

Bridges

... from the Gott Library & Sinclair Education Center

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25 Years of Operation!

Wow, how time flies! The Fauquier Heritage and Preservation Foundation (FHPF) began in 1993 at the Thompson Building, east of our present day location in Marshall. FHPF remained at that site for five years (rent free).

By 1999 FHPF had raised sufficient funds to purchase, renovate and preserve the former Upper Carter's Run Baptist Church as its new headquarters and permanent home to the late John Gott's vast personal collection of books, maps, photographs, ledgers, manuscripts, family bibles, old letters, and artifacts. Historically, this structure is also known as The Old Salem Meeting House, and The Old Stone Academy (1810-1910). It was built in 1771 and is one of the oldest surviving structures in Marshall and the oldest colonial church building in the Fauquier County. In 2003 the FHPF dedicated and named its new research library in honor of John K. Gott.

1993



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2018



In 2016 FHPF added to its campus complex the structure referred to as The Robert L. Sinclair Education Center, housed in a renovated 1920s Craftsman style bungalow, directly across from the Gott Library. It gives the FHPF additional room for exhibits, lectures, and informative programs for adults and children.

Remembering Our WWI and WWII Veterans



On commemorating the anniversaries of our country's great wars, the FHPF is asking members, friends, and the whole community to dig through their photo albums, old dusty shoeboxes, or wherever you might be storing photographs of those who served in these wars. A good collection has been started at FHPF and is on display in the Gott Library. During the coming year we would like to add to this collection. If you do not wish to give up an original photograph, a photocopy will do the trick. So dig through those old boxes of papers—you might come up with a treasure!



Bricks for Sale!

And you don't need to buy enough to build a house! Just one is all you need to purchase and not only will it become part of the charming plaza between the Gott Library and the Sinclair Center, it will also honor someone dear to your heart. The cost of a commemorative brick is \$100. Stop by the Gott Library any Monday or Wednesday morning or Tuesday afternoon or even easier, give the FHPF a call and make a permanent remembrance. Sample at right.



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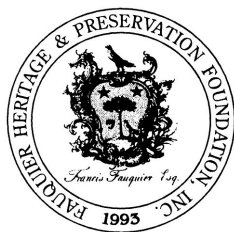
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Library Hours: Monday 9:00—1:00 | Tuesday 12:00—4:00 | Wednesday 9:00—12:00

Education Center Hours: Each Month, 1st Wed 9:00-Noon; 3rd Tuesday Noon—4:00

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Volunteers . . . Our Lifeblood

The mission of Fauquier Heritage and Preservation Foundation is to collect, organize, index and preserve Fauquier County's historical and genealogical resources and share these with our community. The collection contains more than 5,000 books, maps, photographs, ledgers, family bibles, old letters, property records, artifacts and memorabilia, plus more than 10,000 manuscript pages relating to local history and genealogy. The core of our collection came from John Gott's personal collection. We continue to receive a steady stream of donations and our holdings continue to grow. It is a resource of inestimable value as many of our holdings are unique and the majority is irreplaceable. One of the most important resources we have is the volunteers who manage the collection and make it available to you.



Volunteer Phillip Ciske discussing maps on display at the Sinclair Center.

In addition to collection accession and management, volunteers assist with research, manage our membership, plan events and exhibits, write and publish this newsletter, maintain the property, lead communications and outreach, manage grant funding, and help pay the bills. Our volunteer cadre is talented and enthusiastic and we have a great vision for the future. This vision includes increasing our outreach and taking advantage of the Robert L. Sinclair Education Center next door to offer informative programs for adults and children.

This is an exciting time at the FHPF but our greatest limitation is volunteers. We ask you to consider joining our team. Whether you are an IT whiz, a history buff, a lover of maps and manuscripts, willing to help with mailings and newsletters, or willing to help out from time to time with special events—we need your talent. Also, help spread the word! If you know of anyone who might be interested—even a young adult who may want to help build a professional resumé—please point them in our direction! If you think you might be able to help or if you want to know more, contact Laurie Kelly at laurie.kelly54@yahoo.com, or stop by the Gott Library to talk to any of our volunteer staff. The hours are flexible and time commitments can be tailored to your availability.