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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FINDING AID

**MS 422 The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of
The District of Columbia Records, 1865-Present**

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Research Library of the DC History Center upon receipt of archival material.]**

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ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

Title: MS 422 The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia Records, 1865- Present

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The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia was founded in 1865 to foster pride in the Nation's Capital, a city whose post-Civil War population was surging with government workers, returning soldiers and masses of refugees, and which continued to be plagued by divided loyalties between North and South. Realizing that something must be done to restore the dignity of the National Capital, a group of thirty-one prominent Washington citizens and businessmen met on December 7, 1865 and formed what became known as The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia. The Constitution and By-Laws that were adopted stated: "The objects of this Association are to cement and strengthen the interests and associations arising out of a common residence for a long period in the same locality, to keep alive the reminiscences of the past and the social and paternal communion of the present and the future. . . it will be for the Association to lend its aid in every way to its prosperity and improvement in good order, right government and social intercourse, hospitality, and in courtesy and respect to public functionaries and authorities without regard to sectional or political distinctions." The Constitution emphasized respect for local governmental authority and national patriotism above sectional differences. To the latter end, thirteen Vice Presidents were named – one for each of the original states. The Constitution further provided that a member must have lived in the District forty years, be at least fifty years old, and be of good moral character.

The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia was the first civic organization in the District and because of its fine leadership was responsible for many accomplishments and improvements. Of particular importance has been the interest of its members in preserving historic sites. To support civic improvement, the Association embraced the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce (later to merge with the Board of Trade to form the Metropolitan Board of Trade) and became an early member of the Federation of Citizens Associations which was founded in 1910.

In 1909, the District Commissioners, in recognition of the Association's support for the city, passed a resolution allowing the Association to maintain its permanent meeting place in the old Union Engine Company building on 19th Street, N.W. This resolution allowed the Association to share use of the building with the **Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association**, which had been granted use of the building in 1891 and had established a museum to house firefighting equipment and memorabilia. The Association of Oldest Inhabitants had its first meeting at this location on July 11, 1911, and continued to meet there until 1956 when the firehouse was demolished to make way for the construction of an office building. At that time, part of the valuable fire equipment

collection was donated to the Smithsonian Institution and part to the Columbia Historical Society (then The Historical Society of Washington, D.C., now the DC History Center)

Over the years, the organization has had many fine leaders, perhaps the most prominent being Theodore Noyes, owner and publisher of the *Washington Evening Star*. Theodore Noyes was president for thirty-five years and on December 7, 1909, at the 44th anniversary dinner of the Association he summed up the purpose of The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia: “This Association is concerned with the men of Washington and primarily with the past. Its main function is reminiscent and preservative. It fosters the loyalty of the Washingtonian to Washington, the self-respect of the Washingtonian, and the affection and pride which he feels in his own and the Nation’s Capital.”

This commitment is most evident in the association’s efforts over the years to return the statue of Governor Alexander Robey Shepherd to downtown. Shepherd, the District’s second and last Territorial Governor, was an AOI member. A statue was commissioned and dedicated in 1909 and placed in front of the District Building where it stood for more than 70 years. During the redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue during the late 1970s, the statue was removed and abandoned at the city’s facility at Blue Plains. Department of Public Works employees later righted the statue and moved it to their location on Shepherd Parkway, SW. From the early 1980s until 2005, the AOI led the effort to have the statue returned to a “place of prominence” in the downtown area. Finally, this dream was realized on January 29, 2005 when the statue was placed on the southwest corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Fourteenth Street, NW on the grounds of the John A. Wilson (District) Building. See Container 1, Folders 116-118 and Container 19, Folder 374 for more information on Governor Shepherd and the efforts to return his statue.

The Association of Oldest Inhabitants continues to thrive, having made minor changes in its membership requirements over the years. Currently, members of the organization must be at least forty years of age and must have lived, worked or operated a business in the District of Columbia for at least 20 years. Descendants or spouses of eligible members may also become members. Associate Memberships (non-voting) are available for those not meeting the above criteria.

Scope and Content: The Association of Oldest Inhabitants Records, 1865- Present is arranged in eighteen series:

SERIES I: HISTORIES is arranged chronologically.

SERIES II: BIOGRAPHIES is arranged alphabetically by last name of subject.

SERIES III: OBITUARIES is generally arranged alphabetically. This series also includes memorial service programs. (See also Series XV: Scrapbooks and Guest books, Container 12, Scrapbook of obituaries.)

SERIES IV: CORRESPONDENCE consists of the general correspondence of the Association, arranged chronologically.

SERIES V: MEMBERSHIP RECORDS consists of membership applications, arranged alphabetically; membership rolls; membership lists; directories; and various other membership records, including certificates and change of address records. (See also Series IX: Financial Records, Sub-series B: Dues Records.)

SERIES VI: ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS includes amendments and related correspondence, arranged chronologically.

SERIES VII: MEETING NOTICES AND NEWSLETTERS is arranged chronologically.

SERIES VIII: MEETING MINUTES is arranged in two sub-series:

Sub-series A: General Meeting Minutes is arranged chronologically. These minutes may include Executive Committee Meeting minutes for some years.

Sub-series B: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes is arranged chronologically.

SERIES IX: FINANCIAL RECORDS is arranged in three sub-series:

Sub-series A: Treasurer's Reports is arranged chronologically.

Sub-series B: Dues Records is arranged chronologically and may include related correspondence.

Sub-series C: Other Financial Records consists of a safe deposit box inventory and inventories of Association property.

SERIES X: CHRONICLER'S REPORTS is arranged chronologically.

SERIES XI: SPEECHES include texts of speeches given to the Association or to other organizations by Association members, arranged chronologically. (See also Speeches on tapes in Container 18)

SERIES XII: PROGRAMS consists of programs for Association events, including New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, the Fourth of July, and Association anniversaries, arranged chronologically.

SERIES XIII: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS is arranged chronologically.

SERIES XIV: PHOTOGRAPHS is arranged in three sub-series:

Sub-series A: Individual Photographs of Members is arranged alphabetically.

Sub-series B: Group Photographs of Members is arranged chronologically.

Sub-series C: Special Events consists of photographs of celebrations for Washington's birthday, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, and annual banquets and anniversary dinners, arranged by subject.

(See also oversize materials in Container 17, and "Related Materials" below.)

SERIES XV: SCRAPBOOKS AND GUEST BOOKS arranged in chronological order by document type. (See also oversize materials)

SERIES XVI: VETERAN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION RECORDS is arranged in two sub-series:

Sub-series A: Administrative Records is arranged by document type and then chronologically. It consists of various documents of this Association's operation, including membership and dues records, correspondence, committee minutes, newspaper clippings, and reports. Firemen's Association records prior to 1865 predate, but were collected by, the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants.

Sub-series B: Photographs and Ephemera is arranged chronologically by document type.

SERIES XVII: RECORDS OF THE AOI, 2001-PRESENT is arranged by year and then document type: Meeting Announcements/Minutes (including Board of Directors' minutes); Financial Records (including Treasurer's Reports, audits and receipts required to be held for 7 years); Correspondence; and, Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs. All Incorporation, By-laws and Tax issues since 2000 are filed together at the beginning of the series as are Correspondence, Clippings and Press Coverage related to the return of the Governor Shepherd statue. The minutes of the monthly business luncheons are published in the next monthly newsletter. When no newsletter is published (usually February and September) then the minutes of the previous meeting is provided as a separate document in the Meeting Announcements/Minutes folder.

SERIES XVIII: AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS 2000-PRESENT contains audio cassette recordings of monthly business meetings of the Association and guest speakers who made presentations at those meeting and video tapes documenting special events. Data diskettes included in the series contain photographs and documents produced by the Association.

Oversized materials are stored in Containers 12-17.

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Related Materials: Photographs of fire equipment and Union Engine Firehouse (CHS 3057, 5487, 7187), Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Many members of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants have donated papers, books, artifacts, and photographs to the Historical Society's collections over the years, including Charles Glover, Christian Heurich, Bernard Nordlinger, Theodore Noyes, John C. Proctor, George Suter, Jesse Suter, William Waters, and Harry Wender. See HSW's catalog for additional related materials.

In 2009, the AOI established the AOI Sesquicentennial Project – an effort to create a searchable index of AOI members by name to assist in locating records in AOI's archives. The index is appended to this finding aid and is searchable using the 'Find' features of Adobe Acrobat Reader. It is also available, on line, on AOI's web site at www.aoidc.org.

Container List

SERIES I: HISTORIES

Container 1

Folder 1: “The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia,” July 4, 1913 informational pamphlet. Included is a June 4, 1913 address by Mrs. Wilhelmine M. Easby-Smith on, “The Personal Recollections of Early Washington and a Sketch of the Life of Captain William Easby.” There is also a reprint to avoid handling the fragile original.

Folder 2: The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia: A Thumbnail Sketch,” December 7, 1965.

Folder 3: “Description of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia,” December 23, 1994.

Folder 4: Collection of partial histories, undated. Includes undated sketch showing design of AOI ribbon.

Folder 5: “The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia,” 1997 (Reprint of 1965 issue)

SERIES II: BIOGRAPHIES

Folder 6: Zachariah Blackstone.

Folder 6A: John D. Clark, 1792-1885

Folder 7: Mortimer Clarke

Folder 8: Faye A. Frazier.

Folder 9: Col. Joseph M. Heller.

Folder 9A: (Chester) Harold Gray, AOI President 1992-1994

Folder 10: Christian Heurich, including history of the Christian Heurich Memorial Mansion.

Folder 11: Burton M. Langhenry.

Folder 11A: Alison Naylor, Jr. A biographical sketch provided by AOI member Margaret (Gretchen) H. Gunning (of Atlanta, GA) of past AOI President Alison Naylor, Jr. (also Nailor).

Folder 12: William K. Norwood.

Folder 13: Theodore William Noyes.

Folder 14: Louis Watkins Prentiss.

Folder 15: John Clagett Proctor.

Folder 16: Governor Alexander Robey Shepherd. Biography, fact sheets and SOS! (Save Outdoor Sculpture) survey, 1985-1992. Also, John P. Richardson's Shepherd talk from the 2007 Historic Studies Conference, "Alexander R. Shepherd: His Times and Ours", November 2, 2007.

Folder 17: Governor Alexander Robey Shepherd. Correspondence regarding Shepherd statue, 1921-1996

Folder 18: Governor Alexander Robey Shepherd. Clippings and photographs of Shepherd, 1982-1996 (see also Container #19, Folder 374)

Folder 18A: AOI member George J. Suter's story is told by Daniel J. Demers (2016) in "The Doormaker" which recounts Suter, who at the age of 88, held the "rare and highly honorable distinction of being the oldest carpenter in the United States (possibly in the entire world) who is still on the job every day." George Suter (b. 1831, d. 1921)

Folder 19: Dean Bradley Thomas.

