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A Message from the Chair of the Board & the President

Thanks to a well-managed investment portfolio and the generosity of its Fellows, Members, and friends, the MHS was able to end the 2008 fiscal year in a strong financial position. Even in a weakening economy, we saw our Annual Fund reach a record goal. We are pleased to report that fiscal 2008 ended with a balanced budget.

Spurred by the Trustees' endorsement of our recently completed strategic plan, we made significant strides in meeting its goals. A common theme of the plan is the need to broaden the Society's audience and to bring attention to the value and importance of our collections and the work we do. Because it overcomes physical distance, embracing technology—especially digital initiatives—is at the heart of our efforts. This year, two digital projects went online: *The Coming of the American Revolution* and *Founding Families: Digital Editions of the Papers of the Winthrops and the Adamses*, both funded with multiyear grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities. *CAR*, as it's fondly known in-house, engages a pre-college educational audience, coordinating a timeline of the Revolution with 165 primary source documents from our collections and teacher-created curricula. *Founding Families* converted the content of thirty-eight printed volumes of the *Adams Papers* and seven volumes of the *Winthrop Papers* to electronic text, including all annotations and indexes. Over 17,000 document transcriptions from the original books are now available on our website.

This year, when John Adams was in the limelight, brought the MHS much public exposure. As HBO Films partnered with the U.S. Post Service to publicize the miniseries *John Adams*, the Society also participated with a special website that connected stories from each episode with primary source material from our collections. We benefited greatly from direct links from the HBO and the USPS websites. In the fall, what we can only describe as a “rock concert for history” took place at Faneuil Hall. This public launch of *My Dearest Friend*, a new edition of the letters of John and Abigail, drew over eight hundred attendees for a reading of these letters by Sen. and Mrs. Kennedy, Gov. and Mrs. Patrick, and Gov. and Mrs. Dukakis. It was bringing history to life, and to the public, at its best. A memorable evening.

Our activities multiplied on all fronts, and a growing number of partnerships helped make that possible. The Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe joined us in launching a new seminar series, the Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender; the Boston Athenæum collaborated on the creation of a new fellowship, the Suzanne and Caleb Loring Fellowship on the Civil War, Its Origins, and Consequences. Malcolm Freiberg, MHS Editor of Publications Emeritus, and his late wife, Mildred, were also honored by a fellowship in their name. Among the many new public programs was the establishment of a thematically structured Conversation Series aimed at exploring aspects of historical research. These examples only skim the surface of a very active year.

Of course, we continue to acquire wonderful treasures, with additions of more than forty manuscript items and collections during fiscal 2008. The work of processing and preserving this material, as well as our backlog, is never ending and key to any effort to connect our superb holdings with a growing audience. Towards that end, catalogers added another eight thousand records to ABIGAIL, our online catalog.

The MHS is thriving and making great strides to achieve its mission thanks to our essential triumvirate: the Trustees, the staff, and our Fellows, Members, and friends. This symbiotic relationship is at the heart of our success.

—Amalie M. Kass, Chair, Board of Trustees

—Dennis Fiori, MHS President

1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

the year in review

COLLECTIONS

During the 2008 fiscal year, through gifts or purchases the MHS brought in more than forty new collections, including individual items, and augmented already existing collections. Measured in shelf space, the additions extended the Society's holdings by 160 linear feet. (For the complete list of library accessions, see page 16.) The additions range across formats, from manuscript letters to portraits (Sir Richard Saltonstall, 1586–1661) and china (Wheelwright family), and over more than three centuries. The earliest addition for the year was a manuscript notebook containing Abraham Wellman's notes on sermons delivered in Wakefield from 1685 to 1689; the most recent were the records of the Fenway Garden Society, the only remaining World War II victory garden, which included documents from its founding in 1944 to the present day. Among the highlights of single item acquisitions for the year was a George Washington letter that had been hanging in the ancestral home of its recipient, Revolutionary War general Benjamin Lincoln.

