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THOMAS PAINE, A. M.  
1737—1809

A RECORD OF THE EXERCISES AND REPORT  
OF THE SPEECHES DELIVERED AT THE  
MONUMENT, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

COMPILED BY JAMES B. ELLIOTT, SECRETARY OF THE PAINE  
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## Monument Erected 1839



### Thomas Paine's Patriotism Rewarded by the State of New York

TITLE OF ACT: "An Act for the speedy sale of the confiscated and forfeited estates within this State and for other purposes therein mentioned." Passed May 12, 1784.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said commissioners of forfeitures for the southern district, and he is hereby authorized and required in consideration for the eminent services rendered to the United States in the progress of the late war by Thomas Paine, Esquire, and as a testimony of the sense which the people of this State entertain of his distinguished merit to grant and release in due form of law unto the said Thomas Paine, and to his heirs and assigns forever in fee simple, all that certain farm or plantation situate in the township of New Rochelle in the County of Westchester, formerly belonging to and usually called the farm of Captain Bailey, deceased, and afterward called Devoe's lower farm, containing by estimation about three hundred acres, and which became forfeited, and is now vested in the people of this State by the conviction of Frederick Devoe.

Laws of New York, Seventh Session (1784), Chap. 64, Sec. XXXI.

Credit is due for a copy of this Act to James F. Morton, Jr., Atty. at Law, No. 309 Broadway, N. Y.

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## Introductory

The distinguished author and soldier, whose monument we here re-dedicate, had his literary birth in Philadelphia, where the first effective pamphlet of the Revolution was written and published. Our hero enlisted in Philadelphia as a private in the "Flying Camp," and



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was later made Aide de Camp to General Greene, then at Fort Lee on the Hudson. It was discovered that his pen was more useful even than his sword, and at Newark, under the most unfavorable circumstances, he wrote the first number of his immortal "Crisis." Thereafter, his energies, time and talents were used, both at home and abroad, in the interests of the struggling Colonies.

Upon his return to America, from France, after a short residence in Bordentown, N. J., his declining years were spent between his farm at New Rochelle and New York City. Amongst his friends were such distinguished men of the day as Joel Barlow, Judge Hittell, Thomas Addis Emmitt, Mr. Morton, Dr. Manley, Mr. Pelton and J. Wesley Jarvis, artist, with whom he lived in 1807.

His literary work was highly praised during his life, time, and he was on terms of intimate friendship with Presidents Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe with Vice-President Gerry. His works were read and

admired by Jackson and Lincoln, and his talents as a philosopher and inventor were recognized by Franklin, Priestley, Rittenhouse, Rush, Cooper, Robert Morris, Fitch and Fulton.

The memory of no other hero, with the exception of Robert Morris or Blair McCleneghan, has been so much neglected by the Federal Government as has that of Thomas Paine; these three, Paine, Robert Morris and McCleneghan, helped save the country from financial ruin at its most critical period.

The acceptance of this monument by the progressive city of New Rochelle is a vindication of Paine's character and reputation which has been brought about by the steadfast devotion of his friends. His honor is now restored on two continents; his name is now given the place which his services entitle it to. These results have been brought about by Dr. Moncure D. Conway, his biographer, and by Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, his able defender; the liberal press, leading historians and statesmen, sculptors and artists—all have contributed something to assist the work of the Paine Associations. His friends at a distance have helped with sympathy and money, local authorities with official co-operation and music, the school children with their singing, the militia and Grand Army with their presence, the Artillery with a salute in his honor, the Chaplain of the Sons of the Revolution with the benediction, and Providence with delightful weather—all working in harmony for good.

Moncure D. Conway began writing his "Life of Paine" upon the table used by Paine—on which he wrote his "Rights of Man;" and his last work on Paine was written in Paris and finished in the house occupied by Paine during the French Revolution, and from which he witnessed the destruction of the Bastille, the key of which he presented to President Washington in Philadelphia.

Having placed in Independence Hall the original editions of Paine's pamphlets to keep in touch with his spirit, we conclude with this introduction: in the house which Paine occupied in New Rochelle and with the aid of a candle light in a candle-stick once used by Paine,\*



which candle-stick was a gift to me from Capt. G. W. Lloyd and which I in turn present to the Paine Museum.

It is hoped that the work done by our Associations will stimulate the residents of other cities where Paine's work was conspicuous or effective in good results to erect similar testimonials to his worth.

