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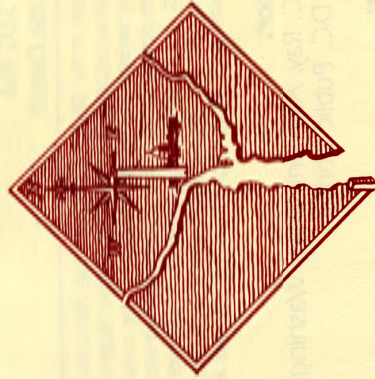
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February 23 and 24, 1990

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library

FRIDAY, February 23

1:00 P.M.

Registration

1:15 P.M.

Conference Opening—

Roxanna Deane, DC. Public Library

1:30 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

Mapping the District

In anticipation of the District's bicentennial, this session will explore seminal cartographic resources for the study of early Washington history. In an illustrated lecture, the making of the L'Enfant manuscript map and subsequent printed versions will be discussed. A complementary presentation will highlight the history of the Office of the Surveyor, with special emphasis on significant plats such as those produced by Nicholas King.

Moderator:

Kathryn C. Ray, Assistant Chief, Washingtoniana Division, DC. Public Library

Panelists:

Richard W. Stephenson, Specialist in American Cartographic History, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress

Ralph B. Sheaffer, Surveyor of the District of Columbia

3:30 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

Residential Development in Washington, DC.

These papers examine the production of housing and communities in variant forms prior to World War I. Wardman's rowhouses were followed by his semi-detached and "community" houses, which collectively redefined the concept and character of local housing in the 20th century. With the creation of an electric

rail line to Chevy Chase, a formerly remote section of upper north-west was opened to development. As an early "streetcar suburb," Chevy Chase has not only retained its well-planned, picturesque qualities but also remains under the control of its original developers.

Moderator:

Glen Leiner, DC. Historic Preservation Division

Papers:

"The Richest Crop: The Row Houses of Harry Wardman," Sally Berk, George Washington University

"The Development of Chevy Chase:

A Bold Idea, A Comprehensive Plan,"

Judith Helm Robinson, Robinson & Associates

3:30 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

Black Elite and the Tradition of Protest

The purpose of this panel is to present the intellectual thought as reflective of Black racial consciousness in the city. This is a treatment of how Black elite envisioned and acted upon their role of providing leadership for the race in general and the Washington Black society, in particular. Three scholars who provided political and/or intellectual leadership are presented here in chronological order, beginning with the late nineteenth century and ending with the depression era of the twentieth century. All of the three presenters are considered experts in the area of their chosen subject and have done considerable scholastic work in their respective field.

Moderator:

Esme E. Bhan, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University

Papers:

"Archibald Henry Grimke and the Black Protest Movement 1883-1895: Neo Abolitionism in Transition," Emma S. Etuk, Howard University

"Alain Locke and the Washington Renaissance," Jeffrey C. Stewart, George Mason University

"Carter G. Woodson and the Negro History Movement During the Depression," Jacqueline A. Goggin, The J. Franklin Jameson Papers, Library of Congress

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Charles Sumner Schoolhouse

17th and M Streets, NW

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7:30 P.M.—9:30 P.M.

Fourteenth Annual Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture and Reception

Speaker:

Donald A. Ritchie, Associate Historian, The United States Senate Historical Office.

"Origins of the Washington Correspondents: The National Press and the Capital City"

Dr. Ritchie will examine the relationship between the Washington press and the national press corps that settled in the capital city during the nineteenth century.

Presentation of The Historical Society of Washington, DC.'s Renchard Prize for Historic Preservation
Reception follows to honor the Letitia Woods Brown lecturer and the Renchard Prize recipient. A contribution of \$3 is requested.

SATURDAY, February 24

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library

9:30 A.M.

Registration and Coffee

10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

Washington Before the Federal City (sequential sessions)

Paths, Patents and Population:

The Site Before the Federal City

This session will focus on the geographical, social and economic conditions that existed in the area before it became the Federal City. Don Hawkins will discuss the visible geography—streams, roads, waterways, and pathways—that influenced land use. Priscilla McNeil will explore the land grants that encompassed the area which was to become the capital. Philip W. Ogilvie will focus on the economic, religious and social characteristics of the pre-federal site.

Moderator:

Margaret N. Burri, Curator of Collections, Historical Society of Washington, DC.

Panelists:

Don Hawkins, Architect and cartographer

Priscilla McNeil, student of Washington geography

Philip W. Ogilvie, Public Records Administrator, District of Columbia Office of Public Records

Bladensburg, Alexandria and Georgetown: Rival Tobacco Ports on the Potomac

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Moderator:

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John Walton, Historian, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Michael Miller, Historian, Lloyd House, Alexandria

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David Roffman, Editor-in-Chief,
The Georgetowner, founded 1954

Sam Smith, Editor, **The Progressive Review**,
formerly the **D.C. Gazette**, founded 1969

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**The Hispano-American Festival and the Latino
Community: Creating an Identity in the Nation's Capital**

This session examines the Latino Festival in the context of
festival forms and Latin American celebration traditions. It ex-
plores the relationships between the dynamics of the event and
the issues of ethnicity as characterized in the 1960s and '70s,
twentieth-century Latin American immigration, neighborhood
decline and urban renewal, and emerging Third World ideology.

Moderator:

John M. Vlach

Paper:

"The Hispano-American Festival and the Latino
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Capital," Olivia Cadaval, Smithsonian Institution

Commentators:

Luis Rumbaut, Attorney, D.C. Government
Alicia Paronoy, Writer, Adams Morgan

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**Exhibiting Washington: Why, Where, How—and
How Much**

How do exhibits about Washington happen? Where do the
ideas come from? Once the idea is there, how is it turned into
the reality of programs and displays? The panelists have created
a group of Washington-based exhibits that are in various stages
of implementation. They will explore such issues as the prob-
lems and joys of research and the perils of funding.

Moderator:

Raoul Kulberg, Learning Resources, University of
the District of Columbia

Papers:

"The Octagon Series," Nancy E. Davis, Director,
The Octagon

"Washington: Symbol, Site, City," Melissa
McCloud, Guest Curator, National Building
Museum

"The Chinatown Project," Wendy Lim, Project
Director, Asian American Arts and Media

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graphs. **Washington History**, the Society's
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promulgated by President George Washington in 1791, and are
concurrent with the origins of officially recognized and evolving
plans. A planning consultant provides a documentary and legal
overview of planning from L'Enfant, through the establishment
of federal oversight bodies, with a concluding focus on the last
fifteen years. The Historian from the House District Committee
presents in summary his updated research on building height
regulation, first published in **Building Height Limitations**, a
documented study prepared for the District Committee.

Moderator:

Nelson Rimersnyder, Historian, Committee on
the District of Columbia, United States House of
Representatives

Papers:

"Planning in the District of Columbia: A History
Focusing on the Process Under Home Rule,"
Philip Mendelson, Planning Consultant to D.C.
Councilmember James Nathanson

"Building Height Regulation in the District of
Columbia Since 1790: A History of Congress-
sional and Executive Action," Nelson
Rimersnyder, Historian, Committee on the
District of Columbia

1:30 PM-3:15 PM

Community Newspapers: Journalism at the Local Level

Each of the newspapers represented on the panel has been
published in and for the Washington, DC, community for over
20 years. The speakers will outline the history of their news-
paper and discuss the role of local newspapers, accessibility of
news sources, and the economics of advertising and readership.
There will be time for questions from the audience.

Moderator:

Carolyn Jones-Howard, Co-chair, Literary and
Media Arts Department, Duke Ellington School
of the Arts

Panellists:

R.E. (Ike) Kendrick, Publisher, **The Capital
Spotlight**, founded 1953

Don Michaels, Publisher, **The Washington
Blade**, founded 1969

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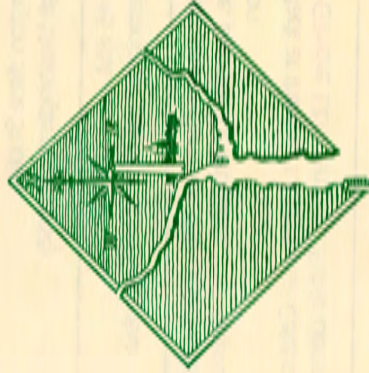
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FRIDAY, February 22

12:30 P.M.
Registration

1:00 P.M.

Conference Opening—
Jeffrey R. Henig, Associate Professor
of Political Science and Director, Center
for Washington Area Studies,
The George Washington University

1:15 P.M.—1:45 P.M.

The Bicentennial of the District of Columbia

"A City Celebrates—Plans for 1991 and Beyond,"
Peter Share, Director for Programs, D.C. Bicentennial
Commission

"A Look Back at the City's Centennial Celebration,"
Matthew Gilmore, Librarian, D.C. Public Library

1:45 P.M.—3:15 P.M.