Significant collections of family papers continue to form the core of the Society's accessions. New collections for the fiscal year included the Kimball-Griswold papers, which contain diaries, sermons, correspondence, and photographs of Unitarian minister J. C. Kimball and his family as well as the Civil War papers of Joseph Edward Kimball of the First Massachusetts Volunteers. The Society added to its already substantial holdings of Shaw and Forbes family collections with letters to and from Lemuel Shaw, chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, and his mother, wife, and son, and additional letters of John Murray Forbes, William Hathaway Forbes, and Edith (Emerson) Forbes. The donor of the Shaw materials also gave a letter that Joseph Forrest wrote to his son French Forrest, then a midshipman on the sloop of war *Hornet*, in which he summarized a recent missive from French's brother [Dulaney] Forrest, an acting lieutenant under Com. Oliver H. Perry, on the capture of the British fleet at the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813. The Civil War and War of 1812 are also documented in a collection of Baurly family papers that include letters from Frederick Francis Baurly to his mother, Mary Clark Baurly, while serving aboard the USS sloop of war *Wasp* in 1813–1814 and letters from Frederick F. Baurly to his father while serving as a lieutenant in the US Navy in 1864–1865. A small collection of papers of Baurly relation Hugh Hall, a colonial merchant in Boston and Barbados, enhances an existing collection of Hall's papers that include his account book recording the sale of slaves. Among the significant additions to existing collections of individuals' papers for 2007–2008 was a gift of letters by historian William Hickling Prescott, including one that describes the excitement surrounding the publication of Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

The Society further enhanced its substantial Civil War holdings with other individual collections, such as a set of letters by Danvers native Jacob Curtis that documents his service in the Fourth Independent Battery of Massachusetts Light Artillery. The papers of Col. Francis Lee, another new collection, relate his time with the Forty-Fourth Massachusetts Infantry Regiment; highlights among the letters include one from Charles Russell Lowell regarding the need for a strong leader to command the new black regiment in Massachusetts and two letters from members of the Massachusetts Fifty-Fifth Infantry Regiment, the second black regiment raised in the state, expressing the soldiers' frustrations about their pay.

The process of acquiring the records of the Massachusetts Audubon Society—a major piece of the Society’s initiative in environmental history—continued throughout FY08. During that time, records from the individual wildlife sanctuaries across the state joined more than one hundred cartons of previously accessioned administrative records. Other environmental materials acquired included records of the Massachusetts Environmental Trust and the New England Natural Resource Center.

The processing and preservation of items already held by or on deposit at the MHS also progressed throughout the year. In the area of cataloging, the collections services staff added bibliographic records to ABIGAIL, our online catalog, on a daily basis. Catalogers added 8,000 records to the system, bringing the total number of records at the end of June to almost 160,000. Due to efforts during FY08, the Society’s entire collection of broadsides—single sheets of paper printed on one side and intended for display or distribution—is now cataloged in ABIGAIL. By June 2008, ABIGAIL also included records for all of the Society’s pamphlets published through 1853. More than 50 new finding aids—narrative guides to manuscript collections—became available (and fully searchable) at the MHS website, increasing the total number available by the end of the fiscal year to almost 350. Thanks to generous funding from the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, the staff cataloged more than 110 artifacts and medals related to the American Revolution and created finding aids to five separate Revolutionary-era currency collections representing some 1,200 individual pieces. Users can now find a bottle of tea from the Boston Tea Party and Revolutionary War swords and firearms described in our online catalog along with books and manuscripts.

The Society made significant progress in its preservation work during fiscal 2008. A Library Services and Technology Grant funded a preservation survey of the paper-based collections at the MHS that will result in a comprehensive “preservation action plan.” Those efforts build on a strong foundation established in previous years with the creation of an emergency preparedness plan and a strategy for prioritizing the repair and conservation of manuscripts at risk, as well as the addition of the endowed position of the Nora Saltonstall Preservation Librarian in 2006.

While the work of acquisition, processing, and preservation may happen behind the scenes, the goal is always the same: to make the Society’s holdings available for the study and understanding of American history. In recent years, the library has been able to reach an ever-widening audience through the creation of “digital collections”: online displays of sets of papers and objects defined by author or topic. In FY08, the technical services staff completed one such effort and moved forward on another, both with funding from Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants, administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Gathered as a digital collection under the title *Images of the Antislavery Movement in Massachusetts*, 840 images of photographs, paintings, engravings, sculpture, banners, and artifacts related to the abolitionist movement in Massachusetts now appear at the MHS website as a virtual exhibition (www.masshist.org/online/abolition.cfm). More than 700 of them are available as links embedded in the finding aid to the Portraits of American Abolitionists collection; the remaining items can be found either through the “Browse by Format” section of the new website or directly through ABIGAIL. The other LSTA-funded digitization project, completed in September 2008, presents approximately 100 images of unique and rare printed and manuscript maps of Massachusetts localities (www.masshist.org/online/massmaps/).

