



Conference Programs

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First Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies

January 11-12, 1974

Martin Luther King Memorial Library of the District of Columbia

FRIDAY JANUARY 11

9:45 a.m.

Conference Opening

10:00 a.m.-12 noon

Religious Institutions in 19th-Century Community Life • Francis Rosenberger, Columbia Historical Society, Chairman

"Charles Bulfinch and the Washington Unitarian Community 1820-30 " • Harold Kirker, University of California, Santa Barbara

"The Metropolitan A. M. E. Church " • Letitia Brown, George Washington University

"The Congregation of Adas Israel " • Evelyn Greenberg, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington

12:15 p.m.

Introduction to the Washingtoniana Collection • Milton S. Byam, Director, D. C. Public Libraries

2:00-4:00 p.m.

The Formation of Neighborhood Cultures • Charles McLaughlin, American University, Chairman

"A Demographic and Photographic Analysis of Alley Life " • James Borchert, University of California, Santa Cruz

"Capitol Hill 1870-1900: The People and Their Homes " • Susan Myers, Division of Pre-industrial Cultural History, Smithsonian Institution

"Residential Patterns in the Southwest 1860-97 " • Paul Groves, University of Maryland

4:15-4:45 p.m.

Illustrated Lecture on Gilbert Stuart in Washington, His Subjects and Their Society • Charles Merrill Mount

SATURDAY JANUARY 12

10:00 a.m.-12 noon

Concurrent Working Sessions

Workshop A: Graduate Research in Progress • James Flack, University of Maryland and Perry Fisher, Columbia Historical Society, Chairmen

Workshop B: Major Local Oral History Projects • Roderick French, George Washington University, Chairman
Louise Hutchinson, Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
Martha Ross, University of Maryland
Okon Uya, Howard University

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Second Annual

CONFERENCE ON WASHINGTON, D.C. HISTORICAL STUDIES

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Friday January 10

9:45 a.m. Conference Opening

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Studies in the History of Public Housing and Urban Redevelopment ★ James Borchert, University of California, Santa Cruz, Chairman

"John Ihlder and Urban Community Design," Barbara Fant, George Washington University

"A National Controversy in Miniature: Public Housing and the Origins of Redevelopment in D.C.," William Barnes, Syracuse University

"Desegregating and Resegregating Public Housing," Robert Preston, Mt. St. Mary's College of Maryland

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Session A

The Impact of the Civil War on Public Services ★ Neil Kramer, Claremont Graduate School, Chairman

"Consequences for Health Facilities and Services," Richard Kline, Federal City College

"The Metropolitan Police in Time of War," Kenneth Alfors, Mountain View College

Session B

Minority Voices in Washington Journalism ★ Arnold Taylor, Howard University, Chairman

"William Calvin Chase and the Washington Bee," Hal Chase, Simpson College

"The First Women Washington Correspondents," Maurine Beasley, University of Maryland

4:00-5:45 p.m.

Historians and the question of the future. How much must plans for the future respect the past? Which past? Whose past? ★ Letitia Brown, George Washington University, Chairman

"The Central Washington Historical Mapping Study: A Framework for Historians and Planners," Joseph Passonneau, FAIA, and John Fondersmith, AIP, D.C. Office of Planning and Management

"Washington, D.C. 1903/1973: Qualitative and Quantitative Comparisons," D. Lee Zolentas, University of Maryland

Commentator: Perry Fisher, Librarian, Columbia Historical Society

Saturday January 11

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Concurrent Working Sessions

Workshop A

Graduate Research in Progress ★ Ronald Johnson, Georgetown University, and Paul Groves, University of Maryland, Chairmen

Workshop B

Local Oral History Projects ★ Steven Diner, Federal City College, Chairman

"Black Commercial Enterprise in Barry Farms, 1867-1915," John Tetrault, Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

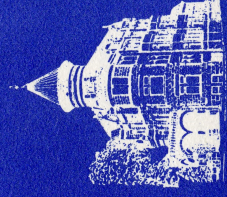
"H.D. Woodson-National Cathedral Bicentennial Cultural Heritage Project," Lana Smith and Brenda Strong

