

ARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY YEAR IN REVIEW 1994-95

June-July 1994

Began search for volunteers and committee members for membership year 1994-1995. Plans for participation in the Arlington County Fair.

August 1994

Participation in the annual Arlington County Fair with display on theme "Ballston and Its Past." Bette Clements, chairperson, was assisted by many others.

The Society was awarded a Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) grant of \$5,710 to pay for services of two professionals: one to determine specific needs for preservation and repairs on the Hume School building, and one to assess problems with the museum collections. This CAP grant complements a matching grant (over \$10,000) received in April 1994 from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Historic Resources to assist the Society with making repairs to the Hume School building.

The Ball-Sellers House was awarded a \$2,900 Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) by the Institute of Museum Services, a Federal agency serving the nation's museums. This was one of only 52 TAG grants given nationwide. It included funds for two Ball-Sellers Committee members to attend appropriate training courses offered by the Smithsonian and other sources. The remainder of the grant will be used to implement a program to increase public awareness of Arlington's oldest standing dwelling house.

September 1994

The Society's general membership meeting on September 9 featured Edwin C. Bearss, Chief Historian National Park Service, speaking on the "American Civil War" and LTC Sherman Pratt (USA-Ret), on "Decisive Battles of the Korean War."

The second season for Arlington Reunion programs began on September 15 with a panel of speakers recalling their memories of Arlington school days from grade school to Washington-Lee High School. The program was videotaped by Arlington Cable Channel 31 and shown frequently on its channel.

The Society's Newsletter with an improved, enlarged format, a selection of local history articles and society news items appeared in early September under the editorship of Wesley E. Pippingier.

October 1994

Historic Arlington Days were celebrated on October 13 and 14. The traditional candlelight Tour of Arlington House hosted by the National Park Service on Friday evening was followed the next day by opening ceremonies, music by members of the Arlington Symphony and a trolley car tour of the Ballston area. Norman Novack served as the trolley conductor and commentator. The entire program was organized and arranged by Frank and Cindy Impala and Bette Clements.

The Arlington Reunion for October was held at the Arlington Central Library. The program, "Ballston Remembered," was moderated by Bill Condo, executive director of Ballston Partnership. It featured a panel of six persons who grew up in the area.

November 1994

"An Overview of the Gray Ghost: The Life and Times of Col. John S. Mosby" was presented at the general meeting on November 10. Speakers were Jim Moyer and Tom Evans, authors of *Mosby's Confederacy*, *Mosby's Vignettes*, Dr. Kenneth McAtee, grandson of a Mosby Ranger and author of *Legions and Ghosts of the Old Confederacy*, and Virgil Carrington "Pat" Jones, author of *Gray Ghost Rebel Raiders*.

The Arlington Reunion for December was on the theme of "Churches in the Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor" and moderated by Catherine T. "Teddy" Saulmon. A panel of speakers from ten churches spoke and showed old photographs.

December 1994

The annual holiday party and open house for all Society members and their friends was held at the Hume School on Sunday, December 11.

The "Arlington Reunion" for December was postponed because of ice and snow.

January 1995

The general membership meeting on January 12 featured Michael W. Kauffman who presented a color slide program and lecture entitled "A Fantastic Journey," describing the flight of John Wilkes Booth from the Ford Theater through Maryland to the Virginia Garrett Farm. Mr. Kauffman, author and official tour guide for the Surratt Society of Maryland, spent many months in research and study of Booth's route in his flight after the assassination of President Lincoln.

The Arlington Reunion "Business in Arlington," moderated by Chamber of Commerce president Richard Doud, consisted of a panel of long-time businessmen.

February 1995

"Volunteer Fire Fighters in Arlington" was the theme of the Arlington Reunion moderated by Society member Jim Fearson.

March 1995

The general membership meeting on March 9 featured George W. Dodge, a member of the Society and frequent contributor to the *Magazine*, speaking on "The Civil War Impact on Arlington County."

The Arlington Reunion on March 16 featured the East Falls Church neighborhood and the Eastman-Fenwick House. A special display of artifacts from the House was shown in the Virginia History Room of the Arlington Central Library.

April 1995

April 9, 1995, the 130th anniversary of General Lee's surrender to General Grant at Appomattox, marked the opening of a new major Civil War exhibit at the Museum. Highlights were the opening remarks delivered by Arlington County Board Chairman Al Eisenberg and the exhibit including Civil War artifacts lent by Mr. Eisenberg and George W. Dodge, and from the Museum's collection.

Regular Saturday openings (after winter closing) began April 1 at the Ball Sellers House. On the first Saturday of each month a special program was presented.

May 1995

The annual Society Banquet was held on May 5 in the 16th floor Galaxy Room at the Sheraton National Hotel, with Arlington attorney Ken McFarland Smith as speaker. Approximately 75 persons attended.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on May 11 at the Lyon Village Community House, Lee Hwy. and N. Highland St. Officers for the year 1995-1996 were elected and installed. Annual reports by outgoing officers and committees were presented.

June 1995

New officers began to familiarize themselves with their duties.

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM, 1994-95

Arlington Hospital 50th Anniversary materials. Given by Seymour Stiss.

Metro-related objects. Given by the estate of Lee Rhoades, courtesy of Ross Netherton.

Victor Talking Machine. Given by Stella Foster.

Corn sheller. Given by Virginia Wells.

Scrapbooks. Given by Daniel Reiff.

Local photograph. Anonymous donation.

Handblown blue glass shard. Anonymous donation.