

# Proceedings of the Arlington Historical Society

1962 - 1963

## *Meeting of September 14, 1962*

The Society met at the Custis-Lee Mansion, the historical home of Robert E. Lee, followed by a candlelight tour of the first floor of the mansion with pianoforte music of tunes of the 19th Century.

A cash balance of \$40,289.00 in the treasury was reported.

The President announced that construction work had begun on the Hume School building to convert same into a museum.

It was announced that the Directors had elected Mrs. Lynn Hornor to Honorary Membership in recognition of her outstanding assistance in furthering the Society's museum project. This is the first such membership to be awarded.

Membership in the Society totaled 281.

A brief statement concerning the connection of Robert E. Lee and George Washington Parke Custis with the Mansion was given by Mrs. Eleanor Lee Templeman.

## *Meeting of November 9, 1962*

The Society met at the Cherrydale Methodist Church, Lorcom Lane and Nellie Custis Drive.

The President reported that construction work on the Hume School building was proceeding on schedule.

The appointment of a Museum Exhibits Committee was announced with Miss Cornelia B. Rose, Jr. as Chairman and Mrs. Eleanor Lee Templeman, Mr. Delbert J. Harrill, Mr. Harrie Fleischmann and Mr. Hulen Stuart as members.

Membership in the Society numbered 287.

Members were urged to suggest the names of those who might be interested in joining the Society and were reminded that the only qualification was an interest in the Society's objectives: to discover, preserve, and disseminate knowledge of Arlington's history.

Mrs. Mollie Somerville gave a talk on "General John Mason of Analostan Island."

*Meeting of January 11, 1963*

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

The President announced that construction work on the Hume School is nearing completion. Interior painting is still to be done. Final completion details will be delayed due to the illness of Mr. Berkey, Chairman of the Restoration Committee.

Mr. Jack Jones, Chairman of the Museum Fund Raising Committee, reported that response to the recent drive for monetary donations to the Building Fund had been gratifying and generous.

An Acquisition and Exhibit Policy drawn up by the Museum Exhibits Committee was adopted by the Board of Directors.

The Arlington Historical Magazine, Volume 2, Number 2, the Society's 6th annual publication, was published in January.

Membership in the Society totaled 289.

The Treasurer reported a cash balance of \$22,390.10.

Mr. G. Carroll Lindsay, Curator Smithsonian Museum Service spoke on "Life in 18th Century Alexandria" illustrating his talk with slides.

*Meeting of March 8, 1963*

The Society met at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church.

The President happily announced the completion of construction work on the Hume School. Assuming that all details will be completed, dedication ceremonies will be held in the Hume School Historical Museum at the May meeting.

Cornelia B. Rose, Jr. reported the progress being made on plans for exhibits. Mr. Ludwell Lee Montague, Chairman, Cultural Heritage Commission of Arlington County and member of the Society made it known that one objective of this Commission is to learn of and inventory all historical places and landmarks in the County as a means of preservation. He believes the Arlington Historical Society can be of assistance in this endeavor.

Reverend Melvin Lee Steadman, Jr., Minister of Gainesville, Virginia Methodist Church, gave a talk on "Falls Church; By Fence and Fireside."

*Meeting of May 10, 1963*

The Annual Meeting of the Society in combination with dedication ceremonies was held at the Hume School Historical Museum, 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road.

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

A cash balance of \$3,309.00 was reported.

The President paid tribute to all who had participated in bringing about the realization of the Hume School Historical Museum.

The Hume Family was represented at this meeting by Col. Howard Hume of Washington, D. C. and Mr. John Hume of Schenectady, N. Y., both sons of Frank Hume, Mrs. Margaret Birge, granddaughter of Frank Hume and member of the Society and her two sons, Warren and Tommie.

A plaque listing the major donors to the Museum Fund is installed in the entrance hall of the building, and the memorial plaque to Nannie Hume Jewett is placed over the doorway to the auditorium. The members of the Building and Fund Raising Committees are named on a third plaque.

The guest speaker of the evening, the distinguished Mr. David John Mays of Richmond, President of the Virginia Historical Society, gave a brief Biographical Sketch of Frank Hume.

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

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| President .....             | PERCY C. SMITH   |
| First Vice President .....  | ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL  |
| Second Vice President ..... | DELBERT J. HARRILL   |
| Treasurer .....             | HARRISON MANN  |
| Secretary .....             | KATHERINE ROBERTS  |
| Directors .....             | JOHN F. BURNS, JACK H. FOSTER<br>JOSEPH B. JOHNSON, DOW H. NIDA,<br>GEORGE E. PETTENGILL,<br>CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR. |

### *Special Events*

A Green Tea was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Ball, Sr. on June 9 for the purpose of raising funds for the Museum Project.

On Saturday morning, May 11, a flag raising ceremony was held on the grounds of the Hume School Historical Museum featuring the Continental Boys Fife & Drum Corps, sponsored by Arlington Post No. 139, The American Legion and a singing group representative of the Washington-Lee Chapter of the Children of American Revolution.

"Open House" was held at the Hume School Historical Museum on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, May 11 and 12.

### *Gifts*

Two framed photographs of Robert E. Lee, the originals of which are in the Valentine Museum in Richmond, donated by Mrs. Gazenove G. Lee.

Mrs. Eleanor Lee Templeman's collection of papers and documents used in the research for Arlington Heritage.

A collection of Indian Artifacts donated by Dr. William Orsinger.

*Committees*

- Audit ..... C. J. A. JOHNSON, JR.  
Building and Grounds .. PERCY C. SMITH  
Finance ..... L. LASZLO ECKER-RACZ  
Membership ..... CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR.  
Museum Exhibits ..... CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR., ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN,  
DELBERT J. HARRILL, HULEN STUART  
Museum Fund ..... JACK R. JONES, ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN  
*Co-Chairmen*  
Nominating ..... DOW H. NIDA, CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR.,  
WALTER E. BELL, JR.  
Program ..... D. J. HARRILL, JOHN BURNS, CHESTER BRASSE  
Publications ..... PAUL H. OEHSER  
Publications Sales ..... DOW H. NIDA  
Publicity ..... MOZELLE CALDWELL  
Research and Records .... ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN  
Restoration ..... L. E. BERKEY, KENTON HAMAKER,  
WALTER M. MACOMBER, LESLIE SHELTON

At the Nov. 9 meeting, ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL was appointed chairman of the Membership Committee to succeed MISS ROSE.

By KATHERINE ROBERTS, *Secretary*