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Third Annual
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Roderick S. French
Francis C. Rosenberger

Commentators:

Dennis Gale, Urban & Regional Planning Department, GWU
Richard Ridley, Richard Ridley & Associates

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

9:45 a.m. Conference Opening

10:00-12 noon

Architects and architecture in non-governmental Washington. — Nicholas Pappas, Chairman of the Committee on Historic Resources of the Metropolitan Chapter of the AIA, Moderator

Albert I. Cassell and Howard University — Thomas Battle, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center

LeDroit Park: Historic District — Susan Ganschinietz, Joint D.C./N.C.P.C. Historic Preservation Office

James G. Hill's Commercial Buildings — Sue Kohler, Commission of Fine Arts

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Thoughts on a coordinated future development for the physical city with due respect for the past. — Richard W. Carr, Urban Planner, Oliver T. Carr Company

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Official city records. A review of the location, condition and accessibility of major collections. — Dorothy Provine, Civil Archives Division, National Archives, Moderator

Panelists:

Betty Culppepper, Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library
Perry Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
Albert Mindlin and Nathan Levy, Statistical Services Division, D.C. Government
Carolyn Sung, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress

8:00 p.m.

"American Urban Crises in Comparative Historical Perspective" — Richard C. Wade, Distinguished Professor of History, City University of New York

This address will be given in the Christian Heurich Memorial at 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Light refreshments will be served beginning at 7:30.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30-11:00 a.m. Teaching Washington history in the schools of the metropolitan area. Exchange of ideas on curricular materials, projects, and learning experiences. — James K. Flack, Jr., University of Maryland, Moderator

Panelists:

724-4857 Susan Deerin, The 2-W Project
724-4857 Leonard King, The Maret School
724-4857 Brenda Nixon, Associates for Renewal in Education 331-1707
724-4857 Tony Sarmiento, D.C. Office of Bicentennial Programs 727-3093
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11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Preservation and exhibition of artifacts and other archival materials of Washington. — Wilbur H. Hunter, Director, The Peale Museum (Baltimore), Moderator

"The Mandate for a Museum" — Earl James, City Museum Study Group

Panelists:

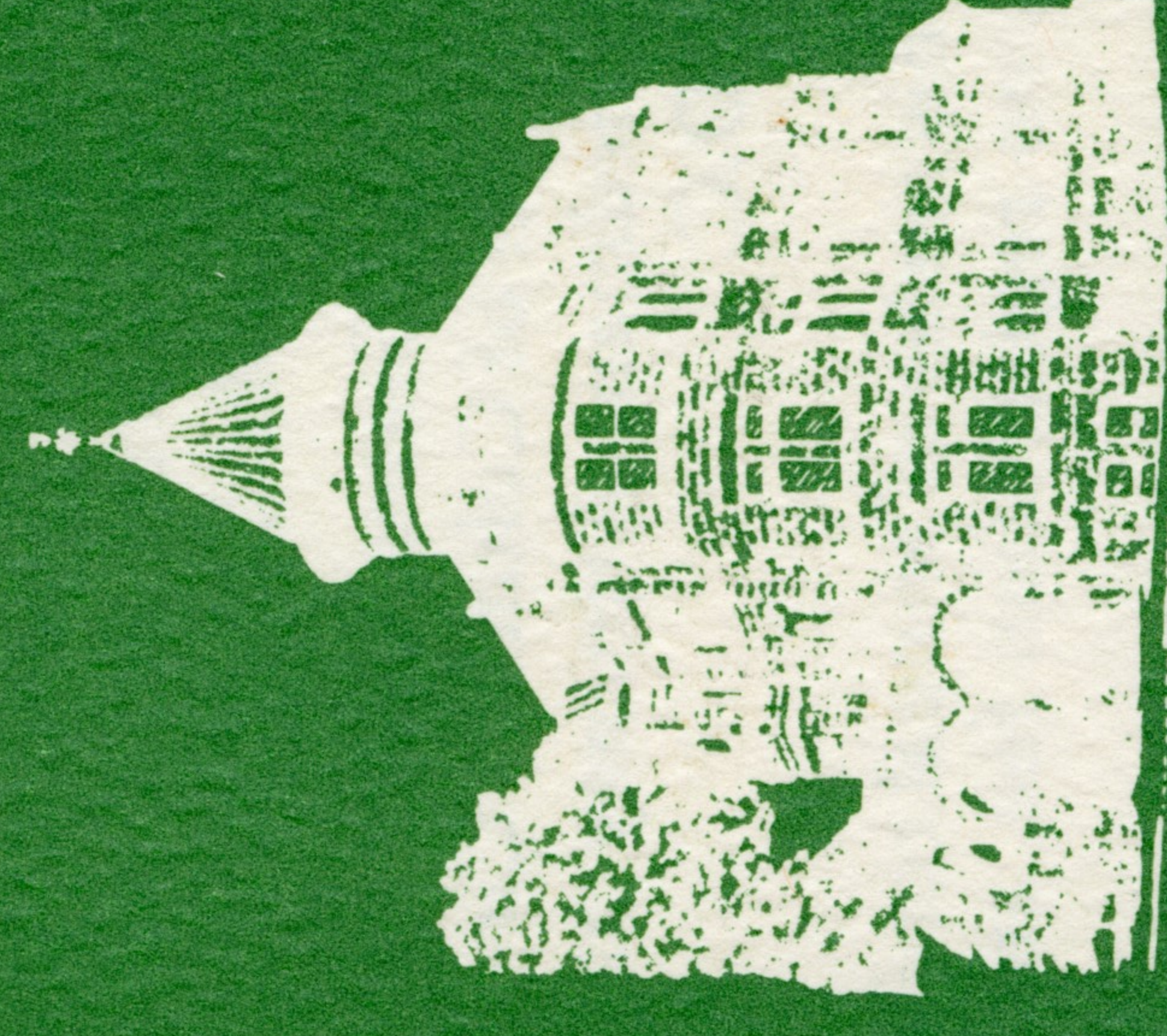
John Fondersmith, D.C. Municipal Planning Office
Frederick Gutheim, Graduate Program in Historic Preservation, GWU
John Kinard, Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
Harris Shettel, American Institutes for Research

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Fourth Annual
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

9:45 a.m. Conference Opening

10:00-12 noon
Neighborhood Studies Moderator:
Steven A. Diner, Department of Urban
Studies, University of the District of
Columbia, Mt. Vernon Campus

Takoma Park — Robert Bachman, Kappa
Systems Incorporated

Tenley Town — Judy Helm, Columbia
Historical Society

Georgetown — Mary Mitchell, Columbia
Historical Society

Anacostia — Louise Hutchinson, Director
of Research, Anacostia Neighborhood
Museum

1:30-3:00 p.m.
Studies in Washington Legal History
Moderator: Maxwell Bloomfield,
Professor of American Social and Con-
stitutional History, Catholic University

"History of the United States Court of
Appeals for the District of Columbia Cir-
cuit" — Paul L. Friedman, Attorney at
Law, Washington, D.C.

"William Cranch: Legal Pioneer of the
District of Columbia" — Neil S. Kramer,
Claremont Graduate School

"The First Two Black Justices of the Peace
of the District of Columbia"—M. Sammy
Miller, Department of History and
Geography, Bowie State College

3:30-5:00 p.m.
Visual Resources for the Study of
Washington Moderator: C. Ford
Peatross, Architectural Collections, The
Library of Congress

Panelists:

Ronald Grimm, Cartographic Division,
National Archives

Shirley L. Green, author of *Pictorial
Resources in the Washington, D.C., Area*

8:00 p.m.
"Uncle Sam and the Suburbs: A Half Cen-
tury of Subsidy and Encouragement" —
Kenneth T. Jackson, Professor of History,
Columbia University

This will be the first Letitia Woods Brown
Memorial Lecture. It will be given in the
Christian Heurich House at 1307 New
Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Light
refreshments will be served beginning at
7:30.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

9:15-10:45 a.m.
Public Space Planning and Landscaping
Moderator: Grace Lockwood, Archivist,
Washington Chapter of the Society
of Landscape Archivists

"History of the Park System of the
Nation's Capital" — Joseph Ronisville,
Management Assistant, National Park
Service

