



HFFI Happenings | Fall 2021

In Case You Missed It: HFFI Receives Large Donation



The Board of the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc. (HFFI) is pleased to announce an agreement that gifts three plots of land, located at the edge of the Fredericksburg Battlefield in Spotsylvania County, to the organization. Mrs. Rebecca Campbell Light, a long-time HFFI member and history aficionado, donated the land along with funds to stabilize and protect cultural resources on the property, and the agreement allows for the sale of those properties with restricted covenants.

The property is just above the railroad crossing named "Hamilton's Crossing," a significant site in the 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg. The property has the basement ruins of "Forest Hill," home of the Hamilton family and a cemetery containing graves of the family. Also on the site are two very old trees, including a 140-year-old holly tree. These things are all to be protected in future sales by an easement. And, as noted, the gift includes money to set up these safeguards.

Read more in the full information release on the HFFI website or by contacting HFFI.

Online Marker Map Project Update

The HFFI online marker map project, "Bringing Four Centuries of History into the 21st Century," continues to grow thanks to the long-term dedication of our Marker Committee volunteers. But we need YOUR FEEDBACK to make the map even better!

#1-Please check out the interactive map and make note of any ideas related to search functions, filters, tags, or other ways you'd like to be able to use the map in the future. <https://hffi.org/hffi-marker-map/>

#2-Message us, comment, or contact us via email at membership@hffi.org to let us know what you think.

#3-Stay tuned for future updates.

This project is made possible by a grant from **The Virginia Heritage Fund of The Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region.**

HFFI Marker Map

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HFFI in the Community

On August 28, Semilla Cultural, a grassroots organization based in Fredericksburg, hosted "The Banyan Tree of the Americas: Music Evolution in the African Diaspora" at Dorothy Hart Community Center. This was the first of three weekend events that traced the journey of Africans to the Americas by exploring the heritage of music and dance. HFFI enjoyed being there and sharing resources on the history of the community center location.

On September 11, The City of Fredericksburg's Farmer's Market hosted the annual Community Day event, a time for nonprofits to share their mission with the public. Thank you to everyone who stopped by the HFFI table. We had a lovely time seeing new faces and chatting with members and friends. Congratulations to Logan, the winner of our FREE family membership!



Highlights of Summer Walking Tours

Black History 1728-2021

June 26 - On the first tour, we learned about some of the unsung heroes of Fredericksburg.



In the Footsteps of George Washington

July 3 - Attendees celebrated Independence Day weekend by exploring Fredericksburg through the eyes of our own founding father. We visited his favorite places in town, including bars, stores, and homes of his friends and

family.



The Suburbs of Hanover Street

July 10 - We explored the early suburbs of Fredericksburg: Allan Town, New Town, Liberty Town, Fairview, Kelly Field, and Hanover Heights.

Follow the Fire of 1807

July 31 - Attendees traced the path of Fredericksburg's most devastating fire, which destroyed five blocks of Caroline and Sophia streets.



Shopping Downtown in the 1950s

August 7- We walked along Caroline Street to imagine a time before the mall and Walmart, when everyone in a 30-mile radius came to Fredericksburg to go shopping.



Women's Suffrage: 101 Years Later

August 21 - Attendees celebrated the anniversary of the passage of 19th Amendment by learning about early suffrage efforts in Virginia and

Fredericksburg, and the local people who helped make it happen.

Upcoming Events

October 21, 2021 Tunnel Vision Tour

Join HFFI for a tour of the building at 826 Caroline Street, including the underground access in the basement. Tour includes dinner, drinks, & dessert provided by owners and tenants of the building [full details TBA]. Limited to 10 tickets per tour. Tickets are being auctioned to benefit the General Fund. For more details, contact HFFI. Members only tour 4-6 PM; Public tour 6-8 PM.




