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Colonial Governors

Prior to 1750.

Roll of Members in the State of Michigan.



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HON. RANDOLPH HARRISON BLAIN.....Kentucky

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COLONIAL GOVERNORS.

The Order of the Descendants of Colonial Governors was founded in January, 1896, by Miss Mary Cabell Richardson, of Covington, Kentucky, a Colonial Dame of Virginia and Daughter of the American Revolution. It commemorates the services of those men who exercised supreme executive power in the American Colonies, and who laid in them the foundations of stable government and of that respect for civil law and authority which made the maintenance of their future independence possible.

The Order recognizes as Colonial Governors all persons invested with supreme executive authority in the government of colonies comprised within the territory of the thirteen Colonial States, under whatever title that authority was exercised, and whether derived from the Crown by appointment, from the people by election, from another Governor or from a chartered company by commission.*

The Order admits among Colonial Governors those persons who by election or by appointment of the Crown held the offices of Deputy Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Vice-Director-General or Vice-President in the Colonial States, and also those persons who, in the absence of the Chief Magistrate, were temporarily invested with supreme governing authority, irrespective of length of service.

The Order also recognizes the honor conferred upon distinguished citizens of the American Colonial States in their election or appointment to the office of Governor, even if, for good reason, they did not exercise its powers, or exercised them in a colony which has remained under British rule. In the latter case their descendants must have been loyal to the cause of the Revolution.

*The student of colonial history will readily see the necessity of making our definition of the word "Governor" a comprehensive one. To restrict it within narrower limits than the above would be to throw out some of the most famous of the early colonial rulers. An Order of Colonial Governors would be an anomaly that omitted the Dutch Governors of New York because they were commissioned by a chartered company and bore the title of Directors-General, or the Governors of Plymouth Colony because Plymouth was not one of the thirteen Colonial States, or the Governors of Connecticut prior to 1663, because up to that date the colony had no chartered rights, or the majority of all the Colonial Governors because they were not appointed by the Crown.

(In defining the position of the Order concerning the claims of Colonial Governors, the Governor-General wishes to express her indebtedness to the learning and kindness of the late Mr. Justin Winsor, the eminent historian, and Librarian of Harvard University.)

Governors' Assistants and the Presidents of the United Colonies of New England are not eligible ascendants to the Order of Colonial Governors.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership in the Order of the Descendants of Colonial Governors is purely honorary, and by invitation only. All men and women in the direct line of descent from a Governor or Acting Governor prior to 1780 are eligible to the Order provided:

1st. That they be members of the Colonial Dames, Colonial Wars or Mayflower Societies, and that their line of descent from the Governors be recorded in any one of the said Societies, or

2d. That the ancestral lines of ascent to the Governor, with all dates of births, marriages and deaths, as far as possible to ascertain, be furnished with affidavit attached, and

3d. That they be invited by their State Chairman, or where there is no Chairman, by the Governor-General.

CHAIRMEN IN MICHIGAN.

Mrs. Henry Whipple Skinner, of Detroit, Colonial Dame of Massachusetts and Daughter of the American Revolution, was appointed by the Founder as Chairman to organize the Order of Colonial Governors in Michigan, July 11, 1896.

Mrs. Henry F. Le Hunte Lyster, Colonial Dame of Maryland, was appointed Chairman in Michigan, Oct. 18, 1897, to succeed Mrs. Skinner, who had been named Governor-General of the National Order on Aug. 31, 1897.

MEMBERS OF THE ORDER
OF THE
Descendants of Colonial Governors
RESIDENT IN MICHIGAN,
1897.

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[Frances Elizabeth Newbury.]

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GOV. ROBERT TREAT, Connecticut.

*See Genealogy, Part III.

**See Historical Notices, Part II.