

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEORGE!

George Washington was born 290 years ago on February 22, 1732. During 1932, in the midst of the Great Depression, the whole country turned out for the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration. What did all the hubbub look like locally on George Washington's birthday in 1932? Check out these snippets from the February 19, 1932 issue of the Harford Democrat, Aberdeen's local newspaper until 1986.

In Aberdeen and neighboring towns, a number of events took place. Smith's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church in Churchville (now Smith's Chapel UMC) hosted a "Washingtonian party" with "refreshments like those of colonial days" and "colonial costumes." A similar event was held at Grace M.E. Church in Aberdeen.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Smith's Chapel M. E. Church will hold a Washingtonian party in the S. S. room of the church on Tuesday evening, February 23rd. There will be plays and a variety of musical selections. Refreshments like those of colonial days will be served, and colonial costumes can be worn if desired. A silver offering will be taken at the door.

GREAT REDUCTION
IN ROUND-TRIP FARES TO
Washington, D. C.
FEB. 20, 1932
ACCOUNT
Geo. Washington Bi-
Centennial Celebration
Good for Return Feb. 24

Tickets on sale Feb. 20 from all B. & O. R. R. stations EAST OF OHIO RIVER to Washington, D. C. with return limit Feb. 24, at reduction one-way fare plus \$1. Such tickets good on all B. & O. R. R. trains and valid in coaches or Pullman cars (plus regular Pullman charges). Half fares for children, stop-overs and baggage allowance accorded.

Don't miss this bargain opportunity to spend Washington's Birthday in your wonderful National Capital. Numerous things to see—many special events.

For Details Consult Ticket Agts.
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Some Aberdeen residents also probably took advantage of the "great reduction in round-trip fares to Washington, D.C." offered by the B&O Railroad from February 20th to 24th. The discount offered a "bargain opportunity to spend Washington's Birthday in your wonderful National Capital."