

Proceedings of the Arlington Historical Society

1963-1964

Meeting of September 13, 1963

The Society met in the auditorium of the Hume School Historical Museum, 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road.

The President announced that the Hume School Historical Museum would be open to the public beginning on September 17, 1963, with visiting hours from 2 to 4 on Tuesday afternoons and 7 to 9 on Thursday evenings. Large groups such as school classes would be permitted to tour the museum by appointment.

The Chairman of the Museum Exhibits Committee announced that a number of interesting additions to the museum collection had been received during the summer, and that some of these items already were on display.

The Treasurer reported a total bank balance of \$2,495.85.

Membership in the Society is 286.

Mr. William H. Price, author of *The Civil War Centennial Handbook*, spoke on "Signals and Intelligence in the Civil War."

Meeting of November 8, 1963

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum.

The President announced that the museum would be open to the public on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 during November and December with members of the Arlington Historical Society serving as host and hostess. These hours are in addition to the already established Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings with volunteers of the Northern Virginia Service League serving as hostesses.

The President made it known that the Thomas Nelson Chapter of the D.A.R. was donating a coffee urn to the museum meeting room.

Rear Admiral Beverly Mosby Coleman, grandson of Colonel John S. Mosby, gave a talk on "The Military Career of Colonel John S. Mosby."

Meeting of January 10, 1964

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum.

The President reported that \$1,500.00 had been withdrawn from the treasury and deposited in a savings account, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$668.89.

Mr. George Pettengill, Chairman of the Publications Committee, announced that the *Arlington Historical Magazine* should clear the printers shortly.

It was announced that the Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening visiting hours to the museum would be discontinued in favor of Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 with members of the Society volunteering their services as hosts and hostesses.

Major General Glen E. Edgerton, USA Res., Executive Director of the Commission on Renovation of the Executive Mansion, spoke on "The White House."

Meeting of March 13, 1964

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum.

The *Arlington Historical Magazine*, Vol. 2, No. 3, the Society's seventh annual publication, was available for purchase at this meeting.

The Treasurer reported that of the \$1,500.00 placed in a savings account, a balance of \$1,485.42 was on hand.

Mr. Frank Higgins, a member of the Society, unveiled his very fine collection of items relating to the history of fire fighting in Arlington County which is on display in the museum.

Honorable James I. Robertson, Jr., U. S. Director of the Civil War Centennial Commission, gave a talk on "Our American Heritage."

Meeting of May 8, 1964

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Hume School Historical Museum. The Secretary's annual report of the activities of the Society was read. Checkbook balance of \$441.34 was reported.

Miss Cornelia B. Rose, Jr., Chairman of the Museum Exhibits Committee, gave a report on the activities of this committee for the year, including a resume of articles received for exhibition, and announced the promise of an exhibit on topography.

Mrs. Jack Foster, Chairman of Publication Sales reported the sale of sixty-five magazines.

A report concerning the proposed plans of the Finance Committee for the endowment fund was given by Mr. Dow Nida. In this report, Mr. Nida made it known that the Directors of the Society had approved the idea of establishing an endowment fund to finance the operation of the museum building. Two checks in the amount of \$300.00 each had already been received. The money donated to the endowment fund is to be used solely for the perpetuation of the museum, and a board of trustees, consisting of three people, will be established to administer the fund. A goal of \$100,000.00 is set for 1970.

Jack H. Foster, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate which was unanimously elected:

President	ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL
First Vice President.....	DELBERT J. HARRILL
Second Vice President.....	JOHN F. BURNS
Treasurer	HARRISON MANN
Secretary	KATHERINE ROBERTS
Directors	CHESTER M. BRASSE, JACK H. FOSTER, DOW H. NIDA, GEORGE E. PETTENGILL, EDWARD F. SAYLE, PERCY C. SMITH

The speaker of the evening was Senator Frank L. Ball. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Ball served in the Virginia State Senate for eight years from 1924 to 1932, has practiced law in Arlington County for 55 years, and is well equipped to present the subject on which he spoke—"The Arlington I Have Known."

Gifts

During the year, the Society was the recipient of the following historical gifts:

- Cannon balls, an artillery shell, an antique green glass pickle jar with cathedral window pressed design, antique milk crock with blue design, covered stoneware jar, rocking chair made by George Donaldson, school desk made by James Strother, father-in-law of Webster Donaldson, and box of old coins and Indian artifacts picked up on the Donaldson farm MRS. WARREN HORSTMAN.
- Pair of two seater school desks..... MRS. JOHN N. ANDREWS.
- Three rare Civil War shells and a large earthenware jug with a blue stripe MRS. WARREN HORSTMAN.
- Four letters: (1) from Benjamin Hallowell to John Taliaferro, June 16, 1840; (2) from G. Lee Waugh to George Turberville, April 5, 1781; (3) same to same, March 24, 1784; (4) from Thomas Pope Basye, February 26, 1810..... MRS. CAZENOVE G. LEE, JR.
- Two school desks, one single and one double..... MR. W. VERNON FORD.
- A copy of the Howell map of Alexandria County in 1900..... MR. LAWRENCE MICHAEL.

A collection of interesting 100 year old clothing.....

ARLINGTON COUNTY FAMILY.

The case and contents contained in the cornerstone of the old courthouse..

ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD.

The following items are on loan to the museum in accordance with the acquisition and exhibit policy adopted by the Board of Directors of the Society on November 28, 1962:

Papier-mâché statue of Robert E. Lee on Traveler and Confederate flag made by school children in Fairfax County....MISS GLADYS R. STAPLES.

Fourteen photographs of homes in Arlington County: Saegmuller Water Tower, Greek Revival Mansion (Altha Hall), In an Arlington Attic (Bellevue), Minor Hill's Colonial Kitchen, Prospect Hill, Alcova, Saegmuller House, Glebe House (2 views), Birch Homestead, Maple Shade, Mary Carlin House, Arlington House and Rixey Mansion.....

MRS. ELEANOR LEE TEMPLEMAN.

A steel engraving showing the Francis Scott Key house in Georgetown, the Potomac, and the Rosslyn foreshore.....MR. LAWRENCE MICHAEL.

A collection of items related to the history of fire fighting in Arlington CountyMR. FRANK HIGGINS.

Special Events

During the month of July, the Society had a display covering the Society's program and some highlights of Arlington history in Woodward & Lothrop's Seven Corners store.

The Secretary represented the Society at the Columbia Historical Society's 70th Birthday Party on Saturday, May 2, held in the garden of the Christian Heurich Memorial Mansion in Washington, D. C.

Committees

Audit CHARLES J. A. JOHNSON, JR.

Building and Grounds..... HENRY L. ROBERTS

Finance L. LASZLO ECKER-RACZ

Membership ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL

Museum Exhibits CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR.

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Nominating JACK H. FOSTER

DOW H. NIDA

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By KATHERINE ROBERTS, *Secretary*