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Singing Pines

by William Page Johnson, II



Singing Pines. The very name conjures up images of soft tranquil breezes blowing through peaceful pine forests. The sort of place you might want to visit. Well that is exactly what Singing Pines was, and, to some extent still is today.

Singing Pines was the home of the Frank R. Ford family. It was located at 10185 Main Street, where the Fairfax Christian Church now stands. It is also the name of the neighborhood bounded by Main Street on the north. Sager Avenue on the south. Roberts Road on the east and Locust Street on the west. Singing Pines was a large white frame structure completed in 1900. In addition to a private residence, during its life, Singing Pines was also a Tea Room, Boarding House and Nursing Home.

Frank R. Ford was the son of Fairfax merchant, Edward R. and Julia F. Ford. He was also the brother of Confederate Spy, Antonia Ford, and uncle of Virginia Lieutenant Governor, Joseph Edward Willard. He was married to Barbara Bigham of Baltimore, MD. Between 1895 and 1897, Frank purchased approximately 12-acres in 3 separate tracts and immediately began construction on a dwelling for his family.^{1, 2, 3} In 1900, he completed his residence and named it Singing Pines.⁴

Access to the new home was by means of a driveway off of Roberts Road to a carriage house. The carriage house still stands at 4018 Roberts Road, having been converted into a residence.⁵ A secondary driveway near the western boundary of the property provided direct access to Main Street.

The same year that Singing Pines was completed Frank was elected to the Fairfax Town Council. He was also appointed Cashier of the newly created National Bank of Fairfax. Sadly, Frank did not enjoy his new home for very long. In 1904, he suffered a stroke and died.⁶

After Frank's death, Barbara moved her children to Baltimore for a while. Their son, Frank R. Ford, Jr., remained in Baltimore and attended Johns Hopkins University. After



Singing Pines. 10185 Main St., Fairfax, VA. Built 1900. Photo c. 1955. Source: Virginia Room, Fairfax City Regional Library.

Fairfax, Virginia, January 2007-

Greetings from the President--



I would like to wish all of you the best for 2007. HFCI is planning a lot of activities for 2007 and here are some events which you may wish to keep in mind.

HFCI is planning to host "walking tours" of the City's historical sites with volunteer Board Members as docents. Hildie Carney, Board Member, will organize these walking tours and help write the scripts along with Susan Gray from our Museum for these tours. Included in the scripts will be "ghost stories" and "tales" of past residents. If you have any "ghost stories" or stories of past city residents please contact hcar31@aol.com. These tours will begin in the Spring. Look for the announcement on our website and in our Newsletter and make plans to join us on these tours for fun and information.

HFCI is planning its fifth Homes Tour to be held on May 5th. Six homes, in addition to the Gunnell House at Truro Church will be open for the Homes Tour. Please mark your calendars now for this event. We will have tickets available at the Museum in March. Look for the announcement at the Museum. We are asking businesses to donate to our Homes Tour by placing ads in our brochure. Also, individuals may make a donation to the Homes Tour and be listed in our brochure. We are also asking businesses and individuals to donate items for our raffle. Please contact Emily Tarbox at emily.tarbox@pulte.com for information on donations and advertising. All proceeds to HFCI.

The Ratcliffe Allison House is the City's oldest historic site. If you would like a tour of this House on weekdays, please contact our Museum or ring the bell at the RA House for a guided tour of this wonderful site. We also plan on having this historic site open on the "walking tours" of the city. Also, look for the RA House to be open more for touring at special events this year. It will be open for the Chocolate Lovers Festival.

HFCI is planning on taking oral histories of some of our "senior" residents. Oral histories from senior residents is invaluable and we would like to make a record of this information. If you would like to have HFCI talk to you about an oral history please contact Karen Stevenson at karencedar40@yahoo.com.

We would like to welcome our newest HFCI Board Member, Mike Pappas. Mike and Cindy live in their beautifully restored home on the corner of Chain Bridge Road and Stafford Street. This home will be one of the homes open on this year's Homes Tour on May 5th. Mike is interested in working on HFCI's Committee on Investigative Historic Properties. This Committee is responsible for looking at historic properties in the City which might face demolition.

