



Historic Franconia Legacies

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James Coyle - Mosby Ranger or Not!

By Don Hakenson

On August 6th, 1863, Mosby with his Rangers attacked some sutlers wagons on the Little River Turnpike, very near to Gooding's Tavern, which was a popular stage stop, operated by James Coyle and his wife Jane. A detachment of Federal troops, Company F, First Maine Cavalry, came upon the guerillas pillaging the wagons by surprise and began a running chase that passed Gooding's Tavern to the west. The Union troopers in pursuit supposedly saw a ranger, possibly James Coyle, run into the tavern and close the door. Supposing Coyle to be a guerilla, the Union troopers immediately tried the door and demanded admittance. After some delay Coyle finally came to the door and was shot. Some said that he was shot through a closed door and others stated that the door had been opened before the fatal shot was fired. But at any rate he was killed by Union troopers who were on duty and in active pursuit of Mosby's guerillas. Whether he had been with guerillas or not, there is no doubt that the pursuing Yankees thought that he had.



and as he was in the act of opening the door he, Mr. Coyle, was fired upon; he walked into his room near the passage door, and falling on his bed exclaimed, I am a dead man. Immediately afterwards two soldiers rushed in and beat him on the head and face with their pistols, and then dragged him into the road in front of the house, beating him severely and calling him a damn son of a bitch. I'll let you know how to rob sutlers' wagons.... I exclaimed this is my husband. They replied I don't care who the devil's husband it is; I was knocked down by one of the men, and they dragged my husband's body over me. There had been no Guerilla's in the house before or after the transaction. My house was searched and no weapons or men were found. One of the soldiers took my husband's watch from his neck and brutally dragged his clerk, Mr. John McLouchlin from him, who he had requested to pray for him."

Mrs. Coyle testified, "On Thursday evening last, about five o'clock p.m., while a number of sutlers were passing my residence, they were attacked by a party of Guerillas, near a mile above my house, who took their teams and goods; there was frequent firing for about half an hour; shortly after the Federal cavalrymen arrived—and recaptured the sutlers and goods; Mr. Coyle was in the house, and had closed the door; shortly after, the Cavalry demanded the door to be open,

Colonel Daniel F. Dulany, an aide to the Union Governor Francis Pierpont had known James Coyle for about



Presidents Message ...

We have now entered the Fall Season and the leaves are starting to change color. After such an extremely hot August and with an earthquake, a hurricane, and all the tropical rain in September we can now enjoy this Fall Season.

The Franconia in the Civil War event that was held this May at Lee District Park had a large turn-out and was enjoyed by all. Also, the movie premiere in June, of the Civil War documentary, "Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County," produced by Don Hakenson, Chuck Mauro and Steve Sherman is a huge success and has hence been broadcast on Channel 10 on the Fairfax County Public Access television.

Please mark your calendars as we are having an Open House at the Franconia Museum on Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. I hope everyone can attend.

The Franconia Museum will be putting on a special program at the Lee District Holiday Banquet, that is being held December 7, 2011. It is quite an honor that the Franconia Museum was asked to participate in this event.

The end of this year will end my three years as President of the Franconia Museum and it has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity since I had started with the Museum in 2004. I will remain on the Board of Directors.

I was appointed to the Fairfax County History Commission two years ago and starting this January I will serve as the Vice-Chair of the History Commission.

I look forward to seeing everyone on November 13th at our Open House.

Steve Sherman



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BOTH SIDES TOUR VII
Civil War Sesquicentennial Event
 Learn About the Importance of the Shenandoah Valley

Visit the house in Winchester that served as Stonewall Jackson's headquarters beginning 150 years ago almost to the day. You'll see Jackson's dinner table, desk and sabre and other artifacts. Hear about Mary Tyler Moore's contribution to the house. Visit the Rose Hill farm where the first battle of Kernstown occurred and Jackson suffered his only defeat. Visitors will be invited on a short walk to the stone wall where the Confederates tried to fend off advancing Yankees.