Open Wide the Door:

George Washington's Vision for America

This slide presentation and panel discussion focuses on George Washington's vision for the new nation. As an instrument of this vision, he pushed for the construction of the Potowmack Canal—connecting the East Coast with the Ohio River Valley and the newly settled lands beyond—and placed the nation's permanent seat of government near the fall-line of the Potomac River.

Moderator:

Betty Jane Johnson Gerber, President, Historic
Georgetown Foundation

Panelists:

Richard L. Stanton, Retired Superintendent of the
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park
Kenneth Garrett, free-lance photographer

3:30 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

Black Washingtonians' Contributions to the Arts,
1900 to 1950

The cultural contributions of many of Washington city's African-American artists have been inextricably woven into the fabric of its history, though often unrecognized. Panelists will present material documenting these contributions.

Moderator:

Esme E. Bhan, Moorland-Spangarn Research
Center, Howard University

Papers:

"Hilda Wilkinson Brown: Washington Artist and
Education," Lilian Thomas Burwell, D.C. Painter/
Sculptor and Art Educator

"Black Women in the Visual Arts: Washington,
1900–1950," Tritobia Benjamin, Director, Howard
University Gallery of Art

"Jessie R. Fauset: M Street Teacher and Harlem
Renaissance Leader," Leroy Graham, Archivist,
D.C. Public Library

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Fifteenth Annual Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lec-
ture and Presentation of The Historical Society
of Washington, D.C.'s Renchard Prize for Historic
Preservation

Speaker:

Dr. Kenneth R. Bowling, co-editor of the **Docu-
mentary History of the First Federal Con-
gress** and adjunct associate professor of history,
The George Washington University.

"The Other G.W.: George Walker and the
Creation of the American Capital."

Reception follows to honor the Letitia Woods Brown lecturer and
the Renchard Prize recipient. A contribution of \$3 is requested.

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Registration and Coffee

10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

The Franco-American Vision in the Early Federal City
This session will deal with the two Frenchmen who attempted,
with varying degrees of success, to bring the ideas of the
French Enlightenment to the new Federal City and its buildings.

Moderator:

Don A. Hawkins, AIA

Papers:

"The Mystery of Major L'Enfant's Appearance,"
Philip Ogilvie, Public Records Administrator of
the District of Columbia

"How the L'Enfant Plan Fit into the Landscape,"
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"Stephen Hallett's Three Years in Washington,"
Pamela Scott, Cornell in Washington

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Some Centennial Sentiments:

Century-old Washington, D.C. Reminiscences

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over 100 years will share their memories about growing with
Washington, and their families' associations with Howard
University and the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Moderator:

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The Forgotten Movement: The Campaign for Civil
Rights in the Nation's Capital, 1945–1955

During a ten year period immediately following the end of
the Second World War, local attorneys and civil rights activists
undertook a campaign to break down the Jim Crow laws
operating in the District of Columbia. In a series of important,
yet largely forgotten, cases the doors to discrimination in
restaurants and cafes, theaters and playgrounds, schools and
housing were swept wide open. Three attorneys, veterans of
these struggles, and two young scholars who are chronicling
their travails will participate in this unique panel that will
recount this dynamic period of Washington history.

Moderator:

Jim Buchanan, District of Columbia Center for
Citizen Education in the Law

Panelists:

Marvin Caplan, Leadership Council for
Civil Rights

Sara Kaplan, student, Georgetown Day School

Papers:

"Nigerian Entrepreneurship in the Washington Metropolitan Area," Ademola Aiyegoro, Howard University

"Disillusion," clip from a new feature film shot in D.C. with poet Akinde," Olaniyi Areke, Howard University

"Africans and African Americans: Aspects of the Acculturation Process," Paul Emourngu, Howard University

"African Vendors in D.C.: Ethnic Heritage or Immigrant Survival Strategy?" D. Aiyah Khan, Karavan Investment Group

"Adjustment Problems of Ethiopian Expatriates of the 1970s," Getachew Metaferia, University of Maryland

"Role of the Church in the Washington Area Liberian Community," Dagbayonoh Nayanfore

"American Biscuits," excerpts from an unpublished manuscript," Tijan Sallah, West African short story writer and poet

"A 19th Century Immigrant from Madagascar: Prince Ali Mahammitt," Wendy Wilson, University of Maryland, and Sheila Thomas

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Sara Kaplan, student, Georgetown Day School

Phineas Indritz, attorney

Selma Samols, attorney

Linn Shapiro, Doctoral Candidate
Department of History, American University

3:15 PM-5:15 PM.

Washington in Films/Films in Washington

This session updates material presented at the 1980 conference. The presentations will look at how Washington has been depicted in the movies, where Washingtonians go to the movies, and the role of filmmakers in the local economy.

Moderator:

Raoul Kulberg, Associate Professor,
Learning Resources Division,
University of the District of Columbia

Papers:

"How has Washington Appeared in 90 Years of Movies?" Raoul Kulberg

"How have Washingtonians Seen Their Movies? 90 Years of Theaters and Exhibitions." Robert K. Headley, Jr., Author of *Exit: A History of Movie Theaters in Baltimore*

"Why do Filmmakers Come to Washington and What Do They Find When They Get Here?" Crystal Palmer, Mayor's Office on Motion Picture and Television Development

3:15 PM-5:15 PM.

Africans in Washington

The exploration of the presence of diverse African groups in Washington over time will be the object of this panel. Nigerians, Liberians, Ethiopians, and African-Americans of Madagascar descent will discuss their activity as artists, scholars, religious and business people.

Moderator:

Laura Bigman, Africans in Washington Project

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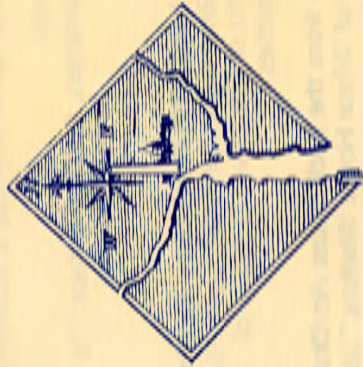
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**1:15-2:45 P.M.
THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE WASHINGTON
COMMUNITY**

This session explores the historic interrelations between
White House residents and the City of Washington.

Moderator:

Betty Monkman, Associate Curator, The White
House

Papers:

"James Hoban: His Civic Life in Washington,"
Nelson Rimensnyder, Historian, Committee on
the District of Columbia, U.S. House of
Representatives

**"Voices from the Back Stairs: An Oral
History of White House Workers,"** James
Popkin, Associate Editor, *U.S. News and World
Report*

**"The White House: Patron of the Washington
Business Community,"** William G. Allman,
Assistant Curator, The White House

**"First Ladies: An Active Life in the
Community,"** Carl Serrazza Anthony, author,
*First Ladies: The Saga of Presidents' Wives and
Their Power*

**3:00-5:00 P.M., Session I
THE CIVIL WAR CHANGES THE
CITY'S FABRIC: 1860-1874**

The Civil War brought profound physical, social, and political
changes to this southern city. Panelists set the scene in
1860-61, discuss Congress's failure to make social revolution,
and examine a congressional investigation that led to the
death of Home Rule in 1874.

Moderator:

Leroy Graham, Archivist, D.C. Public Library

Papers:

**"Washington on the Eve of the Civil
War,"** Edwin Cole Bearss, Chief Historian,
National Park Service and Consultant, Ken
Burns's "Civil War"

**"The Decision to Fund Segregated Public
Schools, 1862,"** Jane Freundel Levey,
Managing Editor, *Washington History*

**"The Great Safe Burglary: A Nineteenth-
Century Watergate,"** Philip W. Ogilvie,
Public Records Administrator of the District of
Columbia

3:00-5:00 P.M., Session II

ORAL HISTORY: THE WHAT, HOW, AND WHY
Participants will describe their particular oral history projects
as well as discuss broader issues of project design, the Oral
History Association standards, and the need for collecting oral
history.

Moderator:

Roxanna Deane, Chief, Washingtoniana
Division, D.C. Public Library

Panelists:

Zora Martin Felton, Chief, Office of Education,
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Spencie Love, Historian, 20th-Century U.S.
History, Richmond, Va.

Jane W. North, Executive Director, The
Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Brien Williams, President, Oral History
Association of the Mid-Atlantic Region

Barbara Vandegrift, Librarian-Archivist, National
Press Club

Marjorie Zaprunder, Director, Oral History Project,
Chevy Chase Historical Society

FRIDAY EVENING, February 28

Charles Sumner Schoolhouse
17th and M Streets, N.W.

7:30-9:30 P.M.

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Speaker:

Spencie Love, Historian, 20th-Century U.S.
History, Richmond, Va.

