

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.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WASHINGTON, D.C., HISTORICAL STUDIES PLANNING COMMITTEE:

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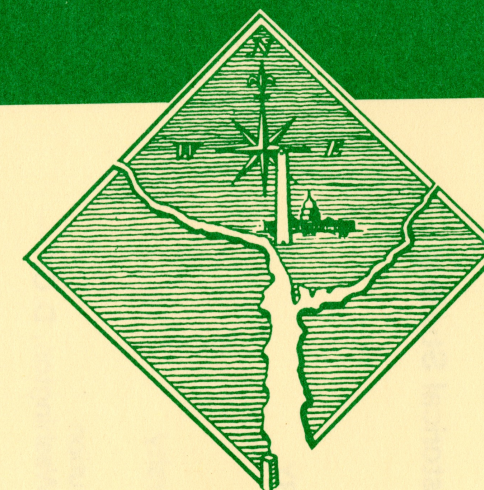
This series of annual conferences focuses on local urban, not federal, history. Sessions are open to all interested persons. There is no preregistration required and there are no registration fees for any of the sessions.

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. Charles Sumner Schoolhouse is at 17th and M Street, N.W., near Farragut North 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, 994-6073, or the Washingtoniana Division of the D.C. Public Library, 727-1213.

Please help us to continue the Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture in Urban History. Contributions should be sent to Columbia Historical Society, clearly marked for the Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lectures.

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**Fifteenth Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies
February 26 - 27, 1988**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. Conference Opening — William H. Becker, George Washington University
- 9:30 a.m. — MUSIC IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
- 11:30 a.m. Moderator and Commentator: Katherine Preston, Smithsonian Institution
"The First One Hundred Years of the Friday Morning Music Club in Washington, D.C." — Charlotte Shear, Friday Morning Club
"Black Women in the Music of Washington, D.C.: 1890-1930" — Doris Evans McGinty, Howard University
"Music in the Washington, D.C. Public Schools" — Grace Bradford, D.C. Public Schools
Assisted by students from the public schools
- 1:00 p.m. — HISTORICAL EDITING PROJECTS RELATING TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
- 4:00 p.m. Moderator: Mary Giunta, NHPRC
Frederick Law Olmsted Papers, Charles McLaughlin
J. Franklin Jameson Papers, Morey Rothberg
Freedman's Bureau Project, Ira Berlin
Joseph Henry Papers, Paul Theerman
- 1:00 p.m. — MIGRANTS, IMMIGRANTS, AND REFUGEES: THE NEWCOMER'S EXPERIENCE
- 3:00 p.m. Moderator: Olivia Cadaval, Smithsonian Fellow; George Washington University
"The Carolina-Washington Connection" — Brett Williams, American University
"The 'New Immigrants': Hispanics in Washington, D.C." — Lucy M. Cohen, Catholic University
"The Indochinese Community" — Beatrice N. Hackett, American University
- 3:15 p.m. — CHANGING SOLUTIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS
- 5:00 p.m. Moderator: Larry Baume, Columbia Historical Society
"Going to the Source: Washington's Experience with Typhoid Fever, 1895-1912," Phillip Seitz, Smithsonian Institution
"A Clean Sweep: Street Cleaning Reform in Washington, D.C., 1874-1912," Robie Lange, National Park Service
Commentator: Ramunas A. Kondratas, Smithsonian Institution
- 4:15 p.m. — COLLECTIONS: D.C.
- 5:15 p.m. Moderator: Roxanna Deane, MLK Library
"Survey and database of Washington history research resources" — William B. Keller, George Washington University
"Progress report on the D.C. Office of Public Records" — Philip W. Ogilvie, Office of Public Records

**FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 26
CHARLES SUMNER SCHOOLHOUSE
17th and M STREET, NW**

- 7:30 p.m. TWELFTH ANNUAL LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
Introduction — Jane North, Columbia Historical Society
"North Is a State of Mind: Afro-American Migration to Washington, D.C." — Spencer Crew, Smithsonian Institution
- 8:30 p.m. Reception

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

SATURDAY

- 10:30 a.m. — BENJAMIN BANNEKER
- 11:30 a.m. Moderator and Commentator: Robert L. Hall, University of Maryland—Baltimore County
(currently Commonwealth Professor at George Mason University)
"Life and Work of Benjamin Banneker" — Frederick W. Jones, historian
"Benjamin Banneker: An Archeological Investigation," Robert J. Hurry, Maryland Historical Trust
- 11:45 a.m. — MARIAN ANDERSON
- 1:00 p.m. "Talent and the Color Line: A Social History of Marian Anderson's Freedom Concert" — Allida M. Black, George Washington University