

Notes to supplement the digital audio for remaining 30 minutes missing due to equipment failure.

AOI Luncheon, Friday, April 20, 2018, “Bygone Industrial DC”: Member Reminiscences kicked off by AOI Member/Author John DeFerrari:

At about 56 minutes into the program, Robert Barbuto is concluding his recall of his summer job at Standard Marble & Tile Arts Co. located near where GU’s Law School now stands; John Herron recalled stories of the workers at the Bureau of Printing & Engraving being so skilled at knowing the ‘feel’ of a bale of bills that they would have competitions to determine how accurate they were at predicting the ‘heft’ of the bales; Raymond Ruppert recalled Ace Junk Yard on Georgia Avenue near where Howard University Hospital stands today; Paula Smith-Vanderslice recalled her mother, Lynn, worked at Stone Straws and used to bring home samples of flexible, accordion and other novelty items; Barbara Ioanes said when they used to walk across Key Bridge they’d refer to the smells from the “glue factory” and want to know if that was the Hopfenmaier Rendering Plant we were all referring to earlier in the program; Ruth Sando recalled that Standard Oil had a delivery truck loading facility at 3rd and Constitution Avenue...that it was a quite ‘striking’ building and they used to sit in front of it for inaugural parades; Margo Lyddane said we should recall or even feature a future program on ‘cottage industries’ such as seamstresses, knitters and other at home workers; Richard Drechsler weighed in on yet another bakery that he recalled; [ed. There seemed to be an olfactory connection/reminiscence connection because there seemed to be overwhelming recollections of bakeries... primarily due to the smells of yeast and baking bread.] Francine Berkowitz recalled Entenmann’s Bakery on Morse Street, NE known for its rye breads among others and she also recalled the Cushwa Brick Yards; New member Rogert Drissel recalled ‘scientific’ Washington such as the Harry Diamond Laboratories, the National Bureau of Standards [ed. and while it wasn’t mentioned the Carnegie Institute Labs in that same area on Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street]; Barbara Bates quickly reminded everyone of both Hellers and Reeves bakeries [ed. There is that bakery theme again!]; Robert Vogel who is retired from the Smithsonian reflected on the gun factories at the Navy Yard, a pipe organ builder/repair shop on Capitol Hill and a small hydro-electric generating facility on K Street powered by water from the C&O Canal. Finally, the program was completed with George Hutchinson recalling print shops that discretely and securely served the U.S. Supreme Court and Wally Rossmiller recalled ‘residing’ in small tourist cabins on East Potomac Park about 1945.