

Proceedings of the Arlington Historical Society 1967 - 1968

Meeting of September 8, 1967

The regular meeting of the Society was held in the day room of the Third Infantry, Fort Myer, Virginia, an honor to the Society as it was the first time such a group had been permitted use of the room. Mr. Brasse called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Goebel to review plans for the candle light tour and homes for Historic Arlington Day. Preceding the meeting, Mr. Charles Gary Allison, President of the Heritage Cavaliers Corporation, discussed the historical aspects of Fort Myer/Fort Whipple and the Third Infantry with a conducted tour and description of museum exhibits. Of particular interest was an exhibit of a collection of heraldry crests of the Armed Services over the years. The host for the evening was Colonel Joseph Comny, Commanding Officer First Battalion, 3rd U.S. Infantry, who has the distinguished duty of personal escort to the President. Assisting the Colonel was Captain Patrick Graves of the Honor Guard Company.

Meeting of November 11, 1967

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum, 1805 South Arlington Ridge Road, with Mr. Brasse presiding. Mrs. Goebel, Chairman of the Historic Arlington Day Committee gave a report on the very successful "Historic Arlington Day" which was held on October 6th and 7th. About \$850.00 was cleared through donations, ticket sales for the house tours and the candle light tour of the Custis Lee Mansion and the sale of publications. The 1967 edition of *Arlington Historical Magazine*, Vol. 3, No. 3, edited by Catherine I. Bahn, was published and mailed to the membership. Mr. Thomas E. White, a Park Historian on the staff of Central National Capital Parks in Washington spoke on *Washington and Environs in 1865*. His excellent and informative slides added to the interest of the talk.

Meeting of January 12, 1968

The president opened the meeting which was held at the Hume School Historical Museum. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1,260.37. Mr. Burns stated that an exhibit of chromatome slides presented to J. Lee and Fred Saegmuller are on display in the Museum. Miss Rose announced that the Cultural Heritage Commission of the County Board had chartered a bus and taken a tour that covered all the places where the County had placed historical markers as well as proposed places. The intent is to publish a booklet outlining such a tour which would be of interest to the Society. Colonel Brewer introduced the guest speaker, Mr. H. Lewis Shepherd, Past President of the Washington Golf and Country Club who spoke on its history.

Meeting of March 8, 1968

The Society met at the Hume School Historical Museum. Mr. Brasse announced the spring meeting of the Virginia History Federation to be held at George Mason College, April 6, 1968 and that he and Miss Rose would represent the Society. Mrs. Garner reported the balance in the checking account as of March 4, 1968, as \$1,542.05. Colonel Brewer introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Stan Stanton, owner and operator of Stan Stanton's Search Service, who spoke on the Patent Office of the Confederacy and the trials and tribulations of its unique commissioner, Rufus R. Rhodes.

Meeting of May 10, 1968

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the Hume School Historical Museum. The Secretary's report for 1968-67 was read and accepted. Membership in the Society totaled 179. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$992.40. Mr. Brasse extended his appreciation to all members who served on committees, who participated by giving their time and efforts to raise money, to enhance and maintain the Museum, to make the meetings enjoyable and educational, and to all for their cooperation and support.

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

President -----	J. ELWOOD CLEMENTS
First Vice President -----	DONALD A. WISE
Second Vice President -----	LEE SAEGESSER
Treasurer -----	ERNA G. GARNER
Secretary -----	MARGARET H. GIBSON
Directors -----	CHESTER M. BRASSE, ELIZABETH R. GOEBEL, JACK R. JONES, SALLY LOVING, HARRISON MANN, EDWARD H. SANDERS

Robert Nelson Anderson, Sr., spoke on *Alexandria, Northern Capital of Virginia*.

Gifts

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

Desk—formerly the property of Jefferson Davis and from "Green Valley Manor", South 23rd Street and Army-Navy Drive. (Not yet restored for exhibition.)
Documentation for above desk prepared by Herbert Pering Carter.

—MRS. DAVID C. DE PACKH

Publication—Reprint of an extract from a "Cosmographie" by Peter Heylyn, London, 1652. Extract relating to Virginia prepared and annotated by Herbert Pering Carter ----- HERBERT PERING CARTER

Yarn reel for clamping on table; Spectacles with steel frames, ca. 1850; Pince-nez eyeglasses with ear hook, gold chain and case, ca. late 1800's; Civil War Union Army canteen ----- MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. BURNS

Two locks from cells of old Arlington County Jail (1898-1948)

—MRS. WALTER E. BELL

Book "John Letcher of Virginia", by F. N. Boney, 1967

—PUBLISHER, *University of Alabama Press*

Loans

Early American hand wrought andirons ----- MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. BURNS

Trust Fund

Gifts were made by Abbie Dishman Arnold, Cornelia B. Rose, Jr., Estate of Clara P. Minnick and by Harrison Mann in honor of Walter Bell.

Special Events

A candlelight tour of the Custis-Lee Mansion, one of the best known homes in the country, was a special privilege accorded the members and guests for the opening of the annual "Historic Arlington Day" on Friday night, October 6. The following day, October 7, the house tour included the homes of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Jennings, General and Mrs. Harold K. Johnson, Delegate and Mrs. Harrison Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Russell, and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Sharp. The Hume School Historical Museum was open to visitors and featured a collection of items relating to life as it was over 100 years ago in Arlington. The display included dresses, coverlets, pictures, books and all manner of artifacts used in our community during the ante-bellum period.

Committee Chairmen

Audit -----	CHARLES J. A. JOHNSON, JR.
Buildings and Grounds -----	JOHN L. OVERHOLT
Finance -----	WALTER E. BELL
Hospitality -----	MRS. WARNER H. MCKINNEY
Membership -----	JON MAGNUSSON
Museum Exhibits -----	JOHN F. BURNS
Museum Hosts and Hostesses -----	EDNA LINK
Program -----	ROY C. BREWER
Publications -----	CATHERINE I. BAHN
Publicity -----	DONALD A. WISE
Research and Records -----	CORNELIA B. ROSE, JR.
Historic Arlington Day -----	ELIZABETH GOEBEL

EDNA LINK, *Secretary*