Folder 20: A. L. Wheeler., includes a narrative on efforts to obtain Home Rule for DC by the DC Democratic Committee, 1948-1960 (written 11/24/2008). Also see Container 19A for a DVD of Asher L. Wheeler's recollections as lawyer and business owner/developer in Georgetown and his reminiscences about efforts to obtain Home Rule and voting representation for the District.

SERIES III: OBITUARIES

Folder 21: Various lists of members' deaths, 1873-1976.

Folder 22: Obituaries, A-G.

Folder 23: Obituaries, H-L.

Folder 24: Obituaries, M-P.

Folder 25: Obituaries, R-S.

Folder 26: Obituaries, T-Z.

Folder 27: Obituary clippings, Philip R. Fendall, 1868.

Folder 28: Memorial service programs.

SERIES IV: CORRESPONDENCE

Folder 29: Correspondence, 1865-1919.

Folder 30: Correspondence, 1920-1929.

Folder 31: Correspondence, 1930-1933.

Folder 32: Correspondence, 1934.

Folder 33: Correspondence, 1935.

Folder 34: Correspondence, 1936.

Folder 35: Correspondence, 1937.

Folder 36: Correspondence, 1938.

Folder 37: Correspondence, 1939-1940.

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Folder 38: Correspondence, 1941-1949.

Folder 39: Correspondence, 1952-1959.

Folder 40: Correspondence, 1960-1966.

Folder 41: Correspondence, 1967-1968.

Folder 42: Correspondence, 1969-1970.

Folder 43: Correspondence, 1971-1972.

Folder 44: Correspondence, 1973.

Folder 45: Correspondence, 1974-1979, 1981-1989.

Folder 46: Correspondence, 1990-1992.

Folder 47: Correspondence, 1993-1997, and correspondence related to the closure of Pennsylvania Avenue, 2000.

Folder 48: Correspondence, undated, and stationery samples. Includes “first issue” stamped envelopes.

Folder 49: Correspondence with IMF, 1956-1979.

Folder 50: Correspondence with the Smithsonian, 1974-1975.

Folder 51: Correspondence with the IRS and DC Treasurer concerning Tax Exemption, 1970-2000. (see also Container #19, Folder 373)

SERIES V: MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Folder 52: Original membership applications, A-L.

Folder 53: Original membership applications, M-W.

Folder 54: Membership applications, A.

Folder 55: Membership applications, B.

Folder 56: Membership applications, B (continued).

Folder 57: Membership applications, C.

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Folder 58: Membership applications, D.

Folder 59: Membership applications, E-F.

Folder 60: Membership applications, G.

Folder 61: Membership applications, H.

Folder 62: Membership applications, H (continued).

Folder 63: Membership applications, I-J.

Folder 64: Membership applications, K.

Folder 65: Membership applications, L.

Folder 66: Membership applications, M.

Folder 67: Membership applications, N-O.

Folder 68: Membership applications, P-Q.

Folder 69: Membership applications, R.

Folder 70: Membership applications, S.

Folder 71: Membership applications, S (continued).

Folder 72: Membership applications, T-V.

Folder 73: Membership applications, W.

Folder 74: Membership applications, X-Z.

Folder 75: Membership applications, 1944-1945.

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Folder 76: Membership rolls, 1897-1904.

Folder 77: Membership rolls, 1908.

Folder 78: Membership rolls, 1918.

Folder 79: Membership rolls, 1922-1941. See oversized container 16 for 1932-1944.

Folder 80: Membership rolls, pre-1992; April 28, 1992-April 18, 1996; 2000.

Folder 81: Signers of AOI Constitution; signatures of all members through 1974.

Folder 82: Membership certificate, Seraphim Masi, July 14, 1882.

Folder 83: Notice of adoption of card system of membership, 1906.

Folder 84: Membership certificate, George W. Evans, 1908. Original stored in Container 17.

Folder 85: List of members contributing to the Building Fund for remodeling the Engine House; completed July 4, 1911.

Folder 86: Subscriptions for certificate of membership, 1916-1921.

Folder 87: Lists of members over 80 and 90 years of age, 1941.

Folder 88: Invitation to join AOI, 1995.

Folder 89: Membership certificate (blank copy), undated.

Folder 90: List of 20-year members, undated.

Folder 91: List of members, and list of members who joined or died since last such list, undated.

Folder 92: Membership card, undated.

Folder 93: Directories, 1903-1904, April 1973 (not complete). Includes directories to businesses and institutions operating prior to 1900, compiled ca. 1973.

Folder 94: Change of address records, 1967-1974, and undated.

SERIES VI: ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Folder 95: Articles of Incorporation, 1903.

Folder 96: Articles of Incorporation, amended, October 28, 1993. (See also Container 19, Folder 373)

Folder 97: Constitution and Bylaws, 1892-1966.

Folder 98: Constitution and Bylaws, amendment, undated. Includes undated resolution to form a women's auxiliary.

Folder 99: Bylaws, amended, 1992-1993.

Folder 100: Correspondence regarding Constitution and Bylaws and Certification of Elections, 1992-2000. (See also Container 19, Folder 373)

SERIES VII: MEETING NOTICES AND NEWSLETTERS

Folder 101: Meeting notices, 1901-1960 (incomplete). Includes July 4, 1911 invitation to “House Warming” donated by Virginia Baxter, January 14, 2021. Probably AOI’s first official meeting at the Old Fire House.

Folder 102: Monthly bulletins, 1961-1965.

Folder 103: Meeting notices, 1965 (August only).

Folder 104: Meeting notices, 1966 (January and February missing).

Folder 105: Meeting notices, 1967 (July, September, and October missing).

Folder 106: Meeting notices, 1968 (May, June, September, and November missing).

Folder 107: Meeting notices, 1969 (January and August missing).

Folder 108: Meeting notices, 1970 (April and July missing).

Folder 109: Meeting notices, 1971.

Folder 110: Meeting notices, 1972.

Folder 111: Meeting notices, 1973.

Folder 112: Meeting notices, 1974.

Folder 113: Meeting notices, 1975 (June and November missing).

Folder 114: Meeting notices, 1976 (January and September only).

Folder 115: Meeting notices, 1982 (March only).

Folder 116: Meeting notices, 1984 (April only).

Folder 117: Meeting notices, 1989 (May, September, October only).

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Folder 118: Meeting notices, 1990 (June, October, December only).

Folder 119: Meeting notices, 1992 (April and November only).

Folder 120: Newsletters and meeting notices, June 11, 1992-November 18, 1994. (Nos. 1-14).

Folder 121: Newsletters and meeting notices, December 1994-2000. (Nos. 1-35)

SERIES VIII: MEETING MINUTES

Sub-series A: General Meeting Minutes

Folder 122: Minutes, November 30, 1865-July 4, 1870.

Folder 123: Minutes, August 3, 1870-April 7, 1875.

Folder 124: Minutes, May 5, 1875-May 2, 1877.

Folder 125: Minutes, June 6, 1877-April 7, 1880 (date on cover of book incorrect).

Folder 126: Minutes, April 1, 1885-June 1891.

Folder 127: Minutes, July 4, 1891-September 13, 1893.

Folder 128: Minutes, September 18, 1893-June 2, 1897 (date on cover of book incorrect).

Folder 129: Minutes, July 5, 1897-November 2, 1898 (date on cover of book incorrect).

Folder 130: Minutes, January 1, 1900-December 4, 1901. Includes a printed letter written to the Citizens' Committee accepting an invitation to participate in the First Centenary of the Establishment of the Seat of Government celebration in 1900.

Folder 131: Minutes, January 1, 1902-December 3, 1902.

Folder 132: Minutes, January 1, 1903-December 7, 1904.

Folder 133: Minutes, January 2, 1905-December 5, 1906.

Folder 134: Minutes, January 1, 1907-July 4, 1910.

Folder 135: Minutes, October 5, 1910-November 3, 1915 (date on cover of book incorrect).

Folder 136: Minutes, January 1, 1916-June 4, 1919 (date on cover of book incorrect).

Folder 137: Minutes, July 4, 1919-August 4, 1920 (date on cover of book incorrect).

Folder 138: Minutes, September 6, 1920-May 4, 1921.

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Folder 139: Minutes, July 1, 1921-December 8, 1930 (bound volumes).

Folder 140: Loose copies of minutes. Removed from bound volume, 1921-1930.

Folder 141: Minutes, January 1, 1931-December 31, 1934 (bound volumes).

Folder 142: Minutes, February 22, 1935-November 6, 1935 (January, August, and December missing).

Folder 143: Minutes, January 1, 1936-November 4, 1936.

Folder 144: Minutes, 1937-1938. (March, June, November, and December only in 1937; July missing in 1938.)

Folder 145: Minutes, 1939-1940. (August only in 1940.)

Folder 146: Minutes, January 1, 1942-December 2, 1942.

Folder 147: Minutes, January 1, 1943-December 1, 1943.

Folder 148: Minutes, 1944-1945.

Folder 149: Minutes, 1958-1959. (December only in 1958.)

Folder 150: Minutes, January 6, 1960-December 7, 1960.

Folder 151: Minutes, January 4, 1961-December 13, 1961.

Folder 152: Minutes, January 3, 1962-December 12, 1962.

Folder 153: Minutes, 1963-1964.

Folder 154: Minutes, January 6, 1965-December 15, 1965 (September missing).

Folder 155: Minutes, January 5, 1966-November 3, 1966.

Folder 156: Minutes, January 5, 1967-November 7, 1968.

Folder 157: Minutes, January 2, 1969-November 5, 1970.

Folder 158: Minutes, January 7, 1971-December 7, 1972.

Folder 159: Minutes, January 4, 1973-December 18, 1973.

Folder 160: Minutes, January 10, 1974-December 5, 1974.

Folder 161: Minutes, 1975, 1977.

Folder 162: Minutes, April 24, 1992-November 16, 1992.

Folder 163: Minutes, February 17, 1993-November 18, 1993.

Folder 164: Minutes, February 25, 1994-November 18, 1994.

Folder 165: Minutes, January 13, 1995-April 16, 1999.

Sub-series B: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Folder 166: Minutes, 1931, 1958-1969. Incomplete.

Folder 167: Minutes, 1970-1976. Incomplete.

Folder 168: Minutes, 1993-2000. Incomplete.

Folder 169: Other committees, 1876, 1920-1990.

