Cabot Lodge and the Withdrawal of American Troops from Vietnam”

David Silverman, The George Washington University
“Thundersticks: Firearms and the Transformation of Native America”

Malcolm and Mildred Freiberg Fellowship
Mary Kelley, University of Michigan
“American Reading and Writing Practices, 1760–1860”

Marc Friedlaender Fellowship
Marc-William Palen, University of Texas at Austin
“The Cleveland ‘Conspiracy’: Mugwump, Free Trade Ideology, and Foreign Policy in Gilded Age America”

Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati Fellowship

David Preston, The Citadel
“Braddock’s Veterans: Paths of Loyalty in the British Empire, 1755–1775”

Ruth R. and Alyson R. Miller Fellowships

Nora Doyle, University of North Carolina
“A Higher Place in the Scale of Being: Experience and Representation of the Maternal Body in America, 1750–1865”

Laura Prieto, Simmons College
“New Woman: New Empire: 1898 and Its Legacies for Women in the United States”

Paine Publication Fund Fellowship

Edward Hanson, The Papers of Robert Treat Paine

Twentieth-Century History Fellowship

Brian Gratton, Arizona State University
“Henry Cabot Lodge and the Politics of Immigration Restriction”

W. B. H. Dowse Fellowships

Sara Damiano, The Johns Hopkins University
“Financial Credit and Professional Credibility: Lawyers and Laypeople in New England Ports, 1700–1776”

Neal Dugre, Northwestern University

New England Regional Fellowships

Thomas Adams, Tulane University
“The Servicing of America: Service Work, Political Economy, and the Making of Modern America”

Rachel Cope, Brigham Young University

Fellowship Recipients
July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011
“Drops of Grace and Mercy: How Women Cultivated Personal Change through Conversion Processes”
Christine DeLucia, Yale University
“The Memory Frontier: Making Past and Place in the Northeast after King Philip’s War”
Allison Elias, University of Virginia
“Gendering the Problems of Working Women: Clerical Workers, Labor Organizing, and Second-Wave Feminism”
Hayley Glaholt, Northwestern University
“‘Reversing the Chivalry of Christ’: Quaker Women Challenge the ‘Species Line’ of Pacifist Ethics”
Jane Fiegen Green, Washington University St. Louis
“The Boundary of Youth: Adulthood and Civil Society in Early America, 1780–1850”
Yu-ling Huang, State University of New York at Binghamton
“The United States and Reproductive Politics in Postwar East Asia: A Transnational Network of Demographic Knowledge, Contraceptive Technologies, and Population Control Policies”
Robert Mussey
“‘To Seek a Better Country’: A Biography of Richard Cranch and Family”
Nicholas Osborne, Columbia University
“Little Capitalists: Savings Institutions in United States History, 1816–1941”
Christopher Pastore, University of New Hampshire
“From Sweetwater to Seawater: An Environmental and Atlantic History of Narragansett Bay, 1636–1836”
Joshua Smith, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
“Yankee Doodle Upset: New England’s Yankee Identity in the War of 1812”
Peter Wirzbicki, New York University
“Black Intellectuals, White Abolitionists, and Revolutionary Transcendentalists: Creating the Radical Intellectual Tradition in Antebellum Boston”
Suzanne and Caleb Loring Fellowship on the Civil War, Its Origins, and Consequences
Peter Wirzbicki, New York University
“Black Intellectuals, White Abolitionists, and Revolutionary Transcendentalists: Creating the Radical Intellectual Tradition in Antebellum Boston”
Teacher Fellowships
Kass Teacher Fellow
Tia Esposito, Boston College High School, Boston, Mass.
“Robert Morris: The Forgotten Pearl of the Anti-slavery Movement in Massachusetts”
Swensrud Teacher Fellows
Matthew Johnson, South Shore Vocational Technical High School, Hanover, Mass.
“Slavery in Massachusetts, 1630–1860”
Jennifer Larose, Hingham Middle School, Hingham, Mass.
“Chief Justice William Cushing and the Abolition of Slavery”
Seminars