**"Noted Physician Fatally Injured': The
Shifting Stories of Charles Drew and the
Elusive Role of Myth in the Writing of
American History."**

Reception follows to honor the Letitia Woods
Brown lecturer and the Renchard Prize
recipient. A contribution of \$4 is requested.

Emmett Curran, S.J., Associate Professor of History, Georgetown University

Peter Proal Hill, Professor of History and International Affairs, George Washington University

Reverend Monsignor Frederick R. McManus, Professor of Canon Law, Catholic University of America

Edward C. Smith, Professor of Education, American University

Commentator:

Wilton Corkern, Director, Accokeek Foundation and Former Vice President, Consortium of Universities for the Washington Metropolitan Area

3:15-5:00 P.M., Session I

WASHINGTON'S MARKETS: NATIONAL MODEL, CITY SERVICE

Market halls have served the national capital and its neighborhoods since 1801. Panelists will explore the long-term architectural, urbanistic, and economic impact of the Centre and Eastern Markets on the city's development.

Moderator:

Richard Longstreth, Associate Professor of Architectural History and Director, Historic Preservation, George Washington University

Panelists:

Helen Tangires, Graduate Student, George Washington University

Alice Norris, Independent Researcher, Washington, D.C.

Nancy Schwartz, Architectural Historian, Garrett Park, Md.

3:15-5:00 P.M., Session II

SOCIAL ACTIVISM IN THE 1960'S

An examination of some of the key figures who played a role in the central, social, and cultural changes of the turbulent and formative 1960's.

Moderator:

Jim Kalish, Publisher, D.C. Issues Watch

Speakers:

"Julius Hobson" Tina Hobson, Executive Director, Renew America

"Geno Baroni" Lawrence M. O'Rourke, National Political Correspondent, McClatchy Newspapers

"Frank Kameny" David K. Johnson, Historian, History Associates

"Carlos Rosario" José Sueiro, Publisher, El Diario de la Nación

Commentator:

Jerome Paige, Interim Provost, University of Baltimore

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9:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10:00 A.M.-12:00 NOON

WHITHER WASHINGTON HISTORY?

A surge of new interest in urban, social, and community history has inspired a great deal of new research in local history in Washington, D.C., and across the country since the 1970's. Panelists will review the work of the past two decades in Washington and suggest priorities for future study and collecting. Small group discussions will follow, with opportunities for participants to share news of research and collecting projects in progress.

Moderator:

Kathryn S. Smith, Editor, *Washington History* and President, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Panelists:

Thomas Battle, Director, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University

Pamela Cressley, City Archaeologist, City of Alexandria

Roxanna Deane, Chief, Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library

Steven J. Diner, Professor of History and Director, Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study, George Mason University

Howard F. Gillette, Jr., Professor of American Civilization, George Washington University

Paul A. Groves, Associate Professor of Geography, University of Maryland

James O. Horton, Director, Afro-American Communities Project, Smithsonian Institution, and Professor of American History and Civilization, George Washington University

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12:00-1:15 P.M.

LUNCH AND FILMS

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1:15-3:00 P.M., Session I

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN WASHINGTON AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

Panelists will examine the growth of commercial Washington and the federal workforce in the late nineteenth century.

Moderator:

William Becker, Chairman, Department of History, George Washington University

Papers:

"Promoting Black Capitalism in Washington, D.C., in the Late Nineteenth Century,"

Richard L. Mattis, Freelance Writer, Gaithersburg, Md.

"The Role of Freedmen's Banks in

Washington, D.C.," Barbara Richardson, Doctoral Candidate, Howard University

"The Federal Government as a Patron to the Crafts," Deborah J. Warner, Curator,

History of Physical Sciences, Smithsonian Institution

1:15-3:00 P.M., Session II

HIGHER EDUCATION

IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Panelists will discuss the purposes for the foundings of their respective institutions, how these goals have been met, and the institutions' impact on the city's educational scene.

Moderator:

Jeannine S. Clark, Founding Chair, D.C. Bicentennial Commission

Panelists:

Esme E. Bhan, Research Associate, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University

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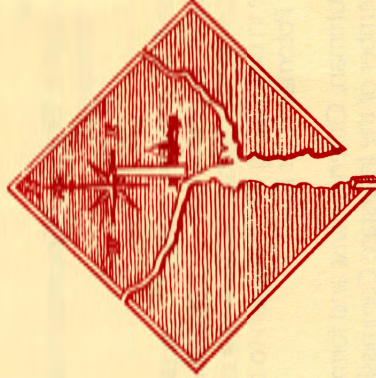
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1:15-2:45 P.M.
**"IT ABOUNDETH IN ALL MANNER OF FISH":
THE POTOMAC RIVER, A HISTORY OF
POLITICAL ACTION**

Moderator:

Philip W. Ogilvie, District of Columbia Public Records Administrator

Panelists:

Honorable Gilbert Gude, former Congressman and Executive Director of the Potomac River Consortium. Congressman Gude was a consistent force in developing the legislation to bring back the Potomac River Basin.

Minnie Pohlman, Citizen Activist and former citizen member of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. Minnie as a self-described "little-old-lady-in-tennis-shoes" has made sure that interests of all the citizens have been represented in Potomac legislation and implementation.

Dr. Donald Kelso, Biology Department, George Mason University. Much of Dr. Kelso's research has been focused on the Potomac estuary. He is in an excellent position to evaluate the effectiveness of the river clean-up.

*Captain Henry Fleet, 1631.

3:00-5:00 P.M., Session I

FINDING A SENSE OF PLACE: SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES DISCOVER THEIR HISTORY

Recent research projects throughout the Washington metropolitan area have revealed new aspects of the urban, social, and legal histories of nearby communities.

Moderator:

Linda Lyons, Architectural Historian, Chew Chase, MD

Papers:

"Haiti: An Historic Black Community in Montgomery County," Eileen McGuckian, Executive Director, Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd., Rockville, MD.

"Oral History: Another Approach to

Understanding and Preserving

Photographs," Mame Warren, Curator of Photographs, Maryland State Archives, and Consultant, Historic Annapolis Foundation, Annapolis, MD

"A Program to Index and Abstract Early Fairfax County Circuit Court Records,"

Edith Sprouse, Historian, Fairfax County History Commission, Fairfax County, VA

3:00-5:00 P.M., Session II
FIRE FIGHTING: ARCHITECTURE AND SOCIAL HISTORY

This session will examine fire house construction, fire companies, and their role and meaning in the community.

Moderator:

Cheryl Miller, Curator of Research Collections, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Papers:

"Washington's Pre-World War II Firehouses and Their Relationship to the Development of the City," Sally Berk, history preservationist and chair of the DC Preservation League's Issues Committee.

"Flames and Fanfare: the Social History of Volunteer Fire Companies in 19th-century America," Lynn Rozenthal, Director, The Lyceum

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Speaker:

Cary Carson, Vice President for Historical Research, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

"Mid-Life Crisis of Middle-Class History"

SATURDAY, February 27

Martin Luther King Memorial Library

9:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10:00 A.M.-12:00 NOON

A MILEPOST ON THE ROAD TO SELF-GOVERNMENT: THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION FROM THREE COMMISSIONER GOVERNMENT TO APPOINTED COMMISSIONER/COUNCIL GOVERNMENT

Moderator:

Honorable Charles T. Duncan, former District of Columbia Cooperation Counsel

3:15-5:00 P.M., Session II
AFRICAN-AMERICANS OF PROPERTY: FAMILY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1850-1920

The new social order of the late nineteenth century opened new opportunities while it posed new obstacles to blacks and mulattoes in the District of Columbia. These papers explore the efforts of relatively wealthy African-Americans to strengthen their families and communities.

Moderator:

Cheryl Miller, Curator, The Historical Society of Washington, DC.

Papers:

"Economic Strategies of Free Black Propertyholders in the District of Columbia, 1850-1860," Mary Beth Corrigan, Archivist, The Historical Society of Washington, DC.

"Parental Advice and Child Rearing Practices of Elite Blacks, 1880-1920," Jacqueline Moore, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland, College Park

"Roscoe Conkling Bruce and the District of Columbia Black Public Schools, 1906-1921," Doug Pielmeier, M.A. Candidate, University of Maryland, College Park

Commentator:

Walter Hill, Ph.D., National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

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Honorable Walter E. Washington, former Commissioner of the District of Columbia and the elected Mayor of the District of Columbia.

Honorable John W. Hechinger, former Chairman of the first appointed Council of District of Columbia.

Honorable Charles A. Horsky, White House advisor on local affairs

12:00-1:15 P.M.

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1:15-3:00 P.M., Session I

WASHINGTON BEFORE BROWN

Moderator:

Bill Hasson, Board Member, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Papers:

"Against the Odds: Two Black Stories,"
Bill Hasson, Board Member, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

"The Rebirth of the Lincoln Theater,"
Charles Countee, Executive Director, District of Columbia Office of Business and Economic Development

1:15-3:00 P.M., Session II

URBAN ARCHEOLOGY: FROM SITE TO SYNTHESIS AND BEYOND

For Washington, D.C. as other city-sites, examination of the single archeological site is merely the first step in appreciating and sharing the past.