SERIES IX: FINANCIAL RECORDS

Sub-series A: Treasurer's Reports

Folder 170: Treasurer's ledger, 1907-1939.

Folder 171: Loose papers from ledger, 1907-1939.

Folder 172: Treasurer's reports, 1911, 1933.

Folder 173: Treasurer's reports, 1941-1945, 1947.

Folder 174: Treasurer's reports, 1952-1959. Incomplete.

Folder 175: Treasurer's reports, 1960-1969.

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Folder 176: Treasurer's reports, 1970.

Folder 177: Treasurer's reports, 1971-1973.

Folder 178: Treasurer's reports, 1974-1975.

Folder 179: Treasurer's reports, June 1992-August 1997. Incomplete. Also includes November 2000 report and 2000 invoices (purge after 2007).

Sub-series B: Dues Records

Folder 180: Dues records, May 9, 1883-May 1, 1889.

Folder 181: Dues records, September 4, 1889-December 31, 1894.

Folder 182: Dues records, April 10, 1899-December 31, 1904.

Folder 183: Dues records, June 30, 1908-December 31, 1910.

Folder 184: Dues records, loose papers.

Folder 185: Dues records, 1901-1924.

Folder 186: Dues records, June 30, 1913-June 20, 1916.

Folder 187: Dues records, January 1, 1931-December 30, 1939.

Folder 188: Dues ledger, January 1, 1931-January 2, 1939.

Folder 189: Dues records, May 20, 1936-May 31, 1939.

Folder 190: Dues records, January 13, 1969-December 16, 1970.

Folder 191: Dues records and membership rolls, January 27, 1971-February 6, 1975.

Folder 192: Dues records and membership rolls, February 8, 1974-December 18, 1975.

Sub-series C: Assets & Holdings

Folder 193: Safe Deposit Box inventory, receipts and estimates, 1911-1993.

Folder 194: AOI property inventories, appraisals and storage warehouse contracts, 1956 and 1973. (New asset added 11/2004 – framed art acquired and placed on loan to the Peabody Room, Georgetown Branch of the DC Public Library)

SERIES X: CHRONICLER'S REPORTS, 1907-1933

Folder 195: Chronicler's report, 1907, 1912.

Folder 196: Chronicler's report, December 4, 1912-December 3, 1913.

Folder 197: Chronicler's report, December 4, 1913-December 1, 1914.

Folder 198: Chronicler's report, December 2, 1914-December 1, 1915.

Folder 199: Chronicler's report, December 1, 1915-December 1, 1916.

Folder 200: Chronicler's report, December 1, 1916-November 30, 1917.

Folder 201: Chronicler's report, December 5, 1917-December 31, 1918.

Folder 202: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1919-October 2, 1919.

Folder 203: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1920-December 31, 1920.

Folder 204: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1921-December 31, 1921.

Folder 205: Chronicler's report, December 29, 1921-December 31, 1922.

Folder 206: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1923-December 25, 1923.

Folder 207: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1924-December 26, 1924.

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Folder 208: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1925-December 31, 1925.

Folder 209: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1926-December 31, 1926.

Folder 210: Chronicler's report, January 2, 1927-December 31, 1927.

Folder 211: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1928-December 31, 1928.

Folder 212: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1929-December 31, 1929.

Folder 213: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1930-December 31, 1930.

Folder 214: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1932-December 31, 1932.

Folder 215: Chronicler's report, January 1, 1933-May 16, 1933. Also, John Proctor's handwritten copies of 1935, 1938, 1939, and 1940.

SERIES XI: SPEECHES

Folder 216: "Oration delivered before The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia," by the Hon. Peter G. Washington, July 4, 1867.

Folder 217: Recollections by Benjamin C. Wirght [*sic*], September 6, 1893; "History of the Removal of the Seat of Government to Washington," by Wilhemina B. Bryan, December 26, 1894.

Folder 218: "Studies, biographical and critical, on the Indian Princess Pocohantas," by R. R. Howson, December 26, 1895.

Folder 219: Lecture delivered some time in 1895 (July 4?), by E. R. McKean.

Folder 220: "An Historic Foundation," by Florence Carpenter Dieudonne, April 1896.

Folder 221: "A brief Sketch of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants from its foundation November 30, 1865 to the present time, January 1st, 1904," by J. A. Wineberger, January 1, 1904.

Folder 222: Speech by General John M. Wilson delivered at Alton Farms, July 5, 1906.

Folder 223: "Origin of the name 'Chevy Chase,'" by R. W. Lowrie, 1907 (?); poem by Dr. W. M. Starr on the occasion of his 100th birthday celebration, 1907 (top section missing).

Folder 224: "Oldest Inhabitants Association and the Washingtonian," by Theodore W. Noyes, December 7, 1909.

Folder 225: "Address to the Board of Trade prepared by William H. Singleton and read by his son at the Twenty-fifth Anniversary meeting of the Board of Trade, February 10, 1915."

Folder 226: Original poem “To the Oldest Inhabitants, Greetings” by Dr. Thomas Calves, February 22, 1920; “The Inauguration of Thomas Jefferson,” by Washington Topham, March 3, 1921; “Old Timer” by John Clagett Proctor, December 7, 1922; “Speech by Major General Amos A. Fries at Independence Day Celebration,” July 4, 1925. See Container 17 for original of Calves poem.

Folder 227: “The old ‘Globe’ offices and its publishers,” by Washington Topham, August 1927.

Folder 228: “Discussing the Vote for the District of Columbia and Other Local Matters,” by Hon. Arthur Capper and Theodore W. Noyes, December 7, 1929.

Folder 229: “Problems of the District of Columbia,” by Theodore W. Noyes, December 9, 1941.

Folder 230: “Recollections of Early Washington Printers,” by ---- Dickman, June 7, 1944.

Folder 231: “The Spirit of '76,” by Lt. Col. Charles S. MacVeigh, July 4, 1961.

Folder 232: “What's Cooking in Washington?” by Donald Bettinger, June 1, 1968.

Folder 233: “When the Oldest were Younger,” by Harry Wender, 1972.

Folder 234: “Stories of Washington in the 1890s,” by Joseph F. Robinson, March 26, 1976.

Folder 235: “High Society in Washington during the Golden Age: ‘Three Distinct Aristocracies,’” by Kathryn Allamong Jacob, 1986.

Folder 236: “Pepco celebrates 100 years of Matchless Service,” by John M. Derrick, Jr., October 18, 1996.

Folder 237: “What made George Washington great,” by Rev. Page Williams, D. D., date unknown.

Folder 238: “Rambles around City Hall Hill,” by James F. Duhamel, date unknown.

Folder 239: “The Dream,” by Miss Renee Franz, date unknown.

Folder 240: “The Declaration of Independence,” speaker and date unknown.

Folder 241: “Fourth of July address,” speaker and date unknown.

Folder 242: “The Meaning of Independence Day,” speaker and date unknown.

Folder 243: Fragments of speech, speaker, and date unknown.

SERIES XII: PROGRAMS

Folder 244: New Year's Day, 1953-1957.

Folder 245: Washington's Birthday, 1901, 1908, 1913, 1927-1964. Incomplete. Includes an undated transcription of a letter written by George Washington, November 21, 1796. The 1908 program includes an address by William R. Smith, Superintendent of the U.S. Botanic Garden in a tribute to Governor Shepherd. The document is partially transcribed and annotated by AOI Director John P. Richardson (April 6, 2011) and includes handwritten comments by Shepherd's widow, Mary Grice Shepherd.

Folder 246: Fourth of July, 1901-1969. Incomplete.

Folder 247: Anniversary Programs, 1907-1975, 1983. Incomplete. Includes "Mt. Vernon and Its Surroundings," December 7, 1908; banquet lists, 1912, 1938; and remarks, 1925, 1943.

Folder 248: Anniversary Banquets, 1965-1972; Business award programs, 1997 (Washington Gas), 1998 (Galt & Bro., Inc.), 1999 (Security Storage), 2000 (Sholl's Cafeteria); printed Irish Blessings, undated.

SERIES XIII: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Folder 249: Newspaper clippings, 1835-1920.

Folder 250: Newspaper clippings, 1900-1920.

Folder 251: Newspaper clippings, 1920-1940.

Folder 252: Newspaper clippings, 1940-1960.

Folder 253: Newspaper clippings, 1960-1970.

Folder 254: Newspaper clippings, 1980-2000.

Folder 255: Newspaper clippings, undated.

SERIES XIV: PHOTOGRAPHS

Sub-series A: Individual Photographs of AOI Members

Folder 256: Allen, Walter Ellwood-Avery, T.

Folder 257: Balloch, G. W.-Block, Charles.

Folder 258: Boltz, E. C.-Burger, J.C.S.

Folder 259: Callahan, Robert- "Squire Clark"

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Folder 260: Channing, John-Crossfield, J.

Folder 261: Cumiskey, A.J.-Denham, Z. M.

Folder 262: Dickman, John B.-Durand, Col. Charles H.

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Folder 263: Edgar, O.-Fufs, William H.

Folder 264: Gaddes, Adam-Gross, Theodore

Folder 265: Grupe, Albert-Hutchinson, F. S.

Folder 266: Jarvis, Thomas-Kolipius, Louis

Folder 267: Lackey, James-Lynch, J.

Folder 268: Macarty, D. J.-Mitchell, Frederick W.

Folder 269: Moore, Fred I,

Folder 270: Noyes, Theodore W. (charcoal drawing; See Container 17.)

Folder 271: O'Bryon, P. M.-Pilling, F. W.

Folder 272: Ragan, Andrew-Rynex, S. T.

Folder 273: Samuels, C. V.-Shaw, Edward

Folder 274: Shelton, J. H.-Starr, Dr. William and Col. George A. Armes

Folder 275: Stohlman, Fred-Turner, D.C.

Folder 276: Walker, J. C.-Willard, Harry K.

Folder 277: Willey, O.J.-Wunder, Dr. W.H.

Folder 278: Photographs. Twenty-one small, identified portraits:

Berger, J. C.	Layton, H. W.
Brown, M. J.	Lerch, T. J.
Calvert, Fred G.	Mahoney, W. W.
Campbell, Edwin	Morse, J. P.
Croggin, James	Powell, Capt. J. B.
Gray, G. W.	Reiss, J. H.
Hall, Harry C.	Ritter, J. P. V.
Halsten, A. H. F.	Thomas, J. B.
Houston, James H.	Walker, R. A.
Hubbard, Solomon	Wallace, J. F.
Kahlert, H.	

