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Dear Madam Chairman and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Fairfax County History Commission is pleased to present to you our annual report. We have been very active in the last year with numerous noteworthy achievements, a few of which are mentioned below.

Web site Committee, Donald Senese, Chairman. This committee worked with the County's Department of Planning and Zoning to redesign the site. It is now up and running as a part of the Fairfax County web site, (http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/visitors/history/histcomm).

Publications Committee, Donald Senese, Chairman. In May 2001 the History Commission published a study of the Fairfax County Courthouse by Dr. Donald M. Sweig of the Fairfax County Park Authority. Three more publications recording Fairfax County history will be available soon.

Historic Marker Committee, Jack Hiller, Chairman. The History Commission has approved four new historic markers that will all be in place soon. They are, Benvenue, Waple's Mill, the Cross Farmhouse, and Odricks Corner.

Heritage Awards Committee, Robert Beach, Chairman. This committee has retroactively awarded the 2000 Nan Netherton Heritage Award to Timothy Davis for a monograph on the story of the building of the Mount Vernon Memorial Parkway. They also have awarded the 200l Nan Netherton Heritage Award to Donald C. Hakenson for This Forgotten Land: A Tour of Civil War Sites and Other Historical Landmarks South of Alexandria, Virginia.

Fairfax County is rich in historic resources. The members of the History Commission are committed to the promotion of preservation activities that will ensure the continuation of these historic resources for future generations. We want to express our deep appreciation to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for your financial and legislative support.

Sincerely,

Karen Washburn

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Chairman

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## AWARDS PROGRAMS

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. This year, we are pleased to present the 2000 Nan Netherton Heritage Award retroactively to Timothy Davis for an essay on the development of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, *Mount Vernon Memorial Highway: Changing Conceptions of an American Commemorative Landscape*. Tim Davis, an historian for the Historic American Engineering Record, a division of the National Park Service that focuses on documenting America's engineering and industrial heritage, received his Ph.D. from the American Civilization Program at the University of Texas at Austin, where he wrote his dissertation on the evolution of the American parkway, with a special focus on the development of George Washington Memorial Parkway. The prize-winning essay is a synopsis of this larger work. We are also pleased to present the 2001 Nan Netherton Award to Donald C. Hakenson for *This Forgotten Land: A Tour of Civil War Sites and Other Historical Landmarks South of Alexandria, Virginia*. Mr. Hakenson, a Franconia resident who conducts Mosby tours for the Stuart/Mosby Historical Society, upon discovering that nothing had been written on the subject of what had happened in the southeastern part of Fairfax County during the Civil War, pulled together bits and pieces of information from official records, regimental histories, maps, cemeteries and interviews to create a driving tour with directions and maps covering a loop between Fort Lyon and Mason Neck, Beulah Street and Franconia Road. Armchair historians, thanks to colorful anecdotes and plentiful illustrations, may as easily enjoy the tour.

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 Carol Drake Friedman.

## ETHNIC COMMITTEE

At the December 4, 2000, meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Ethnic Committee launched 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 are included. The Jack and Jill of America Foundation and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities awarded the

project grants totaling $10,5000. The map has been distributed throughout the County with an enthusiastic response.

The committee includes Edith Sprouse and Charles Wroblewski assisted by Barbara Naef of the Fairfax County Park Authority and was chaired by Guin Jones who stepped down from the Commission this fall.

## HISTORIC MARKERS

In 1998 the History Commission embarked on a new program to partially fulfill its chartered mandate to "promote public interest in all matters bearing on the history of Fairfax County." The Commission established a historic roadside marker program similar to that sponsored by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. The design of the county markers has a unique appearance. In addition to the attractive county seal placed at the crest of the two-sided cast aluminum sign, the buff and dark blue colors where taken from George Washington's Fairfax Militia uniform. The markers are 42 inches wide and 30 inches high and stand on a ten-foot metal post.

Prior to 1998, the Commission helped fund state markers on an ad hoc basis. The Commission agreed to fund up to three markers per year—either state or county markers. Since 1998, three state markers have been put up by the Commission: Camp Alger on Arlington Boulevard near Thomas Jefferson Library, Ft. Lyon at Huntington Metro Station and Colchester on Richmond Highway (Route 1). Seven county markers have been put up at the following locations:

- Keene's Mill on Huntsman Boulevard in West Springfield.
- Springfield Station at the Springfield VRE station on Hechinger Drive.
- Price's Ordinary at Backlick and Braddock Roads.
- Bailey's Crossroads at the Crossroads Shopping Center.
- Rose Hill on Rose Hill Drive near the John Marshall Library.
- Franconia at the Lee District Government Center on Franconia Road.
- Waple's Mill on Waple's Mill Road near the entrance to Waple's Glenn subdivision.