Moderator:

Laura Henley Dean, Archeologist, D.C. Historic Preservation Division, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

Panelists:

Verna Boyd, Director of Archeology, The Octagon House Museum

Elizabeth Crowell, Chief of Archeological Studies, Engineering Science

Nancy Kassner, Senior Archeologist, Greenhouse & O'Mara

David Clark, Staff Archeologist, Department of Anthropology, The Catholic University of America

3:15-5:00 P.M., Session I

HISTORICAL MUSEUMS & SOCIETIES AS AGENTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE

Panelists will discuss how local history initiatives offer opportunities for individual investment, group empowerment, and community renewal.

Moderator:

John V. Alviti, Executive Director, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Panelists:

Steve Newsome, Director, Anacostia Museum of African-American History & Culture

Teresa C. Grana, Program Consultant, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Anna Stafer, Curator of Education, National Building Museum

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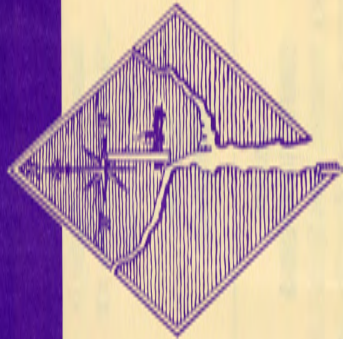
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1:00 P.M.

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Francine I. Henderson, Head, Special Collections
Department, Gelman Library, The George
Washington University

1:15-2:45 P.M.

FRITZ GUTHEIM: HIS LIFE AND LEGACY TO WASHINGTON AREA STUDIES

Participants in this session will assess the career of Frederick
"Fritz" Guthheim—moved urban and regional planner, archi-
tectural historian, historic preservationist, environmentalist,
and much more—who died in October, 1995.

Moderator:

Howard Gillette, Professor of American Civilization,
The George Washington University

Panelists:

Gilbert Gude, Chairman, Potomac River Consortium

Jane Loeffler, Architectural Historian, Ph.D. can-
didate, American Civilization, The George
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Eileen McGuckian, Executive Director, Peerless
Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd.

Gail Rothrock, Planning Supervisor, Historic Preser-
vation Section, Maryland National Park and Plan-
ning Commission

Dana White, Professor of Urban Studies, Institute of
Liberal Arts, Emory University, Atlanta

Comments:

Richard Longstreth, Professor of American Civiliza-
tion, The George Washington University

3:00-5:00 P.M., Session I
A TALE OF TWO COMMUNITIES

This session will examine two suburban Maryland Com-
munities: Bethesda and North Brentwood.

Moderator:

Jane Freundel Levey, former Managing Editor,
Washington History Magazine, Historian, The
History Factory

Papers:

"Bethesda, 1865-1945," William Offutt, retired
Montgomery County Public School teacher and
local historian

"North Brentwood: Sociology and
Demography Meets History," Frank Harold
Wilson, Department of Sociology, University of
Wisconsin, Milwaukee and Fellow, Center for Demog-
raphy and Ecology, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"Organizing a Community History Project,"

Ruth J. Wilson, Project Director, Footsteps from
North Brentwood

3:00-5:00 P.M., Session II
A MAP OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1870
TO 1874: THE BIRTH OF MODERN
WASHINGTON IN THE TERRITORIAL PERIOD

Participants in this session will explore major changes to
the face of Washington, D.C. in the brief period of the
Territorial Government.

Moderator:

William M. Maury, Author of *Alexander "Boss"
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Amita Dickerson, Director, Elizabeth F. Cheney
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"History 2000: Museums, Learning, and
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Don Alexander Hawkins, architect, author, and cartographer, is in the process of reconstructing a map of the topographical changes to the District of Columbia produced by the Board of Public Works during the Territorial Period.

Panelists:

Philip W. Ogilvie, Public Records Administrator of the District of Columbia

John P. Richardson, Official, U.S. State Department

FRIDAY EVENING, February 25

*Charles Sumner Schoolhouse
17th and M Streets, N.W.*

7:30-9:30 P.M.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE AND PRESENTATION OF THE RENCHARD PRIZE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Charles Sumner Schoolhouse at 17th and M Street, N.W. is near the Red Line's Farragut North Metro Station. Street and commercial parking are also available.

Speaker:

Aminna Dickerson, Director, Elizabeth F. Cheney Center for Education and Public Programs, Chicago Historical Society

"History 2000: Museums, Learning, and Society"

SATURDAY, February 26

*University of the District of Columbia
(Near Ness Campus)*

9:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10:00 A.M.-12:00 NOON

A SECOND MILEPOST ON THE ROAD TO SELF- GOVERNMENT: THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION FROM THE APPOINTED COMMISSIONER/COUNCIL GOVERNMENT TO THE ELECTIVE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Moderator:

John R. Risher, Jr., former District of Columbia Corporation Counsel

Panelists:

Sterling Tucker, Chairman of the first elected Council of the District of Columbia and a member of the appointed Council

Douglas E. Moore, former Democratic Council member-at-large and Brookland Community Activist

Jerry A. Moore, former Republican Council member-at-large and a member of the appointed Council

Marty Swain, former member of the Board of Education

12:00-1:15 P.M.

LUNCH, FILM PRESENTATION, AND DISCUSSION: "IN SEARCH OF COMMON GROUND"

Bring your lunch and view this acclaimed video based on the oral histories of the senior residents of the Potomac Gardens public housing site: Betsy Cox, producer of the film, and Thelma Russell, President, Potomac Gardens Senior Resident Council, will be on hand to discuss the film with the audience.

1:15-3:00 P.M., Session I

THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL: 1793-1993

The Capitol occupies a significant place in American culture as in the city of Washington itself. The panel explores the celebrations connected with the building's inception, centennial, and bicentennial.

Papers:

"Restoring 'Freedom,'" Barbara Walatin, Office of the Architect of the Capitol

"U.S. Capitol Historical Society, 1993 and Beyond," Clarence Brown, President, U.S. Capitol Historical Society

"1793, 1893, 1993: Celebrations of the Capitol," Matthew Gilmore, Librarian, Washingtoniana Division, District of Columbia Public Library

1:15-3:00 P.M., Session II

DESIGNING THE "SECRET CITY": AFRICAN- AMERICAN ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS

The contributions of African-Americans to Washington's cityscape have remained obscure for too long. The physical fabric of the city attests to their individual achievement in the face of constricted opportunities.

Moderator:

Glen B. Leiner, Landmark/National Register Coordinator, D.C. Historic Preservation Office

Papers:

"Traditions of Building: Contractors and Craftsmen in Deanwood," Ruth Ann Overbeck, President, Washington Perspectives, Inc.

"A Hidden Legacy: The Work of African-American Architects in the District of Columbia, 1876-1940," Betty Bird, Architectural Historian, Washington, D.C.

"Howard University's School of Architecture," Harry G. Robinson, III, F.A.I.A., Dean, Howard University School of Architecture and Planning

3:15-5:00 P.M., Session I

BUILDING AND BEAUTIFYING THE CAPITAL CITY: A TASK FOR GERMAN-AMERICAN ARTISTS AND ARTISANS

Moderator:

Volker K. Schmeissner, Associate Professor, Northern Virginia Community College

Panelists:

"D.C. Then and Now, a Comparison," Raymond A. Ehrle, Retired Educator, Psychologist and Military Officer

"The Impact of the Civil War," Bradford Miller, President, The German Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C.

"German American Architecture and Sculpture in Washington, D.C.," Nancy Pierce, The German Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C.

"Music in Washington, D.C.," Frank H. Pierce, The German Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C.

"German-American Merchants," Eda S. Offutt, Docent, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

"Contributors to the Community," Dennis Olsen, Superintendent, Prospect Hill Cemetery

3:15-5:00 P.M., Session II

THE WHITELAW HOTEL: AFFIRMING A COMMUNITY THROUGH HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Segregation was firmly entrenched in Washington in 1919, the year that the Whitelaw Hotel opened for an exclusively black clientele at 13th and T Streets, N.W. As segregation ended, so did the Whitelaw's glory days. Nine years after the 1968 riots devastated the Shaw neighborhood, the Whitelaw Hotel closed. In 1999, Manna, Inc., reopened the Whitelaw Hotel to provide housing for low- and moderate-income tenants. Aware of the Hotel's historical significance, Manna restored the Whitelaw's ballroom and memories of its glorious past.

Moderator:

Mary Beth Corrigan, Curator of Research Collections, Historical Society of Washington

Panelists:

David Hurley, Director of Development, Manna, Inc.