Folder 279: Individual photographs of entire membership during presidency of Theodore Noyes. (See Container 17 and oversize folder 372)

Folder 280: Unidentified photographs. (See also Container 17.)

Sub-series B: Group Photographs of AOI Members

Folder 281: November 6, 1868. Members identified. (See Container 17 for original.)

Folder 282: Group portrait, 1875. (Photocopy, dated December 3, 1904, of group portrait taken in 1875.)

Folder 283: AOI officers, July 4, 1905. (See Container 17.)

Folder 284: Identified photograph at Treasury Department, ca. 1900-1910. (See Container 17.)

Folder 285: Columbia Engine Co. VVFA and AOI, ca. 1911. (See Container 17.)

Folder 286: AOI members at Union Engine House, 1912.

Folder 287: Labor Day parade, September 5, 1927; AOI officers, November 11, 1932.

Folder 288: AOI dance, April 4, 1934. Subjects identified as Mr. and Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. Leo F. Zwissler, B. F. McCauley, Elva C. Palmer.

Folder 289: Four nonagenarians honored, January 2, 1939 and June 4, 1941.

Folder 290: 75th birthday anniversary, John C. Proctor, December 2, 1942.

Folder 291: AOI members and officers, November 6, 1946; and AOI officers, Sunday *Star* gravure section, December 15, 1946. (See Container 17)

Folder 292: Group photograph, February 10, 1966, and 1968.

Folder 293: Group photograph, 1969.

Container 10

Folder 294: Group photographs of unidentified events, 1970.

Folder 295: Group photographs of unidentified events, 1971-1972.

Folder 296: Group photographs of unidentified events, 2000 (Color). See John C. Proctor scrapbook for additional group photographs.

Folder 297: Group photographs, unidentified. (See also Container 17.)

Folder 298: Carte de visites, Alling-Hancock.

Folder 299: Carte de visites, Hannah-Tace

Folder 300: Carte de visites, Taylor-unidentified.

Folder 301: Carte de visites, Asmedon (?) - Moore.

Folder 302: Carte de visites, Pilling-Wright.

Sub-series C: Special Events

Folder 303: New Year's Day meetings, 1910-1951. (See also Container 17 and Folder 372)

Folder 304: Washington's birthday celebrations, 1900-1966. (incomplete; photographs for 1929 and 1939 are newspaper clippings only. See also Folder 372)

- Folder 305:** Washington's birthday celebrations, February 22, 1967.
- Folder 306:** Washington's birthday celebrations, February 22, 1968.
- Folder 307:** Washington's birthday celebrations, February 22, 1969.
- Folder 308:** Fourth of July celebration, 1905. (See also Container 17, Alton Farm).
- Folder 309:** Fourth of July celebration at Louis P. Shoemaker's, ca. 1911.
- Folder 310:** Fourth of July celebration at Union Fire House, 1921. (See also Folder 372)
- Folder 311:** Fourth of July celebrations, 1928, 1938, 1940-1944, 1946-1949, 1973, 1994.
- Folder 312:** Labor Day parade, September 5, 1927.
- Folder 313:** Annual banquet, December 7, 1910. (See Container 17.)
- Folder 314:** 50th birthday dinner, 1915. (See Container 17.)
- Folder 315:** Annual banquet, 1936, 1944, 1947, 1965, 1966.
- Folder 316:** Annual banquet, 1967.
- Folder 317:** Annual banquet, 1968.
- Folder 318:** Annual banquet, 1969.
- Folder 319:** Anniversary dinner committee, 1970.
- Folder 320:** Annual banquet, 1970.
- Folder 321:** Annual banquet, 1971.
- Folder 322:** Annual banquet, 1972.

SERIES XV: SCRAPBOOKS AND GUEST BOOKS

- Folder 323:** Scrapbook, consisting of newspaper clippings, 1878-1914. Clippings focus on places and events of historic importance in the District of Columbia. Compiled by Benjamin W. Reiss.
- Folder 324:** Scrapbook, consisting of Manuscripts and Orations Relating to the History of the District of Columbia, circa 1887-1897.

Folder 325: John Clagett Proctor scrapbook of obituaries, ca. 1901-1958. Arranged alphabetically. Most clippings not dated. See container 13.

Folder 326: Scrapbook, consisting of the Journal of the Committee on Hall and Archives of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, October 11, 1908-October 18, 1909; newspaper clippings, July 4, 1911. Most of the volume is blank.

Folder 327: Scrapbook, consisting of newspaper clippings, ca. 1900s. Clippings focus on obituaries of AOI members, AOI celebrations, etc., in the early 1900s. Compiled by Benjamin W. Reiss.

Container 11

Folder 328: Scrapbook consisting of newspaper clippings pertaining to the City of Washington, D.C. of interest to the Association of Oldest Inhabitants (See Container 14); and Scrapbook for the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia from June 1, 1919 to November 10, 1921 (See Container 15). Kept by George W. Evans, Historian and Chronicler.

Folder 329: John Clagett Proctor personal scrapbook, January 1, 1923-April 17, 1951. Photocopies.

Folder 330: John Clagett Proctor scrapbook, November 4, 1926-July 4, 1950. Scrapbook in container 13; folder contains over fifty photographs.

Folder 331: Fred A. Emery scrapbook, 1930-1946. (See Container 16)

Folder 332: Guest list. (Only date identified is March 3, 1869.)

Folder 333: Guest book, 1891-1907.

Folder 334: Guest book, 1900-1901.

SERIES XVI: VETERAN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND OLD UNION ENGINE HOUSE RECORDS

Sub-series A: Administrative Records

Folder 335: Minutes of fire department meeting and membership list, 1837; report of the fire inspector to Mayor Peter Force concerning the condition of the city's fire apparatus, January 3, 1840, including references to the Navy Yard, Columbia, Perseverance, Franklin, and Union.

Folder 336: Notebooks, ca. 1850s-1890s. Consists of small notebooks of volunteer rosters, addresses, and contribution records.

Folder 337: Correspondence regarding bell for Union Fire House, 1856, 1895; Correspondence on presentation of gavel, 1899.

Folder 338: Letter of thanks to John W. Thompson from the Columbia Fire Company, May 12, 1856.

Folder 339: Account book, 1858-1860.

Folder 340: Dues records, April 4, 1887-January 3, 1888.

Folder 341: Dues records, April 2, 1889-April 3, 1894. (Recorded chronologically.)

Folder 342: Dues records, January 7, 1890-January 1, 1894. (Individual records.)

Folder 343: Financial notebooks, ca. 1890s, and undated.

Folder 344: Attendance records, 1891-1895.

Folder 345: Dues records, March 1894-January 1900.

Folder 346: Dues records, January 1900-ca. 1913.

Folder 347: Copy of Congressional act, January 29, 1909. Amended act of March 2, 1891 to permit VVFA to use certain property.

Folder 348: Letters from Commissioners of D.C. to VVFA, March 9, 1909, giving permission to AOI and VVFA to use that part of Lot 11 in Square 141 approved by Congress January 29, 1909.

Folder 349: Committee on Permanent Home minutes, 1910-1911.

Folder 350: Committee on Permanent Home minutes, 1910-1911.

Folder 351: Specifications for additions, alterations and repairs to Old Engine House, April 19, 1911.

Folder 352: Heating system, Old Engine House, May 15, 1911

Folder 353: Letter from D. C. Commissioners regarding the erections of flagpole, November 22, 1912.

Folder 354: Home Fund Building Committee minutes, October 1, 1919- April 20, 1922.

Folder 355: Miscellaneous correspondence regarding repairs to Old Engine House, 1930-1937.

Folder 356: Complete report on installation of suitable heating system in Union Fire House, 1936-1937.

Folder 357: Public Law 86-216, 86th Congress, H.R. 303, September 1, 1959, transferring part of Lot 47 in Square 1200 to AOI.

Folder 358: Estimate for Renovations at 3209 M Street, May 25, 1960.

Folder 359: Building Trust Fund agreement, 1946-1976.

Folder 360: Clippings, Old Union Engine House, 1937-1958.

Folder 361: Letter to Chas. W. Tompkins Co., October 20, 1992, regarding Engine House bricks.

Sub-series B: Photographs and Ephemera

Folder 362: Photographs:

Fire Company, 1867

Dr. Wm. Magruder, donated 1895

Old Engine Fire House, undated

VVFA in front of Union Engine House

Columbia Engine Company

Group in front of Old Engine House, 1912

Union Engine House, 1936. Newspaper photograph.

Remains of Union Engine House, August 6, 1956

Unidentified VVFA members

Design of plaque of Union Engine House, 1997

Folder 363: Picture and drawing of antique fire engine, 1903.

Folder 364: Photographs of Columbia Engine Co.

Folder 365: Engine Co. ephemera, 1854-1869.

Folder 366: Listing of contributors in remodeling engine house, 1911.
(See Container 17)

OVERSIZE MATERIALS

Container 12

Bound volume of the *Washington News*, August 19, 1851-August 11, 1855, Vol. IX, numbers 1-94. Presented to AOI by Allison Nailor, Jr., 1907.

Container 13

Folder 367: *Washington's Farewell Address to the People of the United States* (Philadelphia: Devereux & Company, 1858), embossed with AOI name on the front cover.

Folder 368: John Clagett Proctor obituary scrapbook, ca. 1901-1958. Obituaries arranged alphabetically by name of deceased.

Folder 369: John Clagett Proctor scrapbook, 1926-1950.

Container 14

George Evans scrapbook, 1915-1919.

Container 15

George Evans scrapbook, 1919-1921

Container 16

Folder 370: Fred Emery scrapbook, 1929-1946.

Folder 371: Membership roll book, 1932-1944. Includes list of members, dates of application, and date of death of deceased members.

Container 17: Assorted oversize materials

Assorted materials:

Roster of officers and members of the Union Fire Company of Washington City, 1837

Invitation to the unveiling ceremonies of the Francis Scott Key Monument in Frederick, Maryland, August 9, 1898. Invitation to the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association.
George W. Evans membership certificate, 1908
Alphabetical list of contributors to the building fund, 1911
Charcoal drawing of Theodore Noyes, presented by the Washington Post, 1918
AOI greeting, read February 22, 1920
Bill of Rights poster, including the translations into three languages, 1944
Three blank AOI membership certificates, with sketches on reverse
Sketch of Wakefield, Birthplace of Washington

Photographs:

Photograph of General Winfield Scott and his staff, 1861
AOI members, November 6, 1868; 2 copies
AOI members at Alton Farm, July 4, 1905
AOI officers at Alton Farm, July 4, 1905
AOI members in front of US Treasury, ca. 1905-1910. Photograph badly damaged
AOI members in front of the US Treasury, January 1, 1910; 2 copies of different sizes
Annual banquet, Carroll Hall, December 7, 1910
Volunteer Firemen's Association of the District of Columbia, and AOI, ca. 1910 (taken in front of the firehouse)
50th birthday dinner (1915)
AOI members, July 4, 1946; 2 copies
Officers of AOI, November 6, 1946
Not identified; perhaps 4th of July at Alton Farms?
Photographs of entire membership of AOI during Theodore Noyes presidency
Photographs, unidentified AOI group scenes, undated. (tall, thin gentleman standing in both photos)
Unidentified man with striped tie
Marion Van Noys [?]

