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Dear Madam Chairman and Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors:

The Fairfax County History Commission is pleased to present a copy of our annual report. This report highlights the activities of the Commission during the past fiscal year June 30, 1998 through July 1, 1999. To keep you informed, we have gone slightly beyond that time span on projects that would seem incomplete without an update.

We have a very active commission and we have made a major effort to involve all members in the work of our committees. We also have invited guests who have reported on special matters. For example, Mr. Malcolm Richardson, Virginia Room volunteer, addressed us at our August, 1998 meeting on the work he and volunteer Barbara Walsh have been doing on indexing the newspapers of Fairfax County. Irma Clifton and Harry Lattimore of the Lorton Heritage Society briefed us about preservation plans for the Lorton complex, and in March, 1999 Robin Myers and Jamie Shannon of Eye Design made a presentation regarding possibilities for designing the Fairfax County specialized auto plate.

One of the follow up items has been engaging Paula Elsey to edit the Union Mills study; she also has volunteered to update the History Commission's Web page. We had regular discussions throughout the year on the celebration of the centennial of Camp Alger, and a ceremony was held on October 31, 1999 for the dedication of the historical marker. Our record of achievement is described in the following pages.

We want to express our deepest thanks to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for your continuing financial and moral support. This year, as we are celebrating our thirtieth anniversary, we wish to extend a warm invitation to each of you to attend one of our meetings. They are held monthly, on the first Wednesday of each month, in the Fairfax City Regional Library at 7:30 p.m.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Carol Drake Friedman
Chairman

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HISTORIC EASEMENT

The Fairfax County History Commission established a Committee for Historic Easement, chaired by Karen Washburn and consisting of Charles Wroblewski and Daniel Cragg.

The Committee examined in detail Fairfax County's current policy regarding open space easements. The policy includes both conservation and historic easements. The result of the study led to the discovery that county's policy is missing some key components that would enhance the use of historic easement as a preservation tool. Therefore, it requested that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors amend the current policy to include: the assignment of easement monitoring to one specific person in the county government; specific penalties for easement violations; and promotion of the program through appropriate advertisement. In addition, it requested that the county develop a revolving fund for historic preservation and also a fund for purchase of easements. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Kate Hanley has appointed a multi-departmental task force to investigate and advise on all of these matters.

MILLENNIUM STEERING COMMITTEE

Karen Washburn has been designated as the Fairfax County History Commission's representative on county's Millennium Steering Committee. She will be advising on issues relating to the history of Fairfax County in connection with county's plans for celebrating the millennium.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Fairfax County History Commission determined that we needed to review by-laws and rules of procedures. Chairman Carol Drake Friedman completed the by-laws and they were adopted by a vote of the Commission. The Committee also agrees to follow the procedures for meetings contained in the New Robert's Rules of Procedures.

HISTORIC VIDEOS

The historical video project was under the direction of Naomi Zeavin. Channel 16 would produce the videos with Commission member Naomi Zeavin working full-time on the project. Five members of the Fairfax County History Commission served on the video committee: Dr. Donald J. Senese, Carol Drake Friedman, Mayo Stuntz, Milburn Sanders, and Edith Sprouse.

The first video "Occupied Territory: Fairfax County During the Civil War" was produced and completed in January, 1998.

The second video, "Washington and Fairfax, focused on the role of George Washington, George Mason and the Letters from Brian Fairfax. That one was completed in

1998 and was previewed on February 22, 1998 at Supervisor Penny Gross' Mason Government Center office.

Both videos are in the Fairfax County schools and library system. They are on sale to the public for twenty dollars each.

Plans are proceeding on a third video, which would focus on developments in Fairfax County in the twentieth century. A committee to review the script will be chaired by Naomi Zeavin. Members of the committee will include Nan Netherton, Don Senese, Mayo Stuntz, Edith Sprouse and Dr. Donald Sweig.

HISTORY COMMISSION AWARDS PROGRAM

The Fairfax County History Commission has established several awards to honor achievements in Fairfax County history and historic preservation. The awards include the Fairfax Heritage Awards designed to encourage and reward original research in Fairfax County history. In November 1998, the Nan Netherton Heritage Award, in the amount of \$1,000, was presented to Charles Mauro for his work on the history of the Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly). (The Commission has tentative plans to publish the study.)