Karen Stevenson

Getting To Know You

HFCI Board Member Eleanor "Ellie" D. Schmidt



Ellie Schmidt has been a very active HFCI Board member for over three years. She currently Chairs our Audit and Nominating Committees. She recently organized the semi-annual meeting featuring Edward Bearss, Historian Emeritus for the National Park Service. In addition, she has also volunteered at the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center and has been a docent at Civil War Days at Blenheim and a docent for our Homes Tour.

Ellie is a life long City of Fairfax resident and a graduate of Fairfax High School. She received a BA from the University of Missouri. She lives in Country Club Hills and is Executive Vice-President of Cardinal Bank.

Ellie has also been very active in other activities and events in the City of Fairfax. She is a member of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club of Fairfax (past President), the Independence Day Celebration Committee (former Chairman), Festival of Lights & Carols (former Chairman), the Downtown Fairfax Coalition and the 2020 Committee and the Industrial Development Authority.

Ellie's interest in preservation has made her a valuable member to HFCI's Board. We thank you Ellie for all you do for HFCI and the City of Fairfax. HFCI is richer for having Ellie on our Board.

“Outrages committed by the “Grand Army” in Fairfax county.

Fairfax C. H., Va., July 6.

To the Editors of the Dispatch:

Though full details of our recent glorious victories over the army of the so-called United States have been given to the public, I have seen no published account of the depredations committed by these Hessians on their march and retreat through this county. To mention each individual case would fill space too great for your columns. Never in the annals of the world did an invading army commit acts more horrible than did these hordes of the North. The house of Mr. Albert T. Willcoxon, a brick building recently erected and fitted up in handsome style, was entered by them, the window glass and sash almost entirely demolished, the doors torn from their hinges, the stair banister broken down, and the furniture not removed split to pieces. So with the handsome residence of Thos. R. Love, Esq., adjoining the village. Embraced in his loss, in addition, was a valuable law library, and the entire wearing apparel of himself and family. The law offices of Thomas J. Murray and Capt. Wm. H. Dulany were also entered, and the library and papers of each office destroyed. But few houses in the village escaped their vandalism — furniture cut and split up, beds opened and their contents scattered, mattresses stolen, wearing apparel appropriated to their own use, whole sets of china broken to atoms, preserves and canned fruits taken or destroyed, books stolen, papers torn up, groceries carried off, constitute the complaint of nearly every housekeeper, not only in the village, but all along the line of march.

The loss of Mr. Archer [Arthur] Broadwater will fall but little short of one thousand dollars. Every article of silver belonging to his family, and his family carriage, were taken. So with the residence of Mr. Geo. Baily. Even the tops of castors were taken, doubtless supposed to be silver. In his house his side-board, covered with cut-glass, was wantonly turned over in the floor and contents broken to atoms. Nor were the widow and orphan suffered to escape the fiendish and diabolical acts of these immaculate followers of old Abe and Fuss and Feathers. The cottage residence of Mrs. Beckly was entered, every article of furniture she owned broken and destroyed, and her home

left a perfect wreck or ruin. So with the furniture and provisions of Mrs. Colonel John Millan. Here they exhibited their fiendish purposes to the fullest extent, in the demolishing of furniture, breaking up of crockery and glassware, stealing bacon, and killing sheep and other stock. The residence of Col. James Thrift, now a Captain of Virginia volunteers, was an object of their peculiar hatred. Here a squad entered, and after searching for arms proceeded to break open drawers, steal coats, jewelry, towels, liquors and bacon, destroy papers, looking glasses, and such things as would gratify their fiendish purposes, leaving the house and yard strewn with the fragments of their work. The likeness of Capt. Thrift, taken when a Captain in the Mexican war, was stolen by them, but this has since been restored to him, having been taken from the haversack of one of the killed on the battlefield of the 21st.

I forgot to mention that the residence of Capt. M.D. Ball, at the Court-House, was made subject to their especial venom and vandalism. After destroying most of his goods, the residue were put up at auction and sold for mere nominal prices — the piano for two dollars, and beds for fifty cents. Nor did our merchants escape. The stores of E.R. Ford and John R. Taylor suffered most. The loss of the former is estimated at \$500, of the latter at \$1,500.