Boston Early American History Seminar

September 16  Francis J. Bremer (Millersville University), “Not Quite So Visible Saints: Reexamining Church Membership in Early New England”

October 14  Richard Alan Ryerson, “The Discovery of the Republic, 1768–1772”

December 9  Sharon Ann Murphy (Providence College), “Banking on the Public’s Trust: The Image of Commercial Banks in Pennsylvania around the Panic of 1819”


April 14  Sarah Pearsall (Oxford Brookes University), “‘To give up having many wives’: The Politics of Polygamy in Colonial North America”


Boston Environmental History Seminar


November 9  Richard Judd (University of Maine at Orono), “Rethinking Environmental History: The View from New England”

December 14  Steve Moga (MIT), “Flattening the City: Zoning, Topography, and Nature in the American City, 1908–1945”

January 11  Philip Loheed (Boston Architectural College), Sarah Howard-McHugh, and Ninian Stein, “City as Change: Collaborations for Sustainable Urban Life”

February 8  Megan Kate Nelson (California State University, Fullerton), “‘Like birds in a snare’: Battling the Desert during the American Civil War”

April 12  James C. O’Connell (National Park Service), “Smart Growth in Massachusetts”

Boston Immigration and Urban History Seminar

September 30  Erika Lee (University of Minnesota), “Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America”

October 28  Michael Ebner (Lake Forest College), “Motives, Interests, and Mapmakers: Storylines about the Drawing of Boundaries in Metropolitan America”

November 18  Yael Schacher (Harvard University), “Desertion, Deportation, and Asylum: Alien Seamen in U.S. Ports, 1930s–1950s”

January 27  Llana Barber (Boston College), “If we would . . . leave the city, this would be a ghost town’: Urban Crisis and Latino Migration in Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1945–2000”


April 28  Timothy B. Neary (Salve Regina University), “A Catholic ‘League of Nations’: Redefining Ethnic and Civic Identity in New Deal Chicago”

Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender

October 7  Karen V. Hansen (Brandeis University) and Grey Osterud, “A Stake in the Land: Theorizing
Gender and Land Ownership” (at Schlesinger Library)
December 16 Molly Geidel (Boston University), “Breaking the Bonds: Domesticity, Decolonization, and the Peace Corps Girl in the 1960s”
March 10 Annette Gordon-Reed (Harvard University), “The Hemings Family in the Nineteenth Century” (at Schlesinger Library)
April 21 Dayo Gore (University of Massachusetts—Amherst), “Engendering and Internationalizing the Long Black Freedom Struggle”

Public Programs

Evening Lectures
September 29 Eric Jay Dolin, on his book Fur, Fortune and Empire: The Epic History of the Fur Trade in America
October 21 Eric Jaffe, on his book The King's Best Highway: The Lost History of the Boston Post Road
October 27 Pauline Maier (MIT), on her book Ratification: The People Debate the Constitution, 1787–1788
November 1 Joseph Ellis (Mt. Holyoke), on his book First Family: Abigail and John Adams (at Brookline Booksmith)
November 8 Nick Bunker, “The Mayflower Compact”
February 17 Beverly Palmer (Charles Sumner Papers), “To Place the Federal Govt on the Side of Freedom” (Remembering Charles Sumner Bicentennial Program)
March 22 Walt Woodward (State Historian of Connecticut), on his book Prospero's America: John Winthrop, Jr., Alchemy, and the Creation of New England Culture, 1606–1676
June 16 Paul Lockhart (Wright State University), on his book The Whites of Their Eyes: Bunker Hill, the First American Army, and the Emergence of George Washington

Conversations: Creating the Past (facilitator, Steve Marini, Wellesley College)
December 7 Rebecca Eaton (PBS Masterpiece), “Creating the Past through Drama”

