

# The Ricardian Register

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Richard III Society

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## ANNUAL MEETING

With almost 70 persons attending the meeting and a magnificent speaker, the annual meeting of the American Branch was one of the finest held in the history of the Branch.

The Treasurer reported that we have a cash balance of \$171.50. The Librarian reported that the Library has doubled in size and that there have been quite a few significant losses in the mail of irreplaceable papers. It was decided that all Library material be sent out registered or insured and members are asked to return material to the Library in the same manner.

The Secretary pointed out that our membership has more than doubled in the past year and expenses have also increased. Plans for the next year include the printing of an American Branch brochure, new library lists, incorporation, and expansion of the Library. Under the present dues system 1/2 of the dues go to England for support of research activities there. The actual cost/member to the Branch exceeds the balance of dues monies which remain. It was moved by Mrs. Charles Greenwald and seconded by Mrs. Betty Schloss that the dues be raised to \$4.00 for regular membership, \$7.00 for family membership and remain at \$2.00 for student membership. The motion was unanimously carried.

The officers announced that a Board of Trustees has been appointed to study the best type of organizational arrangement that the Society could have. Members of the Board are: Mr. William Snyder, Director, Mrs. Betty Schloss, Mrs. Jan Spalding, Mrs. Liliane Osborn, and Miss Gretchen Clumpner. Further members may be named to the Board at a later date. The Board will report its findings to the members at the next annual meeting.

Professor Wood then gave a fascinating talk on the freshman seminar course he taught on "The Great Murder Mystery--

## Annual Meeting (contd.)

Richard III" at Dartmouth College. He stated that of the 16 participants in the course, three concluded that Henry VII "did it," two were inclined to blame Henry, but didn't think the evidence was quite strong enough for conviction, and eleven thought the problem insoluble. It was a most interesting lecture and one which was enjoyed by everyone.

Dr. Donald Kilgore then gave a report on his correspondence with the author of "Werish, Withered Arm" and some points all of us should observe when writing on behalf of the Society. These points will be given to all in the next issue of the Register.

Miss Gretchen Clumpner then reported on the Society tour of England. The meeting was adjourned.

## THE RETURN OF LEARY

Francis Leary, in the Winter, 1968 Horizon, has an article on the Tower of London. He puts the princes' murders on Buckingham in October to coincide with the rebellion, and speculates that if Richard has agreed to see him at Salisbury, Buckingham might have agreed to confess to the murders in return for lifting the death penalty or the attainder of his heirs.

## D of T AVAILABLE

Judge Donald F. Lybarger, Chief Justice, Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, has a copy of D of T available and will be glad to present it to anyone of the members who would like it.

## NEW MEMBERS

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A LOOK AT THE MEMBERS

By Madeline Dejesa and Pat Coogan

For those of you who have been breathlessly awaiting the results of the questionnaire--you need asphyxiate no longer. For behold, your two contributing editors have performed a task of monumental proportions, and are now ready to present the fruits of their labor.

For those of you whose respiratory system have been continuing normally, or who have no idea of what we are talking about, permit us to explain. It seems that a little over a year ago, there was distributed among you a questionnaire, for the purpose of obtaining your opinions and comments on a variety of Ricardian topics.

Tabulation is now completed and will be presented to you in a series of articles, this being the introduction. We thought that perhaps the best way of introducing you to this material would be through a bestowing of awards on those we deemed the most outstanding.

Our "Legibility" award to the gentleman and lady who returned blank questionnaires. They also received our "Kindness to the Editors" award.

Our "Obscure Comment" award (We wished to present an award in this category, however this is impossible as the gentleman to whom we feel it rightly belongs, is he to whom we affectionately refer "the eligible man.")

Our "Most Artistic" award to our friend who wrote with the purple crayon.

Our "Pepsi Generation" award goes to the young lady who kindly said that in her opinion the Society was "groovy."

Our "Most Ambitious" award to the gentleman who suggested a prime time television series. Dramatic no less.

Our "Most Prolific Writers" award to the team whose "other comments" extended over two minutely written pages.

And finally, our "Nonentity" award to the person who apparently wished to remain anonymous.

