

Proceedings of the Arlington Historical Society

1964 - 1965

Meeting of September 11, 1964

The Society met at Gunston Hall, the colonial home of George Mason.

The President announced that the Finance Committee had submitted plans for custody of the Endowment Fund and read a letter of recommendation prepared by L. L. Ecker-Racz. The recommendations were accepted by the Board of Directors. A sum of \$1,600.00 was reported as having been donated to this fund.

Finances of the Society as of Sept. 8, 1964, were \$451.00 in the Operating Account, \$1,210.00 in the Savings Account, and \$1,600.00 in the Endowment Fund.

It was announced that the Hume School Historical Museum now has a permanent identification sign on the front of the building.

Mr. Douglass R. Hayes was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors created by the death of Percy C. Smith.

Membership in the Society numbered 289.

Mr. Kenneth Neill, Manager of Gunston Hall, gave a short talk on George Mason and Gunston Hall.

Meeting of November 13, 1964

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum, 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road.

It was announced that the Directors had decided to reprint the Society's Special Publication No. 1, "Why Do We Call It . . . ?". The need for more copies resulted from two exhibits displayed by the Society during the year.

The 1964 edition of the *Arlington Historical Magazine*, Vol. 2, No. 4, was published in October and available for purchase at the meeting.

Membership in the Society was reported at 295.

Colonel John V. Hinkel, author of *Arlington: Home of Heroes*, talked on "The Little Known History of Arlington National Cemetery" illustrated by slides.

Meeting of January 8, 1965

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum.

The President announced that the Directors had accepted the invitation of the Arlington Citizen Participation Council to affiliate with their organization. The President was named to represent the Society at the meetings.

Attendance of visitors to the Museum was reported as 643 from October 1963 to December 1964.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$47.71 in the Operating Account, \$931.68 in the Savings Account, and \$1,600.00 in the Endowment Fund.

Dr. C. Malcolm Watkins, Curator of Cultural History, Smithsonian Institution, spoke on "Colonial Lighting in the South," illustrating his talk with slides.

Meeting of March 12, 1965

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum.

The Amendment to Article I, No. 3 of the By-Laws, increasing the adult dues from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per year, was adopted unanimously.

It was announced that the Trust Instrument for management of the Endowment Fund had been drawn up, was now being revised, and would be presented to the membership for adoption at the May meeting.

An additional sign will be placed on the outside of the Museum Building announcing the visiting hours—"Open Sundays from 2 to 4."

All issues of the *Arlington Historical Magazine* and copies of the Society's Special Publication #1, "Why Do We Call It . . . ?" formerly stored on the 2nd floor of the Museum have been moved to a newly established Book Room on the 1st floor.

Thomas E. White, Historian of Manassas Battlefield Park, gave a talk on "Manassas Campaign" illustrated by slides. Society member Colonel Roy Brewer showed slides and briefly explained the excavation at Fort Scott.

Meeting of May 14, 1965

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Hume School Historical Museum.

The President announced the publication of rules governing the use of the Hume School Historical Museum by those renting the meeting room.

Thanks were extended to Dow Nida who represented the Society at the County's Beautification Program meeting and to Walter Bell who attended the meeting of the Planning Commission with regard to the preservation of Prospect Hill.

It was reported that the Society's finances as of May 1 reflected a balance in the Operating Fund of \$331.84; in the Savings Account as of January 1, the balance was \$931.68 with accrued interest to be added; in the Endowment Fund, there was \$1,799.38.

Harrison Mann summarized and explained the purpose of the Trust Instrument for management of the Endowment Fund after which there was discussion from the floor. The Trust Instrument was adopted unanimously.

The Secretary's Annual Report for 1964-65 was read.

Membership in the Society was 284.

It was made known that the Society is planning a Historic Arlington Day to take place on October 9, 1965, the theme of which will be "Forts of Arlington" and will include a tour of a few historical homes.

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

President	-----	JOHN F. BURNS
First Vice President	-----	EDWARD F. SAYLE
Second Vice President	-----	DOUGLASS R. HAYES
Secretary	-----	CATHERINE I. BAHN
Treasurer	-----	ERNA GARNER
Directors	-----	CHESTER M. BRASSE, ROY C. BREWER, JACK H. FOSTER, ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL, HARRISON MANN, HULEN STUART

Henry W. Coulter, Geologist with the Department of the Interior, spoke on "Geological History of the Washington Area."

Gifts

During the year, the Society was the recipient of the following historical gifts for exhibit in the Museum:

One lady's parasol, one Civil War soldier's courier case, one clock stand two lamps	-----	MRS. PERCY C. SMITH
One piece of semi-petrified wood	-----	MR. HOWARD W. LEHMAN
One high school chair with arm for writing	-----	
		(Left at Museum by unknown donor)

One school child's "penny" writing tablet of period 1905-1910 -----	MR. D. J. HARRILL
One fan back Windsor chair -----	MR. AND MRS. JOHN C. YATES
One Indian stone ax found on Analooston Island --	MR. D. J. HARRILL
One pistol powder flask -----	MR. G. W. PEARCE
One tape recording of the Arlingtones in "The Battle of Songs," Civil War Centennial Commission -----	COL. R. J. IRISH
One framed copy of "Return of Quartermaster Stores at Fort Ethan Allen" -----	MR. EDWARD F. SAYLE

The following items are on loan in accordance with the Acquisition and Exhibit policy adopted by the Board of Directors of the Society on November 28, 1962:

One portrait of George Washington --	MR. AND MRS. HERBERT BROWN
One exhibit entitled "Virginia in Uniform" -----	GEORGE E. MEAGHER
Other: One Flemish flower arrangement prepared and donated by Mrs. D. J. HARRILL. Several display cards prepared by BRENT HUGHES.	

Special Events

The Arlington Historical Society displayed an exhibit at the Arlington County Public Schools 1964 Orientation Program for new teachers held at Yorktown High School on August 27, 1964.

An exhibit was displayed by the Arlington Historical Society at Marymount College during the program "Arlington Nights for Newcomers" held on October 5, 12, and 19, 1964. Mrs. H. L. Roberts, Mrs. Percy Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. John Burns represented the Society respectively on these occasions.

Volunteers from the membership of the Society served as hosts and hostesses at the Hume School Historical Museum, making it possible to open it to the public every Sunday afternoon throughout the year.

Committees

Audit -----	CHARLES J. A. JOHNSON, JR.
Building and Grounds -----	FRANK R. HIGGINS
Finance -----	L. LASZLO ECKER-RACZ
Museum -----	DELBERT J. HARRILL MAE SAYLE MARY WELBURN MANN JOHN F. BURNS
Program -----	ROBERT N. ANDERSON PAUL OEHSER COL. HENRY L. TAYLOR
Publications -----	GEORGE E. PETTENGILL
Publicity -----	MRS. ART BROWN
Research and Records -----	CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR.
Membership -----	MRS. ALFRED KREBS
Sale of Publications -----	MRS. ERNA GARNER KATHERINE ROBERTS, <i>Secretary</i>