Three additional county markers have been received and are in the process of being put up:

- Benvenue will be placed on the house property on Churchill Road in McLean.
- The Cross Farmhouse will be placed on a walking path around the farmhouse in the Wynmar Development on Walney Park Drive.
- Odrick's Corner will be placed along a walking/bicycle path at the intersection of Lewinsville and Spring Hill Roads in the McLean area.

In the three years since the first Fairfax county historic marker was put up at Keene's Mill public interest in the program increased. Some of the state and local markers installed have been fully or partially funded by private sources. For example, Barnum & Bailey & Ringling Brothers Circus paid for the county Bailey's Crossroads marker. The McLean Chapter of the American Association of Retired People funded Benvenue. The Waple family partially funded the Waple's Mill marker. The Cross Farmhouse marker was fully funded by the Edgemoore Investment Group, developers of the Wynmar Community, as part of a proffer to modify zoning requirements. More such proffers can be expected from builders who seek zoning changes for properties of historic significance.

While the 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 an accurate and readable text to the full History Commission. Members serving on the marker committee are: Dan Cragg, Elise Murray, Sue Patterson, Edith Sprouse and the Chairman is Jack L. Hiller.

## 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. In conjunction with our staff advisor, Bruce Kriviskey, Department of Planning and Zoning, each member of the History Commission is working to update the county's Inventory of Historic Sites. Unfortunately, unlike the summer of 2000, this year no college students accepted our offer to work on updating information on sites already in the inventory and on creating the research and documentation for sites to be added. We are now exploring other options.

## WEB SITE

The Fairfax County History Commission's newly redesigned website is up and running as a part of the Fairfax County website (http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/visitors/history/histcomm). Creation of the new website was a collaborative effort between the History Commission's website committee (Carol Friedman, Karen Washburn, David Shepherd and Don Senese) and the County's Departments of Planning & Zoning (Bruce Kriviskey and Alison Kriviskey), Public Affairs (Cathy Lemmon) and Information Technology (Lisa Cole), along with volunteer Paula Elsey. This website will enable visitors to keep up to date with the activities of the History Commission. The website will be updated regularly and will be an especially valuable communications tool for spreading the word about our newest publications.

## ARCHEOLOGY GRANTS

One grant was for Nancy Anthony, a contract archeologist with Greenhorne & O'Mara, to supervise field and laboratory work associated with the completion of the Lorton Town Center project on an interim basis. Vicki Monken also received a grant to perform data entry for the same project.

## PUBLICATIONS

In May 2001 the History Commission published a study of the Fairfax County Courthouse. This study, as researched and presented by Dr. Donald M. Sweig, of the Fairfax County Park Authority, was first delivered as a lecture *Courts Were Appointed in Convenient Places* on April 8, 2000 as part of the official Fairfax County and Fairfax City ceremonies commemorating the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of the Fairfax Court in the Fairfax County Courthouse in 1800. Pictures of the courthouse and other historical illustrations are included along with the text of the lecture. This informative book is free and can be obtained by calling Fairfax County's Maps and Publications Sales Office at 703-324-2974.

Three other publications of great significance to Fairfax County history will be available soon:

The first, a monumental study by renowned local historians Ross and Nan Netherton entitled *The Preservation of History in Fairfax County, Virginia*, will be published early in 2002. Begun almost ten years ago, this work traces the history of the Fairfax County History Commission since its origins 30 years ago. This study is not only a descriptive analysis of the work of the Commission, but it also includes extensive information on development in Fairfax County and reviews the work of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Park Authority as well. In many respects, this study has the additional value of serving as a blueprint for other jurisdictions and historical societies working with historic preservation and development. University Press of America/Rowman and Littlefield is publishing *The Preservation of History in Fairfax County, Virginia*. Nan and Ross Netherton were recipients of the second Joseph L Harsh Award for their contribution to the preservation and interpretation of history in Northern Virginia.