Bruce Duffy, Novelist

Pauline Jones, Activist and Archivist, St. Augustine's Catholic Church

Tally Holmes, Jr., former owner of The Whitelaw Hotel

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Matthew Gilmore, Robert I. Goler, Mary D.
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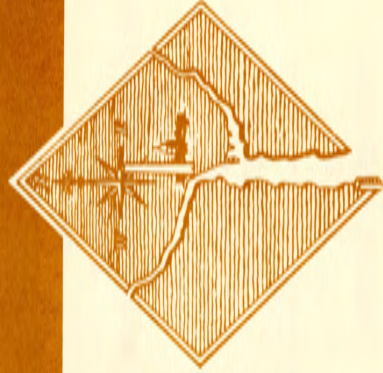
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3:15-5:15 P.M., Session I EDUCATIONAL CHANGES DURING WARTIME

In recognition of the 175th anniversary of the founding of The George Washington University, the panel will examine how the war influenced local public school and university education.

Moderator:

Francine Henderson, Head, Special Collections Department, The George Washington University

Papers:

"George Washington University and World War II," David Anderson, University Archivist, The George Washington University

"Educational Reform During the War," Donald Rowe, Archivist, National Archives, and Adjunct Professor, Howard University

3:15-5:00 P.M., Session II BUILDING POST-WAR COMMERCIAL WASHINGTON

Moderator:

Richard Longstreth, Professor of American Civilization, The George Washington University

Papers:

"The Spread of the Supermarket in the Washington Area," Lisa Pfiseller, doctoral student, The George Washington University

"Food for the Whole Family' At a Location Near You," Shannon Bell, doctoral student, The George Washington University

"Seven Corners Shopping Center and the Transformation of Fairfax County"

Christopher Martin, Senior Cultural Resources Specialist, Greenhome & O'Mara, and doctoral student, The George Washington University

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12:30 P.M.
REGISTRATION

1:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE OPENING

Linda B. Salamon,
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs,
The George Washington University

Jack Siggins,
University Librarian, and Gelman Library Staff

1:30-3:00 P.M.

**WOMEN'S WORK ON THE HOME
FRONT, WORLD WAR II**

Participants will share memories about their lives and work as young women in WWII Washington.

Moderator:

Betsy Baurstein, Museum Specialist, National
Museum of American History, Smithsonian
Institution

Panelists:

Rosalyn Silverman, former Navy Department
"government girl" and boarding house resident

Phyllis Finesherbet, former Combined Agency for
Middle East Supply specialist

Jewell Mazique, former Library of Congress
employee, union organizer, and medical
technician at Freedmen's Hospital

3:15-5:15 P.M., Session I
**ARTS AND ARTISTS IN
1940'S WASHINGTON**

Participants will discuss the arts community during
and after World War II.

Moderator:

Melinda Young Stuart, Independent Historian
and Museums Consultant

Papers:

"America's Black Broadway Revisited,"
Tamara Brown, doctoral student, Howard
University, and project director, "Lingering Lights
from America's Black Broadway," Anacostia
Museum and Howard University

"Building Audiences in Post-War Washington,"
Patrick Hayes, Founder, Washington Performing
Arts Society

"Reminiscences of the Role of the Church
in WWII Washington," Monsignor Arthur,
Chaplain, Little Sisters of the Poor

3:15-5:15 P.M., Session II
MEDICINE IN WARTIME WASHINGTON

The impact of World War II on the medical treatment,
research, and education efforts based in Washington
is examined via the activities of key federal agencies
and individuals who helped shape the city's response
to the war.

Moderator:

Robert I. Goler, National Museum of Health and
Medicine

Introductions:

Robert Krimowitz, Dean of Academic Affairs,
School of Medicine, The George Washington
University

Papers:

"War Heroes and Their Treatment at Walter
Reed Hospital, 1943-1945," Col. Norman W.
Ream, M.D., Consultant in Academic Medicine,
Walter Reed Army Medical Center

"Wartime Research at the National
Institutes of Health," Victoria A. Harden,
Director, DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Museum of Health
and Medicine

Film:

"Fight Syphilis," 1941 film produced by the
Public Health Service and the War Department,
introduced by Robert I. Goler

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Speaker:

Howard Gillette, Jr.
Professor of American Civilization
The George Washington University

"History Matters"

SATURDAY, October 14

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**9:30 A.M.
REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

**10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON
LEARNING FROM HISTORY: CONGRES-
SIONAL/DISTRICT RELATIONS**

This session will draw from the history of the city's key relationship to propose equitable and just resolutions to the current crisis in city governance.

Moderator:

Phillip W. Ogilvie, District of Columbia Public Records Administrator

Panelists:

Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate to Congress

"Congressional/District Relations, 1900 to Home Rule," Steven Diner, Professor of History, George Mason University

"Congressional/District Relations, Home Rule to the Present," Charles W. Harris, Professor of Political Science, Howard University

**12:00-1 P.M.
LUNCH AND FILMS ON
WASHINGTON HISTORY**

Bring your lunch to the media room and view films on area history.

**1:15-3:00 P.M., Session I
RADIO DAYS**

Panelists will recall how audiences were built and news was gathered in post-war Washington radio.

Moderator:

Sam Smith, editor, the Progressive Review, former news reporter, WWDC Radio

Panelists:

Jim Kelsey, Claims Manager, Maryland State Lottery, former vice president and general manager, WOL radio

Ed Walker, WAMU radio and News Channel 8 TV

1:15-3:00 P.M., Session II

TROUBLED TIMES ON THE HOME FRONT
Participants will describe how the war presented particular hardships—and opportunities—to minority groups.

Moderator:

Esme Bhan, National African American Museum Project, Smithsonian Institution

Panelists:

"The Treatment of German Americans and German-American Jews," Gabrielle Simon Edgcomb, author, *From Swastika to Jim Crow: Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges*

"The District of Columbia and the Negro March on Washington, 1941," Lucy Barber, Assistant Professor of History, University of California, Davis

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20th Annual Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture

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who made the study of history serve living human purposes.
Steven Newsome, director, The Anacostia Museum, will speak on
“Local, Regional, National History: A Washington Perspective.”

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The conference is free and no preregistration is required.



Program at a Glance

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18

10:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION

10:30 A.M.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

11:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

PUBLISHING WASHINGTON HISTORY

Four editors discuss criteria, audiences, and markets for publishing D.C. history.

Jane Freundel Levey, *Washington History*

Mark G. Hirsch, Smithsonian Institution Press

Howard Means, *Washingtonian*

Erik Wemple, *Washington City Paper*

12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

LUNCH

1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

AL JOLSON LIVED HERE:
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON DURING
THE 1920S AND '30S

Panelists explore one of Washington's historic neighborhoods from a variety of perspectives, combining scholarly research and first-hand reminiscences.

Denise Meringolo, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington

Keith Melder, Historian

Carol Kolker, Historian

Neighborhood Informants

1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON'S CHANGING
19TH-CENTURY LANDSCAPE

From L'Enfant's design to the construction of parks and government buildings, the physical and visual landscape of Washington changed dramatically during its first century. Panelists examine different aspects of the land itself and the built environment.

Terence Young, Dumbarton Oaks

Herbert Druks, Brooklyn College

Melinda Young Stuart, Historian

Douglas E. Evelyn, Smithsonian Institution

3:15 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

EARLY TELEVISION IN WASHINGTON

Historians describe and discuss the beginnings of Washington television from rented studio space in the 1940s to its emergence as the dominant media in the 1960s and the city's special role as a news center.

Douglas Gomery, University of Maryland

David Weinstein, University of Maryland

Charles Suddarth Kelly, former

Washington television producer

3:15 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

TOWARD THE BICENTENNIAL

A roundtable discussion of the possibilities and plans to celebrate Washington's Bicentennial in 2000.

Betty Jane Gerber, Georgetown Heritage Trust

Matthew Gilmore, D.C. Public Library

Jeannine Clark, Founding Chair, D.C. Bicentennial Commission

Carl Cole, Community historian

1:30 P.M. TO 4:45

CONTINUOUS SCREENING OF VIDEOS
PROVIDED BY THE HUMANITIES
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5:00 P.M.

DINNER BREAK

7:30 P.M.

20TH ANNUAL LETITIA WOODS
BROWN LECTURE

Steven Newsome, Director, Anacostia Museum

"Local, Regional, and National History:
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

10:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION

10:30 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M.

AS THE DIRT TURNS:
NEIGHBORHOOD SURVIVAL
IN THE SHADOW OF THE
MCI CENTER

Panelists will examine the impact of the new MCI Center from historical, archaeological, and community perspectives by presenting a before and after look at the history of Seventh Street, Chinatown, and nearby neighborhoods.

