

Friends celebrate historian's birthday

More than 200 people showed up Monday afternoon to help celebrate the 80th birthday of **Lois Green Carr**, whose actual special day was Thursday.



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Emily Kutler and **Curtis** and **Becky Wilson**.

Mrs. Carr has worked as the historian for Historic St. Mary's City since 1967.

State Archivist **Ed Papenfuse** greeted everyone and expressed appreciation for the work that Lois has done and the respect, love and affection everyone feels for her.

She wears a number of different hats, said **Mimi Calver**, an archivist spokesman. In addition, Lois is a

historian for the Office of Research, Survey and Registration of the Maryland Historical Trust, and senior adjunct scholar at the archives.

Among her awards were the Eisenberg Prize for Excellence in the Humanities from the Maryland Humanities Council. The College Park campus of the University of Maryland has held a conference in her name.

She is a graduate of Swarthmore and Radcliffe colleges and has a doctorate in history from Harvard University, so most people know her as Dr. Lois Green Carr.

Her party was lovely, with a table heavy with hors d'oeuvres and other refreshments. But the *piece de resistance* was the birthday cake, decorated with red roses and a wonderful picture of Lois when she married **Jack Ladd Carr**. Jack said they didn't have any formal photograph, so we all got to admire her in younger days, looking much like a Gibson Girl.

The celebration was hosted by the Hall of Records Commission, the Historic St. Mary's City Commission and the Maryland Historical Trust. Several people from these organizations attended and sang "Happy Birthday" with gusto.



Lois Green Carr, historian of Historic St. Mary's City, is pictured in 1991 sitting in her office at the Maryland Hall of Records. Mrs. Carr's friends and coworkers recently helped her celebrate her 80th birthday.

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