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Since March 2008, the MHS reading room has been open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Increased hours benefit both the Society’s traditional audience of academic researchers, more than half of whom have traveled to the MHS from outside Massachusetts, as well as secondary-school teachers, students, and members of a wider interested public. During FY08, there were 2,257 research visits to the library, including 640 new readers registered to use MHS collections. As in past years, an even larger number of researchers queried the reference librarians from a distance—1,650 by e-mail and more than 1,100 by telephone; the latter constituted a dramatic reversal of the long-term downward trend in the number of telephone queries. The library staff also created more than 500 digital images to fulfill requests from researchers and publishers.

Among the researchers visiting the reading room every year, a certain number enjoy the support of fellowships from the Society, and fiscal 2008 was a banner year for research fellowships. The number of offerings grew with the

addition of two new awards: the Suzanne and Caleb Loring Fellowship on the Civil War, Its Origins, and Consequences and the Malcolm and Mildred Freiberg Fellowship. Established in collaboration with the Boston Athenæum, the Loring Fellowship—which also selected its first recipient in 2008—provides support for a month of research at the Society and a second month at the Athenæum. The Freiberg Fellowship honors our long-time Editor of Publications Malcolm Freiberg and his late wife, Mildred, with an annual short-term grant that gives priority to projects pertaining to printing and publishing. The first Freiberg fellow will be appointed in April 2009. In FY08, the Society awarded 19 short-term fellowships, 4 long-term grants (through support from the National Endowment for the Humanities), and 1 Loring fellowship. Through the New England Regional Fellowship Consortium, a collaboration of 18 historical agencies with headquarters at the MHS, we shared in awarding 12 regional grants that underwrite research at member institutions. The total of 36 research fellowships is our largest number to date. (A full list of fellowship recipients appears on pages 17 and 18.)

While the majority of research fellowship recipients are graduate students and college faculty, the Society also awards funds every year to support the research projects of educators teaching at elementary, middle, and high schools. In FY08, a total of seven teacher fellows undertook summer projects at the MHS, exploring topics such as John Quincy Adams's role in westward expansion, the interplay of religion and politics in American history, and connections between antebellum Boston and the "Golden Age" of Athens and Greece. Each teacher's research usually results in a curriculum module, and it is the Society's goal to make as many of these as possible available online, where many more educators can use the resources in order to introduce the study of history through primary documents into their classrooms. By June 2008, a total of ten teacher-created curricula were available on the MHS website, eight of which were new projects added during the previous year, including "Abigail Adams, the Writer" (prepared for use in an English or language arts class) and "John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and the Birth of Party Politics in America."

Alongside the digital collections created by the collections services staff (page 3), other digitization initiatives at the Society seek to make the content of our holdings available with authoritative contextual information that can be of use to young historians and advanced researchers alike. Two major digital undertakings reached fruition in 2008, both multiyear projects funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. At the end of June, the Society launched *The Coming of the American Revolution* (www.masshist.org/revolution/), which guides users along a timeline leading up to the Revolution with the aid of 165 primary source documents from MHS collections, 15 key topics, and 9 overarching core concepts. The site also features related teacher-created curricula.

The other NEH-funded project, released in June 2008, is *Founding Families: Digital Editions of the Papers of the Winthrops and the Adamses* (www.masshist.org/ff/), which converted to electronic text the contents of thirty-eight printed volumes of the *Adams Papers* and seven of the *Winthrop Papers*. The *Adams Papers* as presented on the website currently include transcriptions of more than 15,000 documents, the rough total of the pieces included in the five original subseries. The *Winthrop Papers* includes transcriptions of more than 2,300 Winthrop family documents, with an emphasis on the writings of John Winthrop, Sr., the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay colony, and his son John Winthrop, Jr. Both editions also carry over the substantial intellectual value of the editorial work from the printed volumes: the introductions, annotations, and indexes.