At any rate, if you have the stamina be sure to watch for the results of our "gallop-poll." ("A horse! A horse! my kingdom for a horse!")

"BETRAYAL" REVIEWED

A very favorable review of "The Betrayal of Richard III" by V. B. Lamb appeared in "The Augustan," a bi-monthly publication of the Augustan Society, Inc. This is an international society with an interest in heraldry, genealogy, orders, medals, decorations, and such related subjects as philatelic heraldry, americans of royal descent, interest in royal claimants and pretenders. The address of the Society - for further information is - 18002 Faysmith Avenue, Torrance, California. Some excerpts from the review:

"...King Richard late lawfully reigning over us was through grete treason...pitiously slane and murdered to the grete hevyness of this Citie."

Thus the citizens of York recorded in the minute book of their Council the death of King Richard the Third. Their evident grief is hardly consistent with the generally accepted view of this king, and there is an extraordinary discrepancy between the monster of the history books and the man as he is revealed in contemporary records. It is quite clear that he was loved and highly respected in the north of England where he spent most of his adult life as Governor, and that this love and respect persisted long after his death.

...But it is in tracing the origins of the popular version of Richard's story and in the study of its development since his death that the book makes its most interesting contribution to this famous historical controversy."

"Betrayal" is available from the editor at a cost of \$3.50 (including postage). Copies are on order and we will have a new supply as soon as the third printing is completed.

Please use attached envelope for dues payment, 1968-69 - NOTE INCREASE.

Regular - \$ 4.00  
Student - 2.00  
Family - 7.00



New Members (contd.)

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Apt. # 427  
50 Jackson Street  
Hempstead, New York 11550

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753 Bush Street  
San Francisco, California 94108

Weisgrau, Frances  
1950 Hutchinson River Parkway  
Bronx, New York 10461

ATTENTION HERALDRY EXPERTS

Does anyone out there know if there is any significance to a red boar on an Irish coat of arms? The family name is McCann and the motto is "Crescit Sub Pondere Virtus" - Please write to the editor if you have any knowledge of the origin of this sign.

RICARDIAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Ricardian Christmas cards may be ordered at 60¢ for four cards from Geoffrey Wheeler, 108 Birmingham Road, Oldbury, Warley, Worcestershire, England. (Note: airmail postage to get cards in time will be \$1.08.)

LIBRARY

## Library statement 1967-68:

On Hand - \$ 9.00  
Income - 57.00  
\$66.60

Purchases - \$60.50  
Postage - 2.55  
\$63.05

Balance - \$ 3.55

129 items circulated

New items:

The Memoirs of Richard III, two volumes by John Heneage Jesse, and Richard III by Jacob Abbott (The Victorian Horror) both gifts of Rosalie Ehrlich.

The Anatomy of Villainy by Nigel Balchin, gift of Bobbi Jacobs.

The Fifteenth Century by Margaret Aston, gift of Bill Hogarth.

Play:

The Spider and the Fly by Rupert Cunningham, gift of Olivia Wilgram.

Typescript:

Extracts from the York Records, gift of Helen Schweser and Arlene Rosner.

The Plantagenet # 1; publication of the Midland's Branch, gift of Helen Schweser.

Pamphlets and leaflets describing Ricardian sites, gifts of Helen Schweser and Betty Schloss.

Financial Donations:

Eddie Newman and Katherine Neilson.

The new library list will be coming out soon.

RICARDIANS IN THE NEWS

Mrs. Marion N. Kahn has substantially assisted the Pine Plains Free Library in establishing a Memorial Section to Richard III. The story of the section and the Ricardian controversy was covered in a front page article in The Register Herald and a similar front page story on the Society appeared the next week.

Another story on a member and her involvement in the Society appeared in the Seattle Times on August 21, 1968. This member was Mrs. Irene Joshi and several new members have resulted from this article too!