I have thus hastily given a few of the cases along the line of march of the Hessians through this county, to give an idea of the sufferings and loss of our people, and to exhibit to a Christian world the nature of the war being now waged by a so-called Christian President against a people who are acting on the defensive and fighting for the liberty of themselves, their families and firesides. No portion of our county, where a squad had time to reach before called off by the fight and inglorious retreat, escaped. All have suffered either in the loss of horses or servants to pressed into their service. It is due, however, to the slaves of this county to say that many, or a large proportion of them, have remained true and loyal to their owners, in many instances preserving their property by claiming it as their own. But for the servants of the writer of this, he would now be called to lament the loss of much which to him is invaluable. They did all he could ask.

A Sufferer.”

Source: *The Daily Dispatch*, August 9, 1861, Richmond, VA.

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earning his medical degree he had a long and distinguished career as a Neurologist with that institution.

In 1910, Barbara Ford returned to Fairfax. She sold Singing Pines and moved into a rented home.⁷ The new owners were Frederick W. & Millie L. Richardson. "F.W." Richardson was then the Fairfax County Circuit Court Clerk.⁸ In 1920, the Richardson's sold Singing Pines to Adelaide G. and Mary L. Lewis.⁹ The two sisters would call Singing Pines home for the next 28 years.



Dr. Frank Rodolph Ford, Jr. (1892-1970)
Photo courtesy Alan M. Chesney Medical Archives, Johns Hopkins University

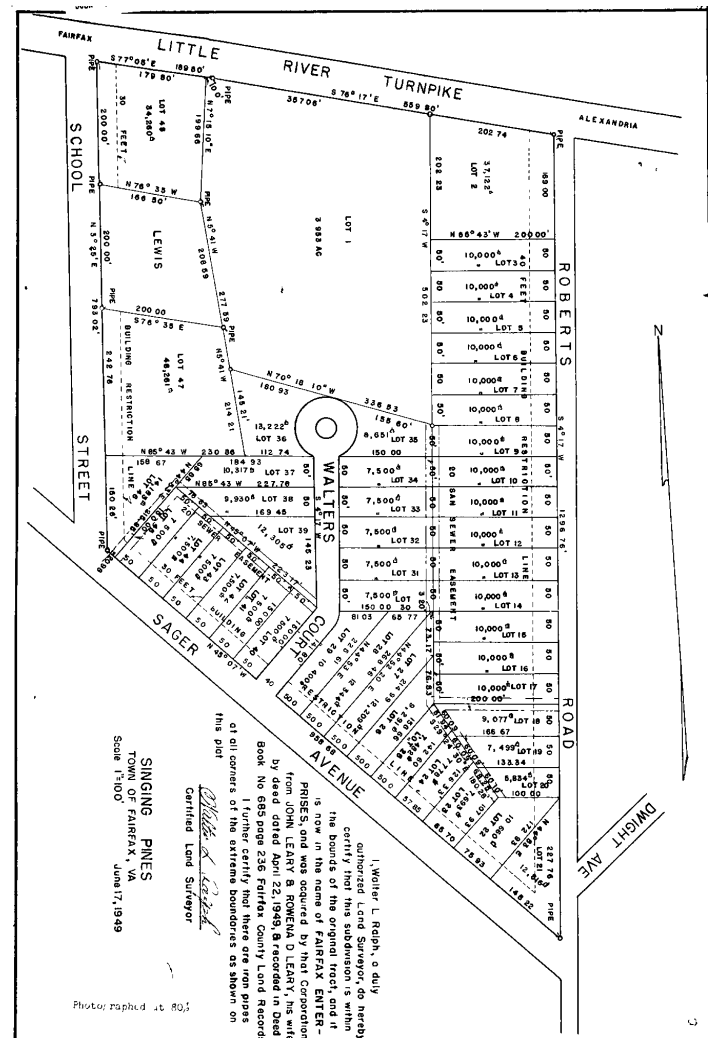
The Lewis sisters were originally from Lynchburg, VA. They had moved to Washington, DC to work for the War Department during World War I. Shortly after moving to Fairfax the two sisters opened the Singing Pines Tea Room in their new home.