As the legacy volumes were being prepared for their online debut, the Adams Papers editorial project enjoyed another highly productive year, preparing additional material for release in print. New awards from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission (\$162,550) and the Packard Humanities Institute (\$270,000) were supplemented by a five-year gift from the Gould Foundation (\$100,000). In April, the project added a new volume to the ongoing series: volume fourteen of the *Papers of John Adams*, the sixth Adams Papers scholarly edition published since 2003, appeared in April. Covering the period from October 1782 to May 1783, this volume chronicles Adams's role in the peace negotiations that concluded the war of the American Revolution. During that same time, work also advanced on volume nine of *Adams Family Correspondence*, which will appear in spring 2009.

The project staff also reached milestones on two new ventures in the Adams line: the completion of a new edition of John and Abigail's letters and the initial work on an edition of Louisa Catherine Adams's autobiographical writings. In October 2007, Harvard University Press published *My Dearest Friend: Letters of Abigail and John Adams*, a new

selection from the famous couple's correspondence. The work received good reviews and became a popular success with sales in excess of thirty thousand copies. In January 2008, the Adams Papers launched its first non-founding era project since publishing the last volume of the *Diary of Charles Francis Adams* in 1986. *The Diary and Autobiographical Writings of Louisa Catherine Adams*, a two-volume scholarly edition to be published in 2011, will be followed by a selected edition for a popular audience. This work will be supported by private contributions and the royalties received from *My Dearest Friend*.

PROGRAMMING AND OUTREACH

As mandated by the Strategic Plan, which the Board of Trustees adopted in spring 2008, the Society took its first steps in a national visibility initiative by making efforts to reach a wider audience locally and beyond. In the fall of 2007, the library staff mounted the *Moments of Destiny* exhibition, designed to illustrate two centuries of U.S.-Russian diplomatic relations; on display were the personal papers of Massachusetts men and women who served in St. Petersburg or hosted Russian officials on visits to Boston. While the documents showcased one of the many fascinating aspects of the Society's holdings, it was a new approach to access that made this exhibition unprecedented: for the first time, the Society's building was open to visitors each afternoon, every day of the week. During the time the items were on display, several hundred visitors came through to view them.

In a particularly useful bit of serendipity, HBO Films launched its much-lauded miniseries *John Adams* just as the MHS sought new ways to catch the general public's eye, and the Society made the most of this exceptional opportunity to present our holdings to a national audience. The MHS joined the Boston Public Library and Comcast in cohosting the Boston premiere of the miniseries, at which Tom Hanks and David McCullough spoke. A partnership between HBO and the United States Postal Service (USPS), which focused on the value of the traditional paper-based letter, trained the spotlight on the Society's Adams Family Papers collection: images and quotations from selected Adams letters appeared on USPS greeting cards, and a link on the USPS website took visitors to images of the original letters. The HBO Films site for the series featured a prominent link to an MHS mini web exhibition, *John Adams: The Letters behind the HBO Miniseries* (www.masshist.org/adams/explore-adams/). The site pairs the story as told in the miniseries with primary source materials from MHS holdings: a synopsis of each episode precedes scans and transcriptions of selected documents that informed McCullough's insight into the events of Adams's life.

Library staff, with the support of the development office, mounted two exhibitions timed to coincide with and celebrate the HBO miniseries. In Boston, due in part to publicity in the press, over 1,600 visitors viewed the exhibition *John Adams: A Life in Letters*, sponsored by Eaton Vance Investment Counsel. The smaller of the two exhibitions, *My Dearest Friend: Letters of Abigail and John Adams* traveled to Vassar College, where approximately 3,000 visitors saw it. The array of private, public, and educational programs organized around the latter resulted in positive press, much good will, and a broader reach for the Society. The Society also produced a companion publication, *The Adams Papers at the Massachusetts Historical Society*, featuring full-color illustrations and descriptive information about selected Adams manuscripts. We hope this will be a model for future traveling exhibitions and outreach.