Saturday, November 5, 2011
Sponsored by the Franconia Museum
SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION

Start the day at 8 a.m. with coffee, donuts at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road. Board a comfortable rest-room equipped motor coach for the trip to a local historic site and then head west to Winchester to visit two sites that were important early in the war. Enjoy lunch at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Winchester and then proceed to the western foot of the Blue Ridge to hear about a clash that allowed Rebels to escape pursuing Yankees. Admire the scenery and hear vignettes about the Valley. Hear vignettes along the way!

At Cool Spring on the banks of the Shenandoah River, you'll learn about the Union attack on General Early's army that was returning to the Valley after threatening Washington City. Cool Spring also is the home of Holy Cross Abbey, a monastery for Trappist Monks that features spectacular views.

COST: \$100.00 Each. Includes Bus Ride, Buffet Lunch (including gratuities) and a Snack Card to spend on the way home as well as all entrance fees.

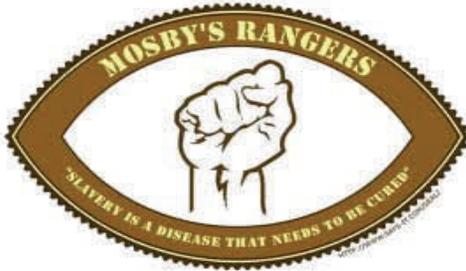
In addition to learning about Holy Cross Abbey, you can purchase the world-famous fruit cakes made by the monks in the Abbey bakery. Also on sale are home-made jellies, truffles, honey and candies made by the monks!



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James Coyle - Mosby Ranger or Not! ... continued

By Don Hakenson



thirty years and stated that Coyle saved his whole command and ammunition train somewhere around 1862, during Pope's retreat. Colonel Tait and General Banks both knew about what Coyle had done. Colonel Dulany also said Coyle was detailed as a Union pathfinder and showed them the way to Telegraph road thereby saving the command. Colonel Dulany ended his testimony by stating James Coyle was an Irish man and was thoroughly a Union man.

Nace Dade, a slave during the war who was owned by the Gooding's said that James Coyle and the entire family were secesch.

Rennsealaer Trumbull testifying in a Southern Claims case stated that James Coyle had been in the South when the war broke out, and had remained there for a year and a half. Trumbull also stated that the forest surrounding both sides of Gooding's Tavern, where Coyle lived, was a favorite resort for Mosby and his gang. Trumbull further reiterated that Mosby's men lurked in the woods and watched for any "opportunity to take plunder when they could get it without being exposed to a fight."

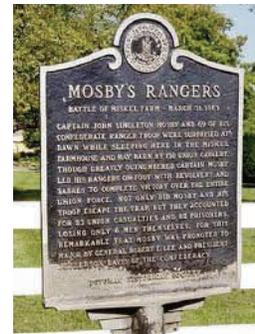
Trumbull finished his testimony by saying that Coyle was undoubtedly disloyal and if he had anything to do with General Pope's Bull Run battle, he was probably there in the interest of the rebels than as a guide for the Union army.

The *Washington Chronicle* newspaper reported after the incident, "One who professes to have known Coyle has assured us, that he was no secessionist, and that he gave honest

warning: but how death was provoked he could not say."

Whether he gave warning or not may not be clear, but we do know that after Coyle was killed he was laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery, in Alexandria, and that is where he remains today.

This story and others are included in the newly released DVD titled, "Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County, a film by the author, Chuck V. Mauro and Steve Sherman. You can obtain a copy by visiting the Franconia Museum or going to www.franconiamuseum.org.



Sample of A
Mosby Rangers
Historical Marker



Good Books about Local History

**This Forgotten Land:
A Tour of Civil War Sites and
Other Historical Landmarks South of
Alexandria, Virginia**

and

**This Forgotten Land Vol. II
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Veterans Buried in Alexandria Virginia**

By Don Hakenson

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New Board Member - Judy Hutchinson

By Carl Sell



As a young girl, Judy Tharpe caught the same bus to school each day from her house on Beulah Road. From first grade to graduation, Judy would go to six different schools. She started at Garfield Elementary in Springfield, then came home to Franconia Elementary only to wind up at Bush Hill Elementary before attending eighth grade at Irving Intermediate on Keene Mill Road in West Springfield.

