

27th Annual Conference on Washington, D.C., Historical Studies November 2-4, 2000

Program

Thursday, November 2

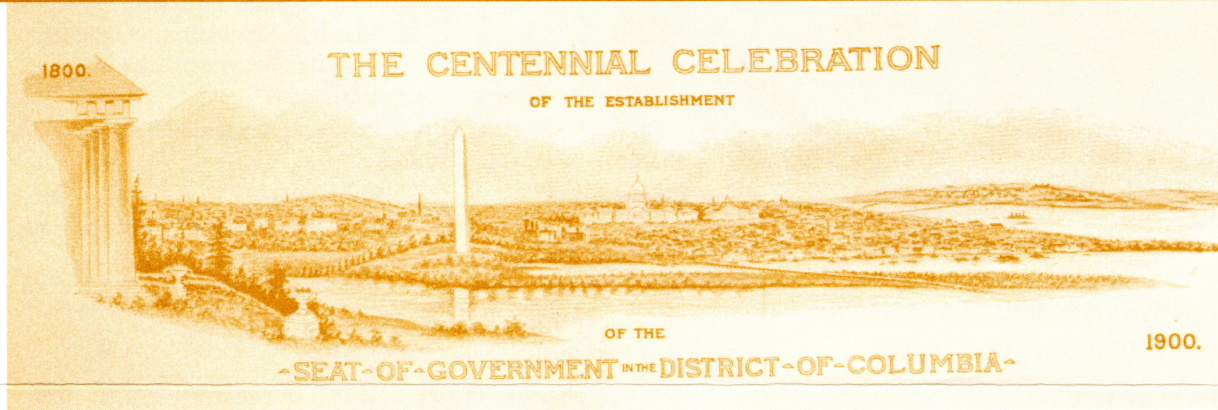
Kiplinger Washington Editors, 1729 H Street, N.W.

6:30 p.m., Reception/exhibit viewing

7:30 p.m. lecture

24th Annual Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture
"Washington Becomes the Capital: Celebrating the Centennial of Washington, D.C. in 1900"

Kenneth R. Bowling, Editor, First Federal Congress Project, and Author, *The Creation of Washington, D.C.*, will draw on new research on the 100th anniversary of the federal government's arrival in Washington in 1800 to discuss the city's new identity and contrast the celebration with the commemoration of the 200th anniversary.



Program, Seat of Government Centennial Celebration, 1900. HSW Collections.

Friday, November 3



President McKinley leaves the White House, 1900. HSW Collections.

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

9:30 a.m.
Registration

The conference is free and open to the public. Box lunches are available by pre-payment only. To register in advance for the conference, or to pre-purchase lunch, please 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
Planning and Selling Our Capital

In the bicentennial year of Congress's arrival in Washington, scholars are rethinking the events that shaped the city. This session offers new insights into the L'Enfant Plan, real estate speculating, and the effort to revive L'Enfant's ideas a century later.

▶ "Eighteenth Century Urban Design and the Planning Behind the L'Enfant Plan"

Don A. Hawkins, Architect and Historical Cartographer
▶ "Family, Faction, Fortune, and Failure: William Cranch's Career in Washington Real Estate, 1794-1801"

Neil S. Kramer, Instructor, History Department, Windward School, Los Angeles, California
▶ "Planning and Public Opinion: The 1900 AIA Campaign to Revive 'Washington's Ideal of a Capital City.'"

William B. Bushong, Historian and Webmaster, White House Historical Association

Moderator: Andrew Altman, City Planner for Washington, D.C.

Noon-1:30 p.m.
History Network-Lunch

Informal presentations on local history resources and historic sites and book sales. Pre-paid box lunches are available on the library's A Level (see registration form).

1:30-3:15 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session A: *The Capital in 1800*

New insights into what was here when the government arrived and why Congress took control of Washington's governance.

▶ "Accommodating the Government"

Pamela Scott, Architectural Historian

▶ "Alexandria's Stabler-Leadbetter Apothecary Shop: The Formative Years, 1790-1810"

Richard D. Cunningham, Principal, Cunningham & Associates

▶ "The Theory and Early Practice of Congress's Exclusive Jurisdiction over the Federal District"

William C. di Giacomantonio, Associate Editor, First Federal Congress Project, George Washington University

Moderator: Cynthia D. Earman, NUCMUC Team, Library of Congress

Session B: *The Pearl Affair*

The attempted escape by 77 Washington slaves in 1848 provides the focus for understanding Christianity's relationship to slavery, the operations of interracial cooperation, and details of the outcomes of the lives of those who participated.

▶ "The Preacher and the Slaver: Christianity in a Slaveholding Household."

Josephine Pacheco, Professor Emerita of History, George Mason University

▶ "Allies against Slavery: Interracial Cooperation and the Pearl Conspiracy of 1848"

Stanley Harrold, Professor of History, South Carolina State University

▶ "The Case for Freedom: The Courts' Impact on Slaves' Petitions for Freedom"

Mary Kay Ricks, D.C. Attorney, Freelance Writer and Tour Guide

Moderator: Hilary Russell, Independent Writer and Researcher

3:30-5:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session A: *Preserving Municipal Architecture:*

Two Centuries of Building by the City and for the City, co-sponsored by the D.C. Preservation League and The Art Deco Society of Washington, D.C. Panelists will explore significant examples of building types, the social, economic and political design context for their development, and current conditions that threaten their future.