Mrs. Thomas P. Chapman, Jr., entertained at a bridge tea on Monday at Singing Pines. Her guests included Mrs. John S. Barbour, Mrs. Paul E. Brown, Mrs. N. Peyton Young, Mrs. Joseph C. Bennett, Mrs. Wilbert T. Woodson, Mrs. Frederick M. Everly, Mrs. Amos Chilcott, Mrs. Lenning Sweet, Mrs. Wilson M. Farr, Mrs. Robert D. Graham, Miss Virginia Eaton, Mrs. G. Raymond Huffard, Mrs. Ronald Blake, Mrs. F. Norvell Larkin, Mrs. George B. Robey, Mrs. James E. Nickell, Mrs. Walter T. Oliver, Jr., Miss Roberdeau Allison and Miss Mary Blake, all of Fairfax; Miss Mary Moore, of Aldie; Mrs. John Harrison Ruff, of Oakton, and Mrs. Thomas M. Henderson, of Chantilly. Miss Moore and Mrs. Paul C. Kincheloe presided at the tea table.

Washington Post, January 17, 1937, p. S10.

Tea rooms were a phenomenon of early 20th century America. They first made their appearance at the turn of the century and exploded across the country in the 1920s. Most were owned and operated by women. As such, they were cozy, festive, and inviting, places where women could gather to celebrate their new found independence and creativity. Sparked by the Suffragist movement, Prohibition, and the rise of the automobile, tea rooms laid the groundwork for the modern small restaurant and forever changed the way America would dine out.

The Lewis sisters quickly assimilated into Fairfax society. They joined the Fairfax Garden Club, of which organization both sisters eventually served as president. Miss Adelaide, as she was known to Fairfax residents, was always in demand as a singer. She was, in fact, an



Plat of Singing Pines subdivision. Dedicated in 1949.
Source: Fairfax County Deed Book 730, Page 734.

opera singer, having received classical training in both New York and Chicago.¹⁰ Of her singing, Fairfax resident, Anne Farr Lewis, who has lived directly across the street for most of her life, recalls:

*"Miss Adelaide worked in Washington, DC. She was a talented Soprano. During the warmer months, when people drove around with their car windows down, you could hear her singing wonderful operas as she drove to and from work – quite unusual for Fairfax."*¹¹

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Singing Pines subdivision advertisement,
Washington Post, November 15, 1953, p. R7.

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Advertisement, C&P Telephone Directory, © 1960.

Mary Lewis was a member of the Willing Workers Club, a women's club formed in 1920's and 1930's to sew and knit garments and to collect donated clothes, blankets, quilts, and food. These items were distributed to needy families and orphanages.

In 1948, the Lewis' sold Singing Pines to John & Rowena Leary who then sold it to Fairfax Enterprises, Inc. in 1949.¹² Fairfax Enterprises, Inc. was a real estate development corporation under the direction of company president, Bennett W. King. In June 1949, Fairfax Enterprises, Inc. subdivided the southern portion of the Singing Pines property into 48 residential lots. The new subdivision, called Singing Pines, was surveyed by Fairfax Land Surveyor, Walter L. Ralph.¹³ Walters Court, in the Singing Pines neighborhood is believed to have been named for him.

In March 1953, Fairfax Enterprises, Inc. sold Lot #1 of Singing Pines, which included the original house and 4-acres, to Marguerite L. Saunders. In October 1953, Marguerite and her husband, Theodore G. Saunders, purchased two adjoining lots, (#35 & #36), at 4020-21 Walters Court in the Singing Pines subdivision.^{14,15} In 1956, Marguerite purchased an additional lot (#34) at 4023 Walters Court.¹⁶



Singing Pines Nursing Home, Interior view, c. 1955. Carolyn Saunders, daughter of owners, Ted & Marguerite Saunders, is the child seated on the couch. Source: Virginia Room, Fairfax City Regional Library.

