

# A Guide to the Falls Church Historical Commission Historical Heritage Symposia, 1994-1998

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# Scope and Content

The Falls Church Historical Commission Historical Heritage Symposia collection is comprised of documents, correspondence, ephemera and articles related to presentations given from the years 1994-1998. The symposia covered the following subjects: 1994 – the geography, environment, pre-history and Colonial Period of the Falls Church area; 1995 – the Village Period: 1780-1860; 1996 – the Civil War and Reconstruction (1860-1875); 1997 – the Town Period (1875-1948); 1998 – the City Period (1948-1998).

## Contents List

### Box 1

#### Series 1

##### **Andrews, Harris (3 items) 1996**

###### **Folder 1**

###### **Scope and Content**

- "Life on the Edge: The Falls Church Region During the Civil War," by Harris Andrews, 12 pgs.
- Letter from Ross Netherton to Harris Andrews on F.C. Historical Commission letterhead, 3 pgs.
- Business card for Harris Andrews of Time-Life Books

##### **Bierce, Richard C. (5 items) 1995**

###### **Folder 2**

###### **Scope and Content**

- "The Village Legacy of Architecture," by C. Richard Bierce, 14 pgs. (2 copies)
- Typed outline, 9 pgs.
- Letter from Ross Netherton to Richard Bierce on F.C. Historical Commission letterhead, 2 pgs.
- Transmittal letter from Richard Bierce to Ross Netherton
- Photocopied picture of Bierce at Symposium with caption from FCNP

##### **Boundary Stones (3 items)**

###### **Folder 3**

###### **Scope and Content**

- 1976 Booklet from National Capital Planning Commission, "Boundary Markers of the Nation's Capital: A Proposal for Their Preservation and Protection," 46 pgs.
- "City of Falls Church Street Map," undated from Office of Business Development
- 1972 paper written by Mark J. Terman, "The 'Jurisdiction Stones' and Cornerstone Park," 54 pgs.

##### **Camp, Shirley (3 items) 1994**

###### **Folder 4**

###### **Scope and Content**

- "Colonial Land Grants and Their Owners and Tenants," by Shirley W. Camp 22 pgs., with two pages of correspondence between Camp and Ross Netherton
- Revision of 1994 paper with cover letter from Camp, 42 pgs.
- List of original grantees, 3 pgs.

##### **History Symposium 1994**

###### **Folder 5**

###### **Scope and Content**

- Symposium program, 1 pg.
- Draft programs, 2 pgs.

- Letter from Ross Netherton to Donald Kelso on F.C. Historical Commission letterhead, 1 pg.
- Prospectus for "Falls Church: Village, Town and City," 2 pgs.
- "Known Person in the Vicinity of Falls Church - 1699-1800," 1 pg.
- "Land Grants and 1775 Owners" map with handwritten notes, 1 pg.
- May 1994 Focus on Falls Church, 1 pg.
- 1994 newspaper clippings from FCNP and WaPo, 2 pgs.
- "Northern Virginia's Geography and Natural Environment," by Donald Kelso, 10 pgs.
- "Native American Occupants of Northern Virginia," by Donald Kelso, 10 pgs.
- Untitled paper written by Maurice Terman, 14 pgs.
- "Colonial Social and Economic Life," by Nan Netherton, 17 pgs.
- "Virginia's Colonial Community Beginnings," by Ross Netherton, 9 pgs.
- "Colonial Land Grants and Their Owners and Tenants," by Shirley W. Camp, 38 pgs.