## SECTION II

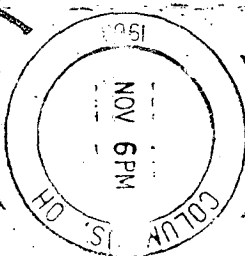
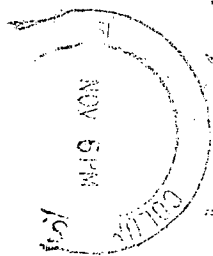
RICHARD III'S OFFER TO ELIZABETH WOODVILLE

I, Richard by the grace of God, etc., in presence of you, my lords spiritual, temporal, and you, my lord mayor and aldermen of London, promise and swear, verbo regio, that if the daughters of Elizabeth Grey, late calling herself Queen of England, that is to wit, Elizabeth, Cecily, Anne, Katherine, and Bridget, will come to me out of the Sanctuary of Westminster, and be guided, ruled, and demeaned after me, then I shall see that they shall be in surety of their lives, and also not suffer any manner hurt by any manner person or persons to them or any of them in their bodies and persons to be done, by way of ravishing or defiling contrary to their wills, nor them nor any of them imprison in the Tower of London or other prison; but that I shall put them into honest places of good name and fame, and them honestly and courteously shall see to be founden and entreated, and to have all things requisite and necessary for their exhibitions and findings as my kinswomen; and that I shall do marry such of them as be marriageable to gentlemen born, and every of them give in marriage lands and tenements to the yearly value of 200 marks for term of their lives, and in likewise to the other daughters when they shall come to lawful age of marriage, if they live. And such gentlemen as shall hap to marry with them I shall straitly charge lovingly to love and entreat them, as wives and my kinswomen, as they will avoid and eschew my displeasure.

And over this, that I shall yearly content and pay, or cause to be contented and paid, for the exhibition and finding of the said Dame Elizabeth Grey, during her natural life, at four terms of the year, that this is to wit, at Pasche, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas, to John Nesfield, one of the esquires of my body, for his finding to attend upon her, the sum of 700 marks of lawful money of England, by even portions; and moreover I promise to them that if any surmise or evil report be made to me of them by any person or persons, that then I shall not give thereunto faith nor credence, nor therefor put them to any manner punishment, before that they or any of them so accused may be at their lawful defence and answer.

In witness whereof, to this writing of my oath and promise aforesaid in your presence made, I have set my sign manual, the first day of March, in the first year of my reign.

Harleian 433, folio 141  
(spelling modernized)



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VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

March 22 may not be Spring-like, and Manhattan won't have cherry blossoms - but Ricardians are urged to visit anyhow on Saturday, March 22. Betty Schloss has arranged a package tour that we can hardly afford to miss: luncheon at the Hyde Park and a group visit to one of the few magnificent art exhibitions of recent years - MEDIEVAL ART FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS at the Cloisters. We had the pleasure of hearing the Chief Lecturer at the Cloisters, Miss Bonnie Young, at our Annual Meeting two years ago; the same expertise in this visit will be a most unusual treat for our members. The exhibition will never be repeated, and its contents provide an unique opportunity for an understanding of the Medieval World through its art.

William Hogarth, Co-Chairman

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DETAILS OF MARCH 22 MEETING

12:00 NOON...lunch at the HYDE PARK RESTAURANT, 998 Madison Ave. at 77th St., N.Y.C. to conduct a very brief bit of Ricardian business together.

1:30 P.M.....Board the Madison Avenue Bus #4 for trip to the CLOISTERS where a special guide will conduct us through the Medieval Art Collection.

\$4.50 per person - includes lunch, tip, and tax, plus admission to the Cloisters exhibition.  
PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL THE ATTACHED SLIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT WE CAN MAKE OUR ARRANGEMENTS.

Clip and mail to: Mrs Betty Schloss  
Bigelow Apts.  
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choice of menu: (check one)

Hyde Park Salad Plate (freshly mixed chicken salad, cottage cheese, fresh fruit salad),  
choice of dessert: sherbert or Hyde Park Cheese Cake and coffee or tea.

Open Hot Roast Beef sandwich, gravy and dill pickle, choice of dessert and coffee or tea.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

check for total amount may be enclosed or collected at the meeting. Please make checks payable to: RICHARD III SOCIETY.

Interested non-members are welcome.