

Proceedings of the Arlington Historical Society 1968 - 1969

Meeting of September 13, 1968

The Society met at the Hume School Museum with the President, J. Elwood Clements, presiding. Mr. Clements announced that Saturday, October 5, 1968, would be proclaimed Historic Arlington Day. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,633.15. Members were saddened to learn of the deaths of two friends of the Society: Mrs. Alice Hume Cooke and Mr. Argyle Mackey. Mrs. Cooke, a daughter of Frank Hume, had helped to secure the Hume School property for the Society and Mr. Mackey had been a charter member. Mr. Walter M. Macomber, a member of the Society, and a noted restoration architect, spoke about his work in the restoration of Locust Grove, home of George Rogers Clark, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Meeting of November 8, 1968

The Society met at the Hume School Museum, with the Vice-President, Donald A. Wise, presiding. Mr. Wise, Chairman of the Ticket Committee for Historic Arlington Day reported that \$833.00 had been collected to date as proceeds from the house tour. The 1968 edition of the "Arlington Historical Magazine", Volume 3, Number 4, was published in October, and mailed to all members. Our appreciation and thanks were expressed to Mrs. Bahn for her work as editor. The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,229.41 in the checking account. Miss C. B. Rose, Jr., Chairman of the Research and Records Committee, spoke on "Arlington History from the Files". Her talk was illustrated with the projections of actual records.

Meeting of January 10, 1969

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum with Mr. Clements presiding. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,281.16 in the checking account. Mr. Clements gave a brief sketch of the proposed plans to honor the memory of the late Senator Frank L. Ball. The Society will commission the painting of a portrait of Senator Ball, to be hung in the Hume Museum. Clifton G. Stoneburner, Director of the Arlington County Department of Transportation, spoke on "Transportation in Arlington from the Early Years."

Meeting of March 14, 1969

Mr. Clements presided at the meeting in the Hume School Museum. Mr. Clements reported on the dedication of the Lee Photo-Mural which the Society presented to the Francis Scott Key School. The Senator Ball Memorial Project is progressing. The members authorized the dedication of part of the Museum in Senator Ball's memory. Mr. Donald Wise reported on his attendance at the museum seminar held at the Valentine Museum in Richmond, February 14-16, which was sponsored by the Virginia Historical Federation. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,408.38 in the checking account, some of which is committed to necessary repairs which must be made on the Hume School Museum. The members approved the use of the Hume School Museum as a voting precinct if the need arises. The Reverend Melvin Lee Steadman, Jr., well known in the area as a clergyman and historian, gave a talk on "Arlington Area Greats: Their Moments and Influence."

Meeting of May 9, 1969

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the Hume School Museum, with Mr. Chester Brasse presiding. Mr. Laszlo Ecker-Racz reported on the status of the Society's Building and Endowment Trust Fund. On deposit in Clarendon Trust Company as of May 1, 1969, is the sum of \$3,356.63 in two certificates of deposit, and in the savings account. Two life memberships were received this year. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,179.51 in the checking account. The secretary reported a membership of 193. The new mailing address for the Society is P.O. Box 827, Arlington, Virginia 22216.

The Nominating Committee, composed of John Burns, Edward Sayle and Chester Brasse, Chairman, presented the following slate of officers for 1969-1970, which was unanimously accepted:

President	-----	DONALD A. WISE
First Vice-President	-----	CATHERINE I. BAHN
Second Vice-President	-----	HAROLD J. CASTO
Secretary	-----	MILDRED H. RITCHIE
Treasurer	-----	ERNA G. GARNER
Directors	-----	J. ELWOOD CLEMENTS, CHESTER A. BRASSE, ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL, SALLY LOVING, MARGARET H. GIBSON, HARRISON MANN

It was reported that Charlotte Robinson, an Alexandria artist, will do the portrait of Senator Frank L. Ball. Mr. Wise reported that the Historic Arlington Day house tour will take place on Saturday, October 4, 1969. Also under consideration is a project to offer a bus tour of Arlington's historic sites. Mr. Brasse, Program Chairman, presented a film: "Jamestown: the Start of a Nation." This is an official film put out by the Commonwealth of Virginia, which recounts the settlement of Virginia.

