

Mrs. Amelia McBryde; treasurer: Mrs. E. C. Spitler; chaplain-historian: Mrs. John M. DeChant; sergeant-at-arms:

in membership and to expand its programs of service to the community, State and Nation. Members of the Auxil-

Swank, 1960; Eva Wood, 1961-62; Pauline Martin, 1963; Bertha Bryant, 1964-65-67; and Marion McVay, 1966.

was to be the organizing regent.

Immediately my mind reverted to my great grandmother, daughter of the soldier and patriot, and natives of Prince William County. So I drew the name, Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill. I submitted my name to my chapter secretary, Miss Reddy of the Old Dominion. She wrote: "I think the name is charming. So few chapters are named for women." The Organizing Secretary General, too, gave her consent and so we were named.

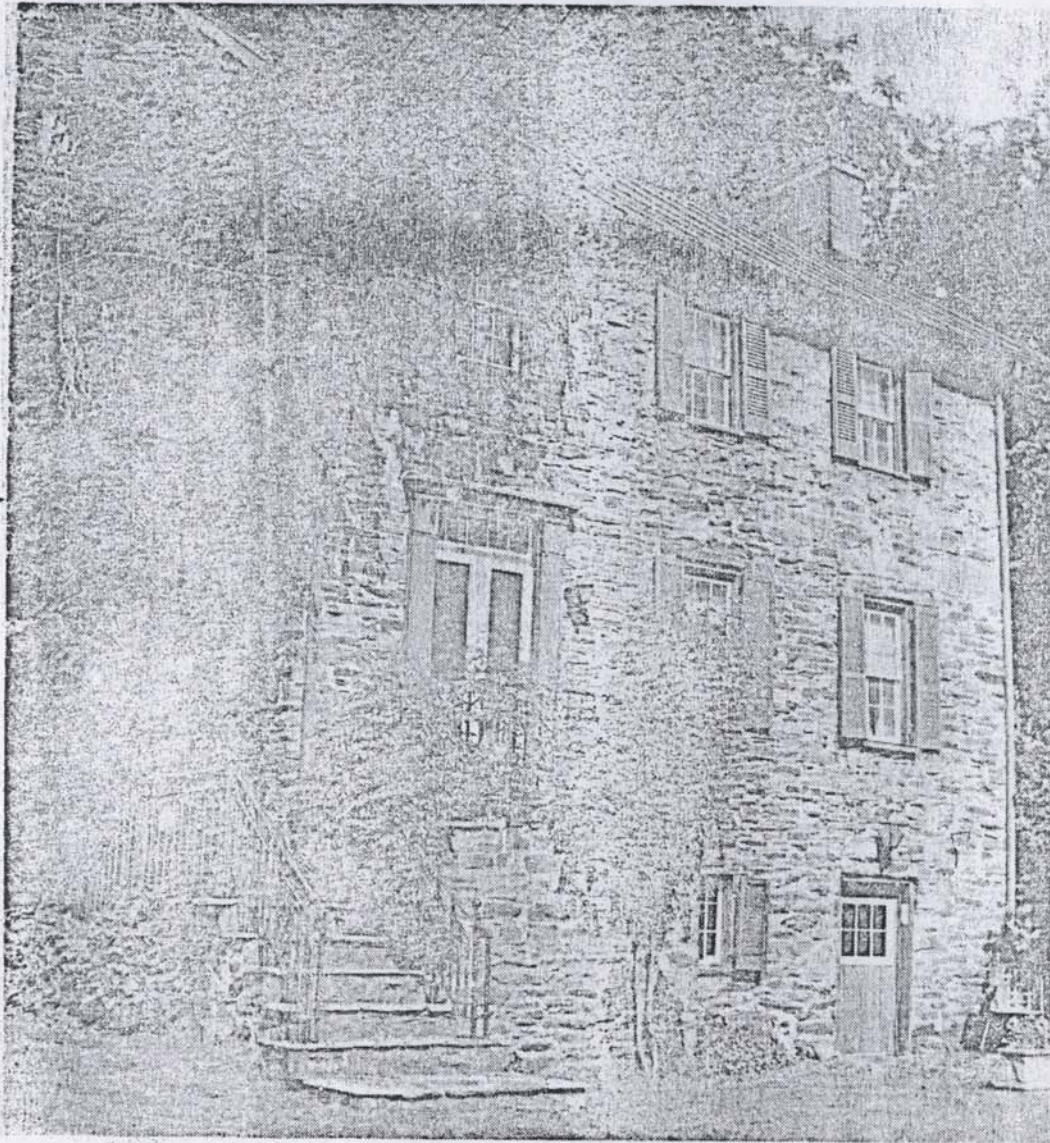
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Progress was slow I admit and I was yet apprehensive as to the final outcome. My sister Nellie, an ardent supporter and enthusiast, frequently wrote me not to delay, to call a meeting and go ahead. This was good advice and so in an optimistic moment I did name the day, May 23, 1945.

All of those who had filed for membership were notified, and the State Regent. In fact the confirmation rested on the Regent's coming. Soon a letter came from Mrs. Tynes saying that she would come by plane to Washington. This word from her sealed the plans.

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The day arrived, a beautiful one in spring, sunny and warm. Members came from Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Washington D. C., to my home, 422 East Center St. Ten of the 15 organizing members were present. Also present were two prospective members, Mrs. C. B. Compton and Mrs. E. B. Giddings who were soon added to the list, then gradually



THIS BUCKLAND STONE HOUSE IS ONE OF COUNTY'S OLDEST

Ya-R-Mm-Buckland Tower

UDC Chapter Organized in 1896

The Manassas Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy was organized on July 21, 1896, the anniversary day of the First Battle of Manassas of the War Between the States.

Original members were: Mrs. E. E. Meredith, Mrs. Thurston Wolfe, Mrs. J. B. T. Thornton, Mrs. Alice T. Buck, Mrs. Maggie Barber, Mrs. Walter Newman, and Misses Salina Wolfe, Salina Taylor, Lillian Hizson, Effie Nelson, Nellie Clarkson, and Fannie

Simpson.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. E. E. Meredith; secretary, Mrs. Alice T. Buck; and treasurer, Mrs. Thurston Wolfe.

It was felt that there was a no more fitting place for a U.D.C. Chapter than historic Manassas, where only a few miles distant once raged two of the great battles of the War Between the States.

A lively interest soon developed and with the cooper-

ation of friends and associates the work has been kept alive up to the present time.

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Sixty members are now enrolled. A few reside in other states, including Maryland, Connecticut, New Jersey, Rhode Island, California, New Mexico, Texas, North Carolina and D. C.

Objectives are patriotism, benevolence, history, education and memory.

Among the past presidents are Mrs. E. E. Meredith,

Mrs. C. M. Larkin, Mrs. R. S. Hynson; Mrs. Albert Speiden, Mrs. A. W. Sinclair, Mrs. Westwood Hutchison, Mrs. Robert L. Byrd, Mrs. C. A. Sinclair, Mrs. T. J. Ashford, Mrs. L. L. Lonas, Mrs. L. J. Carper, Mrs. McDuff Green, Mrs. E. D. Wissler, Mrs. R. A. Hutchison and Miss Isabelle, Hutchison, who served 15 years.

Mrs. R. J. Wayland serves with efficiency as present president of the Manassas chapter.

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