Folder 372 (oversize): Oversize and panoramic photographs:

AOI members during presidency of Theodore W. Noyes, ca. 1905 (228 2x3" oval photographs of individual members, mounted on three 25x31" panels.)
AOI meeting, July 4, 1921 (2 copies); includes antique fire equipment on the left; panoramic
George Washington Birthday meeting, February 22, 1923 (2 original copies; 3 photocopies); panoramic
New Year's Day at the White House, January 1, 1926; panoramic
80th birthday celebration in honor of John R. Mahoney, January 10, 1928 (2 copies); panoramic
Last meeting at Old Union Engine House, July 4, 1956; panoramic

SERIES XVII: RECORDS OF THE AOI, 2001-PRESENT (Beginning with this Series, all AOI records are arranged by year and document type.) 2006 [see also Franklin School Coalition, 2006-2017, Container 22]

Container 18

Folder 373: Incorporation, By-laws & Tax Exemption, 2001-Present

Folder 374: Governor Alexander Robey Shepherd Statue Initiative, 2001-Present
(See also Container 1, Folders 16-18)

Folder 374A: Historian's Collections, Research, Contributions, 2001-Present. This folder contains research, recollections, articles and pamphlets prepared by Nelson Rimensnyder, AOI's Historian, on matters related to the history of D.C. self-determination, building heights, threats to the L'Enfant & McMillan Plans, portions/copies of his research into the records of the AOI (Colored), Inc., and articles/research related to District of Columbia historic preservation.

Folder 374B: This folder contains all materials related to the search for the records of the Oldest Inhabitants, Inc., also known as "The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants (Colored) of D.C." to include the quest for the records inspired by HSW Librarian Gail Redman McCormick, Dr. James Goode's serendipitous find in the basement of Delores Mounsey and the records of her grandfather William D. Nixon who presided over the organization from 1942 until 1962.

2001

Folder 375: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2001

Folder 376: Financial Issues, 2001

Folder 377: Correspondence, 2001

Folder 378: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2001

2002

Folder 379: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2002

Folder 380: Financial Issues, 2002

Folder 381: Correspondence, 2002

Folder 382: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2002

2003

Folder 383: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2003

Folder 384: Financial Issues, 2003

Folder 385: Correspondence, 2003

Folder 386: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2003

2004

Folder 387: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2004

Folder 388: Financial Issues, 2004

Folder 389: Correspondence, 2004

Folder 390: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2004

2005

Folder 391: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2005

Folder 392: Financial Issues, 2005

Folder 393: Correspondence, 2005

Folder 394: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2005

2006

Folder 395: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2006

Folder 396: Financial Issues, 2006

Folder 397: Correspondence, 2006

Folder 398: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2006

2007

Folder 399: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2007

Folder 400: Financial Issues, 2007

Folder 401: Correspondence, 2007

Folder 402: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2007

2008

Folder 403: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2008

Folder 404: Financial Issues, 2008

Folder 405: Correspondence, 2008

Folder 406: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2008

SERIES XVIII: AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS, 2000-PRESENT

Container 19: Audio cassette tapes, 2000-2007. Cassette tapes document meetings of the Association and speakers who made presentations at those meetings. A cassette player and headphones are kept with the media archives for researcher use. The speed of the player is not accurate but permits review nonetheless.

- 3/17/2000 Lt. Col. Marcus Ring, "Growing Up in D.C., 1920-1930," includes his reminiscences of frolicking on the White House grounds
- 4/14/2000 Frances H. Flannigan, Exec. Dir., Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay on "The Growing Economy and the Health of Natural Resources."
- 5/18/2000 Dr. Mark Weiss, "The Economic Resurgence of Washington, D.C."
- 6/16/2000 Gail Redmann, Lib. Dir., Kiplinger Library, Historical Society of Washington, D.C., "Preserving Family Records" and A Tribute to Past AOI President Harold Gray on the Occasion on his 92nd Birthday
- 9/15/2000 AOI Members Reminisce inspired by memories of Mr. Joseph "Captain Mac) McGahey of Asbury-Solomons Retirement Community provided by member Willard Entwisle on May 12, 2000. Filed in Folder 378.
- 10/20/2000 History of D.C. Public Safety with Chief Charles Ramsey, MPDC; Chief Robert Langston, United States Park Police

- 11/17/2000 Annual Business Legends Award – Scholl’s Cafeteria. Also, Steve Coleman on “Meridian Hill Park.”
- 2/16/2001 AOI Members Reminisce
- 3/16/2001 Jeanne Fogel, Owner/Operator A Tour de Force on “Houses and Families of Lafayette Square.”
- 4/20/2001 Paul K. Williams, “Preserving DC’s Historic Police & Fire Call Boxes.”
- 5/18/2001 Sally Berk, “Preserving DC’s Historic Fire Houses.”
- 6/15/2001 Rebecca Kingsley on her “DC – Last Colony” video project
- 9/21/2001 AOI Members Reminisce
- 10/19/2001 Eugene D. Kinlow, “Preserving DC’s Civil War Ring Forts.”
- 11/16/2001 Annual Business Legends Award – Riggs Bank with remarks by Timothy Coughlin, Pres.; Austin Kiplinger and Frank Rich
- 2/15/200 AOI Members Reminisce
- 3/22/2002 Gail Redmann, Lib. Dir., Kiplinger Library, Historical Society of Washington, “A Case Study on Family History Search.”
- 4/19/2002 John Jay Daly, “Whacky, Wondrous World of Washington.”
- 5/17/2002 Peter Waddell, Artist – “Inside the Temple of Liberty: 19th Century Interiors of the U.S. Capitol.”
- 6/21/2002 Judy Capurso, Archivist/Librarian, The Sumner Museum/Archives of the D.C. Public Schools on “The Charles Sumner School & Museum.” Also, Dr. Phillip W. Ogilvie, Past AOI President on “Preserving the D.C. Flag.”
- 9/20/2002 AOI Members Reminisce and A Tribute to Dr. Phillip W. Ogilvie
- 10/18/2002 Col. Marcus Ring, “General Daniel Sickles.”
- 11/15/2002 Annual Business Legends Award – Hecht Company. Gilbert Hahn, Jr., keynote speaker
- Feb. 2003 Luncheon Meeting Cancelled Due to Inclement Weather

- 3/21/2003 Paul Dickson & Tom Allen, "1932 Bonus Army March."
- 4/18/2003 Harry Ways, Dir. Washington Aqueduct (Retired), "General Montgomery Meigs and the Washington Aqueduct."
- 5/16/2003 Lee H. Rogers, "Washington's Railroads Prior to 1955."
- 6/30/2003 Anthony Pitch, "The Burning of Washington – 1813."
- Sept. 2003 Luncheon Meeting Cancelled Due to Hurricane Isabelle
- 10/17/2003 Dr. Barbara Wolanin, Curator to the Architect of the Capitol, "Constantino Brumidi's Art."
- 11/21/2003 Annual Business Legends Award – Austin Kiplinger
- 2/20/2004 AOI Members Reminisce
- 3/19/2004 Lee H. Rogers, "Washington's Streetcars."
- 4/16/2004 Jack Ihrle, Artist, "A Bicentennial Sketchbook" featuring his sketches of the Smithsonian Institution's Festival of American Folk life, 1974-1976
- 5/21/2004 Jerry McCoy, Archivist/Librarian, The Peabody Room of the Georgetown Branch of the D.C. Public Library and The Washingtoniana Collection of the Martin Luther King Memorial Library, "Greetings From Washington, D.C. – Historic Postcards
- 6/18/2004 C. Dudley Brown, "Who Slept Where and for How Much: Housing Washington in World War II." Presented in coordination with America Celebrates the Greatest Generation's 100-day tribute to WWII during the dedication of the new World War II Memorial
- 9/17/2004 AOI Members Reminisce led with "Oral Histories: What Our Parents Told Us" by Donald Press; and, A Tribute to Lt. Col. Marcus Ring
- 10/15/2004 Laura Cohen Apfelbaum, Dir., Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, "Celebrate 350: Jewish Life in America, 1679-2004."
- 11/19/2004 Nelson Rimensnyder, AOI Historian, "Governor Alexander Robey Shepherd: Civic Leader and Builder of Washington." (see folder 374)

- 02/18/2005 AOI Members Reminisce began with a *Washington Post*-inspired article on the 80th anniversary of the Mayflower Hotel and was followed by numerous reminiscences by members of their memories of the Willard, Hotel Washington, Statler (Statler-Hilton), and Alexander Shepherd Hotel among others
- 03/18/2005 Marshall Kiker, Archivist for the Curator's Project of the Corcoran Gallery of Art on the journals of Corcoran's first curator William Macleod which provided a unique 'window' into Washington life and personalities of the mid-19th Century
- 04/15/2005 Lee Rogers on "Memorable D.C. Snowstorms" a narrated slide presentation comparing historic snowstorms to the blizzard of 1996 in which Lee photographed the same locations for comparison
- 05/20/2005 "Clara Barton's Civil War Apartment" with National Park Service Historian Gary Scott and the site's finder Richard Lyons of the General Services Administration
- 06/17/2005 "Washington's Wonderful Art Deco Architecture" presented by Dr. Linda Lyons, Education Chair of the Art Deco Society of Washington
- 09/16/2005 AOI Members Reminisce began with a discussion on historic floods and hurricanes that affected Washington, D.C.
- 10/21/2005 DC's Department of Transportation Director Dan Tangherlini speaks on "The Transportation Vision for the District of Columbia"
- 11/18/2005 AOI's 140th Anniversary Celebration with an oral of history of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants presented by William N. Brown, President of AOI
- 2/17/2006 Washington Radio Personality Bill Mayhugh recalls the golden days of radio in Washington. Mayhugh, best known as WMAL Radio's overnight personality for 30-years – 1963-1992 – kicks off AOI's 141st year encouraging members to reminisce about radio and music clubs in Washington.
- 3/17/2006 AOI Member Lee Rogers presents a narrative slide presentation on "Washington's Bridges."
- 4/21/2006 Linda Harper presents a narrative slide presentation on "Historic Congressional Cemetery."
- 4/27/2006 AOI Historian Nelson Rimensnyder appears on WAMU-FM's Kojo Nnamdi program to discuss the District of Columbia Commission on the

