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Dear Mr. Chairman and the Members of the Board of Supervisors,

It is a distinct honor and pleasure to present you with our Annual Report. Indeed, it is our privilege to have as our mission the preservation, maintenance and documentation of the rich array of significant locations and historical events within our geographic area.

We are proud of our accomplishments and manner in which we managed our agenda and the challenges of 2004.

It is with a sad and heavy heart that we report the loss of three significant Commissioners during 2004. In January, 2004 Edith Moore Sprouse passed away. She served on the Commission for over thirty years – contributing significantly to the county’s history by matching the 1860 citizen Census records with tax, marriage, property and other documents to create an intricate document, still widely in use by historians and genealogists. Edith authored five books and was a wealth of institutional knowledge for the Commission. In April, 2004 the Commission lost Robert “Bob” Heittman who had sat on the Commission for over four years, representing the Franconia area and serving as a founding member of the Franconia Museum. In October, 2004 the Commission lost Dr. Donald J. Senese – another long-term member of the Commission. “Dr. Don” was best known for his exuberance in ensuring the Commission’s publication of significant books including *Stone Ground: A History of Union Mills*, edited by now new Commissioner Paula Elsey, *The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill)*, by Charles Mauro and *The Preservation of History in Fairfax County* authored by Ross and the late Nan Netherton. In addition, we lost Harry Lattimore, a long-time advisor and attendee at Commission meetings. Pewter engraved Jefferson Cups were presented to the families of some and to former Commissioner, Carol Friedman. All Commissioners and Advisors will be greatly and sadly missed.

We have, however, been gifted with several new Commissioners: Randa Kayyali, Don Hakenson, Barbara Naef and Paula Elsey. All have contributed greatly with their energy, dedication and sincere interest in protecting the historic interests of Fairfax County.

Based on a request from you at our last Annual Report reading, we published and distributed in November a “Speaker’s Bureau” document which summarizes a variety of county-wide history topics with related speakers and contact information. This 10 page document includes names, email addresses and phone numbers of key people willing and interested to speak on many different topics related to Fairfax County history. Numerous Commissioners speak on topics related to Fairfax County History—most recently Bud Mayo spoke on the “History of Burke,

Virginia" at a Braddock District meeting. (Bud also serves as the Commission's representative to the Jamestown 2007 Celebration planning group)

The Historic Marker Committee chaired by Jack L. Hiller continues to seek out new sites for new markers so that individuals can become aware of places where a significant event occurred. This year two markers were erected: in June, 2004 the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Trestle at Lake Accotink Park, Springfield was dedicated and in November, 2004 the Birthplace of Fitzhugh-Lee at Twain Middle School on Franconia Rd. was dedicated.

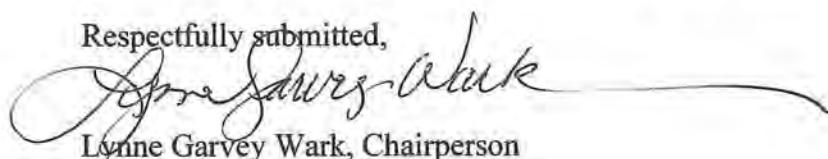
The Commission has taken an active role by providing input concerning proposals that affect the citizens of the County, such as the Dulles Discovery Active Adult Community proposed project, affecting the Sully Historic Overlay District, the proposed expansion to the Colvin Run Mill center, ongoing development of Laurel Hill, support of Gary Frances Powers, Jr. in launching the Cold War Museum, Chuck Mauro's video, *The Battle of Chantilly*", Ross Netherton's new book, *In the Path of History, Between the Rappahannock to the Potomac and from the Bay to the Blue Ridge*, proposed new construction at Clifton Presbyterian Church, and a tour/visit to the newly refurbished James Lee Community Center in Falls Church. Several Commissioners provided presentations on topics of interest to the County including, Anne Barnes on the history of Laurel Grove church, Sue Patterson on the history of Franconia, Esther McCullough on the Tradition of Oral History among African-Americans and Paula Elsey on the history of Centreville. Commissioner Naomi Zeavin completed & premiered her video, *The Mason District*". Park Authority representative Michael Rierson (Resource Stewardship Branch Manager) has attended meetings and provided significant updates on historic projects the County is addressing. All Commissioners are now members of the Virginia Historical Society and the Historical Society of Fairfax County.

On November 18, 2004 a "historic" joint meeting was held between the Architectural Review Board and the History Commission at the Clark House in Annandale. Three key topics were addressed that evening (Laurel Hill, the County oversight of Historic Districts & working proactively to prevent demolition & to design effective protection schemes for protected jurisdictions). After small group discussions, a number of agreed-upon initiatives were generated – these will serve as the foundation for project planning in 2005. We have provided funds, memorial donations and guidance to various groups involved in the preservation of Fairfax County's history.

We would like particularly to thank Linda Cornish Blank, of the Fairfax Department of Planning and Zoning, Suzanne Levy of the Virginia Room of the Fairfax City Regional Library, Jeanne Nicolls and Liz Crowell of the Park Authority. All have served as representatives of their respective agencies and attend our monthly meetings – providing guidance, assistance and support to the Commission.

