

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting of September 11, 1970

The president, Mr. Overholt, opened the meeting held at Hume School Museum. The treasury had \$590.87 in the Clarendon Trust checking account and \$636.22 in the savings account, and the Clarendon Trust bonds total \$1000.

Mr. Orth reported Mr. Overholt's completion of the renovation of the basement of the Museum which will be used for the photograph exhibit on Historic Arlington Day in October.

Mr. Wise spoke on George Washington's tract on Four Mile Run. George Washington surveyed and made maps of two tracts of land which he owned on Four Mile Run, a tributary of the Potomac. His diaries refer to an old mill which must have stood on Moses Ball's land, from which one of the stone mill wheels is displayed at Hume School. A part of his original tract is now Washington Woods in Alexandria.

Historic Arlington Day, October 10 and 11, 1970

"Arlington Yesterday and Today" included a visit of 30 miles of historic sites in the county on buses, narrated by Donald Wise and Miss Cornelia Rose. The bus tour began at N. George Mason Drive and North Park Street (Lubber Run Recreation Center) and visited Abingdon Plantation on the grounds of National Airport, old homes including Glebe House, Maple Shade, Minor Hill, civil war forts, and the old Aqueduct Bridge and Alexandria Canal course along S. Eads Street among others. Also new exhibits at the Museum including a comparison of very old and new photographs of Arlington.

Meeting of November 13, 1970 (Hume School Museum)

A resolution of sympathy on behalf of Mrs. Margaret Cooke Birge, who passed away, was adopted. Mrs. Birge originally had the idea to acquire the Hume School building.

Historic Arlington Day bus tour went well, but was not as financially successful as former house tours. The magazine publication bill was about \$1200.

Mrs. Eleanor Templeman spoke on "Browsing in Research" which began with her weekly newspaper series on local historical points of interest, interviews and research for her books, "Arlington Heritage," and "Fairfax Heritage" with Nan Netherton, co-author, and others.

Meeting of January 8, 1971 (Hume School Museum)

Miss Rose described a proposed access road to Shirley Highway that would cut through the Hume School. Adm. O'Beirne of Arlington Ridge Civic Association developed an alternative plan for Arlington County Planning Commission which would preserve the Museum. The Society endorsed his proposal.

Col. Montague reported on the current plans for the bi-centennial celebrations in Northern Virginia.

Mr. Wise introduced Mr. Herman Friis of the National Archives, who spoke on the "Historical Geography of Arlington County."

Meeting of March 12, 1971

The Society met at the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress, near Landmark.

Mr. Overholt expressed the financial plight of the Society due to the large cost for publishing the magazine. Mr. Bob Mayo, director of the Valentine Museum in Richmond, will come on March 21 to consult and give ideas to help raise money and develop the Museum.

Mr. Orth mentioned the possibility of a dig to excavate the 1930 barn of Abingdon Plantation, where Nellie Custis was born—in conjunction with the bi-centennial celebration of the U.S.

Dr. Walter W. Ristow, Historical Cartographer of the Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, began his talk by describing early engraved Virginia maps. He displayed many interesting maps starting with John Smith's early maps, George Washington's surveys, and describing 17th and 18th century progress in the development of map making in the U.S. especially after the Revolution.

USS ARLINGTON Presentation, Hume School Museum, April 25, 1971

Mementos from the USS ARLINGTON, a light air craft carrier, were donated to the Society by the Navy Department. The ship carried about 1000 persons and participated in Apollo recoveries.

Annual Meeting of May 14, 1971 (Hume School Museum)

Mr. Overholt stated the interest from the endowment fund is being used for Museum maintenance.

The Barron family has held the responsibility for hosting the Museum on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. More volunteers are needed.

Mr. Wise presented the slate of nominees for the 1971-2 year; a unanimous ballot was cast.

President	MARGARET H. GIBSON
First Vice-President	DONALD J. ORTH
Second Vice-President	LUCILLE IRELAND
Secretary	RUTH M. WARD
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Directors	CHESTER M. BRASSE, JOHN R. HEBERT, JEFFERSON R. KEAN, MUNSON H. LANE, JR., DANIEL MUNSTER, JOHN OVERHOLT

Mr. Timothy Terrell spoke on "Fairfax County Militia During the American Revolution." He described recruitment, prevailing conditions and responsibility to guard Alexandria. George Washington had a primary interest in the Fairfax Independent Company. Mr. Terrell and two others wore the appropriate military dress of the Revolutionary era, including one redcoat uniform. He gave an interesting description of the dress and accoutrements of the soldiers.

EVELYN M. DOUGLAS, *Secretary*

Gifts—

Will be noted for 1971 and 1972 in the 1972 issue.