The Mary Fahringer Memorial Award is a very special award recognizing outstanding achievement in education, concentrating in areas of history and architecture. The award is not an annual one, but is reserved for truly unique and meritorious contributions. This award, in the amount of \$1,000, was presented in May to Gary and Joan Jewett, and the Friends of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church and Museum of Local African-American History (McLean). The award recognized their work in architectural preservation and the creation of a museum, which promotes education in a lifestyle from a previous era.

The members of the Awards Committee are Suzanne Rehder, chair, Jack Hiller and Carol Drake Friedman.

JUVENILE COURT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Charles J. Wroblewski represents the Fairfax County History Commission by serving as liaison on the Steering Committee for the Fairfax County Juvenile Court Centennial Celebration.

SPECIALIZED AUTOMOBILE PLATES

Subsequent to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors endorsement of the History's Commission's development of a county license plate, Delegate Jim Scott was contacted. As a result of his endeavors in the Virginia General Assembly, Fairfax County was included in the Omnibus Special License Plate bill, which Governor Jim Gilmore signed into law on March 29, 1999. A design was adopted in October and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

ETHNIC COMMITTEE

The goal of the Ethnic Committee is to design and conduct research which will culminate in the publishing of a map citing land holdings of African-American Fairfax County residents in 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, and 1900. In addition, schools and churches attended by and businesses owned by mid to late nineteenth century African-Americans will also be included.

The Jack and Jill of America Foundation and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities have awarded the project grants, a total of \$10,5000. Additional funding will be sought and the anticipated completion date is November of the year 2000.

The Director of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities has informed the committee that the organization will be involved in sponsoring research that will result in an African-American Trail throughout Virginia and that the map project hopefully will be included as part of the larger Virginia trail. Other regions and counties will be encouraged to undertake similar studies.

The committee is chaired by Guinevere S. Jones and includes Edith Sprouse, Charles Wroblewski, and with assistance from Barbara Naef of the Fairfax County Park Authority.

HISTORIC MARKER PROGRAM

The Historic Marker Program, since its inception in January of 1998 has approved six historic markers—three local markers and three state markers—to be placed in Fairfax County. The process involves review and approval by the Historic Marker Committee, the Fairfax County History Commission, and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR).

On June 6, 1999, the first Fairfax County historic marker, with its own distinctive style and color, was dedicated. It calls attention to the site of Keene's Mill which stood along Pohick Creek where the original Old Keene Mill Road once crossed. This grist and sawmill functioned for approximately 65 years after it was built in 1796, serving a community of grain farmers. The marker is located on Huntsman Boulevard at the entrance to Shannon Station townhouse community on Fairfax County Park Authority property in West Springfield. Logistic support for receiving and installing the Keene's Mill marker was provided by Fairfax County Park Authority Personnel arranged for by Jim Pomeroy, Manager of Hidden Pond Park in West Springfield.

Two more buff and blue local markers are planned for the near future. One will be located at the Virginia Railway Express station parking lot entrance on Hechinger Drive near Backlick Road in Springfield. It will be entitled *Springfield Station*, and calls attention to the original station built about 1851 from which Springfield received its name. On May 24, 1999, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors granted the History Commission permission to place this marker on Board owned land.

The other local marker will be located at the intersection of Backlick and Braddock Roads on Amoco gas station property owned by State Senator Richard Saslaw. This was the location of Price's Ordinary (a tavern) where 29 Fairfax freeholders met in 1787 to urge the

state legislature to call for a convention to approve the new United States Constitution. Senator Saslaw has expressed a willingness to allow installation of this marker.

A state marker entitled *Camp Russell A. Alger* has been installed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on Route #50 (Arlington Blvd.) near the Thomas Jefferson library bus stop. Camp Alger was a Spanish-American War training camp that extended from Providence Park to Merrifield to Dunn Loring to Falls Church. The influx of 23,500 men and the outbreak of typhoid fever had a great impact on those communities even though the camp existed only for four months from May to August, 1898. The marker was dedicated on October 31, 1999.