We are here to serve you and continue to look forward to a successful, fruitful and enjoyable journey as we travel together to keep secure the preservation of Fairfax County's history.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynne Garvey Wark, Chairperson

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HISTORY COMMISSION PORTRAIT

November 2004



From the left: Sue Patterson, Jack Hiller, Anne Barnes, Don Hakenson, Randa Kayyali, Mayo Stuntz, Paula Elsey, Bob Beach (Vice Chair), Barbara Naef, Lynne Garvey Wark (Chair), Karen Washburn, Esther McCullough (Secretary), David Olin, Naomi Zeavin, Elise Murray (Treasurer), Elizabeth Kipouros (Recording Secretary), Irma Clifton, Charlie Wroblewski and Bud Mayo

PUBLICATIONS

The major thrust of the Fairfax County History Commission's Publications Committee this year concerned the promotion and sales our three publications: Ross and Nan Netherton's *The Preservation of History in Fairfax County, Virginia*; Charles Mauro's *The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill)*; and *Stone Ground: The History of Union Mills*, edited by Paula Elsey.

Both Charles Mauro and Paula Elsey have been tremendously active in speaking before community organizations, associations, and schools promoting not only their books but also the importance of local history as well. In addition, they have made a major contribution by bringing the books with them to their speaking engagements and selling them. They receive no compensation for their efforts.

We also made great progress in getting local books stores carrying our publications including bookstores in Clifton, Fairfax Station, Manassas National Battlefield Museum, and Herndon-Dulles Chamber of Commerce. *The Virginia*

Magazine of History and Biography, published by the Virginia Historical Society included a very favorable review of *Stone Ground* in its first issue for 2004.

The publications are sold either directly by the Commission and the authors or by Fairfax County through the Maps and Publications Center. All proceeds go into the General Fund.

| Fiscal Year | Direct Sales | Maps & Publications Center | Total Sales |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| FY 2004 | \$4,541.84 | \$2,206.18 | \$6,748.02 |
| FY 2005, Year to Date | 954.39 | 746.70 | 1,701.09 |

In March 2004 the History Commission participated in the Virginia Festival of the Book with panel discussion including Don Senese, Ross Netherton and Charles Mauro. The panel was filmed by the Fairfax Academy.

The Publications Committee along with the rest of the Commission was devastated by the sudden death of Chairman Donald Senese in October 2004. Don took the helm when the committee was formed in 1998 and devoted immense amounts of time and energy to getting the three books published and promoted. His zeal will be greatly missed. Also greatly missed will be the great wisdom, depth of knowledge and quiet leadership of Edith Sprouse, another original committee member, who died in January 2004.

The Publications Committee is currently working with the Fairfax County Park Authority to revise and reprint Beth Mitchell's *Beginning At A White Oak*.

Publications committee members include Paula Elsey (Chairman), Mayo Stuntz, Elise Murray, Barbara Naef, Karen Washburn, and Lynne Garvey Wark.

ORAL HISTORY

At the suggestion of Chairman Connolly, the Commission has formed a subcommittee to seek a project for recording and presenting Oral History in Fairfax County. The committee is researching ways to present oral history that conveys to the county and the youth that the history of all people is important. Also that history is not just the past, but is being made each day and we are making history each day.

Led by Esther McCullough, the committee includes Naomi Zeavin, Randa Kayyali, Anne Barnes and Charlie Wroblewski.

AWARDS PROGRAM

The Fairfax County History Commission has established several awards programs to honor achievements in Fairfax County history and historic preservation. These programs include the Distinguished Service Awards, which are typically awarded during Historic Preservation Week in May of each year to individuals, developers, corporations, or groups that have contributed to preserving history in Fairfax County.

The Fairfax Heritage Awards are designed to encourage and reward original research in Fairfax County history. The highest award is the Nan Netherton Award, which includes a \$1,000 prize. While no awards were given in 2004, the committee has been hard at work reviewing an extensive manuscript that was submitted.

The Mary Fahringer Memorial Award is a very special award recognizing outstanding achievement in education, concentrating in areas of history and architecture. The award in the amount of \$1,000 is not an annual one, but is reserved for truly unique and meritorious contributions.

The members of the Awards Committee are Bob Beach, chair, Jack Hiller and Lynne Garvey Wark.

ETHNIC COMMITTEE

This committee was formed in the fall of 1997 in response to the increasing demographic diversity of Fairfax County's population. The one hundred languages spoken within schools show the diversity of the population. It has been estimated that in fifty years the County's white population will drop below 50 percent. The committee set as a goal to explore the ways in which more ethnic segments might be encouraged to record their experiences and community history since their arrival in Northern Virginia.