She started high school at Lee, then transferred to Edison after the new school opened in Franconia. She graduated in 1965 as part of Edison's second graduating class. So you might say Judy knows her way around Franconia. That and the fact that her roots in Franconia go back five generations are the main reasons Judy is the newest member of the Board of Directors of the Franconia Museum.

Judy still lives in Franconia on the same road that is now called Beulah Street. She works as the assistant to the executive pastor at Calvary Road Baptist Church and runs a transcription and editing service known as Kingstowne Business Services. She transcribed a number of tapes at no charge for the Museum's latest book, *"Franconia Remembers Joe Davies, An American and Hometown Hero."* She learned about the museum from the legendary Jac Walker, one of the founders who since has passed away.

The reason for Judy's attendance at a number of schools had to do with the fact that she lived in a house on Beulah Road just south of what is now Amberleigh Park, which was the site of her grandparents' house, and the county was constantly changing the school

boundaries. Students from farther up Beulah were in a different school zone and weren't moved around as much. Her dad, Howard Tharpe, was an Army veteran of World War II who worked as a carpenter but spent his spare time repairing vehicles for his neighbors.

Her mother Marjorie Baggett Tharpe, wrote a history of her family that appeared in Volume II of *Franconia Remembers*. She refers to that area of Beulah Road as Potter's Hill. Marjorie also contributed two articles for Volume IV of *Franconia Remembers*, writing about Accotink and the Accotink Methodist Church in one and the second about a delightful visit and road trip with family friend Worcester Pettit. There now are six volumes of *Franconia Remembers* and all are on sale at the Museum or online at franconiamuseum.org.

During her senior year at Edison, Judy worked part time for the government agency known as Housing and Home Finance which later became part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She joined the agency full time after graduation and married Charlie Reeves in 1968. They had one son, Rich, who lives in Franconia with his wife Melissa and their children Zachery, who will be four in January, and Rebecca, almost two.

Judy married for a second time in 1974 to Don Hutchinson. He passed away in 1994. Judy worked for the Federal Aviation Administration at Dulles from 1970 to 1978 before deciding to open her own business. Clients have included National Geographic, WETA, BBC and WJLA. She later joined the staff at Calvary Road. Judy has spent all but two years of her life in Franconia.

Like most youngsters from her era, Judy recalls riding Mrs. Harper's school bus and counts Sharon Rexrode, her former next-door neighbor, and Sherry Timbrook, who lived on Kathmoor Drive behind Franconia Elementary,

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Judy Hutchinson ... continued*By Carl Sell*

as two of her closest friends from elementary school. Her memories include the fact that "everybody knew everybody else" and helped each other whenever they could. On weekends, and during the summer when school was out, some of the neighborhood kids would come to Judy's house in the morning to play and stay until dusk when they had to head home. Her mother would set a place at the dinner table for them, just as if they were part of the family. As an only child, she spent a lot of time with her cousins who lived nearby.

Judy joins Sonny Wright, Betty Nalls, Don Hakenson, Phyllis Walker Ford, Cary Nalls, Debbi Wilson and Jim Cox as members of the Board of Directors who grew up in Franconia. Margaret Welch and Jane Higham have been long time Franconia residents. Judy, Sonny, Don, Debbi and Cary grew up on Beulah Road, so don't call it Beulah Street in their presence!

Farewell to our Board Member, Marcia Moon who left due to family obligations, but will be around to help out for events ...

We would love to hear from you... if you would like to give us your comments or send us a word or two, please contact us by mail or email.

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If you **DO NOT** have an email address or computer, please let us know and you will continue to receive it by mail (if you are a paid Friend.)

Also, if you are a Lifetime Friend or Founding Friend, you will continue to receive it by mail.

Thank you for your continued support!

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**Franconia Museum
10th Annual
OPEN HOUSE History Day
Franconia Government Center
Sunday - November 13, 2011
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

The Franconia Museum will sponsor its annual History Day with an Open House at the **FRANCONIA GOVERNMENT CENTER**, 6121 Franconia Road, on **SUNDAY**, November 13 from 1-4 p.m. All of the Museum's artifacts and information boards will be on display in the Museum, Helen Wilson Community Room, and the main hall.

