

Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War

FOOTSTEPS OF FAIRFAX TRAIL

QUESTIONS

Please record your answers on the official *Footsteps of Fairfax Trail Answer Sheet* and return with the patch/medal order form.

PART 1

Frying Pan Meeting House

An “Old School” Baptist meeting house used by free blacks and slaves who worshiped here with local families. During the Civil War it was used as a picket post by both sides.

1. How many members were there in 1840? (Marker)

Sully Historic Site

Sully was completed in 1799 by Richard Bland Lee, the first US Congressman to represent Northern Virginia, and General Robert E. Lee’s uncle.



Visit the grounds and answer the following question:

2. Why were the women of Sully, who were operating the farms, “Alone in Dixie?”(Sign)

Walney Visitor Center

Walney suffered extensive damage during the Civil War, as troops from both sides traveled across the farm. On June 24, 1864, John S. Mosby’s command attacked elements of the 16th New York Cavalry here and captured Thomas P. “Boston” Corbett, who would later kill Abraham Lincoln’s assassin John Wilkes Booth.

3. Walney Dairy (behind the Visitor Center). After the Civil War, what three things made it hard for the family to continue operating the dairy? (Sign)

Ox Hill Battlefield

This is Fairfax County's only major Civil War battlefield. After the battle of Second Manassas/Bull Run, on September 1, 1862, Stonewall Jackson's Confederates fought Union troops at Ox Hill. Union Generals Stevens and Kearney were killed here.



Follow the interpretive path around the park and answer the following questions.

4. Whose body did Robert E. Lee send to the Union lines under a flag of truce?
5. What kind of stone marks where General Stevens fell?
6. What major campaign started as the Confederate troops left this area?

Old Stone Church, Church of the Ascension

The Old Stone Church was first designated a Union Army surgical hospital, handling casualties from the battles of Blackburn's Ford, First and Second Manassas/Bull Run.

7. What year was the church built? (Sign)

Hunter Mill Road Historical Markers

The junction of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad and Hunter Mill Road was very active during the Civil War.

8. In 1864, what author was invited by Col. Charles Lowell to join in a scouting mission in search of Mosby and his rangers? (Strategic Junction Sign)
9. What famous classic book did the author write?
10. What railroad was completed past this point in 1860? (Hunter Mill Sign)

Freeman House Store

This historic site was a polling place for the secession vote, served as quarters for Union officers, and was used as a hospital by both sides during the war.



11. What was kept in the cellar of the store by Union officers? (Sign)

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PART 2

Historic Blenheim

During the war, the home was used by the Union troops at various times as a hospital. During their stay here, many soldiers wrote their names and left other graffiti on the walls which are recreated in the museum or can be seen in the Blenheim house while on a guided tour.



12. What were the dates of the earliest and latest signatures of the soldiers? (Sign)

City of Fairfax Cemetery

Cemetery is up a slight hill.

Two and 1/3 acres of land for this cemetery was purchased in 1866 for \$225.00, "... as a burial place or cemetery for the re-interment of the bodies of such persons as the 'Ladies Memorial Association' of said County of Fairfax shall direct to be interred therein. Provided that in all cases such bodies shall be those of Confederate States' Soldiers, who fell in battle or died from wounds incident to and while they were in the service of the Confederate States, and who are now buried within the limits of said county, or who were citizens thereof at the time of death and are buried elsewhere..."

In 1888, the [Confederate Monument Association](#) was formed to erect a suitable monument to both the unknown Confederate dead buried in the cemetery and the Confederate soldiers from Fairfax who lay on battlefields far from home. In October 1890 the monument, designed and built by J. F. Manning Co. of Washington, D. C., was [officially dedicated](#).

13. How many names are under the category of Navy on the monument? (Obelisk)

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

The station was moved here from the Orange & Alexandria tracks south of its present location. The O&A was critical in sustaining Union Army operations from 1862-64.



14. Who ordered the railroad depot burned after Clara Barton and the last wounded soldiers were evacuated on the train? (Sign)

St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church

In 1862, the Church served as a field hospital after the Second Battle of Manassas. Clara Barton nursed the wounded and comforted them as they laid in the fields.



15. During the Skirmish at St. Mary's in 1864, what was the military branch of both the Union and the Confederates? (Sign) [choose infantry, cavalry or artillery]

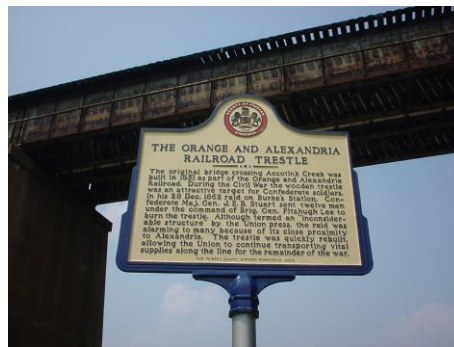
Burke's Station

This Orange & Alexandria Railroad station was raided by Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry during his 1862 "Christmas Raid."

16. What did J.E.B. Stuart complain to General Meigs about? (Historical Marker)

Lake Accotink Park, Orange & Alexandria Railroad Trestle

This trestle was targeted by Confederate forces that wanted to disrupt Union supply lines.



17. What general was ordered to burn the railroad trestle? (Marker)

You have completed the *Footsteps of Fairfax Trail*.