

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 protect 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 news 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 eight 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 on local subject matters throughout the University.

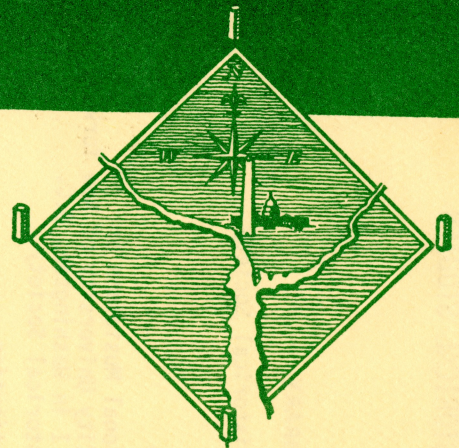
Membership in the Columbia Historical Society is open to all persons interested in the history of Washington, D.C. and its people. Annual dues entitle members to all publications, meetings, special activities, and use of the collections of the Society.

NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WASHINGTON, D.C.
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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 preregistration required and there are no registration fees for any of the sessions.

The Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Library is located at 901 G Street, N.W., at the Gallery Place station on the Metro Red Line. The Christian Heurich Mansion is at 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., one-half block from the Dupont Circle station on the Metro Red Line. For further information, please call the Columbia Historical Society at 785-2068, or the George Washington University Division of Experimental Programs at 676-7565.



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1982
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:00 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING--Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
- 9:30 a.m.-
11:00 a.m. STUDIES IN WASHINGTON THEATER AND MUSICAL LIFE
Moderator: Alan R. Mandel, American University
"John Prosperi and Friends: A Study of Professional Musicians in Washington, 1877-1900"--Katherine K. Preston, City University of New York
"The Lafayette Square Opera House: End of Act I in Washington, D.C. Theater History"--Eileen T. Groce, Columbia Historical Society
Comment: Cynthia Adams Hoover, Smithsonian Institution
- 11:15 a.m.-
12:15 p.m. "Coming Together: The Community Center Movement in the District of Columbia, 1915-1930"--Ronald M. Johnson, Georgetown University
Moderator: James K. Flack, University of Maryland
Comment: Spencer R. Crew, Smithsonian Institution
- 1:30 p.m.-
3:00 p.m. ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF LABOR IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Moderator and Comment: Dolores Janiewski, The Samuel Gompers Papers
"Building the Federal City: Artisans and Laborers in Washington, D.C., 1791-1800"--Larry Myers, National Endowment for the Humanities
"The British, Duff Green, the Rats, and the Devil: The Washington Printers' Strike of 1834-35"--William Pretzer, Smithsonian Institution
- 3:15 p.m.-
5:00 p.m. RECENT ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
Moderator: Geoffrey Gyrisco, Historic Preservation Office, District of Columbia
"The Blagden Mills Complex"--Susan N. Mayer, New York University
"Barry's Farm: Archeology of a Black Freedmen's Bureau Settlement"--Elizabeth W. Anderson, Soils Systems Inc.
"Excavation of the Convention Center Site"--Patrick H. Garrow, Soil Systems Inc.
"Piney Branch Quarry Site"--Barbara A. Mumford, George Washington University
Comment: Laura A. Henley, Howard University

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 12
THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- 8:00 p.m. THE SIXTH LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
"Winslow Homer and the Currents of Black History"--Peter H. Wood, Professor of History, Duke University
Christian Heurich Mansion, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Light refreshments served beginning 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1982
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:00 a.m. WELCOME--Linda J. Lear, George Washington University
- 9:30 a.m.-
11:00 a.m. "The Development of the Washington Economy, 1800-1860"--William H. Becker, George Washington University
Moderator: Linda J. Lear
Comment: Gary L. Browne, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- 11:15 a.m.-
12:15 p.m. "Rhodes Tavern and the History of the Planning, Development, and Institutions of the Nation's Capital, 1799-1981"--Nelson F. Rimensnyder, Committee on the District of Columbia, U.S. House of Representatives
Moderator: John N. Pearce, George Washington University
Comment: Kathleen L. Gilbert, Baltimore Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation
- 1:30 p.m.-
2:30 p.m. SURVEYING THE PHYSICAL CITY
Moderator: Perry G. Fisher
"Surveying Techniques and Their Use as Historical Tools"--Mark R. Edwards, Maryland Historical Trust
"A Case Study: The Downtown Washington Survey by Don't Tear It Down, a Citizens Group"--Nancy B. Schwartz, Don't Tear It Down
- 2:45 p.m.-
4:00 p.m. WALKING TOURS OF THE THREE DISTRICTS OF THE DOWNTOWN SURVEY: COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, AND FINANCIAL
Concurrent walking tours will take place weather permitting. In the event of bad weather, slide-illustrated discussions of the three component districts of the Downtown Survey will substitute for walking tours.