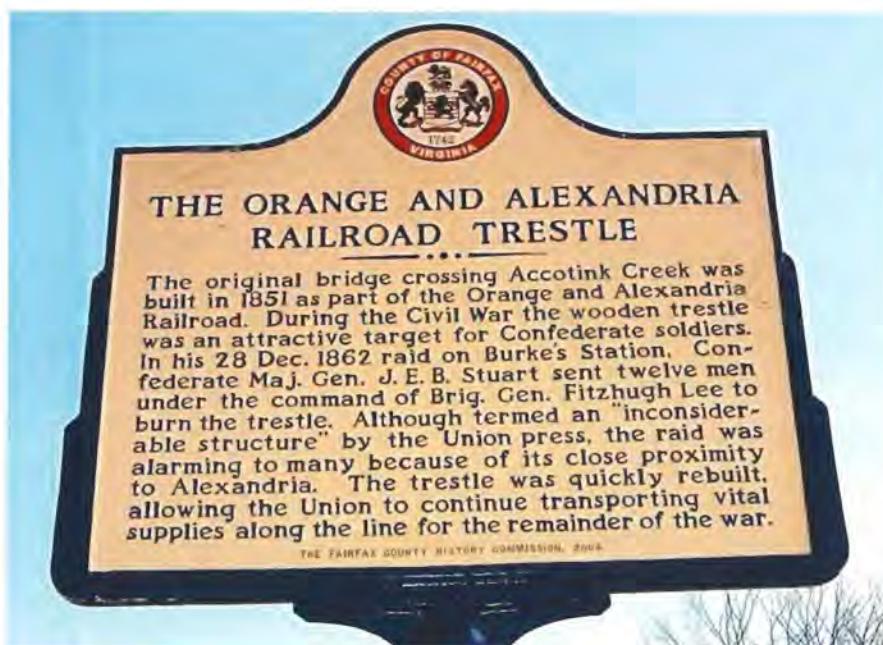
The members of the Ethnic committee are Lynne Garvey Wark, Charles Wroblewski and Chairperson, Esther McCullough.

HISTORIC MARKERS

Fairfax County's Historical Marker Program began in January 1998 when the History Commission approved a design and agreed to fund a distinctive marker for Fairfax County. While this marker was generally modeled after Virginia's roadside markers, by code it had to have a distinctive appearance. With colors derived from George Washington's Fairfax Militia uniform, these buff and blue roadside markers emblazoned with the Fairfax County seal, stand ten feet from ground level. To date seventeen Fairfax County markers and four state markers have been installed under this program.

In the year 2004 three markers were installed and a new one approved to be installed in 2005. A marker was placed along the Cub Run stream valley trail within sight of a large stone bridge abutment built c. 1854. The abutment is an artifact left from an antebellum effort to create an extension of the Manassas Gap Railroad that was never completed. The initiative to place a marker at this location came from a local citizen.

Another marker put up to recognize the significance of a nineteenth century railroad was installed in Lake Accotink Park entitled: "The Orange And Alexandria Railroad Trestle." The original trestle over Accotink Creek was destroyed by Confederate troops, but was quickly rebuilt and served as a vital Federal transportation link throughout the Civil War. Both of these markers are on Fairfax Park Authority property.



A state historical marker calling attention to the nearby birthplace of General Fitzhugh Lee was installed on Franconia Road in front of Mark Twain Middle School in August. In addition to serving in the Confederate army, he was governor of Virginia (1886-1890) and Consul General in Havana (1896-1898). This project was initiated by members of the Franconia Museum and partially funded by the History Commission.



In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the opening of Luther P. Jackson High School in 1954, the only high school ever built for the African-American residents of Fairfax County, the Commission moved to fully fund a historical marker that will be installed in 2005.

Public interest in the program continues since the first marker was put up in 1998. Private individuals, community groups or builder proffers have funded many of the more recent installations. While individuals or groups who petition the Commission to have a marker put up are responsible for the research and recommended text, the Marker Committee reviews what is proposed and is responsible for submitting a historically accurate and readable text to the full History Commission.

Members serving on the marker committee are: Esther McCullough, Elise Murray, Sue Patterson, Paula Elsey and the Chairman, Jack Hiller.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU PROJECT

In January 2004 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors requested that the History Commission compile a list of people willing and interested in speaking on topics related to Fairfax County history. This 10-page document, published and distributed in November, summarizes a variety of countywide history topics with related speakers and contact information, including name, email address and phone number. Numerous members of the Commission are included. It is a work in progress and will be customized and updated as necessary. If we have inadvertently omitted anyone who is interested in speaking on a topic, please let us know.

Lynne Garvey Wark researched, gathered and organized the information used in the Speaker's Bureau document, with assistance from Don Senese and Bob Beach.

INVENTORY OF HISTORIC SITES

One of the Fairfax County History Commission's mandates from the Board of Supervisors since its creation in 1969 is to maintain an inventory of historic sites in Fairfax County. We have been working with our staff advisor, Linda Cornish Blank, to update both the inventory and the nomination process. In addition to considering several nominations to the inventory, the Commission has been working with County Staff to work out procedures for notice of impending demolition of inventory sites which might require a change in the Zoning Ordinance.

WEB SITE

The History Commission's Web page was updated to include recent marker dedications, publications information, member contact information, and the 2003 Annual Report. It serves as an easy, up to date, and readily available tool for anyone interested in our county's history.
(<http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/visitors/history/histcomm>)

ARCHEOLOGY GRANTS

Since 2000, Vicki Monken has put in over 1,375 hours entering into the computer data from the reams of forms filled out by the County Archeology Program in the course of its operations since 1978. The Commission provides her a modest grant to do this tedious, yet invaluable work.

In November 2002 the Commission made a grant to Nancy Anthony, a contract archeologist, to complete the final report for the Wilson site in Lorton. The Wilson Site excavation was directed by Nancy Anthony and funded by KSI Development Co. The excavation has been completed, but the artifact analysis, graphic work and conclusion needed to finish the final report are continuing.