▶ "Late Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Firehouses and Schools"

Tanya E. Beauchamp, Architectural Historian

▶ "Art Deco and Art Moderne Municipal Buildings: The Work of Nathan C. Wyeth, Municipal Architect"

Lynda B. Lyons, Architectural Historian

▶ "Modern Municipal Architecture in Washington"

Jerry Maronek, Architectural Historian, D.C. Preservation League

Moderator: Alexander M. Padro, Author,

Washington's Monuments

Session B: *African-American Rights and Public Institutions*

The paths that African Americans took to gain full access to the city's public institutions will be explored.

▶ "Wards of the State or Citizens of the Nation: African Americans and Public Schools in Post-Civil War Washington, D.C."

Kate Masur, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Michigan

▶ "Battling Jim Crow Medicine: Gallinger Municipal Hospital, Washington, D.C."

Frankie L. Winchester, Ph.D. Student, History Department, American University

▶ "Race and Reform in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department, 1948-1968"

Alisa Kramer, Ph.D. Student, History Department, American University

Moderator: Jane Freundel Levey, Editor, *Washington History Magazine of The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.*

Directions to the Conference Locations:

Kiplinger Washington Editors, 1729 H St., N.W., is accessible from the Farragut West Station on the Metro Blue and Orange lines, and the Farragut North Station on the Metro Red line.

Martin Luther King Memorial Library, 901 G St., N.W., is near the Gallery Place Station on the Metro Red, Green, and Yellow lines, and the Metro Center Station on the Red, Blue, and Orange lines. Limited parking is available in the library's underground garage. For further information: Washingtoniana Division, DCPL: 202-727-1213.

Tenley-Friendship Branch Library, 4450 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., is located across the street from Tenleytown-AU Station on the Metro Red Line.

Saturday, November 4



Tenleytown residence, Wisconsin Ave. and Harrison St., 1949. N.W. HSW Collections.

Tenley-Friendship Branch Library
4450 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.

10-11:20 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session A: Living the Life Artistic

Participants explore facets of the artistic life in Washington, D.C., through the preservation of live theatrical performances, the work of African-American photographers, and the transformation of government office buildings into working museums.

► "Live Performance on Tape: Preserving Our City's Artistic Heritage"

Tia Powell Harris, Actress, Arts Administrator, and Former Public School Teacher; Diane Ney, Playwright

► "We Lifted the Curtain": Black Photographers and the Creation of the African-American Image"

Donna Wells, Prints & Photographs Librarian, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University

► "Yesterday a Government Office, Today a Museum"

Cara Seitchek, Independent Historian

Moderator: Dorothy McSweeney, Chair, D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities

Session B: Making History in Tenleytown

► "Neighborhood Preservation in Tenleytown"

Stephen Raiche, Program Manager, Historic Preservation Division, Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs

► "Beyond the Grand Design: Creating Neighborhood Recreation Centers in the Nation's Capital, 1919-1941"

Christopher M. Shaheen, Neighborhood Planner, Neighborhood Conservation Program, Arlington

► "History of St. Ann's Parish"

Thomas Lalley, President, Catholic Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Moderator: Kathryn Ray, Branch Librarian, Tenley-Friendship Library

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session A: New Research in Washington, D.C., Studies

Scholars present innovative approaches to local research.

► "Organized Federal Workers and Washington, D.C.'s Network of Women, 1918-1940"

Edna Johnston, Principal, History Matters, and Ph.D. Candidate, University of Virginia Department of History

► "Apathy and the Atom: The D.C. Office of Civil Defense after World War II"

David F. Krugler, Assistant Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

► "The Local Underground Railroad Program of the National Park Service"

Jenny Masur, Coordinator, Underground Railroad Program, National Capital Region, National Park Service

Moderator: Gail Redmann, Library Director, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Session B: Remembering Tenleytown: A Forum

Former and current Tenleytown residents discuss the changes in this city neighborhood. Also included are long-term members of Rock Creek Baptist Church. Audience participation is welcome and encouraged.

Moderator: Carole Kolker, Public and Oral Historian, DC Heritage Tourism Coalition

1-2 p.m.

LUNCH

Pre-paid box lunches are available (see registration form).

2-4 p.m.

Walking Tour of Tenleytown-Fort Reno with Judith Beck Helm, author of *Tenleytown, D.C.: Country Village to Urban Neighborhood*.

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Program Committee

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Sears & Roebuck Company, Tenleytown, 1949. HSW Collections.

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You are cordially invited to participate in a three-day public forum on the diverse urban history of Washington, D.C. Join other historians, preservationists, neighborhood researchers, students, and history buffs in this annual learning fest.

The conference is free and open to the public. Pre-paid box lunches may be reserved by sending payment and the order form at right to The Historical Society. In addition, free conference pre-registration is encouraged but not required, using the form at right.

I will attend the following sessions:

24th Annual Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture, Thurs., Nov. 2 (free)

Number of people attending: _____

Historical Studies Sessions, Friday, Nov. 3 (free)

Number of people attending: _____

Historical Studies Sessions, Saturday, Nov. 4 (free)

Number of people attending: _____

Please reserve a box lunch for me on the following days:

Friday, Nov. 3—\$8 per person.

Number of lunches: ____ Amount enclosed: \$ ____.

Saturday, Nov. 4—\$8 per person.

Number of lunches: ____ Amount enclosed \$ ____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

A check made payable to The Historical Society of Washington, D.C., is enclosed.

Please charge my credit card: Visa MasterCard Discover

Card # _____ Exp. date: _____

Signature: _____

For more information, please call 202-785-2068, Ext. 107. Please return form to The Historical Society of Washington, D.C., 1307 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

The deadline for lunch reservations and pre-registration is Friday, Oct. 27.