Arts and Humanities efforts to select two prominent Washingtonians to be sculpted and placed in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall. (also on CD-Rom in both .WAV and .mp3 format)

- 5/19/2006 Dr. Joseph L. Browne presents a narrated slide presentation on "Adolf Cluss: Building a Capital Worthy of a Republic."
- 6/16/2006 Dr. Jeffrey Reznick, Senior Curator National Museum of Health & Medicine, presents a narrated slide program on the museum's Civil War-era Collections and his research into the letters and writings of Walt Whitman as they relate to four soldiers whose cases are documented in the collection.
- 9/15/2006 AOI Members Reminisce began with a discussion on past election campaigns.
- 10/20/2006 Dr. Judy Scott Feldman, Director, National Coalition to Save the Mall, presents a narrated slide program on history, plight, threats and future of the National Mall
- 11/17/2006 The AOI honors Mayor Anthony A. Williams with its first "Governor Shepherd Award for Civic Improvements." After its monthly business meeting and annual election of officers and directors, the podium was turned over to Mayor Williams who reminisced about his 8 years in office, the challenges he faced, his accomplishments and his 'regrets.'
- 11/17/2006 WAMU-FM's "Metro Connection" correspondent Stephanie Kay interviews AOI President Bill Brown and Historian Nelson Rimensnyder on this history of the AOI, its initiatives (past and present) and its first Governor Shepherd Award for Civic Improvement which it presented to Mayor Anthony A. Williams (11/17/2006) drawing parallels between his accomplishments and those of second territorial governor Alexander Robey Shepherd for whom the award is named.
- 02/16/2007 AOI Members Reminisce began with a discussion of "What I Like About D.C." and "Remembering the 'Old' George Washington Birthday Sales."
- 03/16/2007 Elizabeth Smith Brownstein speaks on "Lincoln's Other White House: The Untold Story of the Man and His Presidency."
- 04/20/2007 Jazz Appreciation Month is celebrated at AOI's monthly luncheon meeting with a performance by the Washington Jazz Arts Institute Ensemble featuring: Eric Wheeler on Bass, Terrance Arnett on Drums, Joel Holmes on Keyboards and Stan Killian on Tenor Saxophone. Former WMAL radio music program host, Bill Mayhugh, provides some remarks on the importance of jazz to the Washington music 'scene.'

- 05/18/2007 “History of Georgetown Visitation” with Sister Mada-Ann Gell. (Note: 25 minutes of presentation is an Emmy Award-winning documentary on the 200th Anniversary of Visitation aired in 1999.)
- 06/15/2007 “The Plight of the District’s Civil War Forts & Batteries” presented by Dr. Benjamin F. (Frank) Cooling III, Walton Owen II and Loretta Neumann-Smith. Cooling and Owen are co-authors of “Mr. Lincoln’s Forts.” (Note: tape expires 5-minutes before Owen’s conclusion.)
- 09/21/2007 “Celebrating AOI Past-president Harold Gray’s 100th Birthday” with guest speaker Mark Plotkin.
- 10/19/2007 “The National Capital Planning Commission” with guest Acting Executive Director of the NCPC Marcel Acosta.
- 11/16/2007 “Nineteenth & Twentieth Century D.C. Nostalgia” with Lee Rogers presenting a narrated slide program. Also, Annual Elections and Business Meeting.

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VIDEO TAPES

- 6/16/2000 AOI Salutes Past President Harold Gray on his 92nd Birthday (VHS)
- 3/21/2001 Congressional Testimony on the Re-opening of Pennsylvania Avenue (VHS)
- 11/17/2006 AOI presents its first “Governor Shepherd Award for Civic Improvements” to Mayor Anthony A. Williams. This one-hour long production of the District’s Office of Cable Television, includes the presentation to Mayor Williams and his remarks, recounting the successes and failures of his 8-years as the District’s mayor. (VHS)

DATA DISKETTES

AOI Photos & Documents, 10/30/99 – 11/5/2004 (CD-ROM: jpeg, MS Word and Corel Word Perfect documents)

MISC. RECORDED MATERIAL

“The District of Columbia is My Home Town.” Written by James L. Dixon and performed by the composer accompanied by the United States Air Force Band, Conducted by Colonel George S. Howard. A copy of the sheet music is filed in folder 394.

AOI Historian Nelson Rimensnyder appears on WAMU-FM’s Kojo Nnamdi program, April 27, 2006, discussing the District of Columbia Commission on the Arts and Humanities efforts to select two prominent Washingtonians to be sculpted and placed in the U.S. Capitol’s Statuary Hall. On CD-Rom in both .WAV and .mp3 format.

Container 19A: Audio cassette tapes, 2008-Present. Cassette tapes document meetings of the Association and speakers who made presentations at those meetings. A cassette player and headphones are kept with the media archives for researcher use. The speed of the player is not accurate but permits review nonetheless.

- 2/15/2008 “Tom Sherwood’s Washington” with WRC-TV correspondent and journalist Tom Sherwood
- 3/21/2008 “100 Years of the National Press Club” celebrating the centennial of the NPC with Don Larrabee, Austin Kiplinger, John Cosgrove, John Jay Daly and others
- 4/18/2008 “African-American Dress Designers, 1860-1960” with Rosemary Reed Miller, Cindy Williams and Sahara Peerzada.
- 5/15/2008 “Jewish Washington: A Neighborhood Scrapbook” with Laura Cohen Apelbaum, Executive Director of the Jewish Historical Society of Washington, DC.
- 6/20/2008 District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer David Maloney discusses the District’s historic preservation challenges and processes.
- 9/21/2008 AOI Members reminisce with an update on the Historical Society of Washington by Executive Director Sandy Bellamy. Also includes excellent biographical abstract by member Lee Rogers on Belva Ann Lockwood. Full details of the meeting are available via the meeting minutes in Container 18, Folder 403.
- 10/17/2008 National Park Service Historian Emeritus Edward C. Bearss discusses some of the lesser-known, behind-the-scenes efforts to establish Park Service President Sites and other anecdotes from his storied career. (audio

tape incomplete as of 11/25/2008; an updated, complete version of Bearss' talk was included 9/29/2009)

- 11/21/2008 Dr. Carroll R. Gibbs provides a narrated slide presentation on "Black Explorers" through the ages. Also, annual election of Officers and Directors
- Photographs of 2008 Membership Meetings (by Carl & Rise Cole) on Kodak Picture CD
- 2/20/2009 Dr. James M. Goode presents highlights of his new book, "The Outdoor Sculpture of Washington, DC"
- 3/20/2009 Kenneth R. Bowling presents, "Peter Charles L'Enfant: The Man Behind the Plan" on the occasion of the centennial of L'Enfant's re-interment at Arlington National Cemetery. (First of two programs commemorating the centennial.)
- 4/17/2009 Don Alexander Hawkins presents, "Peter Charles L'Enfant: The Plan." This is the second of two presentations on L'Enfant on the occasion of the centennial of L'Enfant's re-interment at Arlington National Cemetery.
- 5/15/2009 Candace Shireman, Curator of Blair House presents, "Serving History: Stewardship at Blair House, The President's Guest House." This narrated slide presentation ran over by 15 minutes and the final 10 minutes of the presentation are not on the tape.
- 6/19/2009 Bill Brown AOI President and DC-licensed tour guide presents, "Ernest Brown's Washington." A first-person narrated Power Point presentation on the life and times of DC Police Officer (1896-1941) and eventually Superintendent of Police Ernest Willis Brown (1874-1966). The program includes not only biographical information about Chief Brown but provides excerpts of Bill Brown's Georgetown walking tour, "Scandals, Scoundrels and Scallywags: The Seamier Side of Georgetown." Recounting crime, injuries and disorder in Georgetown during the 1870s.
- 9/13/2009 An audio recording of an Historical Society of Washington DC lecture on Governor Alexander R. Shepherd. Panelists include: John P. Richardson, moderator and biographer; Nelson Rimensnyder on DC Governance during the Shepherd years; Joseph N. Grano on Shepherd as a civic activist; and, Bernie Heiler on Shepherd's years in Batopilas, Mexico.
- 9/18/2009 Author Anthony Pitch talks about his research and provides excerpts and insights into his novel, "The Have Killed Papa Dead!" about the events surrounding the Lincoln assassination. (112 members & guests attending)

- 10/18/2009 Historian Carroll R. Gibbs presents, “Forgotten Soldiers: The District of Columbia’s Black Dough Boys of World War I.”
- 11/17/2009 A DVD of past president Al (Asher L.) Wheeler’s reminiscences of his career as a lawyer and businessman in Georgetown and his recollections of efforts over the years for DC voting representation. This DVD was made possible through a grant from the Humanities Council of Washington, DC.
- 11/20/2009 Former Washington Post columnist Bob Levey recounts his early days at the Post, his 36-year career there and his 23 years writing “Bob Levey’s Washington.” The annual election of Officers and Board members was conducted during the business portion of the meeting. (130 members & guests attending)
- 1/1/2010 Annual New Year’s Day Reception: Welcome and Opening Remarks only (appx. 12 mins.)
- 2/19/2010 Washington Post columnist John Kelly speaks on the challenges of writing a daily column, the many, varied sources he relies upon and gathers from AOI members some story ideas for future columns. (102 members & guests attending)
- 3/19/2010 Ann McClellan: The Cherry Blossom Festival and Trees, Celebrating Courage and Friendship. Just in time for the 2010 Cherry Blossom season, Ann McClellan presents a narrated slide presentation on the history and personalities surrounding Washington’s favorite spring time attraction.
- 4/16/2010 Dr. Mark Ozer speaks on his book, “Washington, DC – Politics & Place”
- 5/21/2010 Female Reenactors of Distinction – AOI members Patricia Tyson and Joyce Bailey together with Theresa Saxton and others portray historic African-American historical women through an interpretive program with an emphasis on the Civil War era.
- 6/18/2010 Adolf Cluss and the U.S. Arsenal (Ft. McNair) – AOI member Dr. Joseph Browne and associate Dr. William Gilcher present a narrated slide presentation on the architecture of Adolf Cluss with an emphasis on the remaining Cluss structures at Ft. McNair. Also included are Q&A’s on other remaining Cluss structures in Washington, D.C. (Included in Container 19A is a CD produced by the Goethe Institute of Washington which features ‘sounds’ of Adolf Cluss’ home town of Helbronn, Germany and events at Cluss-designed sites in Washington, D.C.)