BUDGET

Fairfax County History Commission Income and Expenses

FY 2004 and Estimated FY 2005

| | FY 2004 | Estimated FY 2005 |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance July 1 | \$66,624 | \$72,830 |
| Revenues: | | |
| Fairfax County | \$26,022 | \$26,022 |
| Interest Earned | 64 | -- |
| Total, Revenues | <u>\$26,086</u> | <u>\$26,022</u> |
| Total Available | \$92,710 | \$98,852 |
| Operating Expenses | \$16,265 | \$25,000 |
| Adjustment to Carry-Over | 3,615 | -- |
| Accruals for the Awards, Inventory, Marker and Publications Programs | -- | \$73,852 |
| Ending Balance June 30 | <u>\$72,830</u> | |

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

Major expenditures in FY 2004 include archaeology grants, the Virginia Festival of the Book and contributions to the Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill) video project, the Nan Netherton Memorial Fund at the Virginia Room, the Virginia Indian Festival and the Gunston Hall Archaeology Program in memory of Edith Sprouse. The Virginia Indian Festival held at Riverbend Park on September 6, 2003, was so successful that they did not need to return in FY 2005 for another contribution.

Major expenditures in the first half of FY 2005 include archaeology grants, a preservation consultant for the proposed Centreville Historic Overlay District expansion and contributions to Gunston Hall in memory of Donald Senese and to the Franconia Museum in honor of Bob Heittman.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Members of the Fairfax County History Commission continue to be active in speaking before various community, civic and historic groups.

Lynne Garvey Wark has given presentations using music, photo boards and games on the History of Clifton to local groups including the Herndon Historic Society.

Bud Mayo presented a History of Burke to the fall Braddock District Town Meeting.

Naomi Zeavin speaks at the Rotary and schools, etc. on Historic Mason District.

On September 8, 2004, Milburn Sanders spoke to the Great Falls Historical Society on "Thirteen Dry Years In Forestville (Prohibition)."

Don Hakenson is well sought out speaker and has given various history presentations to countless civil war, historical and civic organizations around the entire State of Virginia and has provided special Civil War tours and information to prominent writers and other out of state historians. He also conducts presentations and book signings on his book, *This Forgotten Land: A Tour of Civil War Sites and Other Historical Landmarks South of Alexandria, Virginia* and on two books co-authored with Gregg Dudding about Colonel John S. Mosby and his men.

Don Hakenson conducts Mosby bus tours with his partner Gregg Dudding for the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society and for other historical organizations, and is currently the Vice President for the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society.

Jack Lewis Hiller was honored by being asked to speak on President's Day, 16 February 2004, before the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at Pohick Church. The topic of his lecture was: "The Colonial Experience And The Institutions Of American Democracy." In addition, he spoke to eleven other groups throughout the year. His audiences consisted of civic groups, historical societies, graduate students and senior citizens. Frequent topics are: "An Introduction to Archaeology," "Murder At The Mill," "The Hidden History of Hidden Pond Park, Fairfax County In The 17th And 18th Centuries," and "Historical Markers In Fairfax County." He is preparing a new slide/lecture for 2005 entitled: "The Origins of Springfield."

Mayo Stuntz addressed the McLean Historical Society, the Malcom Road/Windover Heights Citizens Association and the Over 50 Group of Burke.

Mayo Stuntz spoke about "A General History of Fairfax County" as part of the program, "Economic Development in Fairfax County, Virginia: The Planning and Creation of a World-Class Economy" which is now airing on local cable television.

Sue Patterson has made several presentations to community groups about the history of Franconia

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Fairfax County History Commission Members continue to be active in a variety of ways in the local community. This is not meant as a comprehensive list but merely a means to highlight the wide variety of activities of commission members.

Milburn Sanders prepared historical displays and was present to answer questions on the subject for the Great Falls Volunteer Fire department open house and

for Great Falls Day. Additionally, he furnished historical background information for the Great Falls Historical Society calendar.

As a member of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee, Milburn Sanders researched the background of Great Falls residents who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. He selected 23 honorees from the Civil War, World War II and September 11, 2001 and prepared biographies and related history for publication in *The Great Falls Freedom Honor Roll*, a book which will be permanently displayed in the Great Falls Library, overlooking the "Great Falls Freedom Memorial" site.

Esther McCullough participated in the research of materials in preparation for Supervisor Cathy Hudgins' show on Historical African-American Churches in Hunter Mill District of Fairfax County. The culmination of the research was a video taping of five churches established in the 1800s that were important part of life for African-Americans. The churches still exist today and include many descendants of the founders as members. Many of them were also schools for African-Americans when established. A taped interview session led by Supervisor Hudgins included Esther and Mayo Stuntz. The tape is being shown on channel 16 as a part of a Black History Month Celebration for Fairfax County.

Esther McCullough attended the "Unboxing of Henry Brown" Symposium in Richmond in October 2003. Based on the book by Jeffrey Ruggles, it is the story of a slave who sent himself in a box from Richmond to Philadelphia, PA.

As a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Esther McCullough enjoys visiting the historic properties. She is an active volunteer in the county and enjoys preserving history of families through scrapbooking.

Bud Mayo attended the rededication of Oak Hill as the Braddock District Representative of the History Commission.

Bud Mayo is serving on the Virginia 2007 Citizen Planning Committee as the History Commission representative.

During the past year Irma Clifton was part of the Task Force that recommended, and got approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, a planning strategy for the Reformatory and Penitentiary sections of the former D. C. Prison at Lorton. This plan will serve as a basis for the development of the facilities while maintaining as much of the historical integrity as possible.