The second, a more narrowly focused study, *The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill)*, will be available in early 2002. This book is the expansion of a slideshow by Charles V. Mauro, which received the History Commission's Nan Netherton Heritage Award in 1999 for historical research and writing. This lively account of this little known, yet pivotal, Civil War battle fought in the aftermath of the Battle of Second Manassas (Bull Run) includes numerous photographs that help to place the modern reader in the historic Civil War landscape. Also considered is the September 1862 battle's impact upon the local families. Mr. Mauro brings this study forward in time by exploring the interesting, yet sometimes conflicted, history behind the various commemorative markers, monuments and ceremonies honoring those who died on the western edge of Fairfax County.

Western Fairfax County has been one of the neglected areas in local history. In addition to *The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill)*, the History Commission is further filling this void with a third publication, *Stone Ground: A History of Union Mills*. The manuscript began with four separate studies of the area and has been in process since the early 1990s.

A colonial-era settlement that never quite coalesced into a town, Union Mills nonetheless contributed much to both our county's and our country's history. Its residents fought in the War of 1812 and their descendants saw the neighborhood become occupied territory during the Civil War. The mining of soapstone carries through as an industry from prehistoric times to the early 1900s. A good location for mills, disrupted by the coming of the Orange & Alexandria Railroad and then further bypassed by the growing town of Clifton, Union Mills was last known as the site of Ivakota Farm, a Progressive Era home for wayward girls. *Stone Ground: A History of Union Mills*, edited by Paula Elsey, will be published in February 2002.

The publications have made possible by the diligent work of the Publications Committee including Mayo Stuntz, Edith Sprouse, Elise Murray, Carol Friedman and Karen Washburn. The most recent member is Lynne Garvey Hodge.

The Publications Committee works with the members of the Commission as well as scholars and the Fairfax community and public officials to identify and publish information useful to understanding and appreciating the history of Fairfax County.

## BUDGET

**Fairfax County History Commission**
**Income and Expenses**

**FY 2001 and Estimated FY 2002**

| | FY 2001 | Estimated FY 2002 |
|---|---|---|
| Beginning Balance July 1 | $75,260 | $81,701 |
| Revenues: | | |
| Fairfax County | $26,022 | $26,022 |
| Interest Earned | 556 | -- |
| Total, Revenues | $26,564 | $26,022 |
| Total Available | $101,838 | $107,723 |
| Operating Expenses | $20,137 | $107,723 |
| Ending Balance June 30 | $81,701 | $0 |

Major expenditures in FY 2001 included 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.

## SPEAKER'S BUREAU

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

Milburn Sanders spoke at a meeting of the Freedom Hill DAR. His subject was Matildaville, the ghost town in Great Falls Park.

Jack L. Hiller traveled approximately 480 miles and made 22 presentations on Fairfax County history and archaeology, totaling approximately 25 hours, between January and November 2001. His audiences range from elementary school to senior high school students to senior citizens groups, veterans organizations, civic associations and the general public. He delivered a series of talks on selected topics of Fairfax history to the Oakton-Vienna Shepard's Center in April and May. He spoke to docents in training at Gunston Hall on two occasions. Hiller also volunteers as a docent at George Mason's home. For the past three years he has participated actively with the Fairfax Park Authority archaeology staff in conducting a field school for teachers. Part of his assignment is to prepare materials on Fairfax County for teachers to use in the classroom.

Mayo Stuntz spoke on Fairfax history to the Oakton-Vienna Shepard's Center and on General Dunn and Dr. Loring to the Dunn Loring Citizens' Association.

## 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.

Bob Heittman and Sue Patterson co-chair a community committee to establish a Franconia Museum. The effort, assisted by Edith Sprouse is receiving excellent support from the Lee District Supervisor and staff. They are sponsoring "Story Swaps" about the Franconia area in the spring and fall to give the community an opportunity to talk about their history. 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.

Bob Heittman created a logo, which was produced as a commemorative medal presented to guests at the dedication of the Veterans Bridge in Springfield, Virginia during a very memorable Veterans Day Nov 11, 2001.

Sue Patterson has served for 14 years as a member of the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Advisory Committee, 18 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 recently published "Fletchers Chapel United Methodist Church 150th Anniversary 1849-1999." She presented two historical sites for approval as historical markers by the History Commission in Lee District. She made several presentations to community groups about the history of Franconia.

Milburn Sanders prepared historical displays and was present to answer questions on the subject for the Great Falls Volunteer Department Open House and for the Great Falls Old School Days and Grange Days.

Milburn Sanders selected pictures of Great Falls houses about 100 years old, prepared captions with brief background; edited text, in preparation for Great Falls Historical Society 2001 calendar.

