

Editor's Correspondence

I myself will consider my honor satisfied by the publication of this note: my mother sold her bit of original Coca-Cola stock before I was born, and as perhaps the only one among The Founder's relatives who must describe himself as poor, I feel no obligation to defend his name.

Let Mr. Peter Tamony still remember that there are other gentlemen of the Old South who may not bear their misadventures so philosophically. I recall, for example, the distinguished friend now resident in Puerto Rico, who assured me that it was his ancestor from whom The Founder bought the formula for Coca-Cola. The unfortunate seller was willing to part with his nerve tonic, which was then green, I have been told, and would not keep in hot weather but he retained the title to a more cherished product. It was famous in three counties as Lamar's Lemon Laxative.

Perhaps my friend's story resulted from a too generous mixture of a Puerto Rican beverage with his coke, but even so, it is indicative. Georgians do not forget their glorious past. Can the decentants of a lemon laxative be expected to sit quietly while the progenitor of Coca-Cola is turned from a Candler to a Chandler? An insult to the conqueror is doubly insulting to the conquered. Mr. Tamony need not grovel, but would he not be prudent to apologize?

On second thought, he should grovel. Anything else will be too easy. It was embarrassing enough that God should have chosen to die in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, which Coca-Cola built; but to transmogrify the founder of the Coca-Cola Company from Asa Griggs Candler to a mere Asa Chandler is blasphemy.

Chandler indeed, Mr. Tammany! And in *Names*.¹

¹ Peter Tamony, "Coca-Cola: The Most-Lawed Name," *Names* 17: 4 (December, 1969), p. 278: "In 1899 Asa Chandler [*sic*, oh *sic*] . . ."

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN NAME SOCIETY

For the period beginning January 1, 1970 and ending December 31, 1970

Checking account balance as of December 31, 1969		\$ 9,319.74
Gibraltar Savings & Loan Co., December 31, 1969		5,674.35
Revenue		
Memberships (regular and supporting)	\$7,746.51	
Memberships (sustaining and life)	240.00	
Membership (emeritus)	24.00	
Donations	182.50	
Sale of back issues	138.50	
Miscellaneous (includes Banquet receipts)	587.75	
Interest (Gibraltar Savings & Loan Co.)	305.89	
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		<u>\$9,225.15</u>
		<u>\$24,219.24</u>
Expenditures:		
Names Institute subsidy		
(E. W. McMullen — \$100 &		
R. S. Rudolph — \$500)	\$ 600.00	
Postage (Including 2d class deposits)	344.34	
Advertising	40.00	
Archives	74.00	
Filing of annual report	2.00	
Office supplies and stationery	356.71	
Printing of <i>Names</i>	5,738.02	
Refunds on subscriptions	16.00	
Rent of building for annual meeting	45.00	
1969 Banquet	395.71	
Bank exchange charges	33.75	
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		\$ 7,645.53
Checking account balance as of December 31, 1970		10,593.51
Gibraltar Savings & Loan Co., December 31, 1970		5,980.20
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		<u>\$24,219.24</u>

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A CORRECT ACCOUNT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE AMERICAN NAME SOCIETY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1970.

Kelsie B. Harder
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