

Proceedings of the Arlington Historical Society

1965 - 1966

Meeting of September 8, 1966

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum.

The President announced the establishment of an Endowment Fund, the income from which would be used for the maintenance of the Museum. Under the Trust Instrument drawn up by members Harrison Mann and Chester Brasse and approved by the Society, two Trustees would be appointed by the Society, and one by the County Board. The Society Trustees are L. Laszlo Ecker-Racz and Jack Jones.

The membership approved a change in the meeting date to the second Wednesday of alternate months. (NOTE: this change later was rescinded.)

A balance of \$743.71 had been turned over to the new treasurer. Disbursement of \$106.31 was reported, leaving a balance on this date of \$637.40 in the checking account. Membership in the Society numbered 284.

Mr. Walter M. Macomber, member of the Society, spoke on "Restoration of Historic Buildings."

Meeting of November 10, 1965

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum.

The Chairman of the Publications Committee announced that Vol. 3, No. 1, of *The Arlington Historical Magazine* was now off the press and available.

Dr. Wayne Rasmussen, Chief, Agricultural History Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, spoke on "The Arlington Experimental Farm," illustrated with photographs.

Meeting of January 14, 1966

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum. It was reported that the Society had 276 adult and 11 junior members.

It was announced that the County Board had appointed Joseph L. Fisher, member of the Society, as its representative on the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund.

The Treasurer reported \$469.56 in the checking account.

Senator Frank L. Ball, Society member, spoke on "Electric Railways in Arlington" and showed slides of the old stations and parts of the lines.

Meeting of March 11, 1966

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$496.99.

The program included the showing of the WMAL-TV News and Public Affairs award-winning color sound film "The Magnificent Ditch"—the C & O Canal. Maxine Goff Morgan, Society member, described some of the engineering difficulties encountered in constructing the Aqueduct Bridge designed to link the C & O Canal with the Canal running through Arlington to Alexandria.

Meeting of May 3, 1966

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Hume School Historical Meeting. The Secretary's annual report for 1965-66 was read and accepted. Membership in the Society totaled 253.

It was reported that the Society had a balance on May 1 of \$303.40 in the Operating Fund, and \$969.30 in the Savings Account. Harrison Mann announced the donation of \$25 to the Endowment Fund in memory of Frank L. Ball, bringing that Fund to over \$1,800.

Following a report by Harrison Mann on the success the previous Fall of the first "Historic Arlington Day," the membership approved a second "Historic Arlington Day," to be held in October 1966.

Douglass R. Hayes presented a scroll to be signed by all members present, containing a resolution acknowledging the great contributions of the late Frank L. Ball to the Society and to the community.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goebel, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate, which was unanimously elected:

President	EDWARD F. SAYLE
First Vice President	HULEN STUART
Second Vice President	CHESTER M. BRASSE
Treasurer	ERNA G. GARNER
Secretary	EDNA LINK
Directors	CATHERINE I. BAHN, ROY C. BREWER, JOHN F. BURNS, ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL, HARRISON MANN, SEYMOUR STISS

Mr. Harry N. Burgess of the U.S. Department of Justice, spoke on "Glimpses of Greatness," illustrated by an exhibit of some of his collection of letters of all the Presidents of the United States.

Gifts

During the year the Society was the recipient of the following gifts for exhibit at the Museum or addition to the archives:

Notes, clippings, records	MRS. DON MINICK
Transcript of the "Minute Book" of the School Board of Arlington District, Alexandria County, 1870-1905	CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR.
Photographs of the Arlington Experimental Farm	DR. WAYNE RASMUSSEN
Materials relating to the Arlington School System	DELLA BROWN
Complete collection of documents and clippings related to Historic Arlington Day, with special section on Civil War Forts prepared by Roy C. Brewer	DOUGLASS R. HAYES
Records of the Organized Women Voters Association of Arlington, 1923 to date, prepared by Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Hazel Moore,	THE ASSOCIATION, BY MRS. LEONE BUCHHOLZ
Framed lithograph of "Lee and His Generals"	MRS. ETHEL O'BRIEN
Copy from the estate of Guy Church of "Arlington County, Virginia" by Crandal Mackey	FALLS CHURCH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Framed photograph of signing of County Board proclamation re Historic Arlington Day	
Door of the dungeon of the old Arlington County jail, and metal top of the old jail cupola	

Museum Improvements

Improvements to the Hume School Historical Museum made during the year, included repair of the first floor front, security for the basement windows, addition of a ball and swivel for the flagpole, a weathervane on the tower, asphalt seal on the basement walls and sides, a glass door on an exhibit case, and widening of the parking lot entrance.

Special Events

Historic Arlington Day was celebrated for the first time, with the general theme of the Civil War forts. On Friday, October 8, lectures were given on the history of Arlington County (C. B. Rose, Jr.), the Civil War Forts in Arlington (Ludwell

Lee Montague), and the restoration in Alexandria of Fort Ward (Col. Joseph Mitchell). On Saturday, October 9, there were guided tours at Fort Scott and Fort Ward, with a special exhibit and refreshments at the Hume School Historical Museum. Three homes of special interest were open for the occasion: "The Glebe," home of Senator and Mrs. Frank L. Ball, the Henry Pratt home, and the home of the A. Whitney Murphys.

Committee Chairmen

Audit -----	C. J. A. JOHNSON, JR.
Building and Grounds -----	ROY C. BREWER
Finance -----	WALTER E. BELL
Museum Exhibits -----	AGNES D. MULLINS
Program -----	CHESTER M. BRASSE
Publications -----	JACK H. FOSTER
Publicity -----	DOUGLASS R. HAYES
Research and Records -----	CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR.
Membership -----	ELWOOD L. BEAR, JR., DOW NIDA
Sale of Publications -----	KATHERINE ROBERTS
Historic Arlington Day -----	HARRISON MANN, ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL

CATHERINE I. BAHN, *Secretary*