## **History Symposium (23 items) 1995**

### **Folder 6**

#### **Scope and Content**

- Memo from city clerk to police dispatchers
- Symposium program, 2 copies
- Falls Church Heritage Weekend symposium topics, 1 pg.
- Falls Church: The Village Years, 1780-1860, Profile of the Period, 1 pg.
- Memo from Ross Netherton to Members of the Historical Commission, dated July 8, 1995
- "The Life of James Wren," 9 pgs.
- Prospectus, "Falls Church: Village, Town and City," 1 pg.
- Letter from Ross Netherton to David Meyer and enclosed reference materials, 11 pgs.
- Letter from Ross Netherton to Nicholas Benton and attached press release, 2 pgs.
- Letter from Ross Netherton to symposium speakers
- Correspondence between Ross Netherton and Kenneth Bowling, 2 pgs. with envelopes attached
- Symposium flier
- List of original grantees, 3 pgs.
- Logo designs, 3 pgs.
- Photocopied chapter on the Gunnells from "Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park, 1730-1988: The Land and its Owners: A History," by Mary Kate Black, 5 pgs.
- Letter from Ross Netherton to Bruce McCoy, dated July 25, 1995, 1 pg.
- List of symposium speakers, 1 pg.
- Annotated draft of "A New Nation and a New Era," by Bruce G. McCoy, 15 pgs.
- "James Wren and His Times," by Bette Warden, 12 pgs.
- "Trails, Rails and Turnpikes," by Ross Netherton, 21 pgs.
- "Village Beginnings: The Role of Churches (1784-1860)," by David L. Meyer, 13 pgs.
- "The Village Legacy of Architecture," by C. Richard Bierce, 13 pgs.
- "Summation: The Village Period," by Maurice Terman, 6 pgs.

## **Johnson, Michael (2 items) 1994**

### **Folder 7**

#### **Scope and Content**

- "Native American Occupants of Northern Virginia," by Michael Johnson, 10 pgs.
- Picture of Native American hunter using atlatl from "Historical Highlights of Bull Run Regional Park, 1 pg.

## **Kelso, Donald (2 items)**

### **Folder 8**

#### **Scope and Content**

- "Northern Virginia's Geography and Natural Environment," by Donald Kelso (2 copies)
- Photocopies from unidentified book depicting diagram and graph of glaciation

## **Mabry**

### **Folder 9**

#### **Scope and Content**

- "The Town and its Schools," 10 pgs.
- "Catholic Schools: Schools You Can Believe In; St. James Catholic School, Falls Church, Virginia," 6 pgs.

- Transcribed article from August 23, 1935 Fairfax Herald, "Gundry Training School Successful in Aiding the Mentally Afflicted"
- Photocopied Acts of Assembly, 1944 Code of Virginia, 2 pgs.
- Fairfax Herald Index 1920-1924, 12 pgs.
- "Rules for the Government of Schools," Falls Church District, March 6th 1871 (photocopy), 1 pg.
- Transcribed article from April 18, 1956 Evening Star, "Jefferson School, Belfry and All, Retired at 81"
- Photocopied Acts of Assembly, 1946 Code of Virginia, 7 pgs.

### **McCoy Bruce (2 items)**

**Folder 10**

#### **Scope and Content**

- Letter from Ross Netherton to Bruce McCoy dated December 5, 1995
- "A New Nation and a New Era," by Bruce McCoy (2 copies).

### **Meyer, David (1 item) 1995**

**Folder 11**

#### **Scope and Content**

- "Village Beginnings: The Role of Churches (1784-1860)," by David L. Meyer, 13 pgs.

### **Morse, Diane (1 item) 1996**

**Folder 12**

#### **Scope and Content**

- "Civilians Under Siege: The Falls Church Home Front During the Civil War," by Diane Morse, 12 pgs.

### **Netherton, Nan (1 item) 1994**

**Folder 13**

#### **Scope and Content**

- "Colonial Social and Economic Life," by Nan Netherton, 17 pgs.

### **Netherton, Ross (2 items) 1994**

**Folder 14**

#### **Scope and Content**

- "Virginia's Colonial Community Beginnings," by Ross Netherton, 9 pgs.
- "Summation," 9 pgs.