Linda Lyons, Architectural Historian

Peter Glumac, Archaeologist

Duane Wang, President, Chinatown Steering Committee

11:45 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

TOUR OF CHINATOWN 7TH STREET
NEIGHBORHOOD

12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

LUNCH IN CHINATOWN



1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

BLACK PHOTOGRAPHERS

Presentations show the impact that black photographers have had in documenting local and national history of Washington, 1860 to the present.

Thomas C. Battle, Howard University

Jeff Fearing, Howard University

Donna M. Wells, Howard University

1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

CIVIL WAR MEDICINE:
THE TREATMENT AND
STUDY OF CONFEDERATE AND
UNION INJURIES

Care of wounded soldiers was a major challenge during the Civil War for both

North and South in the capital cities of Washington and Richmond.

Burton K. Kummerow, National Museum of Civil War Medicine

Carlton Bonilla, Historian

Michael Rhode, National Museum of Health and Medicine

3:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS
AND RESOURCES

SHAW-U STREET HISTORY PROJECT

Kathryn Schneider Smith, coordinator

SELECTIONS FROM *URBAN ODYSSEY*
Sally Gifford, coordinator

D.C. HISTORY DAY

Anne Eigeman, coordinator

WASHINGTON HISTORY COLLECTIONS
AND RESOURCES

Matthew Gilmore, coordinator

4:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

CLOSING RECEPTION

Program at a Glance

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.

7:30 P.M.

21ST ANNUAL LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Photographer John Plumbe, Jr., in Washington, D.C.

Clifford Krainik, Guest Curator, will introduce The Historical Society's new exhibition, "National Vision, Local Enterprise: Photographer John Plumbe, Jr., in Washington, D.C." and discuss the importance of this early daguerreotype studio and some of the earliest extant images of Washington.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

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901 G Street, N.W.

9:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION

10 A.M.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Announcement of American Association for State and Local History awards

10:30 A.M.-NOON

75 YEARS ON THE WASHINGTON SPORTS BEAT: SHIRLEY POVICH REMEMBERS

A conversation with the veteran *Washington Post* reporter on the history of Washington sports and the role of the media in their promotion, success, and, in some cases, demise.

Moderator: Ellen Roney Hughes, Cultural Historian, National Museum of American History

NOON-1 P.M.

LUNCH

NOON-4:30 P.M.

THE HISTORY NETWORK: CURRENT PROJECTS

- Historical displays and informal conversation
- Presentations on History Day, AASLH award winners, oral history projects underway, the revised Washington, D.C., history textbook, *City of Magnificent Intentions*, historical resources in area libraries and archives, the Guild of Washington Tour Guides

Chairs: Matthew Gilmore, librarian, Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library, and Anne Eigeman, Education Coordinator, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

1-2:30 P.M.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C., THROUGH THE CAMERA'S LENS

Do you have a story of Washington history that ought to be in pictures? Two award-winning D.C. filmmakers and a major funder discuss essential resources and successful strategies for filming Washington history.

- **Adina Docter**, independent filmmaker, *The Y Guys*
- **Marjorie Hunt**, Smithsonian Institution Center for Folklife Programs and Cultural Studies, *Stone Carvers*

Moderator: Sally Gifford, Program Officer, Humanities Council of Washington, D.C.

THE FDR MEMORIAL AS REMEMBRANCE OF THE ROOSEVELTS

A discussion of the creation of the FDR Memorial, its impact on the city of Washington, and its representation of Eleanor Roosevelt.

- **John Parsons**, Assistant Superintendent for Stewardships & Partnerships, National Capital Region, National Park Service
- **Allida Black**, author, *Casting Her Own Shadow: Eleanor Roosevelt and Post-War Liberalism*, and Assistant Professor, George Washington University

Moderator: Gary Scott, Regional Historian, National Capital Region, National Park Service

3-4:30 P.M.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

THE OLMSTEDS' INFLUENCE ON WASHINGTON'S LANDSCAPE

Panelists discuss the legacy of the Olmsted firm on the city's highways, park system, and the "naturalistic" Dumbarton Oaks Park.

- "J.C. Olmsted, the 1898 Plan of Highways and Its Effect on the Development of the Park System," **Piera M. Weiss**, Landscape Architect/Planner, Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission

- "Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.'s Design for the Grounds of the Lincoln Memorial and the Reflecting Pool," **Maureen D. Joseph**, Historical Landscape Architect, Denver Service Center, National Park Service
- "Rock Creek Park: An Analysis of the Influence of the Olmsted Brothers," **Perry Carpenter Wheelock**, Landscape Historian, National Capital Region, National Park Service
- "The Olmsted Center: The Landscape Preservation Maintenance Plan for Dumbarton Oaks Park," **Charles Pepper**, Manager, Preservation Maintenance, Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation

Moderator: Perry Carpenter Wheelock

NOVEL WASHINGTON THROUGH THE WRITER'S PEN

Authors discuss how the city and its history play roles in Washington novels.

- **Marita Golden**, author, *Long Distance Life*
- **Susan Richards Shreve**, author, *Children of Power, The Train Home, Dreaming of Horses*
- **David Nicholson**, reviewer, *Washington Post Book World*

Moderator: Patricia Browning Griffith, author, Supporting the Sky

5 P.M.

Adjourn

D.C. PRESERVATION LEAGUE FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT "PRESERVATION IS GOOD BUSINESS"

Preservation revitalizes the city's economy, brings recognition to building owners and developers, fosters a sense of community, creates jobs for residents, and attracts international visitors.

Friday, October 24, 1997

7:30 p.m.

Tower Building, 1401 K Street, N.W.

For further information, call 202-737-1519

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

10 A.M.

REGISTRATION

10:30 A.M.-NOON

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

WORLD WAR I: THE WASHINGTON REACTION

Three presentations on Washington during the Great War.

- "The History of Daylight Savings Time in the Washington Region, 1918-1919," **Brian K. Nelson**, George Mason University
- "The Influenza Epidemic of 1918-1919 in Washington, D.C.," **Melissa V. Clough**, George Mason University
- "Americanization in the Public Schools of Washington, D.C., during World War I," **Pina Benincasa**, George Mason University

Moderator: **Steven Diner**, George Mason University

URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.: A CASE STUDY FROM THE WHITEHURST FREEWAY SITE
A look at the excavation project underway at this important construction site in the context of urban archaeology as a historical tool.

- **Elizabeth Crowell**, Senior Archaeologist, Parsons Engineering Science, Inc.

- **Julie Abell**, Archaeologist and Historian, Parsons Engineering Science, Inc.
- **Cynthia Whitley**, Senior Archaeologist, Parsons Engineering Science, Inc.

Moderator: **Laura Henley Dean**, Historic Preservation Specialist, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

12:15-1:30 P.M.

LUNCH IN SHAW AREA RESTAURANTS

1:30-3 P.M.

THE WHITELAW HOTEL

13th and T streets, N.W.

SHAW: THE FUTURE OF ITS PAST

This neighborhood is considering its roots amid the rich tapestry of the city's history. Historians and activists help read its architecture, discuss the neighborhood's most resonant stories, and ponder its future.

- Welcome: **Dominic Moulden**, Executive Director, Manna Community Development Corporation
- "What Happened Here? Remembering and Telling the Stories," **Kathryn S. Smith**, D.C. Heritage Coalition
- "The Evolution of the Architecture of Shaw," **Laura Treischmann**, Tracerics
- "Questioning Community: Urban Historians and the Writing of Public History," **Marya McQuirter**, University of Michigan

Moderator: **Edward C. Smith**, Director, American Studies Program, American University

3-4 P.M.