Theodore and Marguerite were originally from the Town of Hurricane, Putnam County, West Virginia. They had previously owned and operated the Mt. Shockey Nursing Home in Merrifield, VA. Immediately after purchasing Singing Pines they opened the Singing Pines Nursing Home in their new home. Ted Saunders converted the stone basement of the home into an apartment for his family, leaving the upper floors reserved for residents. On the very night in March of 1954 that Ted finished work on the apartment, he suffered a heart attack and died.¹⁷ Marguerite continued to operate the Nursing Home until her death in November 1962. Singing Pines Nursing Home closed shortly thereafter. To fill the void, ground was broken for the Fairfax Nursing Home the following year in August 1963.¹⁸

Marguerite's Will conveyed her home at 4023 Walters Court to her daughter, Carolyn Bibb Saunders. Carolyn and her husband, Edward Powers, continue reside here today. Her Will also directed that her remaining property be sold. Accordingly, her executors sold the Singing Pines home and 4-acres to the Fairfax Christian Church in December 1963.^{19, 20}

The Fairfax Christian Church briefly met in the old house but found it in a serious state of disrepair and wholly unsuited to their needs. The current church sanctuary was erected and dedicated in November 1964. Singing Pines



200-year old Copper Beech, on the grounds of Fairfax Christian Church, is the largest known of its kind in Virginia. Photo credit: Rick Davis, Virginia Big Tree Program.

continued to be used by the church but was demolished in approximately 1972.²¹

Until recently, there were vestiges of the Lewis' gardens in the rear of the church. A parking lot and expanded driveway now occupy their former location.²² Several ancient trees also dot the property. A huge Copper Beech, approximately two hundred years old, the largest known of its species in Virginia, stands like sentinel along Main Street near the driveway to the church. Another ancient tree is a one-hundred-year-old Cedar of Lebanon that stands in the rear of the property among smaller cedars.

In spite of the loss of the house and the many changes that have occurred since, it is still a lovely setting and on a quiet day you can still hear the wind singing in the pines.



Fairfax Christian Church. (Looking S.E.) Site of Singing Pines c. 1900.
Photo credit: Page Johnson 01/2007.

Endnotes

- ¹ Fairfax County Deed Book V-5, Page 128, October 24, 1895.
- ² Fairfax County Deed Book X-5, Page 585, December 26, 1896.
- ³ Fairfax County Deed Book Y-5, Page 383, January 25, 1897.
- ⁴ *Fairfax Herald*, June 22, 1900, p. 3.
- ⁵ Fairfax County Deed Book 730, Page 329, June 22, 1949.
- ⁶ *Washington Post*, February 20, 1904, p. 9.
- ⁷ *Fairfax Herald*, March 11, 1910, p. 3.
- ⁸ Fairfax County Deed Book F-7, Page 310, April 15, 1910.
- ⁹ Fairfax County Deed Book O-8, Page 360, January 22, 1920.
- ¹⁰ Obituary of Adelaide Gernon Lewis.
- ¹¹ Personal communication with Anne Farr Lewis, Nov. 30, 2006.
- ¹² Fairfax County Deed Book 624, Page 167, May 17, 1948.
- ¹³ Fairfax County Deed Book 730, Page 329, June 2, 1949.
- ¹⁴ Fairfax County Deed Book 1121, Page 355, October 7, 1953.
- ¹⁵ Fairfax County Deed Book 1062, Page 297, March 31, 1953.
- ¹⁶ Fairfax County Deed Book 1408, Page 154, February 7, 1956.
- ¹⁷ Personal communication from Carolyn B. (Saunders) Powers, January 15, 2007.
- ¹⁸ *Fairfax City Times*, August 15, 1963, p. 1.
- ¹⁹ Fairfax County Will Book 81, Page 354, December 19, 1962.
- ²⁰ Fairfax County Deed Book 2395, Page 564, December 11, 1963.
- ²¹ *Fairfax City Times*, November 6, 1964, p. 2.
- ²² Personal communication with Merle Dowd, January 10, 2007.

FAIRFAX FAST FACT:

Common words, including moccasin, raccoon, hickory, moose, chipmunk, and skunk are Virginia Indian words.

The Legend of Trader Hughes and Princess Nicketti

by William Page Johnson, II



Pocahontas 1616. Engraving credit: Simon Van de Passe.

