

Proceedings of the Arlington Historical Society 1959-1960

Meeting of September 11, 1959

The Annual Meeting of the Society, a dinner meeting, was held at the Arva Motel. President Robert N. Anderson introduced the distinguished guests: George J. Stansfield, Member of the Board, Alexandria Association; Dr. Homer T. Rosenberger, First Vice President, Columbia Historical Society; Col. Harry L. Campbell, President, Falls Church Historical Society; Charles Pickett, President, Fairfax Historical Society. Federal District Judge Albert V. Bryan represented the Virginia Historical Society.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand as of September 11 of \$594.30.

The Secretary's report of the year's activities was filed with the minutes.

Senator Frank L. Ball, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate, which was unanimously elected:

President	WALTER E. BELL, JR.
First Vice President	CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR.
Second Vice President	WALTER E. HORN
Treasurer	DOW H. NIDA
Secretary	ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL
Directors, 1959-62	ROBERT N. ANDERSON, SARA KREBS
Director, 1959-60*	RACHEL WHITE

* To complete the unexpired term of Walter E. Horn.

President Walter E. Bell announced the Committee Chairmen for the year:

Historical Research and Records	ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN
Program	P. C. SMITH
Publications	PAUL H. OEHSER
Finance	L. LASZLO ECKER-RACZ
Membership	HARRISON MANN

Mendell Peterson, of Arlington and the Smithsonian Institution, spoke on *Underwater Exploration of Historic Sites*, illustrating his talk with slides.

Meeting of November 13, 1959

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

Charles J. A. Johnson, Jr., Chairman of the Audit Committee, reported an audit of the Society's books found all accounts in good order.

L. Laszlo Ecker-Racz, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reviewed the 1959 budget of \$550, which allowed for a magazine deficit of \$250. With expected dues of \$500, new membership would balance the budget.

Paul H. Oehser, Chairman of the Publications Committee, announced that material was in hand for the next magazine.

The Treasurer reported cash in the bank of \$744.01.

Membership in the Society totaled 219.

The proposed Amendment to Article VII of the Constitution, changing the date of the Annual Meeting from September to May, was unanimously adopted.

Leslie L. Shelton, Arlington County Fire Marshal, spoke on *Early Fire Fighting in Arlington*.

Meeting of January 8, 1960

The Society met at the Mt. Olivet Church.

The Treasurer reported cash on hand amounted to \$839.31.

It was unanimously agreed to purchase a used Model 50 Multigraph which had been offered to the Society for \$75.

A seal designed by Col. Henry Taylor was adopted as the official insignie of the Society.

Eleanor Lee Templeman, the Society's representative at the Alexandria Architectural Forum, reported it had been most stimulating.

It was announced that the third issue of the Magazine was off the press.

The President appointed a Nominating Committee of the three immediate Past Presidents, Harrison Mann, Chairman, Frank L. Ball, and Robert N. Anderson.

The speaker of the evening was Cornelia B. Rose, Jr., whose subject was *Civil War Forts in Arlington*.

Meeting of March 11, 1960

The Society met at Mt. Olivet Church.

The President announced the offer of Frank Hume's heirs to deed their property adjacent to the Hume School to the Society, if the Society could acquire the Hume School Building for use as a historical museum.

L. Laszlo Ecker-Racz outlined the steps necessary to acquire the property, suggested means of raising the necessary sum to rehabilitate the building, and mentioned various ways to finance operation and maintenance.

The President announced that the Society had been invited to co-sponsor, with the Alexandria Association, the Architectural Forum of 1960.

It was announced that the Bulletin of the Archeological Society of Virginia (June 1959) contained an article, *The Pimmit Run Site*, which described the Indian artifacts picked up by members of the Society three years ago near Chain Bridge.

Eleanor Lee Templeman reported on the historical exhibit co-sponsored by the Society and the Hecht Company, March 19-26.

P. C. Smith, member of the Society, spoke on the *History of Ball's Cross Roads*.

Meeting of May 13, 1960

The Annual Meeting of the Society, under the amended Constitution, was held at Mt. Olivet Church.

The Secretary's Annual Report of the activities of the Society during the year was read.

The Treasurer reported cash in hand amounted to \$430.31.

Membership in the Society totaled 262 as of this meeting.

P. C. Smith outlined the tentative program of the Architectural Forum, for which the Society is to be a co-sponsor, to be held October 27-28-29.

L. Laszlo Ecker-Racz reported that the County Board, at its May 8 meeting, agreed to acquire the Hume School Building from the School Board and give it

to the Society for use as a Museum. The County Manager was instructed to negotiate with the School Board. At that meeting petitions bearing almost 2,000 signatures, circulated by members and friends of the Society, were presented to the Board as evidence of widespread community interest in the project.

The President announced the necessary steps for incorporation have been taken.

Paul H. Oehser, Publications Chairman, announced work on the next issue of the magazine was in progress.

Harrison Mann, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate, which was unanimously elected:

President	CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR.
First Vice President	WALTER E. HORN
Second Vice President	JACK H. FOSTER
Treasurer	DOW H. NIDA
Secretary	ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL
Directors, 1960-63	WALTER E. BELL, JR., ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN
Director, 1960-61*	PAUL H. OEHSER

* To complete the unexpired term of Jack H. Foster.

The Speaker of the evening was Harrison Mann. His subject, illustrated with slides, was *Early Maps of Virginia*.

Special Events

In celebration of the 123d anniversary of the return of Arlington County to the State of Virginia, the Society co-sponsored with the Hecht Company a historical exhibit, March 19 through March 26, in the auditorium of the Hecht Company's Arlington store. Books, documents, maps, Indian artifacts, antique household effects, photographs, and firearms were displayed. Eleanor Lee Templeman served as General Chairman. Bayard Evans and Delbert Harrill were co-chairmen in charge of exhibits.

Gifts to the Society

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

The Howell Map of 1900	MRS. WARREN BIRGE
News articles concerning the early Civic	MRS. ALICE CAMPBELL &
Associations in the County	BJORN ODDSSON
Tobacco, Tobacco Hogsheads, & Rolling Roads	COL. HARRY CAMPBELL
History of Alexandria County (1907)	MRS. CROSBY HOAR
Maps, documents, and papers	JULIAN SIMPSON
A Virginia Village	MRS. ANNIE L. MARTIN
Model of Fort Tillinghast	P. C. SMITH
Manuscript and research materials of Arlington	
Heritage	ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN
Crandall Mackey's "sawed off" shotgun	ANON
Color slides of Altha Hall	ERMA LUKENBILL

By ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL, *Secretary*