### **Netherton, Ross (7 items) 1995**

**Folder 15**

#### **Scope and Content**

- "Public Sale of Land," from The Alexandria Gazette, October 23, 1847
- "Summation," 9 pgs.
- Map of Falls Church and surrounding area
- Articles and other documents relating to Winter Hill, 5 pgs.
- Notes and documents pertaining to turnpikes and railways, 9 pgs.
- "Trails, Rails and Turnpikes," collection of sketches, a map and a description of 'Stagecoach Taverns,' 9 pgs.
- "Trails, Rails and Turnpikes," by Ross Netherton, 27 pgs.

### **Terman, Maurice (1 item) 1994**

**Folder 16**

#### **Scope and Content**

- "European Explorers and Mapmakers," by Maurice Terman, 14 pgs.

## **Terman, Maurice (1 item) 1995**

**Folder 17**

### **Scope and Content**

- "Summation: The Village Period," by Maurice Terman, 6 pgs.

## **Transportation: Roads and Railroads**

**Folder 18**

### **Scope and Content**

- Letter from Cassius Lee to Governor Pierpont, dated April 26, 1866 and transcription, 3 pgs.
- "Annual Reports of the Railroad Companies of the State of Virginia and the Board of Public Works form the Year Ending September 30, 1860," 35 pgs.
- "Time Table—No. 1: Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad Company," January 18, 1860
- Letter from Job Hawxhurst to George Rye, dated July 3, 1871, and transcription, 3 pgs.
- Statement from Board of Public Works to Senate, dated December 9, 1872, 2 pgs.
- Letter dated November 23, 1861 and transcription, 2 pgs.
- "In the Matter of the Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad Company," from the Office of the Board of Public Works, dated 1865, 8 pgs.
- Transcriptions of letters, memorandum and resolution from VA State Archives Board of Public Works Papers, 2 pgs.
- Report to Board of Public Works on Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, dated September 20, 1866, 2 pgs.
- Transcriptions of special order and memorandum from VA State Archives Board of Public Works Papers, 2 pgs.
- Middle Turnpike Petition to the Board of Public Works and transcription, 2 pgs.
- "Northern Virginia Colonial Roads & Early Railroads," oversize hand-drawn color map
- "Description of the Roads in the United States," by John Melish, dated 1814, 9 pgs.
- Transcribed articles and items related to FC Post Office, 1 pg.
- "A Bibliography of Virginia, Part II," by Earl Swem, 1917, 28 pgs.
- VA State Archive request tickets from Netherton, 8 pgs.
- Handwritten list of VA turnpikes and years active, 2 pgs.
- Handwritten bibliography of materials related to Public Works and turnpikes.
- "39th Annual Report, Board of Public Works," 1855, 2 pgs.
- "Annual Report, Board of Public Works," 1854, 3 pgs.
- "Chief Engineer's Report," Board of Public Works, 1853, 2 pgs.
- "Excerpts from Annual Reports of the Virginia Board of Public Works to Virginia General Assembly," 3 pgs.
- "Virginia Board of Public Works Report of Committee Recommending Subscription for Stock of the Middle Turnpike Company 23 January 1828," photocopy and transcription, 5 pgs.
- "Virginia Board of Public Works Engineer's Report on Location of the Middle Turnpike, January 1829" photocopy and transcription, 4 pgs.
- "Annual Report, Board of Public Works," 1829-1830, 3 pgs.
- "Annual Report, Board of Public Works," 1832, 4 pgs.
- "Report of Board of Public Works," 1839, 2 pgs.
- "Report of Board of Public Works," 1835, 3 pgs.
- "Report of Board of Public Works," 1838, 1 pg.
- "Annual Report, Board of Public Works," 1843, 1 pg.
- "Report of Board of Public Works," 1844, 2 pgs.
- "Report of Board of Public Works," 1846-47; 1847-48, 2 pgs.
- "Correspondence Relating to the Falls Bridge Turnpike Company Recommending Appointments as State Directors, September 1865," photocopy and transcription, 6 pgs.
- "The Friendly Virginians," by J. Worrall Jr., one photocopied page
- "Report of Board of Public Works," 1845-46, 2 pgs.
- Letter from A.Z. Cazanova to J. Brown, photocopy and transcription, dated March 21, 1840, 4 pgs.
- Letter from Ch. Neale and Robt. Jamison to J. Brown, photocopy and transcription, dated January 25, 1840, 6 pgs.
- Page of handwritten notes on 19th century roads of Northern Virginia