Irma Clifton is the President of Lorton Heritage Society, Inc. and is President of the Lorton Arts Foundation, is a non-profit working to develop an arts and cultural center at the prison Workhouse site.

Naomi Zeavin's latest video *Historic Mason District* has been completed and is now in all the Fairfax Schools and Libraries.

Naomi Zeavin is the guest curator at the Clark House for the Fairfax County Park Authority. She has put on two exhibits, one on the Bailey family and currently one on the Munson family. In addition she showed her video *Historic Mason District* there.

Naomi Zeavin serves on its board of directors of the Capitol Hill Civil War Roundtable.

In October Barbara Naef concluded work on the Historic Huntley Bond Project Team. Following the concepts defined in the Park Authority General Management and Conceptual Development Plans for the historic site, the team analyzed the Huntley Historic Structures, Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Reports and worked with staff and contractors in making recommendations that were incorporated into the final site plans.

Barbara Naef is continuing the work of inventorying and indexing the hundreds of documents associated with the Lahey Lost Valley property (owned by the Park Authority in Vienna) and its owners, the artists Richard Lahey and his wife, Carlotta Gonzales Lahey.

Barbara Naef continues to monitor the restorative repairs being completed on the Frying Pan Meeting House, the Lake Anne (Reston) Revitalization project, and the development plan process involving the historic DeMoss House, also in Reston.

David Olin and Karen Washburn were appointed to serve on the McLean Great Falls Community Pilot Program for Jamestown's 400th Anniversary. Karen is currently the co-chairman.

Lynne Garvey Wark co-chairs the Annual Historic Candlelight Tour of the Town, held on the first Saturday of December. The revenues generated from this event in 2004 totaled over \$4,100, the highest amount ever collected in ticket sales.

Lynne Garvey Wark enjoys creating pen and ink, watercolor and calligraphy designs. Her work has been most recently used to illustrate the Clifton Community Women's Club 100th Anniversary cookbook, *May I Have that Recipe?* which also includes pages filled with short historical commentary about Clifton's past. Her work has also been commissioned and used by George Mason University, the National Capital Presbytery, Burke Presbyterian Church and the Northern Virginia Interfaith Coalition for their September 11th "A Day of Remembrance, an Interfaith Gathering for Peace."

Robert Beach has served on the annual Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards Jury in each year since 2001.

Jack Hiller volunteers as a docent at Gunston Hall and participates in docent training at the home of George Mason.

Bob Heittman, Sue Patterson, Edith Sprouse and Don Hakenson established the Franconia Museum in March 2002. All four serve on the Board with Sue Patterson as the first President and Bob Heittman as first Vice President. Edith Sprouse and Bob Heittman died in 2004. Sue Patterson served as Newsletter Editor in 2004. The project continues to receive excellent support from the Lee District Supervisor and staff. As a result of money designated to remodel the Franconia Governmental Center by the Board of Supervisor, the Museum is establishing a permanent display there. They also sponsored the third annual Franconia History Day in October. The museum dedicated a historical marker, initiated by Don Hakenson, to Governor Fitzhugh Lee in November. The gatherings are resulting in community cohesiveness, outreach among the younger and elder generations and an excellent amalgam of the diverse heritage of the Franconia area. They also sponsored one Civil War tours in the Franconia area and October.

Sue Patterson has served for 17 years as a member of the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Advisory Committee, 22 years as a member of the League of Women Voters (including past president of the Alexandria chapter), former Treasurer of the Fairfax Genealogical Society (and a member since 1989) and published "Fletchers Chapel United Methodist Church 150th Anniversary 1849-1999" in 1999.

Elise Murray attended the 19th Annual Virginia Preservation Conference in Charlottesville, Virginia in November 2004.

Elise Murray is the Vice President of the Fairfax County Historical Society.

Mayo Stuntz is the official Town Historian for Vienna, in addition to his responsibilities as pro bono Chairman of the Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton for the last 45 years.

Mayo Stuntz is the Coordinator for VIP Vienna, Visually Impaired Persons of Vienna, Oakton, Fairfax and McLean, which gathers to hear speakers and exchange ideas.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

A brief examination of the background of the Fairfax County History Commission reveals a wide variety and diverse background which members bring to their work.

Nicholas Z. Ajay, Jr.—our newest member, appointed in December 2004, received an AB. from Franklin and Marshall College in history, a MA. from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. from Georgetown University both in Near Eastern History. He worked for the U.S. Government for 25 years and served as a consultant for 13.

Anne M. Barnes—is a resident of Mason Neck. She received a B.S. (Criminal Law) from Savannah State College, Savannah, Georgia; a M.A. (Government) from Johns Hopkins University; a M.A. (Defense) from United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island; and has done graduate studies at American University, Washington, D.C., and the University of Maryland. She is currently, a Senior Analyst at the National Defense University with emphasis on Homeland Security; Strategic Studies for countries in Africa, Latin America and the Near East. She was formerly, a US Congressional Staffer on the Committee for Government Reform, an Executive in private industry (concentrating on repair of US Navy ships), a High School Teacher (American History/Literature), a US Marine Corps Officer (finance), and a State Probation Officer (Georgia). She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and a Deaconess and Sunday School Teacher at Laurel Grove Baptist Church in Franconia, Virginia. Her hobbies include outdoor activities and working with youth. She has participated in much volunteer work to make the world a better place to live.

