

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 sites of historic significance, 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 local history research by its faculty and students with the appearance of the first of the GW Washington Studies monographs. To date there are seven contributions to the series. In March 1980 the University established a multi-disciplinary Center for Washington Area Studies. The Center will systematically increase research and teaching throughout the University on local subject matters.

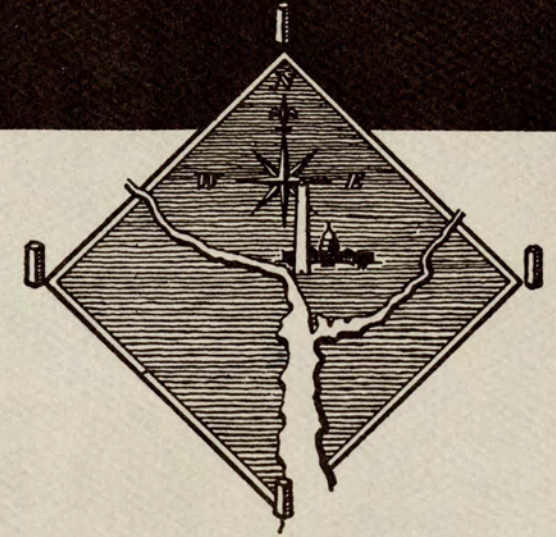
Membership in the Columbia Historical Society is open to all persons interested in the history of Washington, D.C. and its people. Annual dues entitle members to all publications, meetings, special activities, and use of the collections of the Society.

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This series of annual conferences focuses on local urban, not federal history. Sessions are open to all interested persons. There is no registration fee and no preregistration required.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1981  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING--Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
- 10:00 a.m.-  
12:00 noon NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF GEORGETOWN  
Moderator: Frederick Gutheim, Consultant, Urban Affairs  
"Turn-of-the-Century Georgetown: A Myth Exploded"--Mary Mitchell, Columbia Historical Society  
"The Genesis of the Georgetown Preservation Movement, 1915-1945"--Dennis Gale, George Washington University
- 1:30 p.m.-  
3:00 p.m. THE FOLK ARTIST IN THE COMMUNITY: ARCHIE EDWARDS AND THE WASHINGTON BARBERSHOP BLUES  
Introduction: Barry Lee Pearson, University of Maryland  
Performance and Commentary: Archie Edwards
- 3:30 p.m.-  
5:00 p.m. URBAN ARCHEOLOGY IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON: A PANEL DISCUSSION  
Moderator: Mark P. Leone, University of Maryland  
Pamela Cressey, Alexandria Archeology Research Center  
Richard J. Dent, University of Maryland  
Geoffrey Gyrisco, Historic Preservation Office, District of Columbia  
Ann M. Palkovich, University of Maryland

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 6  
THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- 8:00 p.m. THE FIFTH LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE  
"The City and the Environment: Urban Air, Land, and Water Pollution in Historical Perspective"--Joel A. Tarr, Professor of History and Public Policy, Carnegie-Mellon University  
Christian Heurich Mansion, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Light refreshments served beginning 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1981  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

APPROACHES TO NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

- 9:30 a.m. WELCOME--Marcia Greenlee, Historian and Consultant  
"The Role of the D.C. Community Humanities Council"--Beatrice Hackett, Executive Director  
"A Current Humanities-Council-Funded Project"--Keith Melder, Museum of the City of Washington
- 10:00 a.m.-  
11:15 a.m. THREE NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCES AND APPROACHES  
Moderator: Marcia Greenlee  
"The Great Transformation of Southwest, 1950-1960"--Keith Melder  
"Immigration in Downtown Washington, 1876-1906"--Susan Bradford, National Building Museum  
"In the Country and in the City: People and Places in Brookland, 1880-1980"--John N. Pearce, George Washington University
- NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY WORKSHOPS:
- 11:30 a.m.-  
12:15 p.m. USING PHOTOGRAPHS  
Robert A. Truax, Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library  
Shirley Green, Photographic Researcher  
BASIC TECHNIQUES FOR BEGINNING NEIGHBORHOOD RESEARCH  
Roxanna Deane, Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library  
Steven J. Diner, University of the District of Columbia
- 12:15 p.m.-  
1:00 p.m. USING PROPERTY AND ARCHIVAL RECORDS  
Dorothy Provine, National Archives and Records Service  
Kim Hoagland, Historic American Buildings Survey  
USING ORAL HISTORY  
Marcia Greenlee, Historian and Consultant  
Sara Collins, Arlington County Department of Libraries