There will be stories by Don Hakenson and others about historic happenings and updates on various events and projects in Franconia as part of a program at 2 p.m. in the Helen Wilson Community Room.

Light refreshments will be available. All of the Museum's series of Franconia Remembers books will be on sale as well as caps, tote bags and note cards.

There is no admission charge. Come and spend a few hours and learn about or update your knowledge of our unique area.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



Missed a Newsletter?

Check out the Franconia Museum's earlier publications at

franconiamuseum.org

You currently can click on Items for sale and order on line also!

A Different Kind of Civil War Show

By Carl Sell

In mid-May, the Franconia Museum put on a unique show marking the start of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War at the Robert E. Lee Recreation Center located in the heart of Union-occupied territory just south of Alexandria, Virginia.

In addition to numerous displays of weapons and artifacts from the war period, the Museum organized presentations, music and interpretations of life in the area during the war years. Although pleased with the attendance and comments for a first-time effort, the Museum organizers are excited about the prospects for expansion in the future.

President Lincoln was there to talk about a June 10, 1863 explosion that killed more than a score of Union soldiers at nearby Fort Lyon. Confederate General D. H. Hill conducted a Sunday church service attended by the descendants of both sides of the conflict. Confederate Colonel John Singleton Mosby was seen discussing strategy from long ago with a Union Officer.

Period music was provided in a two-hour set by Evergreen Shade. The audience also sang along with the Carter Gospel Singers, a Black choral group in full period regalia that has to be heard to be properly appreciated.

Presenters included Don Hakenson, a member of the Museum Board of Directors who is an expert on Civil War activity involving Mosby and incidents in the Northern Virginia area. Chuck Mauro told about the female spy Laura Ratcliffe. Virginia Kennedy Beck told about family and farm life in Franconia during the war, Wayne Wakefield outlined famous local houses and Margaret Welch discussed religious life in the period.

A sample of Brunswick Stew, made from a Civil War-era recipe, and corn bread was

lunch time on Saturday. The stew and corn bread was provided and served by members of the nearby Rose Hill Civic Association.

Danielle Clarke told of her great-great-great grandfather, a private in the Sixteenth Massachusetts Infantry who was stationed at Fort Lyon in 1862 and subsequently was wounded in a raid at nearby Fairfax Station. She also has a great, great, great grandfather who served in the Thirty-Eighth and Fifty-Third Virginia Infantry and was wounded during Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg.

Several exhibitors and many visitors commented that they had never attended a Civil War show previously where there was such an effective meshing of program and exhibits. During the presentations and music, visitors either sat or listened or browsed through the nearby exhibits while not missing a thing.

The star of the show was the venue. The event was held in the multi-purpose gymnasium of the Robert E. Lee Center, a recreation facility at Lee District Park which is operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority. The Franconia Museum and the Park Authority were co-sponsors of the event. Exhibitors praised the parking, access, backdrop, cleanliness and staff support.

The Museum plans to expand the show yearly to cover Civil War events throughout Northern Virginia during the rest of the sesquicentennial. You can get a flavor of the 2011 show by viewing a photo display at the Museum's web site, franconiamuseum.org. Click on photos on the left-hand side and then on the Civil War show display.

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A Different Kind of Civil War Show ... continued



LEFT:
President Lincoln with a local secessionist (Don Hakenson – Franconia Museum Board Member)



RIGHT:
Mosby and General Hill



LEFT:
Connie Beatty serves up the corn bread samples



RIGHT:
Virginia Kennedy Beck talks about farm life in Franconia during the war years



LEFT:
Mrs. Robert Howard and Dr. John Tole of Evergreen Shade entertained the crowd with Civil War music



RIGHT:
The Carter Gospel singers were so good they deserve two pictures!



LEFT:
The RHCA Brunswick stew and corn bread crew served at the Franconia Museum's Franconia in the Civil War program May 14 at Lee District Park. Left to right are Connie Beatty, Marie Sherfey, Lois Powers, Linda Nichols, Ethan Decker and David Nichols. Samples were passed out to the hungry crowd. The stew was prepared by Blaise Pugh, RHCA's master chef!



