

Proceedings of the Arlington Historical Society, 1961-1962

Meeting of September 7, 1961

The Society met at Woodlawn Plantation.

L. L. Ecker-Racz, Chairman of the Finance Committee, announced that the campaign to raise the \$45,000 for the restoration of Hume School would be launched October 1. The County Council of P. T. A.'s has endorsed the campaign. Public School children in the 4-7-11 grades will participate. Business and civic organizations have pledged support. The Arlington County Board has designated the week of October 23 as Hume School Museum Week. A check for \$10,000 has been given the Society with the understanding that the drive succeed by Thanksgiving Day.

Jack Jones, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, stated that a speaker's bureau, composed of Society members, had been organized.

The Treasurer reported a cash balance of \$1,234.33.

Meredith Johnson, Director of Woodlawn, spoke on "The History of the Woodlawn Mansion."

Special Meeting of October 26, 1961

The Society met in the Central Library to discuss progress of the Hume School Museum Drive.

There was a display of artifacts, documents, etc., similar to those which will be housed in the Museum, and a collection of Virginiana was exhibited.

It was announced that an agreement is being worked out with the Public Library to temporarily house documents, maps, and related materials belonging to the Society, in order that they be readily available for research.

Betty Threadgill, of the Library staff, spoke briefly of the aims, scope, and projected plans for the Arlington-Virginia collection.

The President reviewed briefly the ceremony at Hume School at which Cornelia B. Rose, Jr., was the speaker.

Meeting of November 10, 1961

The Society met at Mt. Olivet Church, 1510 North Glebe Road.

A cash balance of \$14,596.89 was reported.

Membership in the Society totaled 293.

It was announced that at 12:05, November 12, station WAVA would broadcast a program featuring the Hume School Museum as part of the Chamber of Commerce series of Sunday broadcasts.

C. J. S. Durham gave a talk, illustrated with slides, on the "History of the Potomac and C. & O. Canal."

Meeting of January 12, 1962

The Society met at Mt. Olivet Church.

The Treasurer announced a cash balance of \$20,389.86.

Paul H. Oehser, Chairman of the Publications Committee, announced that Vol. 2, No. 1, of the Magazine would be published in February.

Membership in the Society was reported at 297.

The President reported that finished working plans for the Hume School Museum, submitted by the Restoration Committee, had been accepted by the Directors and that as soon as sufficient funds were received construction would begin.

It was reported that the fence, fire escape, and damaged tree had been removed from the Hume School property.

Capt. E. John Long spoke on "Little Lines Around Washington."

Meeting of March 9, 1962

The Society met at Mt. Olivet Church.

The Treasurer reported a cash balance of \$22,561.24.

Membership in the Society numbered 260.

The President announced that display cases valued around \$10,000 had been given the Society for use in the Hume School Museum by Swiller Bros., and he expressed the gratitude of the Society to Robert Templeman, who arranged for the gift, to Walter E. Bell, Jr., who planned transportation, and to members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, who carried it out.

C. Malcolm Watkins, of the Smithsonian Institution, spoke on "The Excavations at Marlborough," Virginia, illustrating his talk with slides.

Meeting of May 11, 1962

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Mt. Olivet Church.

The Secretary's annual report of the activities of the Society was read.

The Treasurer reported a cash balance of \$25,960.94.

Membership in the Society totaled 268.

The President reported that approximately \$30,000 had been collected or pledged for the Hume School Museum fund.

Cornelia B. Rose, Jr., Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate, which was unanimously elected:

President	JACK H. FOSTER
First Vice President	ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN
Second Vice President	ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL
Treasurer	HARRISON MANN
Secretary	KATHERINE ROBERTS
Directors	WALTER E. BELL, JR., DELBERT J. HARRILL, DOW H. NIDA, PAUL H. OEHSER, CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR., PERCY C. SMITH

Cornelia B. Rose, Jr., spoke on "The Map of Arlington in 1878: Places and People."

Gifts

During the year the Society was the recipient of many gifts of historical interest:

Copy of the <i>Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser</i> , April 26, 1791, carrying an account of the laying of the Federal cornerstone	HARRISON MANN
Plate of the portrait of the Earl of Arlington	NORTHERN VIRGINIA SUN
Glass showcases, cabinets, shelves, etc.	SYDNEY AND MILTON SWILLER
Letter from Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr.	REV. FRANK A. ERWIN AND CON- GREGATION, LITTLE FALLS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Watercolor sketch of doorway of Dawson-Baily house	CAROLINE LEE HENDRICK
Petrified tooth of prehistoric mammoth	CROSBY A. HOAR
Arlington County in a Nutshell, 1925	
Report of Civic Federation Committee on change in form of County Government	} MRS. H. P. SIMPSON
Capital Traction car ticket	
A copy of McGuffey Second Reader, 1879	MRS. GEORGE COLLIER
A copy of <i>Virginia Iron Worker</i> , carrying articles on Anlostan Island and the Mason family	MRS. MOLLIE SUMMERVILLE

Special Events

The Society was one of the sponsors of the second series of the Civil War lectures given under the auspices of the University of Virginia and the Arlington Adult Education program.

Cornelia B. Rose, Jr., represented the Society at the St. Patrick's Day Commemoration at the Custis Lee Mansion.

Committees

Audit	D. J. HARRILL
Building and Grounds	P. C. SMITH
Finance	WALTER E. BELL, JR., L. L. ECKER-RACZ, LESLIE SHELTON
Fund Raising	JACK JONES, ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN
Membership	BERNHARDINE CARPENTER
Nominating	CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR., R. N. ANDERSON, WALTER E. BELL, JR.
Program	JOHN F. BURNS
Publications	PAUL H. OEHSER, GEORGE PETTENGILL
Research and Records	ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN
Restoration	L. E. BERKEY, KENTON HAMAKER, LESLIE L. SHEL- TON, WALTER MACOMBER

ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL, *Secretary*