- 9/17/2010 AOI Director John P. Richardson presents, "Alexander Shepherd: Unresolved Issues."
- 10/15/2010 U.S. Commission of Fine Arts Secretary Thomas Luebke talks about the Commission on the centennial of its establishment.
- 11/19/2010 AOI Member Lee Rogers presents a narrated slide presentation on, "The Best of The Robert Truax Photo Collection."
- 2/18/2011 AOI Member Ambassador Gordon Brown presents, "Incidental Architect: William Thornton and the Social Life of Washington, DC, 1794-1829."
- 3/18/2011 AOI Members Douglas Evelyn and Paul Dickson present, "On This Spot." They discuss the highlights of the 4th edition of their acclaimed book on Washington, D.C. historic locales and engage AOI members to reminisce.
- 4/15/2011 Elizabeth Smith Brownstein presents "Lincoln's Life in Music" a lecture/music performance program.
- 5/20/2011 Jim Johnston presents "Margaret Cabell Brown Loughborough: A Southern Woman's Memories of Richmond, VA & Washington, D.C. in the Civil War."
- 6/17/2011 National Park Service Ranger Alexa Viets presents a program on the recent improvements and preservation efforts for "The Civil War Defenses of Washington"
- 9/16/2011 Author Garrett Peck presents "Prohibition in Washington: How Dry We Weren't"
- 10/16/2011 Mark Levitch, "Colossal Failure: The World War I Memorial That Almost Was"
- 11/18/2011 Mark Ozer, "Massachusetts Avenue in the Gilded Age"
- 2/17/2012 Gordon Brown, "The Captain Who Burned His Ships: Commodore Tingey"
- 3/16/2012 Elaine Flynn presents, "Alice Roosevelt Longworth Channels the First Ladies"
- 4/20/2012 John DeFerrari presents, "Lost Washington, D.C." and highlights of his book concentrating on "George Washington's Capitol Hill Townhouses" and "Central Market" facts.

- 5/18/2012 James Johnston present, "From Slave Ship to Harvard: Yarrow Mamout and the History of an African American Family."
- 6/15/2012 Michael Lee Pope presents "The Hidden History of Alexandria, D.C."
- 9/21/2012 Carol Highsmith & Ted Landphair, "Union Station's First Century"
- 10/19/2012 Architect Davis Buckley discusses his firms' contributions to GSA's Clara Barton's Office of Missing Soldiers, the Japanese-American Memorial, the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and other memorials and concepts.
- 11/16 2012 Garret Peck, following in the tradition of AOI's past President Phil Ogilvie, provides an update on the history and features of the Potomac River from its origins at the Jefferson Stone to the Chesapeake Bay.
- 02/15/2013 Mark Ozer discusses his book, "North West Washington, D.C.: Tales West of the Park"
- 03/15/2013 Dr. James Goode discusses portions of his recent book, "Capital Views."
- 04/19/2013 Conrad Reid, AOI member and retired Security Storage executive reminisces about his first-hand experience "Moving the First Families."
- 05/17/2013 Diane Dale discusses her family's long history in Anacostia and discusses her book, "Anacostia: The Village That Shaped Us."
- 06/20/2013 Sgt. Paul Leeper (Metropolitan Police Dept., Retired) recalls his personal involvement in the arrest of the Watergate burglars. Note: audio of Sgt. Leeper's presentation is available on AOI's website at: www.aoidc.org
- 09/20/2013 Dr. Mark Ozer, "Washington, DC Streets & Statues"
- 10/18/2013 Lucinda (Cindy) Prout Janke, "A Guide to Civil War Washington, DC: Capital of the Union."
- 11/15/2013 Paul K. Williams, President of Historic Congressional Cemetery updates the AOI membership and their guests on developments at Congressional since our last presentation on the cemetery by Linda Harper in 2006.
- 02/21/2014 John DeFerrari, "Historic Restaurants of Washington, D.C." John tailors his talk to the historic restaurants of the S.W., appropriate as a second round of redevelopment is about to occur.

- 03/21/2014 Erin Bergin Voorheis, "The Washington Arsenal Explosion." Erin presents her father's unfulfilled dream to writing about this little-known tragedy that occurred at what is today Ft. McNair.
- 04/18/2014 Michael Lisicky, "Woodward & Lothrop: A Store Worthy of the Nation's Capital"
- 05/16/2014 Benjamin Franklin Cooling, III, "The Battle of Fort Stevens 150 Years Later" - Audio unavailable, see meeting minutes in June 2014 newsletter
- 06/20/2014 Mike Canning, "Hollywood on the Potomac"
- 09/19/2014 Patricia Daly-Lipe, "William Hemmick: Patriot Priest of WWI"
- 10/17/2014 Garrett Peck, "Washington Brewery at the Navy Yard"
- 11/21/2014 Matthew Green & Maria Mazzenga of Catholic University, "Catholic University's 'DC 101' Freshman Curriculum"
- 2/20/2015 Not Recorded (Haydn Wetzel: DC Animal Control) See March 2015 Newsletter for meeting minutes and program summary.
- 3/20/2015 Gail Spilsbury, "The Potomac River & Environs" DVD premier featuring Gail's book, "A Washington Sketchbook"
- 4/17/2015 Rear Admiral Mark Rich, "History of the Washington Navy Yard and the Naval District of Washington"
- 5/15/2015 Jerry McCoy, "The Peabody Room/Rebirth of a Special Collection: Georgetown Neighborhood Library Fire"
- 6/19/2015 Rex Passion: "The Lost Sketchbooks: A Young Artist in the Great War" the World War I sketches of Edward Shenton
- 9/18/2015 Rohulamin Quander, "The Quander Family: Since the 1670's an Enduring African American Legacy"
- 10/16/2015 "Georgetown's Oak Hill Cemetery" presented by George Hill, President and Dave Jackson, Superintendent (Note: this presentation is also available on the AOI web site at: <https://www.aoidc.org/aoi-luncheon-recordings.html>)
- 11/20/2015 Carole Ottesen, "The Smithsonian's Gardens" (Note: this presentation is also available on the AOI web site at: <https://www.aoidc.org/aoi-luncheon-recordings.html>)

12/5/2015 AOI's 150th Anniversary Gala (Note: Effective with this event, the audio portion of AOI's monthly luncheon meetings are available on the AOI web site at: <https://www.aoidc.org/aoi-luncheon-recordings.html>. After approximately 6 months of meetings are gathered, the audio will be available in digital form in this collection/folder. The audio portion of AOI's Sesquicentennial Gala is available at: <http://www.aoidc.org/aois-sesquicentennial.html> and the audio-visual history presentation which was presented at the event is available on YouTube at: https://youtu.be/m6F6H-E_68. The video of the AOI Sesquicentennial Gala is available on YouTube at: https://youtu.be/l8KAgO_Nhx4

Effective February 2016, AOI's luncheon programs are available in audio form and later, in 2022 video form, at this location: <https://www.aoidc.org/aoi-luncheon-recordings.html>)

2/19/2016 "William D. Nixon: The Oldest Inhabitants, Inc. and Civic Activism" with granddaughters Delores Mounsey and Mera Mounsey Archambeau discussing the life of a renaissance man who taught art for 43 years at Dunbar High School, was a civic activist, architect of their art deco home on University Terrace in the Palisades (featured in James Goode's book, "Capital Houses," and one of the last Presidents of the AOI (Colored), Incorporated. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: <https://www.aoidc.org/aoi-luncheon-recordings.html>)

3/18/2016 "The Lipstick Brigade: The Untold True Story of Washington's World War II Government Girls" presented by Dr. Cindy Gueli.

4/15/2016 "Collecting Shakespeare: The Story of Henry & Emily Folger" with Stephen Grant.

5/20/2016 "The Library of Congress' Veterans History Project" with Robert Patrick.

6/17/2016 "A Civil Servant Designed Our National Banner: The Unsung Story of Francis Hopkinson" by Earl P. Williams, Jr.

9/16/2016 "The History of Ft. Leslie J. McNair" by John Michael

10/21/2016 "Memorials in Washington, DC: Controversies & Considerations" with Retired National Capital Planning Commission staff member David Hamilton.

11/19/2016 "The History & Natural History of Rock Creek Park" presented by Melanie Choukas-Bradley.

NOTE: All of the AOI's 2016 luncheon meetings and lectures are also contained on one DVD labeled "HSW MS422 AOI, Container 19A, 2016 Luncheon Talks") located with previous years' cassettes and other media.

2/17/2017 “Alexander Robey Shepherd: The Man Who Built the Nation’s Capital” presented by AOI Secretary and Shepherd Biographer John P. Richardson.

3/17/2017 “Bonsai: Stories, Inspiration, Art” with a panel led by Ann McClellan with Sandra Moore and Steven Voss.

4/21/2017 “King of the Lobby: The Life & Times of Sam Ward, man about Washington” with Kathryn Allamong Jacob.

5/18/2017 “Larz & Isabel Anderson: Wealth & Celebrity in the Gilded Age” presented by AOI member Skip Moskey.

6/16/2017 “The Smithsonian’s First Collection” by AOI member and National Museum of American History photo curator Helena Wright.

9/15/2017 “A Thread Runs Through Herstory” with AOI member and author Anita Lynn Lee.

10/20/2017 Kenneth Burke, site manager for "Clara Barton's Office of Missing Soldiers" historic site in Washington, DC discusses the life of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton.

11/17/2017 Janet McFarland presents “Boundary Stones - Birthstones of our Nation's Capital” about the efforts, mostly lead by the District of Columbia Chapter of the DAR to locate, protect and where possible restore the original boundary stones lain by Andrew Ellicott and Benjamin Banneker.

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1/1/2018 Annual New Year’s Day Brunch – No formal program. Photos of the event are on-line at: <http://www.aoidc.org/upcoming-events.html> and on the annual photo compilation.

2/16/2018 Dr. Matthew Margis presents AOI’s first of its 4 2018 talks dedicated to the centennial of World War One. Dr. Margis’ talk on “African Americans In World War I” focused on the National Guard Units that were some of the first to see combat overseas. In AOI’s audience for the talk was the Commanding General of the DC National Guard, Brig. Gen. William Walker.

3/16/2018 Elizabeth Foxwell continued AOI’s commitment to commemorating the centennial of World War I by speaking on, “In Their Own Words: American Women in World War I.” She tailored her talk to emphasize the role of District of Columbia women in the war.

