

## **10/24 Edits by BN**

### **2.4 County Historical Family Names in the Civil War Years and Beyond**

When the Civil War began in 1861 many Fairfax County men who joined the Confederate forces were the scions of families whose county residence not only pre-dated the Civil War but, in some cases, extended to at least the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. Their names had been attached to places such as roads, stream fords, mills, small communities, and railroad stations throughout the county to identify the location of their homes or businesses. Many such named places survive today. Therefore, when research proved the particular asset name pre-dated the Civil War and an individual's service in the Confederacy, it received Historical Family Names designation. Prime examples are the Fairfax and Lee families.

During the post-war years and well into the twentieth century, acres of county farmland were sold for development. The resulting subdivision, street and public space names could retain the family names associated with that acreage, reflecting a heritage of place. A previous generation's Confederate service was not a factor. Therefore, in these instances, confirmed through research, the asset was given Historical Family Name designation.