Robert E. Beach—the Vice Chairperson of the History Commission, received an A.A.S. in Architectural Technology from Northern Virginia Community College in 1978 and a Bachelor of Architecture from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, in 1981. A member of the American Institute of Architects, he has been in private practice in Falls Church since 1991.

Irma A. Clifton—was born and raised in Lorton and presently resides in a 90 year old farmhouse purchased by her parents in 1945. She has long been an advocate for preservation and adaptive reuse issues. From 1967-1993, she held a variety of positions related to management and security at the D.C. Department of Corrections correctional institution in Lorton, Virginia. In addition to her regular assigned duties she assembled and maintained a museum containing documents and items associated with the Department of Corrections and acted as Corrections historian regularly lecturing on this topic for new employee orientation. She studied historic preservation at Mary Washington College. After retiring in 1993, she volunteered for numerous charity and civic activities. She is the President of Lorton Heritage Society, Inc. and a Life Member, Past President and Past Secretary of Historic Stafford, Inc. She is Chairman of the Historic Falmouth Renaissance Commission having been appointed by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors. She also owns a home in the Falmouth Historic District that was constructed in 1780. She has served on numerous committees and task forces over the years to help develop a plan for use of the D.C. Prison at Lorton after it was closed. She serves as President of the Lorton Arts Foundation, which is a non-profit working to develop an arts and cultural center at the prison Workhouse site.

Paula Elsey—is a resident of Centreville. She has a B.S., Social Sciences (Ethnic Studies) from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California. She does freelance editing and writing on Virginia history and archaeology topics. The Historical Society of Fairfax County, Inc., Bull Run Civil War Round Table, and Archeological Society of Virginia are among the local associations she is active in. Since being appointed to the History Commission in April 2004, she has assumed the position of chair for the Publications Committee, is a member of the Marker Committee, and is supervising the research for Sully District's proposed expanded Centreville Historic Overlay District.

Carol Drake Friedman—who stepped down in January 2004, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and has been a resident of Fairfax County since 1972. She is the founder of the Historic Centreville Society and the Fairfax County Adopt-A-Cemetery Program and served as a Board Member of the Friends of Turkey Run Farm, 1979-1981 and of the Historical society of Fairfax County, 1993-1996. She is editor and publisher of *The Millrace*, a quarterly publication featuring news and original articles on western Fairfax County history and has authored over 150 published articles on Fairfax County History and, in addition, serves as a historical consultant to various county and community organizations. She has been active in the preservation of historic sites in Centreville and Chantilly including Lane's Mill, the 1737 Boundary Stone, the Centreville Confederate Railroad bed, Mt. Gilead, the Mitchell/Weeks house and the Cross farmhouse. Currently on a leave of absence due to illness, she served as Chairman of the Fairfax County History Commission in 1999.

Donald C. Hakenson—was born in Washington DC, but has lived practically his entire life in Franconia. He is a Vietnam era veteran and has been a Department of the Army employee for over 33 years. Since 1989 he has been the Director for the U.S. Armed Services Center for Unit Records Research. Outside of the Army, he has spent countless years tracking and researching obscure Civil War and Revolutionary War incidents and sites in Fairfax County, especially regarding the Confederate guerilla chieftain Colonel John S. Mosby and his rangers. He gives various talks and bus tours on Mosby and the Civil War history of Franconia, Fairfax County, Virginia and Maryland. He has published *This Forgotten Land: A Tour of Civil War Sites and Other Historical Landmarks South of Alexandria, Virginia* and co-authored two books about Colonel John S. Mosby and his men. His articles have been published in local newspapers and other historical publications on Mosby, the Civil War and Fairfax County history.

Jack Lewis Hiller—lives in West Springfield and has been a member of the Fairfax County History Commission since 1981. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from the College of William and Mary ('53), a master's degree in education from the University of Virginia ('66) and a master's degree in history from Carnegie-Mellon University ('69). He taught history for 30 years at Groveton High School and West Potomac High School. He also taught history at Northern Virginia Community College. He was co-founder of the Fairfax County Public School's Summer Archaeology Program that operated between 1973 and 1988. He retired from teaching in 1988. He chaired the Commission in 1994-1995. He writes and speaks on topics about the Springfield area and is a volunteer archaeologist with the county Park Authority. He is also a volunteer docent at Gunston Hall, the home of George Mason. He chairs the History Commission's Historical Marker Committee.

Randa Kayyali—received a BA. Magma Cum Laude in Political Science from Oberlin College, a MA. in Sociology/Anthropology from the American University in Cairo and a Certificate in Non-Profit Management, Masters of Public Administration from George Mason University. She has written numerous articles and spoken at many conferences regarding Arab-American affairs. Currently she is a Cultural Studies doctoral student at

George Mason University with a focus on U.S. history and anthropology. She is writing a book on Arab Americans that will be published in late 2005. She is also active in the Oral History Committee and is interested in exploring the growth of small business enterprises and ethnic groups in Fairfax County.