CONCURRENT TOURS

(choose one)

- "Shaw Architecture," **Paul K. Williams**, architectural historian, Kelsey & Associates
- "Historic U Street," **Edward C. Smith**, Director, American Studies Program, American University

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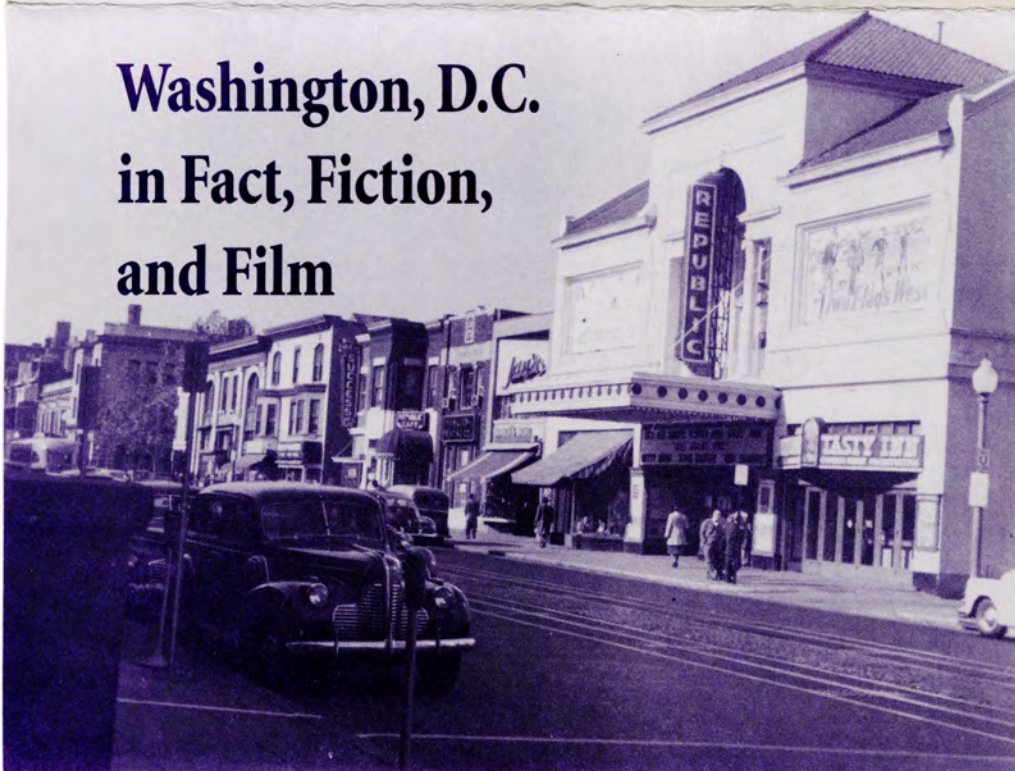
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901 G STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.

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25th Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies

October 29–31, 1998

Program at a Glance

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

The George Washington University, University Club Dining Room
800 21st Street, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

22nd Annual Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture

“Paul Laurence Dunbar: A Life of Innovation and Prophecy.”

Joanne Braxton, Professor of English and Francis L. and Edwin L. Cummings Professor of American Studies and English, College of William and Mary

Directions to the conference locations

Martin Luther King Memorial Library is located at 901 G Street, N.W., at the Gallery Place Metro Station, RED and YELLOW lines. Limited parking is available at the library and in area garages. For further information call the Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library: 202-727-1213.

The George Washington University, University Club Dining Room is located at 800 21st Street, N.W., on the third floor of the Marvin Center just a few blocks from the Foggy Bottom Metro Station, BLUE and ORANGE lines.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Martin Luther King Memorial Library,
901 G Street, N.W.

9:30 a.m.

Registration

The conference is free and open to the public. To register in advance, see form on other side.

10 a.m.

Welcome & Presentation of American Association of State and Local History annual awards

10:30 a.m.–Noon

Roundtable on Washington, D.C.,
History: Past, Present & Future

In honor of the conference's 25th year, join a discussion of the status of Washington historical research in universities, libraries, archives, and museums.

Kathryn Schneider Smith, independent historian, and Past President, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

James Flack, Professor of History, University of Maryland

Roxanna Deane, Chief, Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library

Jeff Henig, Director, Center for Washington Area Studies, George Washington University

Moderator: Tom Sherwood,
Channel 4 News

Noon–2:00 p.m.

History Network

Informal presentation of information on local history resources and historic sites. Lunch will be available on the A level of

the library. In order to receive a lunch, you must make an advance reservation. See form on other side.

“Washington, 1798,” Steve Hoglund, independent historian.

“Washington Area Jews & the Birth of Israel,” Jessica Kaplan, Curator and Archivist, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, D.C.

Chairs: Matthew Gilmore, Librarian, Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library, and Gail Redmann, Library Director, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

2:00–3:30 p.m.

Freeways in Washington

During the 1960s, freeway controversies ignited a campaign of fierce citizen opposition, lobbying, and direct action that changed the course of transportation planning in the region.

“Roads to Nowhere: The Struggle Over the North Central and Northeast Freeways in Washington and Suburban Maryland,” Jeremy L. Korr, American Studies Department, University of Maryland

“Finding the Way: Freeway Routes and Designs in Washington, 1954–1972,” Douglas Willinger, Founder, Takoma Park Highway Design Studio

Commentator: Angela Rooney, Former Executive Secretary of the Emergency Committee on the Transportation Crisis, a founder of the National Committee on the Transportation Crisis, and former member of the Citizen Advisory Committee on the Future of the Automobile, Office of Technology Assessment

Moderator: Keith Melder, principle author, *City of Magnificent Intentions*

3:45–5:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

African-American Legacies of Civil Service and Civic Contribution

After the Civil War, recently arrived African Americans eagerly sought civil service careers, and diversified the District's established middle-class African-American community. John H. Paynter joined the Internal Revenue Service as a clerk, Charles E. Hall served as a clerk in the Census Office, and Sara D. Jackson joined the National Archives as an archival technician. Three current federal employees will discuss these African-Americans' vocations and avocational service to the city and the nation.

Charles C. Brewer, Financial Analyst, Office of Thrift Supervision

Rodney A. Ross, Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration

Elaine C. Everly, Former Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration

Science in Washington

This panel, representing a sampling of the scientific disciplines at work in the city during the past 100 years, will consider the role of science in the development of the city and the nation.

Denise J. Clark, Director of Strategic Planning, Carderock Division, National Surface Warfare Center

Peg Kay, President, Cleanscreen Corporation

Rev. Frank R. Haig, S.J., Chair, Physics Department, Loyola College

C.R. Creveling, President, Washington Academy of Sciences

Moderator: Philip Ogilvie, Washington Academy of Sciences

Conference schedule continues on other side.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Martin Luther King Memorial Library,
910 G Street, N.W.

10 a.m.
Registration

10:30 a.m.—Noon

The Washington Fires of '68

In 1968, some Washington, D.C., residents responded to the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King with civil unrest. While a scholarly history of this important city event remains to be written, participants will reminisce about their experiences during the events of April 4 and their aftermath.

Paul Devroux, Devroux & Purnell Architects/Planners PC

Robert G. Kaiser, *The Washington Post*

Rev. Walter Fauntroy, New Bethel Baptist Church

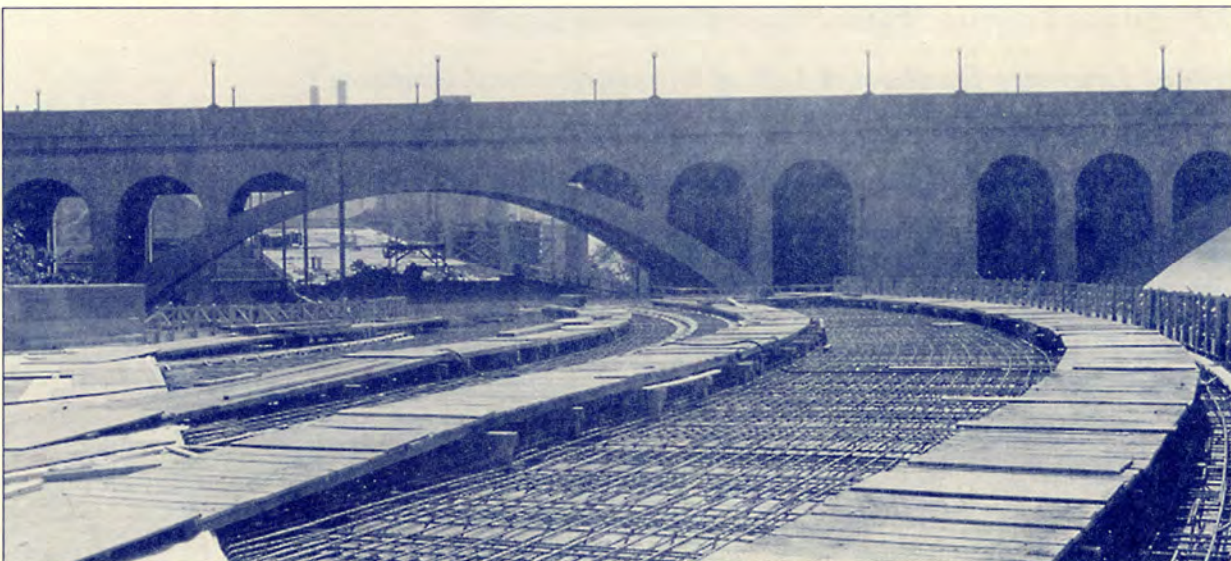
Larry Rosen, former proprietor, Smith Pharmacy, 2518 14th Street, N.W.

Moderator: Rev. Raymond Kemp, Woodstock Theological Center, formerly of St. Augustine's Catholic Church

12:15 p.m.
Departure for Upper Georgia Avenue
via Old Town Trolley

Lunch for participants with reservations at Emory Methodist Church near the Civil War Fort Stevens Site. Dramatic presentation on Fort Stevens in the Civil War written by Eleanor Trailor. Following lunch, travel by bus to the Moorings (the Blair Family estate in Silver Spring) and the National Museum of Health and Medicine at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Busses will return to the library by 4 p.m.

