

ARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY YEAR IN REVIEW

1991-1992

June 1991

Repairs to the Ball cabin were completed and it was described as being in "good shape"; copies of all related deeds and wills were made.

July 1991

The Hume Museum inventory continued.

August 1991

Museum Director Darline Hannabass, Curator Stephanie Eisenbarth, and volunteers completed the inventory of the museum collection, with over 5,000 items catalogued.

September 1991

The membership program was "Necostia: The World of Arlington's Last Indians," presented by Bruce Gregory McCoy.

October 1991

The Hume Museum reopened October 4 with exhibits of Arlington toys, the 1898 Court-house, Sears houses, and items not shown before. Historic Arlington Day was celebrated October 19 with a bus tour featuring "The Mason Family of Gunston Hall"; Dr. Robert Hawkes provided commentary. Candlelight tours of Arlington House were provided by the National Park Service the evening before.

November 1991

The Society's board adopted a procedure for handling preservation issues and continued efforts to preserve Abingdon by supporting draft legislation in the Virginia General Assembly. Agnes Downey Mullins presented a program on George Washington Parke Custis to the membership. Phyllis Johnson, editor of the *Magazine* since 1986, retired.

December 1991

The museum bookshop offered new publications, maps, and "penny candy". The annual holiday party was held at the Hume School.

January 1992

"The Other Arlington: The Eastern Shore of Virginia" was the subject of Dr. Kirk Mariner's talk at the January membership meeting. Twenty-four items from the museum collection were deaccessioned and consigned for sale; plans for renovation of the second floor were approved. Long-time Museum Director Darline Hannabass resigned effective June 30.

February 1992

The project to produce a map of land ownership in Arlington as of 1860 began with Sara Collins and Janet Rogers in the lead. Evelyn Reid Syphax presented recollections of her

experiences as a student and teacher in segregated schools at a special membership program during Black History Month.

March 1992

The Society supported preservation of the Buckingham Apartment complex, including commercial buildings. The membership meeting was held jointly with the Alexandria Historical Society at the Lyceum, featuring Judy Muniec and Pamela Cressey as speakers.

April 1992

The Society sponsored the Dawson Terrace Heritage Walk with Bruce Gregory McCoy providing commentary. A plant sale to raise funds was held at the Hume Museum.

May 1992

The annual banquet, co-chaired by Dow H. and Jane B. Nida, was held at the Army-Navy Country Club; Dr. George W. Johnson, president of George Mason University, was the featured speaker. Agnes Mullins provided commentary on the spring bus tour, "A Visit with the Lee Family," to Stratford Hall and Leesylvania State Park. At the annual meeting the outgoing president, Karl VanNewkirk, reviewed the year's accomplishments before installing the newly elected officers and directors.



WHY DO WE CALL IT?

Hume School

The Hume School on South Arlington Ridge Road was built in 1891 on a small piece of land bought by the Jefferson District School Board for \$250. It was named for Frank Hume who lived at "Warwick" in what was then part of Arlington County but since January 1, 1930, has been in the City of Alexandria. Mr. Hume gave a plot of land adjacent to the school building to be used as a playground.