Bud Mayo—is a native of Alexandria, Virginia and currently serves as an administrator at Pimmit Hills Alternative H.S. in Falls Church. He holds a B.S. from the University of Tennessee/Knoxville and a M.Ed. from the University of Virginia. Bud has served as a school administrator on both the middle and high school level for the last 17 years. He was nominated for “Assistant Principal of the Year” on both levels and has served two terms as President of the Northern Virginia Youth Services Coalition and the Northern Virginia Secondary School Administrators Association. He is a graduate of the Leadership Fairfax Class of 2003. Bud’s career in Fairfax County Public School has included time as U.S. and Virginia History teacher in both middle and high school and he has also served as a school probation counselor, football and lacrosse coach. He was instrumental in bringing the sport of Lacrosse to Fairfax County and been a long time promoter of the sport. He is the past president of the U.S. Lacrosse/Potomac Chapter. He resides in the Dunleath section of Burke, Virginia.

Esther W. McCullough—grew up in Longview, Texas and received her Bachelor of Science in Clothing and Textiles from North Texas State University (presently The University of North Texas). After moving here in 1996, she could not find information on the history of African-Americans of the county. This led to the history research, design and the publishing of a brochure. The Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (she is a member) and the Fairfax County Economic Authority Association provided the funding. The brochure, "African-American Sites in Fairfax County Before 1900" was placed in 60 hotels and two visitor's centers in the county. It was distributed to schools and communities throughout the county. She presently serves as the Secretary of the Commission and chairperson of the Ethnic Committee and she is doing research on the Under Ground Railroad. She was a Substitute Teacher in Texas and is now working part time as an Administrative/Executive Assistant and volunteers throughout Fairfax County.

Elise Ruff Murray—grew up in Vienna, Virginia and now resides in Reston. She has been a member of the Commission since 1983. She earned a BA in history from the University of Virginia and is interested in archeology, history and preservation. Her interests have led her to serve on many Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards Juries since 1991 and she has been the Commission’s liaison with the Architectural Review Board since 1992. She works as an economic consultant working on anti-trust and commercial litigation matters. She served as Chairman of the Commission in 1988-1989, has worked on the Commission’s finances and budget submissions since 1986 and has served as Treasurer since 1990.

Barbara M. Naef—is one of the 200 pioneers of Reston. She earned a B.A. in History, Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Duke University and a M.A. in American History from the University of Delaware. She retired in 2002 after 23 years working to preserve and interpret our county history at the Fairfax County Park Authority. She continues to work as a volunteer and consultant for the Park Authority. As the Archaeologist Representative on the Commission, she meets periodically with county staff to keep abreast of the various archaeological projects and activities taking place throughout the county.

David L. Olin—is Chief of Conservation at Olin Conservation, Inc. He has a B.A. and M.A. in the History of Art and Architecture from the University of Maryland. He is a Fellow of the American Institute for Conservation and currently serves as President of The Great Falls Citizen's Association and President of Great Falls Heritage, Inc. He is on the board of Directors for the Washington Conservation Guild. He was appointed to serve on the McLean Great Falls Community Pilot Program for Jamestown's 400th Anniversary. He is a CAP assessor for the National Heritage Preservation, Inc. and Inter Museum Services. In addition to conservation and historical research in the history of art and architecture, he has pursued technical studies and scientific analysis of works of art in conjunction with the National Institute of Standards and Technology. He was awarded a Kress Foundation grant for the technical study of art. He has accepted the Noland award for excellence in preservation from the AIA, Va. Society and an award for Preservation from the US. National Archives. He has served as conservation consultant for the General Services Administration and has conducted numerous conservation projects for other federal, state and local organizations and museums including the Smithsonian Institution, the National Park Service, the Architect of the Capital and DC Commission on the Arts.

Sue L. Patterson—has been a member of the Commission since December of 1998 and represents Lee District. She received a B.A. in History and Sociology from Delta State University and a Masters in Public Administration from Golden Gate University. She has taken post-graduate courses at the University of Virginia, the University of South Carolina and Northern Virginia Community College as well as work at the National Institute for Genealogical Research at the National Archives and the Institute for Genealogical Research at Samford University. She is a systems engineer and has almost 30 years of experience working for the federal government; she is presently with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. She has spent over 20 years researching family history in the southeastern USA.

Milburn Sanders—is a native of Great Falls, Virginia and has been a commission member since 1987 (with a 6-month break in service). He has taken courses at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School and the American College of Surgeons. He served in the U.S. Navy (1942-1946) and was involved with the invasions of Saipan, Palau and Okinawa. He retired from 38 years of civilian service and has served as technical editor for four companies. He is active in the Fairfax Genealogy Society, Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department (since 1942), Great Falls Historical Society (founding president), has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the William Watters Foundation and as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Fairfax County History Commission.

Mayo S. Stuntz—was born in Vienna, Virginia and has been on the History Commission since 1969. He assisted in establishing the predecessor, the Landmarks Preservation Committee in 1965. He attended Cornell University and served in the U.S. Army for 7 years retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He has taught local history in the area high school adult education program and at George Mason University. He and his wife have published three local history books: *This Was Vienna* (1988); *This Was Tysons Corner* (1990) and *This Was Virginia* (1998).

Lynne Garvey Wark—served as Chairperson of the Fairfax County History Commission in 2004 and has been re-elected for 2005. She has been a resident of Clifton, Virginia for over five years and is extremely active in preserving the historicity of Clifton. She currently serves as an officer on the Clifton Betterment Association where she co-chairs the Clifton Oral History Project, which is aggressively preserving the history and memories of citizens in the area. She also co-chairs the Annual Historic Candlelight Tour of the Town. In 2002, she chaired Clifton's 100th Anniversary celebration. She has given presentations using music, photo boards and games on the History of Clifton to local groups. She worked closely with the late Nan Netherton to re-write the book, *Clifton—the Brigadoon of Virginia*. She currently sits on the Publications, Awards and Ethnic committees of the Commission. She has a BFA from the University of Colorado, majoring in art history, an MPA (Masters in Public Administration) with a major in Human Resources also from the University of Colorado and a MTS (Masters in Theological Studies) from Wesley Theological Seminary – where she recently completed her theses on “Corporate Ethics in the Workplace.”