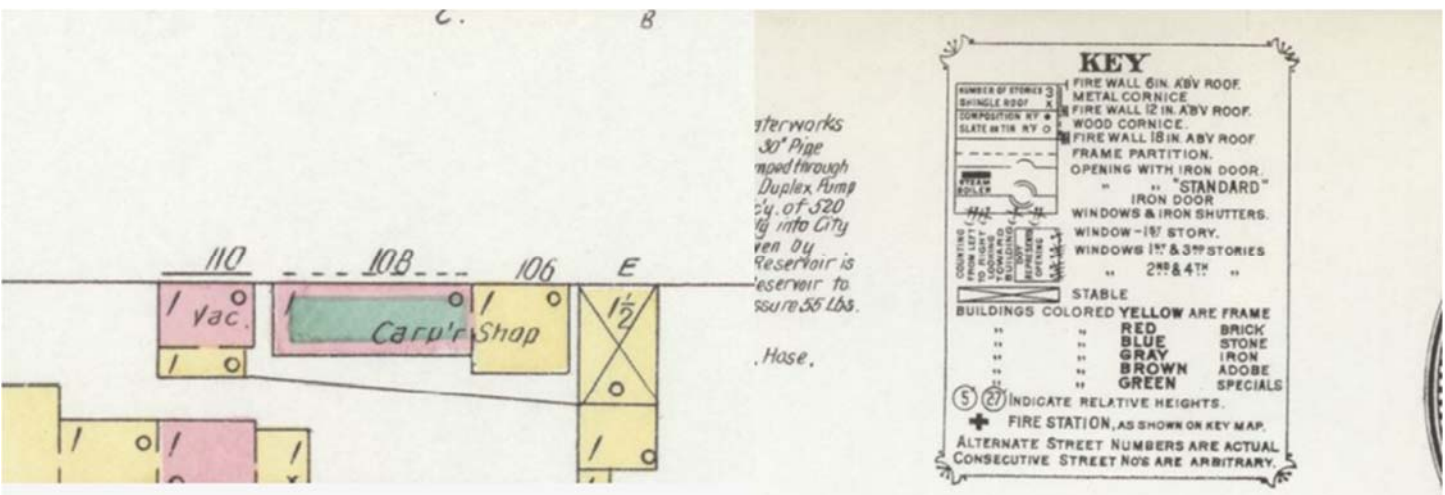
December 10-12, 2021 51st Annual Candlelight Tour

Save the date(s) for this annual tradition. 2021 will be a hybrid tour with small group guided tours of select homes in the 1100 blocks of Charles and Princess Anne streets plus digital features on select sites in the surrounding environment.

Research Corner

Have you ever wondered what the colors mean on the Sanborn Map Company's fire insurance maps? The colors indicate what material the building is constructed of. Multiple colors indicate multiple materials. This example from 1907 shows a brick carpenter shop with a stone foundation at 108 Wolfe Street.

 Library of Virginia



KEY

NUMBER OF STORIES 3	FIRE WALL 6 IN. ASBY ROOF.
SHINGLE ROOF X	METAL CORNICE
COMPOSITION ROOF *	FIRE WALL 12 IN. ASBY ROOF.
SLATE IN TIN ROOF O	WOOD CORNICE
	FIRE WALL 18 IN. ASBY ROOF.
	FRAME PARTITION.
	OPENING WITH IRON DOOR.
	" " "STANDARD"
	IRON DOOR
	WINDOWS & IRON SHUTTERS.
	WINDOW - 1ST STORY.
	WINDOWS 1ST & 3RD STORIES
	" " 2ND & 4TH "
	STABLE
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" " " " RED BRICK	
" " " " BLUE STONE	
" " " " GRAY IRON	
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(S) (27) INDICATE RELATIVE HEIGHTS.	
+ FIRE STATION, AS SHOWN ON KEY MAP.	
ALTERNATE STREET NUMBERS ARE ACTUAL	
CONSECUTIVE STREET NOS ARE ARBITRARY.	

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