

held at the "Maple Spring Hotel," Wissahickon, near Germantown, on April 8th next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Signed,

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In answer to the above call about seventy responded at the time and place aforesaid.

The meeting was called together by Dr. Alvah Rittenhouse, of Philadelphia, who acted as temporary chairman, with Benjamin Franklin Rittenhouse, of Philadelphia, as secretary. After calling the meeting to order, Dr. Rittenhouse explained the object and purposes for which they had come together, and said:—

We are here as relatives, friends, and members of the Rittenhouse family. There always has been in the human heart a desire to keep up family traditions, and to understand the family tree and genealogical history.

Here in these memoirs of David Rittenhouse, by William Barton, page 81, it is shown that the greatest scientists took an interest in tracing their family history. Both Sir Isaac Newton and Benjamin Franklin made an effort to find their ancestors, and so it is with us to-day; with the same feelings *we* have met to count back our ancestry, which will extend back for seven (7) generations in America. We have already a small genealogical tree, commencing with Wilhelm Rittenhouse, for four generations. And now is the time to look up its members and to get a complete family history to the present day, that our descendants may continue it. We desire, also, to celebrate to-day the 158th birthday of David Rittenhouse, who was born on the 8th of April, 1732; and also the 200th anniversary of the building of the first paper mill in America, on a branch of the Wissahickon, near Germantown, Pa., in the year A. D. 1690, by Wilhelm Rittenhouse. We further desire to form and establish a