Conversations: Dangers and Denials (facilitator, Steve Marini, Wellesley College)
February 10 Andrew Bacevich (Boston University), on his book The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism
March 5 Bruce Ackerman (Yale Law School), on his book The Decline and Fall of the American Republic
April 8 Jim Kloppenberg (Harvard University), on his book Reading Obama: Dreams, Hopes, and the American Political Tradition

Special Events
October 11 Open House: Part of the Fenway Alliance’s Opening Our Doors festival
November 6 & April 30 Family Program: “History Laboratory” for students and parents (with Johns Hopkins University)
March 2 Film Screening: Hit and Run History with producer Andrew Buckley
May 26 Second Annual Jefferson Lecture, Andrea Wulf, on her book Founding Gardeners: How the Revolutionary Generation Created an American Eden (with Arnold Arboretum)

Conferences
June 6 Massachusetts Public History Conference (co-sponsor): “Off the Record: Telling Lives of People Hidden in Plain Sight” (at Holy Cross)
April 7–9 “What’s New about the New Immigration to the U.S.? Traditions and Transformations since 1965”

Brown-Bag Lunch Talks
July 7 Robert Mussey, “And shall we not be all together?: Richard Cranch and His Family”
July 14 Neal Dugre, “Creative Union: Civic Innovation in Seventeenth-Century New England”
August 4 David Silverman, “Thundersticks: Firearms and the Transformation of Native America”
August 18 Daniel R. Mandell, “Revolutionary Price and Wage Regulation”
September 1 Matthew Bahar, “People of the Dawnland and Their Atlantic World”
September 8 Sarah Keyes, “Beyond the Plains: Migration to the Pacific and the Reconfiguration of America, 1820–1900”
September 17 Sara Damiano, “Financial Credit and Professional Credibility: Lawyers and Laypeople in Eighteenth-Century New England Ports”
October 5 Beth Luey, on her book Expanding the American Mind: Books and the Popularization of Knowledge
October 15 Sheldon Cohen, “Commodore Abraham Whipple”
November 3 Peter Wirzbicki, “The Adelphic Union: the Creation of a Black Intellectual Community in Antebellum Boston”
December 1 Rachel Tamar Van, “That Family Feeling: At Home with Homo Economicus”
January 5 Alexander Kluger, “What Is ‘Influence’? German Literature and American Transcendentalism”
February 14 Marc-William Palen, “The Cleveland ‘Conspiracy’: Mugwumpery, Free Trade Ideology, and Foreign Policy in Gilded Age America”
February 18 Joshua Smith, “Franks and Beans on Saturday Night: Yankee Ethnicity Considered”
February 23 Edward W. Hanson, “Crime in the Early Republic: Robert Treat Paine as Massachusetts Attorney General”
February 25 Alan Hoffman, “Lafayette and the Farewell Tour”
March 2 Rachel Herrmann, “Food and War: Indians, Slaves, and the American Revolution”
March 4 Mary Kelley, “‘What Are You Reading, What Are You Saying’: American Reading and Writing Practices, 1760–1860”
March 16 Brian Gratton, “Henry Cabot Lodge and the Politics of Immigration Restriction”
April 12 Kathleen Barker, Jayne Gordon, Elaine Grublin, “A Crisis in Leadership: Massachusetts on the Eve of the Civil War”
May 4 Laura Prieto, “New Women in an American Empire, 1898–1910”
May 18 Richard Boles, “Africans and Indians in Massachusetts Churches, 1730–1850”
June 1 Rachel Cope, “Drops of Grace and Mercy: How Women Cultivated Personal Change through Conversion Processes”
June 10 Carrie Hyde, “Alienable Rights”
June 13 David Preston, “Braddock’s Veterans: Paths of Loyalty in the British Empire, 1755–1775”
June 14 Julie Winch, on her book The Clamorgans: One Family’s History of Race in America