Fort Lyon is the name of another state marker planned for the Huntington Metro Station on Kings Highway. The station is partly located within the bounds of the major fortification defending the southern flank of the nation's capital and Alexandria during the Civil War. Negotiations for the exact siting of this marker are continuing between Metro and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

In June, 1999, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) approved the Commission's recommendation for a state marker entitled *Colchester*, and VDOT approved a location about one third mile from Occoquan Bridge beside the north bound lane of Route #1 near Furnace Road. Colchester was founded in 1753 and was a thriving tobacco port and commercial center along an important postal route. A variety of events—including competition from Alexandria and Baltimore, a relocation of the postal route, shifting of the water channel, and fire—all conspired to bring an end to the town by the middle of the nineteenth century.

Future logistic support for receiving and installing historic markers on Board of Supervisor's property or private property (when permission is given) will be provided by the Facilities Management Division at the request of the Board and the County Executive's Office. The Park Authority will continue to provide support for approved markers on Fairfax County Park Authority property. VDOT provides logistical support for all state markers.

Jack Hiller serves as Chairman of the Historic Marker Committee. He has been working closely with VDOT in replacing state markers that have been lost since the inception of the program in 1926. There are ten missing markers in Fairfax County. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources is rewriting and funding the replacement of these markers if suitable sites can be found. The committee also includes Dan Cragg, Carol Drake Friedman, Elise Murray, Sue Patterson and Edith Sprouse.

WEB SITE

The Fairfax County History Commission contributed information for a new web site concerning history and preservation in Fairfax County in April, 1998. Consisting of a link from the Fairfax County's website's community page, the History Commission site consists of seven areas: homepage; historical sketch of Fairfax County; places of interest; publications; heritage spotlight; members; and who we are. Carol Drake Friedman took over the web site after Tom Grubisich resigned, and in concert with volunteer Paula Elsey, will update the site. New content is ready to be placed on the site and links to appropriate other sites will be established

ARCHEOLOGY GRANT

The grant was for C. K. Gailey and Joyce Pearsall to inventory, evaluate, and organize, our archeological report archives. They also were to connect the archives catalogue to our newly reorganized GIS and site files (last year's grant). These objectives were achieved by Gailey and Pearsall. As a result, consultants, researchers, county staff and any other interested individuals, now can easily access over 20 years of archeological work done in the County.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Fairfax County Publications Committee has at its mission examining works of historical significance for Fairfax County and recommending as to their suitability for publications. The Committee also works with a variety of resources to bring about such publications.

Three works are currently under review by the committee including a history of the history commission and preservation in Fairfax County; a study of Union Mills; and a history of the Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly).

The Preservation of History in Fairfax County, Virginia is a comprehensive study of the need for historic preservation in the county, the creation and role of the Fairfax County History Commission, the planning process, historic zoning districts, the Heritage Resources Network, and managing the heritage resources in the parks. The study consists of 15 chapters, ten appendices (including a list of historic publications, and membership over the years of the Fairfax County Architectural Review Board, Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission and the History Commission), and an index. The study consists of 723 pages and was completed by noted local historians Ross and Nan Netherton. The Committee has contacted over twenty publication houses about publishing the study and two are seriously considering it. The Committee will make a final recommendation to the full History Commission.

A manuscript on Union Mills, a distinctive region in southwestern Fairfax County, has been prepared. Participants in writing this study include Mike Johnson who wrote of prehistory; D'Anne Evans, who wrote on the early history including 18th and 19th century; Kevin Ruffner, who focused on the Civil War period; and Kathy Brown who wrote on late 19th and early 20th century. The project is in need of an editor/writer who will coordinate the written pieces, unite the different sections, and provide any additional gaps in research as well as make decisions on which illustrations should be used. The Committee is preparing to engage a person to prepare the manuscript on Union Mills for final publication.

The Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly) was a manuscript authored by Charles Mauro and was the recipient of Nan Netherton Heritage Award. The Commission voted to consider publishing it after certain revisions were made in the manuscript. Once the final revised manuscript is submitted the Committee will consider publishing options.