"Restoration of Park Landscapes" —
Darwina Neal, Landscape Architect,
National Capital Region, NPS

"Frederick Law Olmsted in Washington:
The U.S. Capitol Grounds" — Charles
Beveridge, Associate Editor, *The Olmsted
Papers*

11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
University Studies of Local Communities
Moderator: Walter B. Lewis, Associate
Dean, School of Architecture and Plan-
ning, Howard University
Mt. Pleasant — School of Architecture,
University of Maryland

Anacostia — Department of Urban and
Regional Planning, George Washington
University

Cleveland Park — Art Department,
American University

On March 6, 1894, a meeting of twenty-nine prominent historians, scientists, journalists, and academics was held in the office of President James Welling of Columbian (now George Washington) University "to exchange views as to the best means of gathering and preserving the history of the Nation's Capital." This colloquy resulted in the immediate organization of the Columbia Historical Society of Washington, D.C., and the twenty-nine assembled scholars comprised the charter membership.

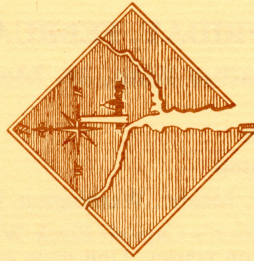
In the subsequent efforts to preserve and record the history of the District of Columbia and vicinity there has continued to be a close working relationship between the Columbia Historical Society and the George Washington University. Members of the two institutions have joined forces in movements to research and safeguard Washington landmarks, to mark local historic sites, and to present exhibitions to promote public awareness of various aspects of the history and development of the national capital region. The Society and the University have assembled independent but complementary collections of specialized materials for the study of local history. George Washington University professors have been frequent contributors to the RECORDS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, an internationally-distributed series for local historical scholarship published by the Society since 1897.

Cooperation between the Columbia Historical Society and the George Washington University entered a new phase with the joint sponsorship of the First Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies in January 1973. In December 1974 the University inaugurated a new series for the publication of the local history research of its faculty and students with the appearance of the first of the *GW Washington Studies* monographs. To date there are six contributions to the series.

Membership in the Columbia Historical Society is open to all persons interested in the history of Washington, D.C. and its people. Annual dues entitle members to all publications, meetings, special activities, and use of the collections of the Society.

**FIFTH ANNUAL
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FEBRUARY 3-4, 1978



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Fifth Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library

- 9:45 a.m. Conference Opening
- 10:00-12 noon **Women in Washington**
Moderator: Keith E. Melder, Washington, D.C.
“Survival in the Nation’s Capital: Black Women and their Quality of Life, 1890-1920” — Sharon Harley, University of the District of Columbia
“ ‘All Qualified Persons;’ Women Physicians in the District of Columbia, 1870-1900” — Gloria M. Moldow, University of Maryland
Comment: Hasia Diner, Goucher College
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. **“Washington Black Writers in the 1920s”** — Ronald M. Johnson, Georgetown University
Moderator: Michael R. Winston, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University
Comment: David L. Lewis, University of the District of Columbia
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Directions in Washington Historiography and Research in Progress**
Convenors: Steven A. Diner, University of the District of Columbia
Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
Howard F. Gillette, George Washington University

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 3

Columbia Historical Society

- 8:00 p.m. **“Africa, White Churches and the Evolution of the Slave Family”**
John W. Blassingame, Professor of History, Yale University
This is the second Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture. It will be given in the Christian Heurich Mansion at 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Light refreshments will be served beginning at 7:30.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library

- 9:15-10:45 a.m. **Death and Life of Washington Neighborhoods**
Moderator: Paul A. Groves, University of Maryland
“Mt. Pleasant” — Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
“Bloomingdale-Edgewood-Eckington” — Videotape presented by Robert Lange, Federal Home Loan Bank Board
- 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Washington Folklore**
Moderator: John Y. Cole, Library of Congress
“Washington Folk Songs” — Joseph C. Hickerson, Library of Congress
“Washington Lore” — Steve Zeitlin and Jack Santino, Smithsonian Institution
“Children’s Singing Games” — Jean Alexander, Brightwood Elementary School
Comment: Bernard M. Mergen, George Washington University

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Over the Years