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NALLS PRODUCE 50th ANNIVERSARY BLOCK PARTY

By Carl Sell



Franconia Museum participated in Nalls Produce's 50th Anniversary Block Party on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, 2011 on Beulah Road (long-time residents refuse to call it Beulah Street!). Scores of visitors to the Museum's display tent were introduced to the history of our area and received our informative map of historic sites in Franconia. The event itself included live music, a moon bounce for the kids and various displays that featured area businesses. It was a free event that showcased one of Franconia's oldest businesses in continual operation in the same site. Owner Cary Nalls started selling produce there 50 years ago from a wagon and small table when he was a boy. The partnership between Nalls Produce and the Franconia Museum is one of the ways we promote area history . . .



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The Long Arm Of Franconia On The Internet And The “Franconia Museum’s” Page On Facebook

I just wanted to let you know how much your publications have meant to our family. They are such a treasure, and thank you to all who have contributed!

I am the great niece of Maud (Huntington) Simms. Her brother, Willilam Wesley Huntington, was my grandfather. My grandmother, William W. Huntington's first wife, was M. Esther (Haislip) Huntington, so I'm related to the Haislip's, Wiley's, Lee's etc. James and Robert Wiley's mother was Catherine (Haislip) Wiley. I have a picture of their mother, Catherine, and their sister, Susan America (Wiley) Dawson. I also have a couple of pictures of Maud Simms and her good friend, Kathie Higham, taken when they visited our family in Detroit, Michigan during the 1930s.

Thank you again for preserving the past and bringing these stories to life. It means a great deal to many of us.

Suzanne Hines

Hot Shoppes at
Intersection of
Franconia Road,
Backlick Road,
and Old Keene
Mill Roads



Bill Maples Post



Craig Stroud Dalton: Cruising through the Hot Shoppes drive-in area was a (must do) well known week-end past time.



Check out Franconia Museum's Facebook page where you can catch up with old friends and neighbors and share a wonderful story or picture!

A Facebook Friend wrote a few words about our 2010 History Day:

TO HONOR FRANCONIANS THAT GAVE THEIR LIVES IN VIETNAM & TO RECOGNIZE ALL FRANCONIA VETERANS THAT HAVE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.



Ronald Wheaton:

Amazing!-Franconia was hit hard by the draft during the Viet Nam era. We had many friends that were in-country that survived Viet Nam but passed away after returning. Most noticed would be Eugene Dunnuck who was immortalized by Walter Kronkite in a Documentary that he did on Charlie Company or "C" Company. Gene was mentioned in that as KILLER DUNUCK. He would sneak out at night and attack the Viet Cong. Kronkite won a prestigious award for that film and it is now on DVD. Also in memoriam recently passed, Danny Moldenhauer, Viet Nam vet who owned M&M Mechanical off Eisenhower, Ave. There were many more who survived that Viet Nam Era and too many to mention in this space but they will never be forgotten. Joe Davies was a real football star at Annandale, High School, if my memory serves me. I used to catch a bus from the Old Firehouse before Lee High was built. I remember Bobby Ayres sitting on that bus in the front seat, as clear as if it were yesterday and also a man named Billy Higham. Wow! What memories. Thank You for honoring our fallen heroes of Franconia, Virginia.--Ronnie Wheaton--Winslow Hills.

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Long Arm Of The Internet ... continued

This was from Donna Elgin. They live in the Phoenix area. George Elgin was a close friend and teammate of Joe Davies at Annandale. George grew up in Franconia. Donna grew up in Springfield. There is a great picture of George and Donna with Joe and Shirley Bunch atop Rockefeller Center in New York as part of their senior trip. Getting to know the Elgins, at least electronically, was one of the joys of doing the book.

— *Carl Sell*

Hi Carl, I just finished Joe's book cover to cover. You did a fantastic job!

I didn't know that Frances Fewell was a queen in the fireman's popularity contest. We got to know her when she was married to Mike Dominick. Mike and I went to Kramer Jr. High, together, in Washington, and our parents bought houses in the Lynbrook subdivision in Springfield as did Nancy Higham's parents. Mike and Nancy lived caddy corner from each other and were boy and girlfriend until she met Billy Higham.