This year we, as Virginians and Americans, celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown – the first permanent English settlement in America. For generations, every child in America has learned the story of this settlement and also of Pocahontas, Powhatan and Captain John Smith. When I learned this story in school my father told me we were directly related to the legendary Pocahontas. *Pocahontas!*

Family lore had bought this story down to my father and in turn to me. At the time, Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett were very popular with boys. These were *real* frontiersmen who lived amongst *real* Indians. In the 1950s and 1960s, they were popularized on television and in the movies. Each Sunday night, without fail, I would sit down in front of our black and white television with my coonskin cap on and watch old *Dan*’l have all sorts of adventures, often involving Indians. Old Dan even had a trusty Indian friend, Mingo. It didn’t matter that Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett were actually living in Kentucky and Tennessee, not Virginia, and that the Indians they encountered were Shawnees, not Virginia Paumnkeys.

Still, I wondered at the idea that, I, a small town Virginia boy, could actually be related to a real Indian.

Pocahontas was real too, of course, but she wasn't on TV. I am quite certain that at the time I preferred to be related to Daniel Boone or Davey Crockett. Real interest in my possible Indian heritage would have to wait.

Such stories do tend to stick with you though. Could I actually be related to Pocahontas? As I grew older I developed a serious interest in history and genealogy. One thing every amateur genealogist knows is that your line of descent has to be documented. Birth, marriage, death, and bible records, are all acceptable forms of original source documentation to prove ones lineage. Deed transfers, pensions, etc. are as well. But what happens when the written record doesn't exist? In early 17th c. in Virginia there were virtually no records kept, or at least few that survive today. What does survive are a few diaries and published accounts of the English colonists and, of course, the official records of The Virginia Company.

My personal research took me first to the oldest members of my family. They repeated the same story my father told me. I soon uncovered written a reference to the story in the papers of my great-great-uncle, Dr. Joseph Eggleston, at the Virginia Historical Society. I was particularly encouraged by this find because Joseph Eggleston was a scholarly man, having served as president of both Virginia Tech and Hamden Sydney. Among his papers was a genealogy chart written in his own hand in very fine print. At the bottom of the chart was the following reference: Trader Hughes m.(married) Princess Nicketti. Subsequent research uncovered the legend and it source. It is often difficult to separate legend from fact because facts are often woven into many legends.

Powhatan was the principle chief of the Virginia Indians of tidewater Virginia. One of his daughters, by *one* of his wives was Pocahontas. She was not the Buckskin Barbie that Disney has made her out to be. In actuality, she was a bald, diminutive preteen, who wore no clothing.

History also tells us that Powhatan, who died in 1620, was succeeded by his two brothers. First, Opitchupan (O-pitch-u-pän), who ruled only briefly, followed by another brother, Opechancanough (O-pech-un-käno), who reigned for 20 years until he was murdered by a white settler in 1644. Family legend holds that Opechancanough, had "a lovely young daughter, the child of his old age, the Princess Nicketti – 'she who sweeps the dew from the flowers.'" If true, Nicketti would have been the niece of Powhatan and a first cousin of Pocahontas.

Nicketti allegedly married an Indian trader by the name of Hughes. Nicketti and *Trader Hughes* moved into what is now Amherst County, Virginia in the early 1700's and established a trading post along the James River near mouth of Otter Creek. This location is north of Lynchburg and south of the Town of Glasgow, Virginia. Evidently, Hughes and his trading post were real as they are referenced in early 18th century deed descriptions and surveys of the area. One researcher has even identified the possible location of the Hughes trading post from its stone chimney and foundations.

Nicketti and Trader Hughes had a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Hughes who married Nathaniel Davis. The line of Davis, and allied families, is fairly well documented from this point onward.

While it was not that common for whites and Indians to intermarry, they certainly did so. Consider how few women were living on the frontier. There are several well documented cases of such marriages. Pocahontas herself married Englishman John Rolfe in 1614 and returned to England with him. They had a son Thomas Rolfe, whose descendants now number in the thousands. The legend of Nicketti and Trader Hughes is also apparently a very old one. Virginia Governor John Floyd named one of his daughters, Nicketti Buchanan Floyd, after the original Nicketti.