Chairman of the Committee is Dr. Donald J. Senese. Other members of the committee include Carol Friedman, Mayo Stuntz, Edith Sprouse, and Elise Murray.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

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

Mayo Stuntz provides an annual talk to the combined third graders, 105 students, at Flint Hill Elementary School. He spoke to a group of Falls Church senior citizens group at their church, addressed Historic Vienna, Inc. meeting in Vienna, served as a featured speaker for the annual meeting of the Association of Northern Virginia Historians, and appeared for a talk at the "Year of the Book" meeting in Charlottesville, Va. discussing the book he and Mrs. Stuntz authored, "This Was Virginia, 1900-1927," a collection of 494 photos from glass negatives take by J. Harry Shannon of the old Washington Star newspaper.

Milburn P. Sanders served as the guest speaker in the March 1999 meeting of the Cedars (senior citizens) meeting, sponsored by the Great Falls United Methodist Church. He gave a brief history of the mini-communities, which preceded the Great Falls Community.

Jack Hiller spent approximately 30 clock hours of presentations to 16 different groups from September 1998 to May 1999. He spoke to the Fairfax County Public Schools Social Studies Chairman urging the promotion of local history in the classroom, and the Rotary Club of Tysons Corner about the new historic markers program. Most of his other presentations were slide lectures about Fairfax County history or archaeology made to groups ranging from fifth graders to high school students to university students. Topics included: "How An Archaeologist Seeks Truth," an exercise in classifying 18th century artifacts; "The History of Belvoir Manor and the Fairfax Proprietary;" "Murder at the Mill: My Search for William H. Keene," a first-hand account of the documentary search for the history of Keene's Mill and its proprietor; "Oak Grove: The House that John H. Broders Built," an examination of how the changing architecture of a house reflected the lives of the people who built it and the people who lived in it for approximately 170 years as revealed in documents and archaeology; and "The Hidden History of Hidden Pond Park," a review of what the documents and archaeology reveal about a park in West Springfield that has been allowed to return to its natural state.

BUDGET

**Fairfax County History Commission
Income and Expenses
FY 1998 and FY 1999**

	<u>FY 1998</u>	<u>FY 1999</u>
Beginning Balance July 1	\$49,712	\$66,377
Revenues:		
Fairfax County	\$26,022	\$26,022
Interest Earned	835	708
Total, Revenues	<u>\$26,857</u>	<u>\$26,730</u>
Total Available	\$76,569	\$93,107
Operating Expenses	\$10,192	\$31,001
Ending Balance September 30	<u>\$66,377</u>	<u>\$62,106</u>

Major expenditures in FY 1999 include the final payment for *The Preservation of History in Fairfax County, Virginia*, historic markers and archeology grants. The ending balance includes funds accrued for ongoing programs such as the historic marker, heritage awards and inventory of historic sites programs. Funds have also been set aside for the completion of publications projects.

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.

"The Fairfax County History Commission was the recipient of the International History Week's 1999 Award for Humanitarian Service, presented in a public ceremony on Capitol Hill, October 20, 1999."

Jack Hiller judged student projects relating to History Day at Springfield Estates Elementary School.

Edith Sprouse attended a week-long conference on Preservation and Restoration in Williamsburg, Va. in February, 1999; represented the History Commission at the Lorton Station development; served as liaison with Jenee Lindner of Supervisor Dana Kauffman's office on Lee District historic sites and provided regular information on the activities of the History Commission to the newsletter Courier, the publication of the Association of Northern Virginia Historians. For the first time, activities of the Commission were extensively carried

and individual members contributed articles, bringing the activities of the Fairfax History Commission to the attention of historians throughout the Northern Virginia area. She is one of the most active committee members serving on the Publications, Historic Markers, and Ethnic Committees.

Guinevere S. Jones has been actively involved in soliciting information on African-American landowners, businesses, churches, and schools throughout the area for the African-American trail and map project.

Naomi Zeavin and Donald Senese are active members of the Capitol Hill Civil War Roundtable. Ms. Zeavin also serves on its board of directors.

Naomi Zeavin is active in building a memorial in Poland in her father's home town of Augustow to the Holocaust victims and all the Jewish families who once lived there. The memorial was built of representative gravestones in the old cemetery, which had been destroyed. The local government hosted a ceremony for the dedication. The video made of the history of the town is featured in the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D. C. and the Yod Vashim, a museum featuring the Holocaust in Israel.