Karen Washburn—has been a member of the Commission since 1997. She is a graduate of Roanoke College where she majored in history and completed a one-year course in historical archeology. She has conducted research and preservation work for local history since 1972 including oral history interviews. She has served as President of the Great Falls Historical Society, as a Board member of Friends of Balch Library for Genealogy and History (Leesburg), as Chairman of the History Committee of the Fairfax County Millennium Committee, as Chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee of Great Falls Task force and as Representative for Virginia Department of Transportation, Traffic Calming Study, Georgetown Pike. On the Commission, she has served as the Chairman of the Commission as well as the Chairman of the Historic Easement Committee. She is currently the co-chair of the McLean Great Falls Community Pilot Program for Jamestown's 400th Anniversary.

Charles J. Wroblewski—who stepped down in January 2005, is a resident of Annandale. He received a B.A. degree in history (with a minor in Philosophy) from St. John's University in New York and a J.D. Degree from St. John's Law School. He served with the U.S. Army (Staff Judge Advocate) and with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1969-1993 where his duties included investigative and supervisory positions in various field offices and at FBI Headquarters and he was also responsible for processing of documents for release under the Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts. For many years he served as President of the Evergreen Heights Community Association. He is active in the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI and is the Chairman-Elect of the Washington, D.C. Chapter. He served as the Chairman of the History Commission, after serving as Vice Chairman.

Naomi Zeavin—is a resident of Falls Church. She was born in New Britain, Connecticut and majored in speech and drama at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts. She is currently serving as an appointee of the Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission for Virginia. She has served as a former presidential advisor on the arts during the administration of President Ronald Reagan. She is a Board member of the Capitol Hill Civil War Roundtable and directed and has produced videos on the history of Fairfax County. She is president of U-R-Unique, a company of video productions.

IN MEMORIAM

Since November 2003, four sitting members of the History Commission have died. Each contributed immensely to the Commission and will be missed proportionately.

David Shepherd—passed away in November 2003. Appointed to the Commission in 1999, he was a resident of Dunn Loring. He received a B.A. in Government and a M.A. in international relations from the University of Oklahoma and training at the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He served with the Headquarters U.S. Department of the Army Staff as a studies and plans officer, with the Agency for International Development (Long An Province, Republic of Vietnam) and three years advisory duty with the U.S. Army Reserve units. He authored articles on the army planning system and Vietnam's national police.

Edith Moore Sprouse—who had been a member of the History Commission since its beginning in 1969, passed way in January 2004. She received a B.A. in Geology from Wellesley College. She served as a photogrammetrist in the Army Map Service. She headed the Bicentennial Indexing Project of Fairfax County Court Records from 1973 to 1995 and her publications include numerous articles on Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland including *Mount Air* and *Colchester*. She served as co-editor of the Historical Society of Fairfax County *Yearbook* and served as advisor to Friends of Historic Huntley as well as a Board Member of the Historical Society of Fairfax County. She received an ASSLH Commendation in 1976 and the 1997 Alexandria Historical Society Annual Award. She was a volunteer with Fairfax County Archeology Laboratory, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum in Alexandria and at Gunston Hall.

Robert J. Heittman—a native of Boston, Massachusetts, Bob retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1975. He served as an Air Intercept Controller, Radar and Electronics Counter-Countermeasures Specialist and Small Arms Instructor. He always held an avocation and private enterprise as a commercial artist and photographer. After his retirement from uniformed service, at the Pentagon, Bob was brought back into USAF Intelligence; he retired from Civil Service in 1999. He served on the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission since its inception. He was an officer of the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations and the Land Use and Transportation Committee. He resided in the Franconia area and was Vice President of his Home Owners Association. He lived in Northern Virginia since the late 1960's and was committed to ensuring dissemination of information, the validation of facts and continued protection and preservation of our rich and valuable history in Fairfax County. His involvement in community service is storied and includes National, State and local entities. He attended his first History Commission meeting in January 2000 and passed away in May 2004.

Donald Senese—who passed away in October 2004 received a Bachelor's in history from Loyola University (Chicago) and a masters and doctorate in history from the University of South Carolina. He worked on Capitol Hill and served in the U.S. Departments of Education, Labor and Interior. He taught history at the postsecondary level (Radford University) and taught a course in Congressional Office Operations for the Graduate School, USDA. He was the author, co-author or editor of nine books and over fifty public policy articles including editing *George Mason and the Legacy of Constitutional Liberty* (published by the Fairfax County History Commission) and the pamphlet *George Mason and the Bill of Rights* published by Fairfax County. He represented the Commission on the Fairfax Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and served on the national speaker's bureau of the National Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. He was employed as an education and political consultant. He was active in professional groups dealing with U.S. history and foreign policy (specifically Asia). He became a member of the Commission in 1985 and is a former Chairman of the Commission. He became the first Chairman of the Publications Committee in 1998 and saw through the publication of the three most recent publications.

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