Courses and Series: “What Does Massachusetts Have to Do With… ?”
November 16 Jefferson’s Personal Papers (Library—Reader Services Department)
December 14 The California Gold Rush (Education—Public Programs Department)
January 18 The French Revolution (Adams Papers Editorial Project)
March 1 Tahiti, Pirates, and Graham Crackers (Collections Services Department)
May 17 Columbus Day (Research Department)
May 31 Photographs of World War I Battlefields (Publications Department)
Courses and Series: Middays at the Meeting House Series (co-sponsor) at Old South: 
“A Nation Born: The Battles of Lexington and Concord”
March 3  The Landscape of Memory: A Sense of Place
March 10  “Let Us Wait No Longer!” Salem and the Lexington Alarm
March 17  Where Did It Begin? The Ongoing “Feud” between Lexington and Concord
March 24  Grandfathers, Grandsons: Parkers, Emersons, and the Legacy of Revolution
March 31  Unfinished Symphony

Teacher Visits and Workshops

Teaching American History Workshops (funded by the Federal Department of Education)
July 15  “Clover Adams,” a visit from Weymouth Public School teachers
August 16  “Making Freedom,” a visit from Burlington Public School teachers
October 7  “Equality in Education,” a visit from Boston Public School teachers
October 16 & 23  “The Case for Ending Slavery,” a visit from TEC, an eastern Massachusetts education collaborative
October 19  “History through Art,” a visit from Lowell Public School teachers
March 26  “The Idea of Freedom: The Language of Rights and the Fight to End Slavery,” a visit from TEC, an eastern Massachusetts education collaborative
June 15  “From Colony to Commonwealth,” a visit from Laramie County (Wyo.) Public School teachers
June 16  “John Adams: Using Documents,” a visit from Florida Public School teachers
June 21  “From Colony to Commonwealth,” a visit from Fountain and Fort Carson (Colo.) Public School teachers
June 22  “The Coming of the American Revolution,” a visit from Charlottesville (Va.) Public School teachers
June 27  “Local Debates over the Ratification of the Constitution,” a visit from Hudson Public School teachers
June 29–20  “Biography through Equality,” a visit from Boston Public School teachers

Other Teacher Workshops and Education Events
August 1–6  “At the Crossroads of Revolution: Boston, Lexington, and Concord in 1775,” a National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop for Schoolteachers
August 10  “Poetry with a Purpose,” a workshop co-sponsored by the Paul Revere House
September 28  “Founding a Nation: The Ideals of Freedom,” a workshop co-sponsored by the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association
October 28  “Making Digital Archives Less Mysterious,” a presentation at the South Carolina EdTech Conference
November 2 & 9  “Boston and the British Atlantic World,” a workshop co-sponsored by Teachers as Scholars
April 2  “Recruiting a Union Army,” a presentation at the National Council for History Education Conference
April 13  “American Women and the Red Cross in WWI,” a presentation at the Northeast Regional Conference on the Social Studies

Student Visits and Workshops
July 14  “Boston and the Freedom Trail,” a workshop for Suffolk University students
September 23  Introduction to the MHS for Suffolk University students
November 10  “Boston and the Freedom Trail,” a workshop for Suffolk University students
January 11  “Boston in the American Revolution,” a workshop for Harvard Extension School students
February 14  “Boston Massacre,” a workshop for Wellesley College students
March 2 “Historical Interpretation and the Archives,” a workshop for Suffolk University students
March 24 “Opening the Archives,” a workshop for Northeastern University students
March 29 “The Art and Craft of Interpretation,” a presentation for University of Massachusetts—Boston students
April 7 “Colonial America,” a workshop for Torah Academy (Brookline, Mass.) students
June 1 “American Revolution,” a workshop for Torah Academy (Brookline, Mass.) students
June 3 & 16 “American Revolution,” a workshop for The Linden School (Malden, Mass.) students
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