Edith Sprouse 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. She is one of the most active committee members serving on the Publications, Historic Markers and Ethnic Committees. Edith also spends many hours analyzing and cataloging historical archeological artifacts for the County Archeological Services on a volunteer basis.

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 has done research about the Bailey family of Bailey's Crossroads, which has led to an article and a historic marker. Her research was the basis for the Fairfax County historic marker for Bailey's Crossroads paid for by Field Entertainment, the owners of Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey. The marker was dedicated on March 27, 2001 with a great amount of hoopla, including members of the Bailey family, politicians, school children, a ringmaster and clowns.

As a further result of Naomi Zeavin's efforts three new state historic markers have been added to the Civil War Trail in the Bailey's Crossroads area. The markers for Fort Buffalo, Mason's Hill and Civil War Engagements at Bailey's Crossroads were dedicated on May 8, 2001 at the Mason District Government Center.

Naomi Zeavin attended the National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference in Providence, Rhode Island in October 2001.

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, the Preservation Alliance of Virginia and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This year she was elected to the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Fairfax County.

Elise Murray attended the Latrobe Chapter of Architectural Historians biennial conference on Washington area architecture.

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 43 years.

## 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 the 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 chairman.

**Robert E. Beach**—He 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**—She 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 Vice President of Lorton Heritage Society, Inc. and a Life Member, Past President and Past Secretary of Historic Stafford, Inc. 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 is closed.

**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 and will serve as Vice Chairman of the Commission next year.

**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 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.

**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 has served on the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission since its inception. He is an officer of the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations and the Land Use and Transportation Committee. He resides in the Franconia area and has lived in Northern Virginia since the late 1960's. He is 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.

**Jack Lewis Hiller**—He lives in West Springfield and has been a member of the Fairfax County 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. He is also a volunteer docent at Gunston Hall, the home of George Mason. Hiller chairs the History Commission's Historic Marker Committee.

**Lynne Garvey Hodge**—She is a resident of Clifton. She has been the president of her own management consulting company for the past 15 years and has served in leadership positions within the community. She has a particular interest in historic preservation of the Town of Clifton, as a resident living in a historic home on Main Street. She received her BFA from the University of Colorado in 1975 and her MPA with a major in Human Resources from the University of Colorado in 1980. In addition to her consulting work, she enjoys creating pen & ink, watercolor and calligraphy designs. Her work has been commissioned and used by George Mason University, the National Capital Presbytery and Burke Presbyterian Church.

**Guinevere Jones**—She stepped down from the Commission this fall. 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.

**Esther W. McCullough**—She grew up in Longview, Texas and received her Bachelor of Science in Clothing and Textiles from North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas). When she could not find information on the history of African-Americans of the county after moving here in 1996, she started research on a brochure, which was recently published by the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (of which she is vice president) in cooperation with the Fairfax County Economic Authority Associations. The brochure, "The African-American Sites in Fairfax County before 1900," will be placed in hotels and visitor's centers and used as a teaching tool.

**Elise Ruff 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 in 1979 and also took 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 outside economic consultant, National Economic Research Associates, working on anti-trust and commercial litigation matters. She served as Chairman of the Commission in 1988 and 1989 and has 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.

**David L. Olin**—He 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. David is a Fellow of the American Institute for Conservation and currently serves as President of Great Falls Heritage, Inc., Vice President to the Great Falls Citizen's Association and is on the board of directors for the Washington Conservation Guild. 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 and accepted the Noland award for excellence in preservation from the AIA, Va. Society. 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 Archives, the Architect of the Capital and DC Commission on the Arts. David has published numerous articles and lectured on art conservation. He is currently restoring, to period, an 1890's house in the Colvin Run Historic district and is active in researching and preserving the history of that and other Great Falls historic resources.

**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 26 years of experience working for the federal government; she is presently with the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. She has spent over 20 years researching family history in the southeastern USA.

**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 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), serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the William Watters Foundation and has served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Fairfax County History Commission.

**Donald Senese**—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, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothcary Museum in Alexandria and at Gunston Hall.

**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. 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). 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, as a Board member of Friends of Balch Library for Genealogy and History (Leesburg) and as Chairman of the History Committee of the Fairfax County Millennium Committee. She currently serves 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; She is presently the Chairman of the Commission as well as the Chairman of the Historic Easement Committee.

**Charles J. Wroblewski**—He 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. He is presently President of the Evergreen Heights Community Association. He is currently Vice Chairman of the History Commission and will serve as Chairman next year.

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