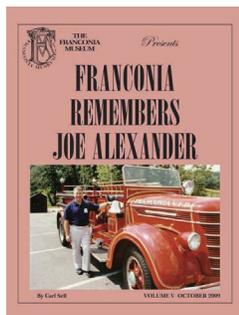
Regarding Herman Judy and his family page 169, I found that his sister Minta Bragg lives at 7211 Pine Drive in Annandale. We lived next door at 7217 from 1961 to 1965 when we built our house in Burke. They were little metal houses at the time and now we've seen where people have actually built new two story houses around the original house that we paid \$11,000 for. I would like to chat with her but couldn't find a phone number. I did find out her husband's name is Roy.

Thanks again for the book about Joe Alexander. My sister and her husband are reading it now and we read it too.

George and Donna Elgin

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Stop in the Museum to purchase a copy or go to our website to purchase one.



The museum is also searching for pictures of structures no longer standing:

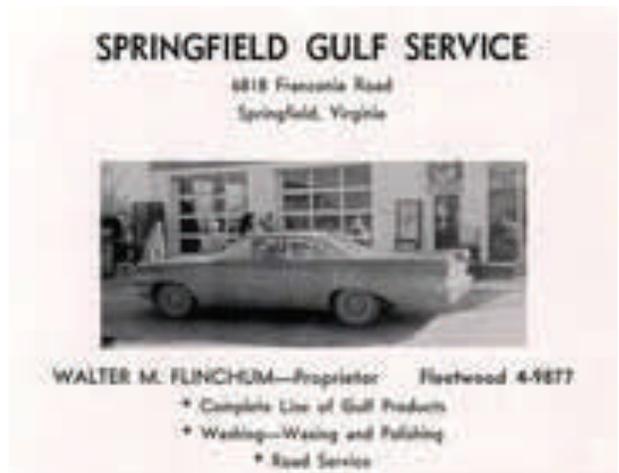
IGA market on Beulah Road

**Olivet Episcopal Community Hall
(where the church now stands)**

Talbert's Store

Keep us in mind if you are searching for a Franconia friend or want to learn a fact or two. I feel sure the museum will be seeking information from time-to-time through this column. We can help one another.

The museum's purpose is to capture stories, pictures, and artifacts. Thank you for your participation. We encourage you to visit the museum.



Springfield Gulf Service



Wards Corner

Franconia Ghost Stories (Reprinted by Request)



The Broder's Wraith

Next to the Forestdale Elementary School, near Springfield Mall, lies the Broders' Cemetery, surrounded by a four foot high wall and a protective fence. When Don Hakenson wrote "This Forgotten Land" he discovered the following ghost story:

Family legend has it that if you should be driving past the Broder's Cemetery, you might see the wraith of the Broders ghost. It has been reported that he rolls a keg of flaming whiskey through the cemetery and down to the creek" (*must be hard to get over the wall and fence*).



Grandpa's Ghost Visits Pratt Street in Brookland Estates

This is a re-telling of a story told to me by a very close friend of mine, and is a true ghost story with an ironic twist....two people saw the same ghost in separate visitations, but only one of them talked about it for over 40 years. When my friend and fishing partner was a boy his paternal grandfather came to live with his family. His grandfather was experiencing loss of memory, and easily became agitated, and would get into all out fights and wrestling matches with his grandson. My friend's younger sister would get very upset when these events occurred. Time went on and the grandfather's health declined, and he eventually passed away, but not all the way away! My Friend was sitting in his room one night on his bed when he looked up and saw his grandfather, he yelled at him saying "I CAN SEE YOU", the apparition looked startled at him and disappeared! He decided not to tell anybody about what he had seen. About the same time, or maybe even the same night, the grandfather's ghost appeared to his sister. This upset her greatly and she told the family about seeing the

description of the ghost my friend realized that they had seen the same exact apparition, even down to details like clothing and facial expressions. My friend's mother, being a good parent, quickly decided to get her daughter some counseling with a Psychologist. When my buddy heard about this he decided never to tell anybody what he had seen, in order to not have to undergo any "head shrinking." He kept this secret for 40 some odd years, being a close family friend I heard his sister tell her ghost story several dozen times over the years. Recently my buddy's sister was telling her ghost story, and he made some offhand comment about what the ghost looked like. His sister finally put two plus two together and told him "YOU SAW GRANDPA'S GHOST TOO." He said "I was no fool, when I saw what happened to you, I kept quiet." On our last fishing trip we talked about ghost Stories, and my one unexplained incident near Clifton late one night. We also discussed the Pratt Street incident in detail. He gave me permission to tell this story, he is an honest dependable guy, but he sure can keep a secret!



