

The action of the Managers of the New York Society upon this application was far-reaching in its consequences, more so than was dreamed of at the time, by either the New Yorkers or the men of Connecticut. Had Connecticut's application been accepted, the various Societies of descendants of the Revolution in all the States of the Union would have been developed in fraternal harmony, as co-equal branches of one great patriotic order. But the request was refused; and the new association was informed that it could be accepted only as an "auxiliary branch" of the New York Society. This decision proved to be the dividing of the ways. Connecticut promptly declined, as New Jersey had done, to accept a position auxiliary to any other Society, especially to one which had not been the pioneer in this movement, which had never entertained any thought, originally, of jurisdiction over other States, and which, by its new assumption of paternal authority, had placed itself in an untenable and un-American attitude towards the descendants of the Revolution in sister commonwealths. The organizers in Connecticut paid no further attention to the New York Society. They rapidly developed, recruited and placed on a solid basis their own Society, their untiring efforts and assiduous care resulting in a powerful organization.

On the 24th of April, the Board of Managers held a meeting in the State Capitol at Hartford to perfect the Constitution and By-Laws and complete the establishment of the Society. There were present the Hon. Lucius P. Deming, Jonathan F. Morris, Rowland B. Lacey, Meigs H. Whaples, S. A. Hubbard (proxy for Major J. C. Kinney), F. H. Hart, John P. Kellogg, R. W. Griswold, Henry R. Jones, Tallmadge Swift, Gen. F. E. Camp, and John H. Swartwout.

All members who had, up to that date, filed applications in proper form, and who were eligible, were accepted as the charter members of the Society. They comprised the following:

Lucius P. Deming,	Henry B. Harrison,	John Roberts Fenn,
Samuel E. Merwin,	John E. Morris,	Fred. S. Spencer,
Frederick E. Camp,	William Cothren,	Henry A. Chapman,
Jonathan F. Morris,	Louis N. Middlebrook,	Thomas S. Weaver,
Meigs H. Whaples,	Albert Wilcoxson,	Richard B. Eno,
Andrew Jared Grannis,	Lewis L. Morgan,	Henry H. Quintard,
Samuel B. Calef,	Edward Dwight Hendee,	Stephen A. Hubbard,
John P. Kellogg,	George S. Hubbard,	Randolph W. Williamson,
Frederick J. Hart,	Rowland B. Lacey,	Horace Cornwall,
Charles E. Hart,	Frederic Rose Foster, jr.,	Sheldon B. Thorpe,
Franklin H. Hart,	Horace C. Hovey,	Joseph Bishop,
Hobart L. Hotchkiss,	Roswell H. Phelps,	John R. Rembert,
Horace H. Strong,	Henry R. Jones,	P. W. Ellsworth,
Stephen W. Kellogg,	James M. Grant,	Frank B. Gay