## **Warden, Bette (1 item) 1995**

**Folder 19**

### **Scope and Content**

- "James Wren and His Times," by Bette Warden, 11 pgs.

## Miscellaneous papers

### Folder 20

#### Scope and Content

- "Falls Church Historic Heritage Symposium: 1994-1998," chart documenting status of author manuscripts, 3 pgs.
- " "Topical Listing of Authors and Papers," 1 pg.
- "Symposium agenda and topic proposal for future symposia, 5 pgs.
- " "Guidelines for Speakers," 1 pg.
- " "Falls Church; Village Town and City," description of symposium topics 1994-1998
- "To-do list regarding symposium preparation, dated Sept. 1, 1998, 1 pg.
- "Miscellaneous photocopied maps of region, 5 pgs.
- "Falls Church Historical Commission meeting agenda, March 18, 1997, 1 pg.
- "Historical Commission account balance, dated 10/18/96, 1 pg.
- "Memo from Ross Netherton to Maurice Terman, dated March 12, 1997, 1 pg.
- "Notes on a Proposal for a Series of Educational Booklets on the Civil War in Northern Virginia, with Emphasis on Falls Church and Vicinity," dated March 13, 1997, 3 pgs.
- "Guide to Civil War sites in Northern Virginia," map and listing, 2 pgs.
- "Civil War Sites Get Recruits," WaPo article dated Sept. 5, 1996.
- "1996 Outline of Possible Tricentennial Activities," 1 pg. (2 copies)
- "Virginia Civil War Trails Interpretive Sign Checklist," 1 pg.
- Memo from Tom Bleicki on Civil War Trails ISTE grant application, dated Nov. 13, 1996, 3 pgs.
- "Falls Church 1861," description of Thaddeus Lowe balloon reconnaissance operations with 2 maps, 7 pgs.
- "Taylor's Tavern and Fort Taylor: Falls Church Area in 1861," 1 pg.
- "Resolution on Tourism and Civil War Sites," 1 pg.
- Memo to Jack Berry on subject of nomination of site for Virginia Civil War Trails, dated Oct. 25, 1996
- "1960 Profile of Falls Church Village," by Maurice Terman, dated October 1966, 1 pg.
- "Population of Virginia, Fairfax County, and Falls Church [1610-1990]," prepared by M.J. Terman, 1 pg.
- "Topics and Speakers for First Historic Heritage Symposium, May 15, 1994," 6 pgs.
- "Tricentennial Committee, History Subcommittee, Meeting Minutes, May 23, 1996" 1 pg.