I have concluded that it is possible that I am descended from Virginia Indians. But until proven it must remain a family legend.

Second Sunday Programs at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 10209 Main Street, Fairfax, VA

Note: Unless noted, all programs begin at 2 p.m. at Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. Programs are free and include light refreshments. Call: 703-385-8414.

- January 14** **“The Fairfax Story” and
“Housing Suburbia”**
Curator’s gallery tours of these
two exhibitions
- February 11** ***Give Me Liberty***
Talk and book signing by
Laura Elliott, Author
- March 11** **Love and Death in Jamestown**
Talk and book signing by
David Price, Author
- April 15** **“George Washington and the
Coming of the American
Revolution”**
Talk and book signing by
Dr. Peter Henriques, Author and
Professor Emeritus,
George Mason University
- May 13** **“Kitty Barrett Pozer: A Joyful
Gardener”**
Exhibition Tour and Garden Walk,
Ratcliffe–Allison House and Pozer
Garden, 10386 Main Street, Fairfax
- June 10** **“The Civil War Defenses of
Washington”**
Talk by Wally Owen, Curator/
Assistant Director, Fort Ward
Museum, Alexandria, VA
- July 8** **“George Mason and
The Fairfax Resolves”**
Talk by Dr. Robert Hawkes,
Professor Emeritus,
George Mason University

- August 12** **Jamestown Rediscovery**
Talk and book signing by
Beverly “Bly” Straube, Jamestown
Archaeologist and co-author of
Jamestown Rediscovery
- September 9** **“Fifty Years and Counting: Life
in Fairfax’s Suburbs”**
Roundtable discussion led by City of
Fairfax residents
- October 14** **“Colonial Life along the
Potomac”**
Talk by Brendon Hanafin,
Historic Preservation Chief,
Prince William County
- November 11** **“Remembering Their Service”**
Roundtable/Panel Discussion led by
World War II Veterans.
- December 9** **“Christmas in Camp”**
Living History with the 17th Virginia
Infantry, Co., “Fairfax Rifles”
12 – 4 p.m.

Special Programs and Walking Tours 2007

- March 17** **Women’s History Day**
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Living history
presentation: “Tea with Martha
Washington,” gallery scavenger
hunts, hands-on activities, walking
tour, and more. *Free. Co-
sponsored by the City of Fairfax
Commission for Women.*
- March 18** **“Fairfax Women Make
History”**
Walking Tour of Women’s History
Sites in Old Town Fairfax. 2 p.m.,
Fee: \$5.00/Adults - \$3.00/Students.

June 3**“Soldiers in the Attic”**

Walking Tour of Historic Blenheim
3610 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax,
2 p.m. Fee: \$5.00/Adults - \$3.00/
Students.

October 28**“Tales from the Tombstones”**

Walking Tour of Fairfax City
Cemetery. 2 p.m., Fee: \$5.00/
Adults - \$3.00/Students.

November 4**“Raids and Romance”**

Walking Tour of Civil War Sites in
Old Town Fairfax. 2 p.m., Fee:
\$5.00/Adults - \$3.00/Students.



In spite of all of carnage and bloodshed of the Civil War, or perhaps because of it, there was always some humor. The following article appeared *Baltimore American*, April 2, 1861:

“A “Rebel” Relic.

Among the papers found in the rebel camp at Centreville was the following Will.

“My Will.—I, C.C. Wortenbaker, Adjutant of the Nineteenth Regiment Virginia Volunteers, do hereby bequeath this residence, with shovel and tongs andirons, pictures, bolsters, shelf, pigeon holes, two barriers, four sticks of wood, and crockery-ware, to the Adjutant of the first Yankee Regiment that occupies this camp, hoping soon to meet him at sword’s length. Thereunto affixing my hand, this ____ day of ____, 186_.

“C.C. Wortenbaker,
Adjutant Nineteenth Regiment Virginia Volunteers.”

Charles Wortenbaker is the son of the Librarian at the University of Virginia, and although a dashing young man, will take care not to approach too near the sword of an opponent.”

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