

On March 6, 1894, a meeting of 29 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 29 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, mark local sites of historic significance, and 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 11 contributions to the series. In March 1980 the University established a multidisciplinary Center for Washington Area Studies. The Center will systematically increase research and teaching on local subject matter 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.

The District of Columbia Public Library was established in 1893 with an early goal to foster good citizenship through stimulating civic interest. As part of that effort, a Washingtoniana Collection was begun in earnest in 1905. By 1928 the collection had grown large enough to have its own room, and it is now the largest division in the Martin Luther King Memorial Library. The lives and customs of Washingtonians through the years and the growth of the city in which they live are depicted in news clippings, maps, books, pictures, and oral histories. For some years the Library stored the collections of the Columbia Historical Society until their permanent home was found. All but one of the Historical Studies Conferences have been held at the King Library.

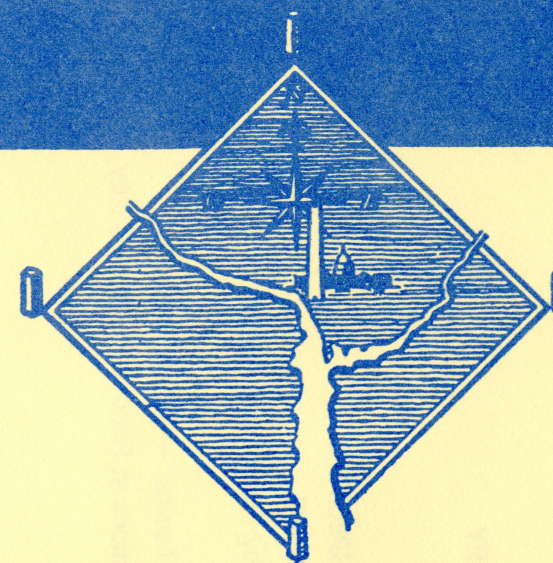
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This series of annual conferences focuses on local urban, not federal, history. Sessions are open to all interested persons. There is no preregistration required and there are no registration fees for any of the sessions.

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 Columbia Historical Society 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 Center for Washington Area Studies, 676-6073.

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
9:15 a.m. Conference Opening—Roxanna Deane, D.C. Public Library

PLACING THE POTOMAC RIVER IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

David Fogle, Potomac River Basin Consortium, presiding

- 9:30 a.m.— Film: "The Potomac: American Reflections" Produced and commented on by Frederick Gutheim
10:30 a.m.— "The North Branch Valley: A Land of Coal Towns, Yellow Boy, and Ghost Towns"—Gilbert Gude
12:00 noon "A Happy Marriage Continues: Recent History and Archaeological Investigations at Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland—Burt Kummerow, St. Mary's City Commission
1:00 p.m.— ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING IN THE 1930's
2:45 p.m. Moderator: Lawrence Baume, Columbia Historical Society
(concurrent sessions) "Hilyard Robinson and the Creation of the Langston Terrace Dwellings"—Glen B. Leiner, Columbia Historical Society
"Washington, Neighborhood Shopping Centers and Neighborhood Planning"—Richard Longstreth, George Washington University
Comment: Richard Striner, U.S. Capitol Historical Society
ASPECTS OF THE CONTEMPORARY WASHINGTON ART SCENE
Moderator: Teresa Grana
Speakers: Tritobia H. Benjamin, Howard University and Sandra Fitzpatrick
3:00 p.m.— WASHINGTON'S GOLDEN DOOR: JEWS AND ITALIANS IN THE CAPITAL CITY, 1890-1940
4:45 p.m. Moderator: Chiarra Walsh, Italian Cultural Society
(concurrent sessions) "The evolution of Washington's Italian Community" Howard Gillette, Jr., George Washington University and Alan Kraut, American University
Film: "A Capital Community" Produced and introduced by Alan Kraut and Jonathan P. Siegel
Comment: Hasia Diner, University of Maryland
THE 19TH CENTURY BUILT ENVIRONMENT
Moderator: Pamela Scott, Papers of Robert Mills
"Deed Restrictions, 1790-1900: A Method of Controlling the Built Environment—Ruth Ann Overbeck, Washington Perspectives
"Craftsmen and Entrepreneurs: Washington's Great 19th Century Builders"—Melissa McLoud, George Washington University
Comment: Alison K. Hoagland, Historic American Buildings Survey

**FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 21
COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- 7:00 p.m.— Reception
8:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. THE TENTH ANNUAL LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
Introduction—Jane North, Columbia Historical Society
"Images of the American Landscape"—Peirce Lewis, Pennsylvania State University

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
9:15 a.m. Introduction—J. Kirkpatrick Flack, Columbia Historical Society
9:30 a.m.— THE NATIONAL PASTIME IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL: TWO SIDES OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IN
12:00 noon WASHINGTON, 1901-1960
This session is presented in cooperation with the Society for American Baseball Research
Moderator: David Q. Voight, Albright College
Film: "The Last Out" Produced and Introduced by David von Sothen
"The Homestead Grays: Negro League Baseball in Washington"—John B. Holway and Buck Leonard, Homestead Grays
Discussion:
Bob Davids, Society for American Baseball Research
Chuck Hinton, Howard University
David Kelly, Library of Congress
Paul MacFarlane, *The Sporting News*
Pat Malone, Washington Senators' Fan Club
Mickey Vernon, Washington Senators
Phil Wood, Broadcaster
9:30 a.m.— HOMELESSNESS IN WASHINGTON IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
11:00 a.m. Moderator: William Crawford, George Washington University
Speakers: Joseph Drew, University of the District of Columbia, and Anne Hughes, University of the District of Columbia
Comment: Dennis Bethea, Government of the District of Columbia, and Christopher Hamnett, The Open University, London
11:15 a.m.— THE PEARL AFFAIR: A SEARCH FOR FREEDOM
12:30 p.m. Moderator: Faye Dixon, Eastern High School
Speaker: Josephine F. Pacheco, George Mason University
Comment: James O. Horton, George Washington University
2:00 p.m. Arranged tour: The Sumner School. By registration at the conference.