In its continued commitment to promoting the use of primary source materials at the pre-college level, the Society hosted or participated in almost twenty teacher and student events. Workshops specifically designed for teachers included four funded by Teaching American History grants, two arranged with the Teachers as Scholars program, and one made available as part of a national conference; additional workshops addressed various topics, such as the French and Indian War and the Adams Family, and in one program David McCullough discussed methods for teaching history. The Society also opened its doors to students from eight classrooms, ranging from middle-school to university level and hailing from five different states. All enjoyed presentations by MHS staff members and historians from nearby universities.

Programs for the general public took a number of forms during the fall and spring of fiscal 2008, including the tried-and-true evening lecture (one in the fall and one in the spring) and introducing new approaches, such as the thematically structured Conversation Series. For its inaugural year, the latter took on the theme of History and Memory, and master of ceremonies Steven Marini of Wellesley College facilitated four lively discussions with scholars and audi-

ence members on topics that included “Searching for Memory: The Brain, the Mind, and the Past” and “The Battle for Christmas.” Other program formats included two panel discussions, a two-day book fair featuring discussions with eight authors, thirty brown bag lunches, and one film premier. (A complete list of programming appears on pages 19 and 20.)

The Society also played host or co-host for two large-scale events during FY08, one at 1154 Boylston Street and the other at Faneuil Hall. A spring Open House invited the public into the Society’s home to celebrate the 225th anniversary of George Washington’s Newburgh Address, the manuscript of which is among the Society’s holdings. At Faneuil Hall in November, for “My Dearest Friend: An Evening with Abigail and John Adams,” a group of local dignitaries including Sen. Edward and Mrs. Victoria Kennedy, Gov. Deval and Mrs. Diane Patrick, and Gov. Michael and Mrs. Kitty Dukakis, convened for a reading of selected letters from the new edition of the couple’s letters. The event drew an audience of approximately eight hundred.

A mainstay of the Society’s annual programming for over ten years has been the seminar series, which comprised three areas of focus—early American history, environmental history, and immigration and urban history—before 2008. The establishment of a new series, the Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender, was the highlight of the year’s seminar activities. A cooperative effort of the Society and the Schlesinger Library at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, the creation of the series recognizes the vibrancy of current research in the intersecting fields of women’s history and the history of gender. The new series offered four sessions, two each at the Society and the Schlesinger Library. The three ongoing organized an additional twenty-two sessions. The total number of programs—twenty-six—was our largest to date.

The Society also participated in several conferences off-site during FY08: *The Comforts of Home?: The Real Truth about Daily Life in Colonial and Federal America* took place at the Golden Ball Tavern in Weston, and *Sustainability: Ensuring the Future of Massachusetts History*, a public history conference cosponsored with the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and the University of Massachusetts, took place in Worcester. Planning was also under way during 2007–2008 for one of the Society’s most ambitious programs to date: *John Adams and Thomas Jefferson: Libraries, Leadership, and Legacy*. This conference, a collaboration of the MHS, the Boston Public Library, and Monticello, will include a number of lectures and eight discussion panels devoted to the consideration of pre-circulated essays. The program will take place in Boston and Charlottesville in June 2009. Work also continued on a collection of essays, edited by Anthony N. Penna and Conrad Edick Wright, growing out of the Society’s 2006 conference on the environmental history of Boston, which the University of Pittsburgh Press plans to publish as *Remaking Boston: An Environmental History of the City and Its Surroundings* during the autumn of 2009.

DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP

Fiscal 2008 was a time of transition and growth for the Development Department. A new staff, including the creation of an annual fund coordinator position, allowed the department to undertake a major reassessment of fundraising strategy, protocols, and processes.

Results for the year appeared to confirm the value of these changes. The 2007–2008 Annual Fund peaked at unprecedented totals for the MHS: \$343,000 in unrestricted gifts to offset annual operating expenses from 488 donors. These numbers represent a 13.5 percent increase in revenue over the previous year and a 16 percent increase in donors. Other fundraising efforts enjoyed equal success and included some notable highlights, such as raising an additional \$18,000 in other unrestricted funds, establishing a new \$10,000 charitable gift annuity, and processing almost \$2 million in bequests. Several efforts coordinated across departments also underscored the accomplishments of the year, including raising \$40,000 for the acquisition of the George Nietzsche Unitariana Collection and over \$37,000 for the Malcolm and Mildred Freiberg Fellowship Fund. Development staff also worked alongside other MHS departments to assist with their foundation and government grant applications and reports, and all made an effort to re-establish relationships with foundations and state agencies that had supported the Society in the past. Other forms of revenue enhancement were explored in FY08, including corporate sponsorships and building rentals. In the spring, Eaton

Vance Investment Counsel became the first corporate sponsor for an in-house MHS exhibition that we are aware of when they generously underwrote the popular *John Adams: A Life in Letters*.