Gifts

During the year the Society was the recipient of the following gifts for exhibit in the Hume School Museum:

- One map; an old reproduction of a very old man of Virginia
-----MISS SALLY LOVING
- One framed, original photograph of Arlington's Washington and Lee High School, taken in 1924 ----- MISS SALLY LOVING
- One 1919 map of the United States
-----OFFICE OF PLANNING, ARLINGTON COUNTY
- 1861-1863 Record Book of the Alexandria Work House and Day Book of the Alexandria Alms House* ----- WALTER L. PFORZHEIMER
- Framed color reproduction of the Lee photo mural ----- DONALD A. WISE
- Framed key to the names of the individuals portrayed in the photo of "Lee and His Lieutenants" ----- DONALD A. WISE
- Copy of "History of Arlington Forest Citizens Association" by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rosado ----- Presented through DONALD WISE
- One school slate pencil ----- D. J. HARRILL
- One school child's "penny" type lead pencil of the period 1905-1915
-----D. J. HARRILL
- One booklet advertising the "Chum" bicycle which was sold at the Ballston store of Chester Cogswell. Undated but apparently previous to 1915
-----JOHN K. GOTT

Gifts for Use in the Museum

- Two metal file boxes ----- EMILY W. JOHNSON
- One pamphlet rack ----- EMILY W. JOHNSON
- One new guest book ----- C. HARRISON MANN, JR.
- Tape recording of the Rev. Melvin Lee Steadman's talk to the Society, "Arlington Greats: Their Moments and Influence" --- MARGARET H. GIBSON

Special Events

Presentation of the Robert E. Lee Photo-mural to the Francis Scott Key Elementary School: Tuesday, February 11, 1969. The program issued by the school is as follows:

THE UNVEILING OF THE PHOTO-MURAL "LEE'S GENERALS"
PROGRAM

PRESIDING -----	Mr. Alexander L. Wilson <i>Parliamentarian of PTA</i>
THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER -----	Miss Marilyn Keppel <i>Teacher—Team I</i> Mrs. Marlene Wine, <i>Teacher—Team VI</i>
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -----	Karen Hoover <i>Student</i>
WELCOME -----	Mrs. Warren Fairman <i>President of PTA</i>
DISTINGUISHED GUEST -----	Mr. Milton L. Drewes, Jr. <i>President, Clarendon Trust Co.</i>
REMARKS -----	Mr. Preston C. Caruthers <i>Vice-Chairman, Arlington County School Board</i> Mr. Ray E. Reid, <i>Superintendent</i> <i>Arlington County Schools</i>
PRESENTATION OF PHOTO-MURAL -----	The Honorable J. Elwood Clements <i>Sheriff, Arlington County</i> <i>President, Arlington Historical Society</i>
UNVEILING OF PHOTO-MURAL -----	Ginger Thompson <i>Student</i>
ACCEPTANCE OF PHOTO-MURAL -----	Mr. Nicholas V. Prencipe <i>Principal</i>

Historic Arlington Day House Tour

The officers and directors of the Society attended a reception at President Madison's home, Oak Hill, as the guests of the Loudoun County Historical Society, and Mrs. Thomas DeLashmutt, the present owner of Oak Hill.

Committee Chairmen

Audit -----	CHARLES J. A. JOHNSON, JR.
Building and Grounds -----	JOHN L. OVERHOLT
Finance -----	L. LASZLO ECKER-RACZ
Museum Exhibits -----	JOHN F. BURNS
Museum Hosts and Hostesses -----	SALLY LOVING
Program -----	CHESTER A. BRASSE
Publications -----	CATHERINE I. BAHN
Publicity -----	DONALD A. WISE
Research and Records -----	CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR.
Nominations -----	JOHN F. BURNS, EDWARD F. SAYLE CHESTER A. BRASSE, <i>Chairman</i>

MARGARET H. GIBSON, *Secretary*