Elise Murray belongs to numerous local, state and national archaeological, historic and preservation organizations including the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia, Friends of Huntley, the Preservation Alliance of Northern Virginia, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Friends of Montpelier, and the Historical Society of Fairfax County.

Reverend Clinton Austin participated in the wreath laying ceremony at Mount Vernon, both at the George Washington Tomb and the Slave Memorial on February 22.

Karen Washburn and Elise Murray attended the Preservation Alliance of Virginia Annual Conference in Lexington, Virginia on April 9 and 10.

Jack Hiller and Elise Murray attended the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference in Washington, D.C. on October 19 through 23.

Suzanne Rehder has worked extensively with Clifton preservation activities and has worked with the residents of Fairfax Station Historic District in problem solving and fact finding regarding commercial development in the Historic District.

Carol Drake Friedman serves as president of the Historic Centreville Society, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of western Fairfax County history and is editor and publisher of The Millrace, a quarterly publication featuring news and original articles on western Fairfax County history.

Mayo Stuntz participated in book signings in Vienna, Occoquan, and Fairfax City for the book he and his wife, Connie, authored This Was Virginia, 1900-1927.

Milburn Sanders prepared documentation for the following sites which were added to the Fairfax County Inventory: The Washington, Great Falls and Dranesville Highway Company western toll gate house at 9404 Georgetown Pike; The Forestville Colored School at 710 Walker Road; The Jefferson School at Beach Mill Road and Goldsmith Lane. He worked at the Fairfax County History Commission table at the Fairfax Fair. He assisted in the preparation and assembly of local history displays including Fire Department History at Fire Prevention Week Open House, Great Falls; Great Falls Grange Days; and Great Falls Old School Days.

He assisted members of the Smiths Chapel United Methodist Church in the documentation and presentation of their church history to prepare for the placement of a marker. He served on two local committees including Preparation for A Day Honoring George Washington, in Great Falls Park (a September, 1999 date to be selected) and Preparation of A History of The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department for their fiftieth anniversary.

Sue Patterson has served for 12 years as a member of the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Advisory Committee, 16 years as a member of the League of Women Voters (including past president of the Alexandria chapter), Treasurer of the Fairfax Genealogical Society (and a member since 1989) and recently published "Fletchers Chapel United Methodist Church 150th Anniversary 1849-1999." She has been working with members of the Laurel Grove Baptist Church in Franconia to add their Church to the inventory.

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.

Reverend Clinton Austin—He has resided in the Mount Vernon District since 1971. He has been active in community and civic affairs where he was instrumental in organizing the Gum Springs Historical Society and served as its first president. He has a B.S. in mathematics, a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) from Florida A and M University, Wesley Theological Seminary and Howard University, respectively. He serves as Senior Minister of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. A member of the History Commission since 1986, he has served one term as president.

Kenneth L. Bonner Sr—no information submitted

Daniel J. Cragg—He is a native of Rochester, New York and is presently a resident of Springfield, Virginia. He earned a B.A. in English (Summa) from the University of Maryland and after a career with the U.S. Army he retired in 1980 as a Sergeant Major. He is the author of numerous books including *Inside the VC and the NVA* (with Michael Lee Lanning), a study of the Communist soldier in Vietnam, and the *Starfist* science fiction series (with David Sherman). He is currently an analyst for the U.S. Defense Department.

Donn D. Dears—He is the newest member of the Fairfax County History Commission. He is especially interested in maintaining and preserving the integrity of America's institutions and the history surrounding them. After a thirty-five year career he retired as a senior executive from the General Electric Company. He is currently serving a second term as an elected member of the Reston Association, a homeowner's association and is the author of *The Entrepreneur as CEO*. He previously served on the Joint Subcommittee on Technology and Science from the Commonwealth of Virginia. He serves on the Advisory Committee to the Joint Commission on Technology and Science and on Representative Tom Davis's Committee to interview candidates seeking a nomination to the United States Naval Academy and to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Carol Drake Friedman—She 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 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. She currently serves as President of the Fairfax County History Commission.