as told to Jim Cox in June 2008 at Trice's Lake, Virginia

LINKS To Other Virginia Ghost Stories

http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franconia,_Virginia

http://www.hauntedtraveler.com/haunted_virginia.htm



Have Any Ghost Stories ...

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DID YOU KNOW?

Bush Hill, just inside the Beltway on Bush Hill Road, burned in 1977. The site off Eisenhower Avenue is now covered by town houses.

Evergreen is located at 5719 Cannon Lane.

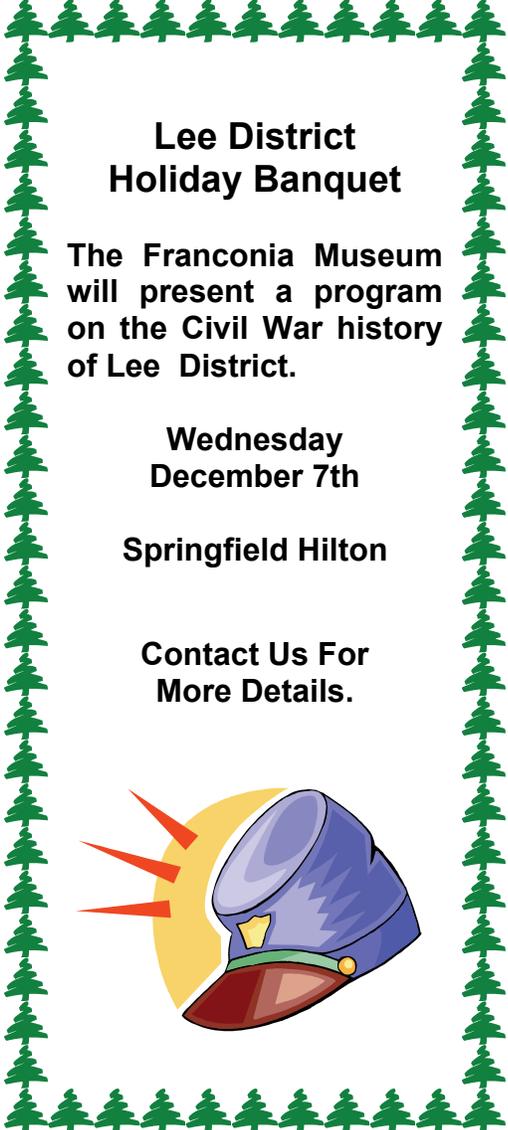
Since this text was written by Christine Gibson in 1969 several changes have occurred, which are described in these footnotes to the manuscript. The panoramic map was created for Calvary Presbyterian Church on North Kings Highway. It was later donated to the Fairfax County History Commission and placed in the Lee District Government Center. Huntley, a 19th century National Register structure, is presently owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Spring Bank was demolished in 1972. The K-Mart at Penn-Daw has been replaced by Michaels and Chucky Cheese.

Millan's tavern stood near the entrance to the Tartan Village subdivision.

Flag Hill, once situated behind Edison High School, was the home of the Triplett family.

The landing site for dirigibles, known as the George Washington Air Junction, was actually located in Hybla Valley. The proposed field is recalled by such street names as Lockheed Boulevard and Beech Craft Drive. [see Volume 22 of the *Yearbook: The Historical Society of Fairfax County, Virginia.*]



Lee District Holiday Banquet

The Franconia Museum
will present a program
on the Civil War history
of Lee District.

