

Our History

Since 1969, Fairfax County has recognized historically significant buildings, sites, and objects.

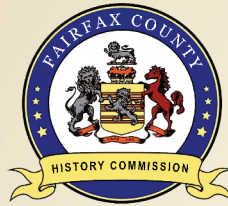
Changing architectural styles, building materials, and construction methods are represented in log houses built by colonial settlers, Georgian and Federal mansions of our Founding Fathers, Reconstruction-era schools and churches built by African Americans, post-World War II mid-century modern housing, and more.

Grist mills and bridges highlight engineering principles used in historic industrial buildings and transportation infrastructure.

Inventory sites connect us with the past, providing a sense of place that enriches our community.



*Dranesville Tavern, Elevation
Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS)
Courtesy, Library of Congress*



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Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites



Honoring Our Heritage
Since 1969

Nominations
Accepted



Green Springs, Alexandria, Va.

The Fairfax County History Commission was established by Fairfax County in 1969 during a period of preservation activism and awareness. The Commission helps identify, document, record, and preserve the County's historic past.

One of the Commission's first responsibilities was to establish the Inventory of Historic Sites.

The sites represent wide-ranging periods of history.

On Front:

*Dranesville Tavern**
Colvin Run Mill
Mount Gilead
Herndon Depot
Sydenstricker Schoolhouse
Gunston Hall
*Mount Vernon**
Lorton Prison Barrel Bridge
*Great Falls Grange**
Laurel Grove Schoolhouse
Spindle Sears House
Oak Hill

**HABS photo, Courtesy, Library of Congress*

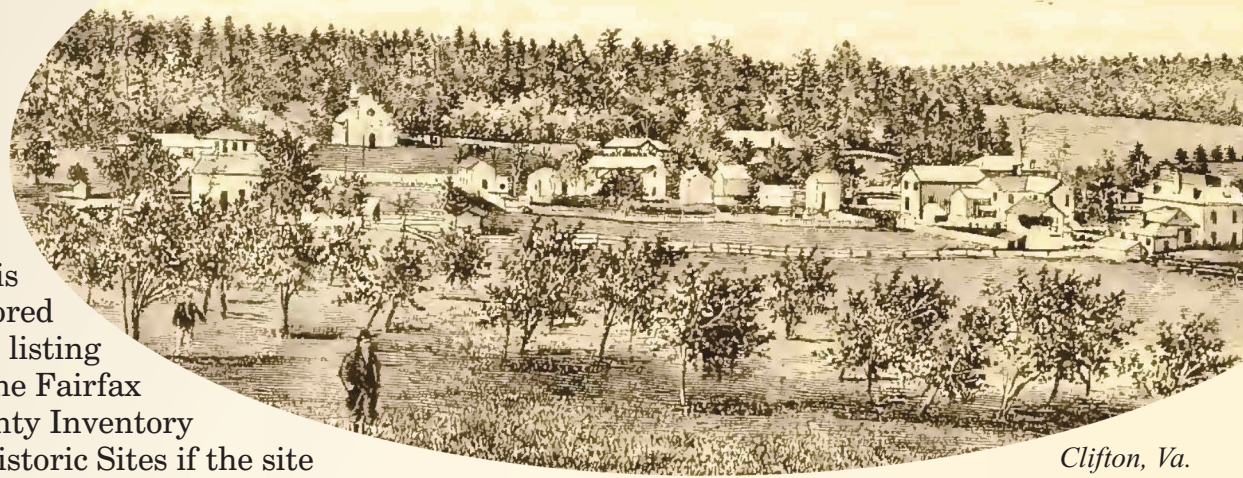
A site is honored with listing on the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites if the site was the location of a historical event, home of an influential person, architecturally significant, an archaeological site, culturally important, artistic, or locally significant.



Fairfax Arms, Colchester, Va., HABS photo, Courtesy, Library of Congress

For more information, including nomination forms and instructions, please visit:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/historic/inventory-historic-sites



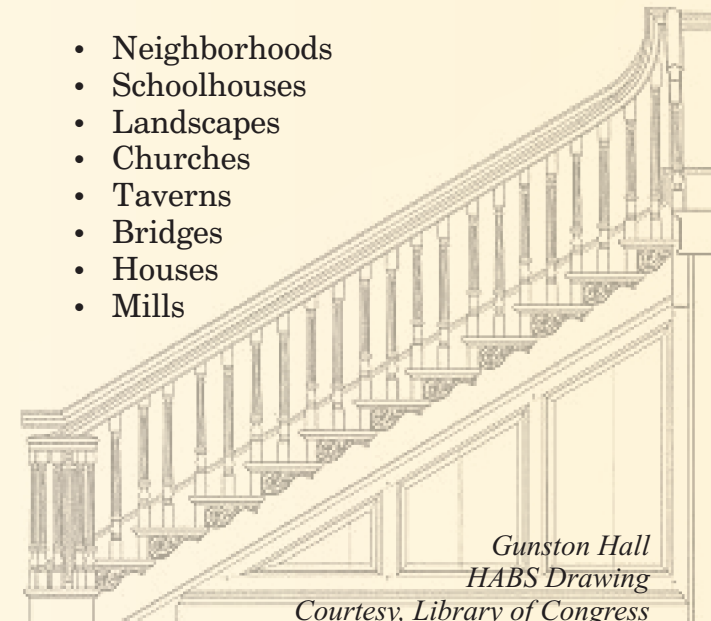
*Clifton, Va.
 Excursion Guide
 Virginia Midland Railroad, 1882
 Courtesy, Internet Archive*

Did you know?

Listing on the Inventory of Historic Sites is honorary and does not limit an owner's property rights. Sites are considered during land-use planning, and preservation is encouraged.

Types of sites include:

- Neighborhoods
- Schoolhouses
- Landscapes
- Churches
- Taverns
- Bridges
- Houses
- Mills



*Gunston Hall
 HABS Drawing
 Courtesy, Library of Congress*