A number of events that took place during the year sought to cultivate new donors and emphasized the value of the stewardship of our existing supporters. At 1154 Boylston Street, members of the Belknap and Sullivan Societies enjoyed a special preview of the exhibition *Moments of Destiny: Two Centuries of Russian-American Relations*, and the Sullivan Society sponsored an afternoon tea party and conservation presentation for planned-giving donors and prospects. The MHS and Vassar College cohosted an intimate dinner party with featured guest David McCullough to celebrate the partnership around the traveling exhibition *My Dearest Friend: Letters of Abigail and John Adams*.

The Society also invested energy in improving contact with ongoing Members and making the Society attractive to new ones. Thanks to the spring Open House and a new membership brochure, the Society was able to reach more potential Members, and improvements to the renewal process and the database allowed the Society to maintain better contact with Members and Fellows. In addition to the usual subscriptions to the *Massachusetts Historical Review* and *Miscellany*, Members and Fellows were treated to a number of members-only events, including an exhibition opening for *Moments of Destiny*, the Annual Dinner, and Members' and Fellows' Evenings. Over \$98,000 in dues was collected from 696 active Members and Fellows, a number that includes 82 new regular and student Members and 32 new Fellows. (A complete list of Fellows appears on pages 9 to 11.)

All the members of the MHS staff extend their thanks to the Members, Fellows, and donors who supported the Society's mission and made the fiscal year such a success.

Treasurer's Report

Report for the fiscal years ended 30 June 2008 and 2007

Statement of Activities (in thousands)			Statements of Financial Position (in thousands)		
	2008	2007		2008	2007
Unrestricted revenues and support			Assets		
Gifts and grants	\$ 1,213	\$ 1,213	Current assets	\$ 1,406	\$ 1,810
Fellows and Members dues	99	97	Endowment investments		
Royalties and rights	166	48	at market value	80,258	80,631
Other revenues	83	86	Property, equipment, and other assets	9,936	10,232
Release of restricted gifts	210	172	Total assets	91,600	92,673
Endowment	3,285	3,050			
	5,056	4,666	Liabilities		
Operating Expenses	5,126	4,627	Current liabilities	1,293	1,572
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(70)	39	Massachusetts HEFA bonds payable	4,283	4,362
			Total liabilities	5,576	5,934
Non-operating activity			Net assets		
Gifts and bequests	2,053	2,067	Unrestricted	29,739	30,841
Investment return, net	587	12,914	Temporarily restricted	42,172	43,813
Endowment support	(3,285)	(3,050)	Permanently restricted	14,113	12,085
Capital campaign gifts	-	104	Total net assets	86,024	86,739
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (715)	\$12,074	Total liabilities and net assets	\$91,600	\$92,673

After several years of growth in the Society's endowment, which provides some 65 percent of our annual operating income, the 2008 fiscal year saw a leveling off of this growth, matching the changes in the capital markets. Unfortunately, as discussed below, we have experienced a significant decline in our endowment in fiscal 2009. In FY08, we met our balanced operating budget objectives. Non-operating activity for both fiscal 2008 and 2007 shows approximately the same level of income from gifts, grants, and bequests and most significantly a \$12.3 million increase in investment return in FY08.

During FY08, Paul Goodof provided the Society invaluable financial expertise on a part-time consulting basis through a period of turnover in the financial staff. At the beginning of June 2008, Peter Hood arrived as the new Director of Finance and Administration, bringing years of financial, human resource, and facilities experience. Longtime Trustee William Saltonstall served as Treasurer throughout FY08, and I was elected Treasurer effective 1 July 2008. Bill's untimely death in February 2009 was a great loss to the Society.