*"Thus 'mid the wrecks of thrones shall live  
Unmarred, undimmed, our hero's fame,  
And years succeeding years shall give  
Increase of honors to his name."*

*James B Elliott Secy  
Philadelphia Pa*

## ....Programme.....

### REDEDICATION OF THE PAINE MONUMENT

Saturday, October 14, 1905, 2.45 P. M.

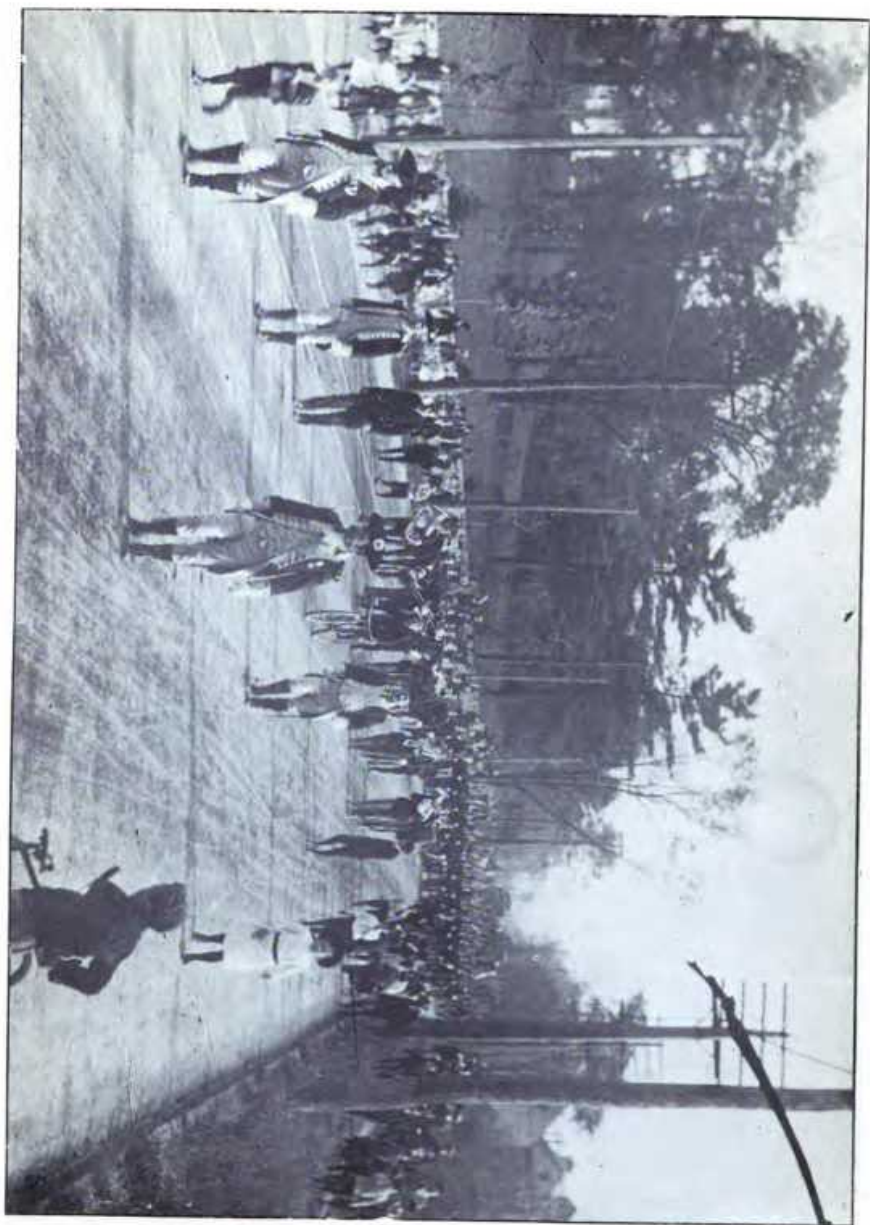
OVERTURE.....	<i>Fort Slocum Band</i>
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PAINE, THE AUTHOR HERO....	<i>Theodore Schroeder, Esq.</i>
	Brooklyn Philosophical Association.
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HAIL COLUMBIA.....	<i>School Children</i>
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STAR SPANGLED BANNER.....	<i>School Children</i>
NATIONAL AIRS.....	<i>Fort Slocum Band</i>
OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE.....	<i>Hon. Henry S. Clark</i>
	Salute of 13 guns by Second Battery, N. G., S. N. Y.
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