4/20/2018 John DiFerrari kicks off a session of AOI member reminiscences by sharing a series of images on “Bygone Industrial DC” which he put together as a special favor to the AOI. The session captured a number of first-hand memories of DC’s industrial past.

5/18/2018 W. Douglas Fisher presented AOI’s third series focusing on WWI with his talk, “African American Doctors in World War I: The Lives of 104 Volunteers.” Mr. Fisher had with him as a guest and speaker Urbane Bass, the grandson of one of those doctors who, in fact, perished in the war.

6/15/2018 Loretta Neuman Smith discusses “The Battle of Ft. Stevens and the Civil War Circle Fort Parks” providing an up-date on the progress that has been made over the years to preserve the District’s Civil War forts and batteries.

9/21/2018 The District of Columbia’s Archeologist Ruth Troccoli discusses the “District’s Archaeology,” underground/unseen treasures, initiatives such as the excavation of Yarrow Mamout’s property in Georgetown and the need for volunteers to help catalog and accession items the District’s Historic Preservation Office has in storage.

10/19/2018 Historian and National Archives Forensic Investigator Mitchell Yockelson wraps up AOI’s 4 program dedicated to the centennial of World War I with a talk on, “Pershing’s Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army.”

11/16/2018 The *Washington Post*’s John Kelly intrigues everyone with his talk and research on “DC’s ‘Lost Laws’ and their effect on restaurant goers...”

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1/1/2019 Annual New Year’s Day Brunch – No formal program. Photos of the event are on-line at: <http://www.aoidc.org/upcoming-events.html> and on the annual photo compilation.

2/15/2019 “The White House Chandeliers” with Stewart Stevens and his daughter Lynetta Stevens. Mr. Stevens worked for decades as the chandelier cleaner and window washer in the White House while 7 presidents and their families came and went.

3/15/2019 “Suffragists in Washington, D.C.” with Rebecca Boggs Roberts. Rebecca describes in great detail the effort for a huge march on Washington (reminiscent of January 2017...) that should have gone flawlessly, yet, was ruined by obstructionists and men objecting to their goal of voting rights for women.

4/19/2019 “Lost Farms and Estates of Washington, D.C.” Kim Prothro Williams of the District’s Historic Preservation Office presents a program on some of the lesser-known farms and estates that existed before there was a “District of Columbia” and some that have survived to this day.

5/17/2019 “The Great War in America.” AOI member and author Garrett Peck describes various aspects of the build up to WWI, the forces at work behind the scenes and its aftermath on the American public.

6/21/2019 “Myrtilla Miner’s Normal School for Colored Girls.” Heurich House Executive Director Kimberly Bender presents a program based upon her research into Myrtilla Miner’s first school which she established on the property later occupied by the Heurich House. Her “Normal School” went on to become the District of Columbia Teachers College, then the Federal City College and now the University of the District of Columbia.

9/20/2019 “Bygone D.C. Transportation.” “Capital Streetcars” author and AOI member John DeFerrari kicks off a session of AOI member reminiscences about streetcars, buses, ferries and other modes of transportation that members recall from earlier days.

10/18/2019 “Was There an Underground Railroad in Washington, D.C.?” with Jenny Masur. Jenny worked for seventeen years for the National Park Service as the National Capital Region’s manager for the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

11/15/2019 “The History of Motion Picture Exhibition in the Washington Metropolitan Area” with Robert Headley and Pat Padua presenting a program on the evolution of motion pictures and movie houses in the District...many of which no longer exist today.

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2/21/2020 “Casey Trees: To restore, enhance and protect the tree canopy of the nation’s capital,” with Gabrielle Rovigno, Community Education Coordinator for Casey Trees discussing how Betty Brown Casey came to form the foundation that provides the District of Columbia more than 10,000 tree plantings a year.

3/26/2021 “AOI Membership Zoom Meeting: Emerging from the Pandemic and Moving Forward,” with 75 members participating. This was the first virtual meeting that the organization had ever undertaken. Discussed were the results of the membership survey, issues regarding the future of the organization, its direction and leadership.

9/2/2021 “AOI Membership Zoom Meeting: Election of Officers and Directors and membership approval for AOI’s Legacy Endowment plan. Sixty-two members

participated (with another 10 weighing in via email) to overwhelmingly approve a new slate of new and returning Officers and Directors (100% approval) and 96% approved the resolution to create two Donor Directed Funds from AOI's holding to grant \$10,000 per year each to the Committee of 100 on the Federal City (for advocacy) and to the D.C. History Center (aka The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.) (for legacy preservation and continue AOI's century and one-half history of advocating for the history of the District of Columbia).

[The information provided below regarding AOI luncheon meetings and speakers is being maintained here only for the purposes of maintaining this file on AOI's web site. As of Sept. 2021, any up-dates and maintenance of MS422 is the responsibility of the staff of the DC History Center's Kiplinger Research Library. Additionally, all of AOI's luncheon videos commencing 3/2022 are available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@theaoiofdc>]

11/17/2021 "The African American Civil War Museum and Memorial" with Dr. Frank Smith, Founder and Director. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

12/16/2021 "A Place of Their Own Making: How African American activists created the Mount Pleasant Plains Cemetery" presented by Mary Belcher. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

3/17/2022 DC Public Library Executive Director Richard Reyes-Gavilan spoke on the efforts that went into the revitalization and re-imagining of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library and up-dated AOI members and their guests on the on-going developments to make all of the District's branch libraries models of welcoming, educating, learning spaces. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

4/21/2022 The D.C. Police Foundation President Patrick Burke (MPDC Ass't. Chief, Retired) and Nicholas Bruel (MPDC Lt., Retired) discuss the programs of the foundation and newly energized efforts to fundraise, redesign and realize the D.C. Police Memorial in front of the James Daly Headquarters Building at 300 Indiana Avenue. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

5/19/2022 Marc Leepson discusses his book, "Desperate Engagement: How a Little-Known Civil War Battle Saved Washington, D.C., and Changed the Course of American History." His light-hearted talk, though on a serious subject, was supported by numerous graphics depicting battles, maps and military personnel. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

6/16/2022 Peter Sefton discusses the history of the District of Columbia's Recorder of Deeds Building and its architect Nathan Wyeth. Mr. Sefton focuses not only on the historic building and the threats to its preservation but also of the extensive collection of WPA art and murals that adorn the building's interior. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

9/15/2022 The NCPC's Karin Schierhold and Jeff Jamawat provide a presentation on "The Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative." Several proposals for reimagining Pennsylvania Avenue to make it more people and event friendly. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

10/20/2022 The Washington Post's Obituary Editor Adam Bernstein discusses the art of writing news obituaries and the challenges the writers face in attempting to capture the essence of the subject's life. He is interviewed by AOI Vice-President Dr. Cindy Gueli and responds to hers and the audience's questions. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

11/17/2022 Derek Gray discusses his book, "The NAACP in Washington." (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

2/16/2023 Co-authors John DeFerrari and Peter Sefton discuss their book, "Sixteenth Street, N.W.: Avenue of Ambitions." (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

3/20/2023 Eleanor Roosevelt's granddaughter, AOI member and Woman's National Democratic Club Past-President Anna Fierst discusses and reveals personal sides of her grandmother, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, we might not otherwise know. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

4/20/2023 Diana Parsell discusses her book *Eiza Scidmore: Trailblazing Journalist behind Washington's Cherry Trees* and how she introduced Washington, D.C. to Japanese cherry trees... with the help of First Lady Helen Taft in 1909. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

5/18/2023 Journalist Ray Suarez discusses "The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965: a Catalytic Moment that gave us the next America and Changed the Nation's Capital." (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](#))

6/15/2023 “DC: Modernist Capital(?)” with G. Martin Moeller, author of the “AIA Guide to the Architecture of Washington, DC” (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](https://www.aoidc.org/recordings))

7/20/2023 “Memories and Mimosas: AOI Members Recall DC Summers of the Past.” An off-season mid-summer member brunch where the microphone was shared to permit members to reminisce about, among other things, the DC Earthquake, Staying Cool – Swimming Holes, etc., Amusement Parks and Fourth of July Celebrations. (Note: this presentation is available on the AOI web site at: [AOI Luncheon Recordings - The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. \(aoidc.org\)](https://www.aoidc.org/recordings))

Container 20: Oversized – International Association of Fire Fighters Local 36 Special Citation to AOI on November 7, 2004 (Certificate, Photo & Plaque)

Council of the District of Columbia Ceremonial Resolution recognizing the 90th Anniversary of the District of Columbia World War I 16th Street Tree Memorial. (May 4, 2010, sponsored by D.C. Councilman Phil Mendelson, At-large)

Council of the “District of Columbia Ceremonial Memorial Day Resolution of 2012” recognizing the District of Columbia War Memorial and calling attention to Pershing Park to be designated a National World War I Memorial. (May 30, 2012, sponsored by D.C. Council Chair Kwame Brown)

Council of the District of Columbia Ceremonial Resolution “100th Anniversary of the World War I Armistice Recognition Resolution” recognizing the Centennial of the World War I Armistice and presented on November 11, 2018 at the DC War Memorial observance. (October 16, 2018, sponsored by D.C. Council Chair Phil Mendelson)

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2011

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Folder 435: AOI's Sesquicentennial Gala (includes planning documents, drafts, checklists, press releases, presentation scripts, Gala Award recipients' signed Deeds of Gift, Resolution to Disburse Funds, etc.)

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Folder 440: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2017

Folder 441: Financial Issues, 2017

Folder 442: Correspondence, 2017

Folder 443: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2017. Note: includes a March 2017 essay provided to students of Bayreuth University on seizing an opportunity to influence the vote of a mayoral appointee's vote on preserving the Height of Buildings Act.

2018

Folder 444: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2018

Folder 445: Financial Issues, 2018

Folder 446: Correspondence, 2018

Folder 447: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2018.

Folder 448: Materials related to the AOI's observance of the Centennial of World War One including AOI's official November 11, 2018 program at the DC War Memorial. See also Container 20 for D.C. Council Ceremonial Resolution.

2019

Folder 449: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2019

Folder 450: Financial Issues, 2019

Folder 451: Correspondence, 2019

Folder 452: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2019

2020 to Present

Folder 453: Meeting Announcements and Minutes, 2020 to Present

Folder 454: Financial Issues, 2020 to Present

Folder 455: Correspondence, 2020 to Present

Folder 456: Clippings, Press Coverage and Photographs, 2020 to Present

Folder 457: Records of the Franklin School Coalition, 2006-2017

[This Finding Aid was reviewed on August 8, 2020, to determine any references not in keeping with the Historical Society's guidelines on sensitive nomenclature. None were found during review. WNB/aoiofdc@gmail/2020-08-08]