

Bridges

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Bob Sinclair Steps Down as FHPF President

It was a sad day at the January FHPF board meeting when Bob Sinclair announced he would step down after over thirty years as president of the Foundation. Fortunately the sadness lasted for only a few minutes as he announced later in the meeting that he would stay on the Board of Directors and accept the title of FHPF Historian. Thank you Bob! What would FHPF do without you? The board and members marked this change of the helm with a reception on December 17th at the Sinclair Education Center to celebrate Bob's long tenure.



Above: Reception at the Sinclair Center.
Right: Pete Vandeman, Bob Sinclair and Peter Schwartz.

In the interim Duke Yowell will serve as President and Ava Lee Vice President. The Foundation is looking for someone to permanently take the reins. If you are interested or know someone qualified to head this organization please don't be shy about letting us know.

Bob will hold court as usual at the Gott Library on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am until noon and is ready (also as usual) to answer questions about history and genealogy of Fauquier County.

New Board Members Named

The Board of Directors is happy to announce two new directors. **Peter Schwartz** joined the ranks in January and **Ursula Baxley** came on board in February. FHPF is delighted to have these two well-qualified people accept leadership roles in the organization. Mr. Schwartz is the Chairman of the Fauquier



Ursula Baxley

County Board of Supervisors and brings to FHPF years of organizational experience and a love of history. Mrs. Baxley brings a wealth of talents and much historical knowledge of Marshall and Fauquier County. Ursula succeeds her late husband, Henry Baxley, on the board. Henry served for many years not

only on the board but worked in the Gott library every week; he was the corresponding secretary and a very devoted volunteer. He will be sorely missed.

Henry Baxley



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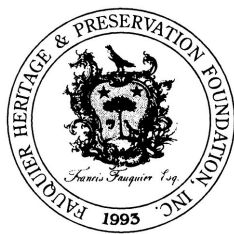
Phone: 540-364-3440 | Email: fhpf@verizon.net | Website: www.fhpf.org

Library Hours: Tuesday 10:00—4:00 | Wednesday 9:00—12:00

Education Center Hours: By Appointment

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Library Organization Progress Report

During the past few months the staff (all-volunteer of course) have been working to better organize the collection. Very soon a new room will be open which will house John Gott's library of historical and genealogical books on states other than Virginia. Mr. Gott's library included a collection of volumes on Kentucky, Maryland, Georgia, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia and smaller collections on a few more states. These books have not been available to visiting researchers mainly because they were inaccessible.

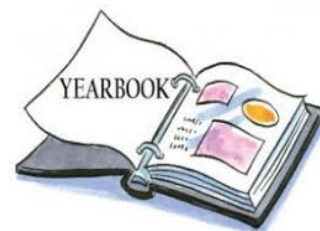


Also, Mr. Gott's considerable "loose paper" surname files have been cleaned, culled, and made easier to use. The "loose paper" place name files are in the same process as this is written. The main research room now has another large table for visitors' use. In addition two large file cabinets were recently donated which will enable the movement of administrative files and materials to the office in the Sinclair Educa-

tion Center. Photo at left shows volunteer Kevin Lee and _____ wrangling with one of the cabinets. There is still lots to do so if you have some time to spare, stop by and lend a hand.

Looking for Missing Marshall High School Yearbooks

To complete our collection of Marshall High School Yearbooks FHPF is looking for yearbooks for the years listed below. If you or a family member attended in one of these years and have a yearbook you are willing to share or know someone who might FHPF wants to talk to you.



1955 • 1956 • 1957 • 1959
1960 • 1962 • 1964 • 1965
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