### [Level 3 Items]

#### Folder 21

#### Scope and Content

- "A Street Guide to Civil War Alexandria," pamphlet prepared by Fort Ward Historic Site, 1995
- Catalog record for "Falls Church Historical Commission Historical Heritage Symposia," 2 pgs.
- "Notes on a Meeting of the Informal Editorial Task Force," dated April 11, 1996, 1 pg.
- "Voices from the Past," pamphlet prepared by Fort Ward Historic Site, 1995
- Photocopies of Civil War era illustrations from Harper's Weekly, 6 pgs.
- Handwritten notes, 21 half-pages
- Five photocopied pages from VA State Archives Board of Public Works Misc. Papers
- Falls Church Historical Commission agenda and other papers, 4 pgs.
- "Historic Arlington," booklet prepared by Arlington County Historical Commission, 1976, 39 pgs.
- "The Lark," photocopied issue from August 31, 1889, 4 pgs.
- Photocopied letter from Mattie Gundry, dated Nov. 12 1919.
- "Falls Church Residents Can Call on History," photocopied article from Fairfax Journal, dated August 30th, 1985, 1 pg. (2 copies)
- Two photocopied maps of Falls Church historical points of interest with key, 3 pgs.
- Photocopied pictures of turn of the 20th century FC landmarks including Brown's store, 11 pgs.
- Letter from MRSPL dated March 28, 1986.
- Documents related to Civil War Encampment at Cherry Hill, including flier and articles, 4 pgs.
- Archival materials sent from City Manager Harry Wells for consideration of Historical Commission, including 8 X 10 b/w photo, 3 pgs.

## Box 2

### Series 1: Documents

#### History Symposium (Roughly 50 items) 1996

##### Folder 1

**Scope and Content**

Notes, pamphlets, maps, photocopied archival documents and correspondence related to the 1996 History Symposium and Civil War History in general; book: Black Settlement in Fairfax County, Virginia During Reconstruction by Andrew M.D. Wolf (Dec., 1975)

**History Symposium (Roughly 50 items) 1997****Folder 2****Scope and Content**

Notes, pamphlets, maps, photocopied and transcribed archival documents and correspondence related to the 1997 History Symposium and Civil War History in general

**History Symposium (8 items) 1998****Folder 3****Scope and Content**

Notes and correspondence related to the 1998 History Symposium; 2 photocopied articles on unrelated topics

**Anzalone, Ronald D. (2 items) 1998****Folder 4****Scope and Content**

Timeline and paper written by Ronald Anzalone

**Gradle, Brian (1 item) 1998****Folder 5****Scope and Content**

Typed speech; articles from Falls Church News Press related to speech topic - motives for 1948 incorporation of City of Falls Church

**Series 2: Video Materials****"Falls Church: Town Period (1875-1948)" Falls Church Historical Commission Historic Heritage Symposium, March 1997**

VHS Tape 1 (item)

**Historical Commission Symposium, 8/21/98**

VHS Tape 2 (item)

**Falls Church: The Town Period, 11/21/97**

VHS Tape 3 (item)

**Series 3: Audio Materials****FC History Pt 1., 1994?**

Cassette 1 (item)

**FC History Pt 4., 1994?**

Cassette 2 (item)

**FC History Pt 5., 1994?**

Cassette 3 (item)

**Falls Church History Symposium, Tape 1, 15 July 1995**

Cassette 4 (item)

**Falls Church History Symposium. Tape 2. 15 July 1995**

**Falls Church History Symposium, Tape 2, 15 July 1995**  
**Cassette 5 (item)**

**Falls Church History Symposium, Tape 3, 15 July 1995**  
**Cassette 6 (item)**

**Falls Church History Symposium, Tape 4, 15 July 1995**  
**Cassette 7 (item)**

### **1996 FCHSYM**

**Cassette 8 (item)**

#### **Scope and Content**

- Anzalone, "Prelude to War: Falls Church and Secession"
- Holien (sp?), "Spring, Summer and Fall 1861"

**1996 Falls Church History Symposium III: Civil War, 1996**  
**Cassette 9 (item)**

**1996 FCHSYM: D. Morse, "Falls Church Home Front and Occupied Territory"**  
**Cassette 10 (item)**

**Falls Church History Symposium, Tape 1 of 2, 1997**  
**Cassette 11 (item)**

**Falls Church History Symposium, Tape 2 of 2, 1997**  
**Cassette 12 (item)**

**FDHC Symposium. "Town Period." Nov. 21, 1997, Kriviskey.**  
**Cassette 13 (item)**

**Falls Church History Symposium, Aug. 21, 1998**  
**Cassette 14 (item)**