

Proceedings of the Arlington Historical Society

1966 - 1967

Meeting of September 9, 1966

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum.

After the committee reports, the plans for Historic Arlington Day were announced. Mr. John Kenneth Gott extended greetings from the Fauquier Historical Foundation and an invitation to visit the Fauquier County Museum, a former jail. Mr. Gott, the great grandson of Dr. Louis Edward Gott spoke on the life and times of the "country" doctor.

Meeting of November 11, 1966

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum, 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road. Mrs. Goebel gave a report on Historic Arlington Day which was held on October 8. She said the "tangibles" such as the ticket sales for the event exceeded those for the 1965 day. Also that 119 copies of "The Indians of Arlington" were sold. The total cleared from the day's event was about \$620.00.

The 1966 edition of *Arlington Historical Magazine*, Vol. 3, No. 2, edited by Jack Hamilton Foster, was published and mailed to the membership. Membership in the Society is 253.

Mr. Douglas W. Woodward, spoke on "Early Man in the Metropolitan Area."

Meeting of January 13, 1967

The President opened the meeting, which was held at the Hume School Historical Museum. He announced that C. B. Rose Jr. had (anonymously) completed a revised edition of the history of the boundaries of Arlington County which may be obtained from the County Manager's office at the Court House.

Eleanor Lee Templeman and Nan Netherton have co-authored the new publication "Northern Virginia Heritage."

Mr. Ecker-Racz, Secretary-Treasurer of the Society's Building and Endowment Trust Fund reported the balance of December 31, 1966 as \$2,220.85.

Mr. R. E. Wagstaff, the speaker, described his efforts to prevent the destruction of Sully (Richard Bland Lee's home in Fairfax) and to have the plantation designated as an historical monument.

Meeting of March 10, 1967

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$723.30. Mr. Chester Brasse has agreed to serve as the Society's Registered Agent for corporation matters, assuming the post formerly held by the late Senator Frank Ball.

Arven H. Saunders, Director, Bureau of National Capital Airports, Federal Aviation Authority, discussed "Airports in Northern Virginia—Past and Present."

Meeting of May 12, 1967

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the Hume School Historical Museum. The Secretary's report for 1966-67 was read and accepted. Membership in the Society totaled 278. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$701.77. Miss Rose announced that a manuscript for the second series of "Why do we Call It" has been prepared.

Mr. Burns, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate, which was unanimously elected:

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| President | CHESTER M. BRASSE |
| First Vice President | ROY C. BREWER |
| Second Vice President | JON MAGNUSSON |
| Treasurer | ERNA G. GARNER |
| Secretary | EDNA LINK |
| Directors | JOHN F. BURNS, ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL, DOUGLASS HAYES, EDWARD F. SAYLE, DONALD A. WISE |

C. Forbes Simpson, Post Master, Arlington County, spoke on the "History of Postal Service in Arlington."

Gifts

During the year the Society was the recipient of the following gifts for exhibit at the Museum or addition to the archives:

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| Civil War Bullet | MISS NINA GAYLE |
| Discontinued style postal letter box used in Arlington | C. FORBES SIMPSON |
| \$5.00 Script Note of the C&O Canal Co. with description | HULEN STUART |
| Framed pastel of <i>East Falls Church Railroad Station</i> | MARGARET H. GIBSON |
| Political memorabilia items | FRANK BALL JR. |
| Record of <i>Address to Virginia Daughters of the Confederacy</i> given in Alexandria by Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman | HARRISON MANN |
| Loan of an early fire hydrant | FRANK HIGGINS |
| A bit, a harness mender, etc. | STUART THOMSON |

Museum Improvements

Improvements included a new *Visiting Hours* sign, an attractive mailbox, and new keys for the museum.

Trust Fund

Gifts were made by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Mann and Laszlo Ecker-Racz.

Special Events

Historic Arlington Day has become an annual event for the community. The opening this year was on October 7 at Stratford Junior High School where Cornelia B. Rose, Jr. gave an illustrated talk on "Indians of Arlington" emphasizing the theme for the event. Dr. Stewart of the Smithsonian Institution told of archeological work done on Indian sites in the Potomac area. The following day, October 8, the house tour included the homes of Representative and Mrs. Joel T. Broyhill, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Ashton C. Jones, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin, and General and Mrs. David Shoup. The Hume School Museum was open to visitors and featured an Indian display. Refreshments were served.

Committee Chairmen

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| Audit | CHARLES F. SUTER |
| Buildings and Grounds | FRANK HIGGINS |
| Finance | WALTER E. BELL |
| Museum Exhibits | JOHN F. BURNS |
| Program | CHESTER M. BRASSE |
| Publications | JACK H. FOSTER |
| Publicity | MRS. SUE BAKER |
| Research and Records | C. B. ROSE, JR. |
| Membership | DOW H. NIDA |
| Museum Hosts and Hostesses | DONALD WISE |
| Historic Arlington Day | HARRISON MANN, ELIZABETH GOEBEL |

EDNA LINK, *Secretary*