Looking forward from the vantage point of May 2009, the Society faces significant financial challenges, as does every other nonprofit organization in the country. Due to the 29 percent decrease in endowment value from 1 July 2008 through 30 April 2009, together with the prospect of a more challenging fundraising environment over the next few years, management has reduced staff and operating expenditures and deferred the majority of the objectives of our Strategic Plan during FY09. We expect to complete FY09 with a small surplus in the operating budget but face the prospect of further reductions in operating expenses in FY10. But careful stewardship of the endowment, judicious reductions in programs, and a strong and well-understood mission will allow the Society to continue to focus on its core activities while we await an improved economy. The Society is balancing financial prudence with forward momentum at a slower pace in its many programs in accordance with its Strategic Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
William C. Clendaniel
Treasurer

Fellows, Corresponding Fellows, & Honorary Fellows 2008

With Year Elected

- Daniel Aaron, HF 1975
William Wright Abbot, CF 1985
Gordon Abbott, Jr., HF 1998
Roger Abrams, F 2004
Clark C. Abt, F 1991
Benjamin C. Adams, CF 2001
Charles Francis Adams, HF 2002
Henry Bigelow Adams, CF 1990
John Weston Adams, F 1984
Mitchell Adams, F 2001
Nancy Motley Adams, F 1992
Peter Boylston Adams, F 1988
Thomas R. Adams, CF 1963
David Grayson Allen, F 2001
Samuel G. Allis, F 2005
Robert J. Allison, F 2000
Laura Allis-Richardson, HF 2002
James A. Aloisi, Jr., F 2005
Oliver Filley Ames †, F 1970
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
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
Michael P. Bare, F 2008
Joeth S. Barker-Barlas, F 2000
W. Lewis Barlow IV, F 2008
Georgia B. Barnhill, F 2007
Robert C. Baron, F 1984
Jacques Barzun, CF 1961
Frederick Edward Bauer, Jr. †, CF 1978
Nina Baym, CF 1999
James Adam Bear, Jr., CF 1983
Henry P. Becton, Jr., F 1998
Ann Beha, F 1989
James Brugler Bell, CF 1979
John L. Bell, F 2008
Whitfield J. Bell, Jr. †, CF 1959
Edgar J. Bellefontaine, F 1996
Robert A. Bellinger, F 2005
Anne E. Bentley, F 2002
Leo Leroy Beranek, F 1985
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
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- 4 October Richard D. Brown (UConn) and Doron Ben-Atar (Fordham), “Darkness in New Light New England: Punishing Bestial Acts in the 1790s”
- 1 November Nian-Sheng Huang (CSU, Channel Islands), “The Poor and the Minimum Cost of Living in Colonial Massachusetts”
- 6 December C. Dallett Hemphill (Ursinus College), “Founding Brothers and Sisters: Sibling Relations in the Era of the American Revolution”
- 7 February Maya Jasanoff (Harvard University), “In Empire’s Embrace: The Loyalists Who Left”
- 20 March John Murrin (Princeton), “Self-Immolation: Patterns of Historiography in the Coming of the American Revolution”
- 3 April Susan Branson (Syracuse University), “American Women and Enlightenment Science”
- 1 May Benjamin Carp (Tufts), “Partygoers: Recovering the Narratives of the Boston Tea Party Participants”
- 19 June Linford D. Fisher (Harvard), “Leaving the English: Joseph Johnson and the Pan-Indian Migration to Brotherton, N.Y., 1775–1785”

Boston Environmental History Seminar

- 18 September David R. Foster (Harvard Forest), “Nature Past, Present, and Future: The Role of Henry Thoreau, Bob Marshall, Bud Heinselman, and Margaret Davis in Bringing History to Ecology and Conservation”
- 9 October Steve Rudnick (UMass—Boston), “The Clean-Up of Boston Harbor”
- 13 November Tom Robertson (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), “Paul Ehrlich and the International Origins of the American Environmental Movement”
- 8 January Chris Pastore (UNH), “Extending Boston Commons: Culture, Ecology, and Law in the Seventeenth-Century Salt Marsh”
- 12 February Chad Montrie (UMass—Lowell), “Landscapes Lost, Meanings Found: Lowell Operatives’ Changing Views of Nature”
- 11 March Conevery Valencius (Harvard), “Earthquake Science and the Nineteenth-Century American Environment”
- 8 April Panel discussion: Charles H. W. Foster and contributing authors, “Twentieth-Century New England Conservation”

