

Confederate Names Project Instructions DRAFT

Items provided to the History Commission:

Master list of compiled Confederate names (also online at CNC page)

Shortened List of “Confederate Names and Associated Terms”

Blank template (in both Word and pdf format) for collecting information on Confederately-named places

Lists of named places in the County filtered by Confederate names that at least partially match:

Streets	Subdivisions
County-owned facilities	Civic Associations
Community Centers	Hydrological features
Landmarks	Non-FCPA parks and trails
Shopping Centers	Libraries

Suggested steps for getting started:

1. Examine the names on the lists and **exclude** all those that you can say confidently are not Confederately-named, e.g. Mary Baldwin Dr., Hilltop Ave., etc. Briefly state your reasons for exclusion in the Notes column.
2. In the Notes column, identify any names which are common family names in the county, e.g. Lee, Ball, Fairfax, et.al., which do not indicate a specific Confederate individual. The places with common county family names will be treated in a separate section in the report which will give some context regarding their association to the County’s history.

By going through steps one and two, each list should be substantially shortened.

Suggested next steps for research:

3. First use the shortened list of “Confederate Names and Associated Terms” to address the names that remain on your lists. Use the template to record your research.
4. Then, if you have time, address those names that are possibly Confederate names that remain on your lists after completing step three.
5. Send all materials (annotated lists and completed templates) to Denice Dressel, Denice.Dressel@fairfaxcounty.gov

Remember, just the facts! Keep it simple!