Jack L. Hiller—He lives in West Springfield and has been a member of the history Commission since 1981. Hiller holds a bachelor's degree in history from the College of William and Mary ('53), a master's in education from the University of Virginia ('66), and a master's 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 the 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. Hiller chairs the Historic Marker Committee.

Guinevere Jones—She has resided in the Mount Vernon District since 1977. She has an undergraduate degree in history and a graduate degree in art history. She has taught history in the middle and high schools of Fairfax County for over 25 years and serves on the Teacher Advisory Board of the Corcoran Gallery of Art as well as serving as a program consultant for two of the museum's exhibitions. She has served as coordinator and lecturer at programs for the Smithsonian Associates.

Eileen Lehman—She is a resident of Reston, Virginia and has been a member of the History Commission since January 1998. She is a graduate of Dunbarton College and has a Master's degree from The George Washington University. She has taught at Marymount College and has served in the U.S. Department of Education (educational personnel development). She has authored or co-authored several journal articles as well as education directories. She has served on the Board of the Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia, and has done public relations for the company, as well as Le Neon, the French-American Theatre. She has also answered the hotline for victims of abuse, as well as serving as a volunteer at historic Kenmore. As a five-year county volunteer in archaeology, she has most recently dug at the Lorton site, and is currently Vice President of the Northern Virginia Chapter, Archaeology Society of Virginia. She serves as chairman of the License Plate Committee.

Elise Murray—She lives in Reston and has been a member of the Commission since 1983. She earned a BA in history from the University of Virginia and took 18 hours of anthropology courses with an emphasis on archaeology. She is devoted to both 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, National Economic Research Associates, working on anti-trust and commercial matters. She served as Chairman of the Commission in 1988 and 1989 and worked on the Commission's finances and budget submissions since 1986. She currently serves as Treasurer of the Commission, a position she has held since 1990.

Sue L. Patterson—She 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 had 24 years of experience working for the federal government including work with the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. She has spent over 20 years researching family history in the southeastern USA.

Suzanne Rehder—She has a B.A. degree in history and a masters degree in library science. She has been a member of the History Commission since 1994 and has served as Vice Chairman of the Commission. She is Regional Branch Manager of the Fairfax City Regional Library. She represents the Springfield District and lives in the Beckwith House, the oldest home in Clifton. She has been active in preservation activities in Clifton including the Clifton Oral History Project and chairs the Fairfax History Commission's Awards Committee.

Milburn Sanders—He 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 U.S. Navy 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) and has served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Fairfax County History Commission.

Donald Senese—He has been a member of the Commission since 1985. He received a Bachelors in history from Loyola University (Chicago) and a masters and doctorate in history from the University of South Carolina. He has 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 teaches a course in Congressional Office Operations for the U.S. Department of Agricultural Graduate School. He is 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 is employed as a lobbyist and is 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.

David Shepherd—He is 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 has authored articles on the army planning system and Vietnam's national police.

Edith Sprouse—She has been a member of the History Commission since 1969. 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 serves 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 is a volunteer with Fairfax County Archeology Laboratory and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.

Mayo S. Stuntz—He 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. 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). He speaks to school and civic groups regularly, is the unofficial "historian" of the town of Vienna, and has been president of the Flint Hill Cemetery Association in Oakton for 40 years.

Karen Washburn—She 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, and currently serves as Board member of Friends of Balch Library for Genealogy and History (Leesburg); Chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee of Great Falls Association; History Representative for Virginia Department of Transportation, Traffic Calming Study, Georgetown Pike; and Chairman of the History Committee of the Fairfax County Millennium Committee. She is presently the Vice Chairman of the Commission as well as the Chairman of the Historic Easement Committee.

Richard R. Willich—He was born in Chicago, Illinois. He received a B.A. Degree from Ripon College and a Masters Degree in Finance from Pepperdine University. He is a retired Marine Lieutenant Colonel and is actively involved with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He serves on the Board of Trustees of Ripon College. He has been involved in historical education, notably as an expert on the U.S. Civil War. He founded the Manassas Battlefield Commemorative Society and has been active in historic restoration including the Stone House at Manassas. He currently serves as President of Medical Development International, a major health care provider.

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