Boston Immigration and Urban History Seminar

- 20 September Nazli Kibria (Boston University), “Becoming Muslim American: Identity Struggles of Bangladeshis in the U.S.”
- 25 October Paul Schmitz (Boston University), “‘Only in New York’: Italian Immigration, Urban Culture, and the Currency of the Ethnic Merchant”
- 29 November Mae Ngai (Columbia), “‘He Talk Lie’: Chinese Interpreters in Nineteenth and Early-Twentieth-Century America”
- 31 January Susan Zeiger (Regis College), “The Geopolitics of Sex and Marriage in the Making of War Brides during World War II.”
- 28 February Brooke Blower, Boston University, “Americans and Police Prefect Jean Chiappe’s Purging of Paris, 1927–1933: Urban Moral Reform

in an International Context”

- 27 March Desirée Garcia (Mount Holyoke College), “Allá en el Rancho Grande: Hollywood and the Migration of Mexican Cinema”
- 24 April Mary Odem (Emory), “Atlanta’s Undocumented Immigrants and the Politics of National Belonging”

The Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender

- 18 October Susan Ware (independent scholar), “A Sporting Chance: Billie Jean King, Title IX, and the Revolution in Women’s Sports”
- 13 December Robert Self (Brown), “Prelude to the Culture Wars: The Politics of Gender in the Vietnam Era”
- 21 February Lisa Tetrault (Carnegie Mellon), “Every History Has Its History: The Creation of Feminist Origins Stories”
- 10 April Lisa Materson (UC at Davis), “For the Freedom of Her Race: Black Women and Electoral Politics, 1877–1932”

Public Programs

Evening Lectures

- 19 September Lynn Parsons (SUNY Brockport), “The Yankee and the Tsar: John Quincy Adams and Russia”
- 3 October David Blight (Yale), Fitzhugh Brundage (UNC), Nina Silber (Boston University), John McCardell (Middlebury), “The Civil War Remembered: Union, Confederate, and African American Perspectives.” Organized by the Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar (co-sponsor).
- 5 February Bill Clendaniel (Mt. Auburn Cemetery), Betsy Barlow Rogers (Central Park Conservancy), Blanche Linden (independent scholar), “Mount Auburn and the Landscape of Memory”
- 6 March Charles Capper (Boston University), author of *Margaret Fuller: An American Romantic Life*
- 15 May Marilyn Yalom, “The American Resting Place.” Co-sponsored by Mt. Auburn Cemetery

Conversations: History and Memory (facilitator, Steve Marini, Wellesley College)

- 22 October Daniel Schacter (Harvard), “Searching for Memory: The Brain, the Mind, and the Past”
- 15 November Steve Nissenbaum (UMass—which?, UVM), “The Battle for Christmas”
- 31 March The Hon. Hiller Zobel (Massachusetts Superior Court), “The Role of Memory in Trials, Past and Present”
- 14 April Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (Harvard), “The Power of Objects to Evoke Memories”

Special Events

- 19 November “My Dearest Friend: An Evening with Abigail and John Adams,” a reading of their letters by Sen. Edward and Mrs. Victoria Kennedy, Gov. Deval and Mrs. Diane Patrick, Gov. Michael and Mrs. Kitty Dukakis, moderated by Mary Richardson. Faneuil Hall
- 30 November and 1 December Massachusetts History Book Fair with authors Robert Allison, Jim Craig, Eric Jay Dolin, Eve LaPlante, Diane Rappaport, Stephanie Schorow, Bonnie Hurd Smith, and Susan Wilson
- 15 March Open House: 225th anniversary celebration of George Washington’s Newburgh Address

11 June Film Premier for *The Three Dumas: The Life of Alexandre Dumas*, written and directed by Esther Anderson and Gian Godoy

Conferences

12 May *Comforts of Home?: The Real Truth about Daily Life in Colonial and Federal America* (Golden Ball Tavern, co-sponsor)

9 June *Sustainability: Ensuring the Future of Mass. History* (Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and UMass Amherst, co-sponsors)

Brown Bag Lunch Talks

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