



The William Gunnell House may have been constructed as early as the mid-eighteenth century. Its history encompasses the broad spectrum of rural life in Fairfax County from the time of Thomas, sixth Lord Fairfax, to the early twentieth century. Members of the Gunnell family, living here and farming from Colonial times to the pre-World War I era, were prominent in Fairfax County affairs, serving in various public offices, including the militia. William Gunnell III served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for Loudoun County. He was also justice for Fairfax County in 1798 and sheriff in 1802. The eventual rescue of the property from imminent collapse and its restoration/rehabilitation by Grace and Rixey Smith in the 1930s exemplifies the preservation philosophy of the Colonial Revival in that period.

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William Gunnell House (Gunnell's Run)

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