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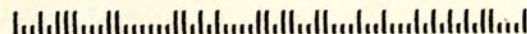
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The deadline for registration is Friday, October 23.



26th Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies

October 28-30, 1999

Program at a Glance

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Kiplinger Washington Editors, 1729 H Street, NW

6:30-8:30 PM

23rd Annual Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture
"Capital Times: A Paradise of Paradoxes"

Adele Alexander, Assistant Professor of History at George Washington University, will present the lecture based on a chapter from her new book, *Homelands and Waterways: The American Journey of the Bond Family, 1846-1926*.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Martin Luther King Memorial Library, 901 G Street NW

9:30 AM

Registration

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10 AM

Welcome

Presentation of American Association of State and Local History annual awards.

10:30-Noon

Carved in Stone, Cast In Bronze: Washington, D.C.'s Monumental Heritage

This session presents the story of the over 700 memorials that have been erected in Washington since 1808.

Monuments in Our Midst: Two Centuries of Commemorative Sculpture
 Alexander M. Padro, author,
Washington Monuments

The Making of Monuments: How Washington, D. C. Memorials are Conceived, Approved and Erected
 Panelists: Charles Atherton, Commission of Fine Arts; Margaret G. Vanderhye, National Capital Planning Commission; John Parsons, National Park Service; Frank Smith, African-American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation; Wendy Ross, sculptor, William O. Douglas and Henry Jackson Memorials

Preserving the Legacy: Caring for Our Sculptural Heritage
 Susan Nichols, Save Our Sculpture!

Where Are They Now? Monuments and Memorials No Longer in Washington, D. C.
 Alexander M. Padro

Commentator: George Gurney,
 National Museum of American Art

Noon-1:30 PM

History Network

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1:30-3:15 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Designing Designers During the District's Early National Period

In 1801, Congress designed the District with two counties (Washington and Alexandria) and three cities (Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria). Commodore Stephen Decatur commissioned a noted architect to design his residence on President's (later Lafayette) Square. Apparel design launched Dolley Madison as the nation's fashion and social icon. Three scholars present engaging descriptions of influential Washingtonians (City and County) during the early days of the District.

Washington County Laura Henley Dean,
 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Decatur House: Design and Designer
 Paul Reber, The Decatur House Museum

Welcome to Dolleywood: Washington Society in the Federal Period
 Kathleen Craughwell-Varda, Museum Consultant specializing in historic costumes and textiles
 Moderator: Charles C. Brewer, Office of Thrift Management

Religion and its Impact on the D. C. Community

This session examines the role these religious institutions have played in the life of the city.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Father J. Carleton Hayden, Howard University

Fides House Jenell Williams Paris, Bethel College, St. Paul Minnesota

Washington Hebrew Congregation
 Julian Feldman, Washington Hebrew Congregation

Christ Church-Washington Parish
 Nan Robertson, University of Maryland and Church Archivist

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The Navy Museum is located at 901 M Street, SE. Use the Eastern Market Metro Station on the Orange and Blue lines. As you exit the escalator turn right on 8th Street and walk straight ahead to the Navy Yard Gate at 8th and M Streets, SE. If driving, enter through the gate at 9th and M Streets, SE. Be sure to have a photo ID when entering the Navy Yard.

Commentator: Josephine Pacheco,
 Emerita Professor,
 George Mason University

3:30-5:15 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Our Holiday Heritage: From Celebration to Remembrance

Find out how federal holidays got their start in the District and how citizens celebrated many of the special 'days' including the Fourth of July, New Year's Day of 1900, and two celebrations unique to the District: the children's Easter Monday egg roll festival and Emancipation Day, commemorating April 16, 1862, the end of slavery in the city.

Holidays in Washington
 C. L. Arbelbide, Historian, Author

Emancipation Day
 Peter Hanes, D. C. Emancipation Commemorative Event Series, and C. R. Gibbs, Author, Historian

Independence Day
 James Heintze, Librarian, American University.
 Moderator: C. L. Arbelbide

New Research in Washington D. C. Studies

This panel brings together scholars who are advancing innovative approaches to the history of Washington, D. C. Their prospective papers coalesce around the themes of identity and space.

Exploring the Myth of the Secret City
 Marya Annette McQuirter,
 University of Michigan

Doin What had to be Done: Multiculturalism and Identity in Black Washington, D.C., 1930-1940
 Donald Collins, Presidential Classroom

Retrieving "Gay City" in Washington D. C.
 Bill Leap, Department of Anthropology,
 American University

Commentator: Adele Alexander, George Washington University

Conference schedule continues on other side.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Navy Museum, 901 M Street, SE

10-11:30 AM

Meet at the Latrobe entrance to the Navy Yard (8th and M Streets SE) or drive in at 9th and M Streets, SE

The Anacostia River and Washington's Maritime Connections

After an introduction to the history of the Washington Navy Yard and orientation to the grounds, visitors can tour the Navy Museum, the USS Barry, the Marine Corps Museum, and the waterfront.

Self-guided tour of lower 8th Street, SE

11:30-Noon

Christ Church, 8th and G Streets, SE

12-1:30 PM

Lunch. Box lunches available at Christ Church, 8th and G Streets, SE. Lunch is available only by advance reservation. See form on other side.

1:30-3:15 PM

Navy Yard Neighbors

Native-Americans and Early Landowners along the Anacostia River Janice Artemel, Potomac Heritage Partnership

William Prout, Proprietor Cindy Janke, Kiplinger Washington Collection

A 'Landful' of Immigrants Ruth Ann Overbeck, Washington Perspectives

Commentator: Kenneth Bowling

3:30-5:15 PM

Washington's Maritime History presented by the Potomac River Pilots Association

Carl Cole will reminisce with people who have spent their lives on the river and near the Navy Yard. These include Navy Yard neighbors, fishermen, ship captains, boat builders, and others who earned their livelihood on the river.

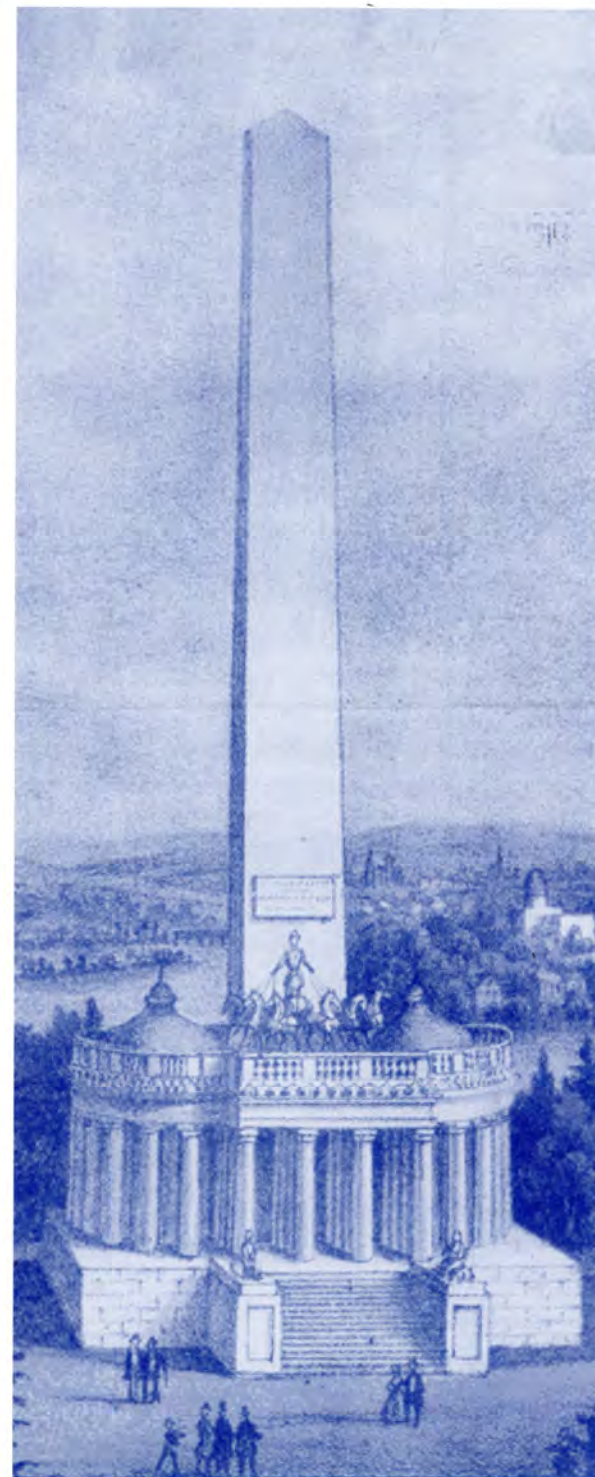
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