



This card highlights 13 memorials and sites at Arlington National Cemetery circa 1920. Not everything remains today. For instance, the **Sheridan Gate**, once a cemetery entrance, was dismantled and placed in storage in 1971.



Memorial Bridge was fairly new when depicted in this 1930s postcard produced by the D.C. guidebook and postcard company B.S. Reynolds. The bridge was opened Jan. 16, 1932, and was dedicated by President Hoover.

Two 1920s postcards show the exterior and interior of the popular **Little Tea House**, where, Knudsen says, figures such as Eleanor Roosevelt ate. The restaurant, on South Arlington Ridge Road, was demolished in 1963 to make way for high-rise apartments.

This 1960s postcard features **Arlington Community Hospital**. Completed in 1944, it had 192 beds; today, Virginia Hospital Center, in the same location, has 342.



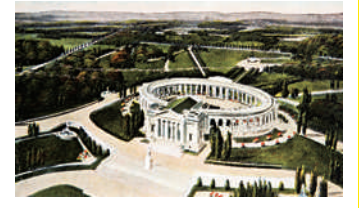
An undated postcard features **Washington National Airport**, which opened June 16, 1941. The image was based on a photo by Philadelphia-based Aero Service Corp., which specialized in aerial photography and mapping in the 1920s through 1960s.



From 1910 to 1947, the YWCA owned a **lodge**, a woody respite for working women, in the Cherrydale area. "Arlington didn't really develop ... until the Second World War," Knudsen says. At the site today is the H.B. Woodlawn Secondary Program.



A day tripper to Washington comments on the weather ("not very warm") and a trip to the White House on the back of this postcard of the **Arlington Memorial Amphitheater** in Arlington Cemetery, postmarked March 7, 1924. It was mailed from Petersburg, Va., to South Bend, Ind.



Greetings from Arlington

Postcards offer snapshots of county's past

BY KRIS CORONADO

From a photograph of Orville Wright flying over Fort Meyer to a 1960s poolside snapshot at the Lee Highway Marriott, an online gallery of vintage postcards aims to capture Arlington's evolution. Change is apparent throughout the county library's (library.arlingtonva.us) "Arlington in Postcards" gallery, featuring 55 postcards. "You can still see a lot of

these buildings today, and they don't look very much like they looked years ago," says virtual library services manager Stacia Aho. The cards, from the library's archive office and on loan from local collectors Dorothy Daniel and Gail Baker, portray a county that is both familiar and unrecognizable.

The collection is part of "Arlington's Story," the library's ongoing project to digitize and catalogue county-related

documents, pictures and anecdotes so they can be accessed free online. But don't mistake it for a government archive. "This is mostly about stories, about community, about people, about the change that's happened over the years in Arlington," Aho says.

Here, Aho and Judy Knudsen, who manages the library's local research repository, the Virginia Room, highlight a few postcards.