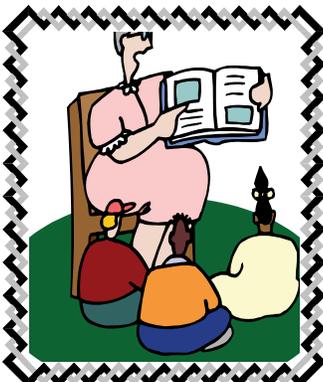
Wednesday
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Springfield Hilton

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In Memoriam



Jeff Todd

By Carl Sell

For the second time within a year, the Franconia Museum community mourns the loss of a friend and benefactor. Jeff Todd, the well-known operator of three Roy Rogers Restaurants in the area, died in an auto accident in late July, 2011. The accident occurred as Jeff and his family was on their way to a vacation on North Carolina's Outer Banks. A passenger in the car, Jeff was thrown from the vehicle when it swerved to avoid an oncoming truck, flipped over and landed in a corn field. Police said alcohol was not a factor in the accident. Jeff was not wearing a seat belt.

Jeff, 49, was well known for his civic involvement through the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, United Community Ministries, support for local schools and at risk students, the Mount Vernon High School football team and a host of charitable organizations. Jeff continued the popular school nights at each restaurant that resulted in major fund-raising activities for area PTA and school booster organizations. They were started by his dad, Jim Todd, as a way to give back to the community that had supported his family restaurants.

Locally, the Roy Rogers location in Manchester Lakes could always be counted on to support the Franconia Museum, which benefited each year as Roy Rogers donated burgers, rolls and ice for the concessions at the Museum's annual History Day. The burgers were sold as a way to produce revenue to offset the cost of the program.

Ironically, Jeff died just a few days short of a year after the passing of his dad, who died after a brief illness. In addition to his wife Becky, Jeff is survived by daughters Kimberley and Hannah. Both girls were born while the Todds lived in Rose Hill. Kimberly attended Rose Hill Elementary from

kindergarten through the fourth grade. She now is a student at Mount Vernon High School. Hannah started school at Washington Mill in Mount Vernon.

Jeff also is survived by his brother, James, Jr., a sister, Judi, and step mother, Bernice. Jim and Jeff followed their dad's footsteps in the restaurant business. The elder Todd went on his own with the Roy Rogers locations after a long career with Marriott Corporation. He and Bernice worked tirelessly to establish a business that would benefit the entire family. Becky Todd, as president, will carry on in Jeff's footsteps.

Stop by the Roy Rogers in Manchester Lakes; enjoy a good meal to support a business that supports our community. If you are in Belle View or Woodlawn, the food is just as good and the community support is just as strong. Remember our neighbor Jeff and friend Jim Todd, Sr. If you come across Becky or Jim Jr., wish them well.



Jeff Todd and some family members

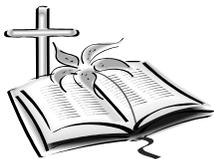




In Memoriam ... continued

Arthur “Buddy” Nalls

By Carl Sell



Other than his time in the Army during the 1950s, Arthur (Buddy) Nalls spent his entire life in Franconia. That didn't make him unique among his extended family and neighbors. Most everyone in Franconia until the recent population explosion lived here all their lives. What did make Buddy unique was his ability to build houses with character, working with his hands and his mind, not sophisticated modern equipment that makes the job easy but lacks personality.

Buddy passed away in the home he built at the corner of Beulah Street and Steinway Avenue after a long illness. He wasn't far from where it all began 82 years ago as he was the second of three children born to Carroll Lynwood Nalls and Mattie Martha Rogers Nalls. In fact, the Nalls' homestead was located on the land where Buddy built the home for his wife, Betty, and their three sons. He is survived by Betty, sons Arthur, Cary and David, grandchildren Jessica, Emily, Adam, Arthur E., Brian, Valerie and Cary and great grandson Noah Nalls.

He also is survived by a sister, Julia Nalls Lee. An older sister, Gladys Mae Nalls Shain, died in 2000. Julia provided information about her and her husband's families for a story in Volume I of *Franconia Remembers*, the Museum's series of books that capture the area's history through first-hand knowledge.

Betty Nalls and son Cary both are members of the Board of Directors of the Franconia Museum. Cary operates Nalls Produce on land on Beulah Street he bought from his grandparents. Arthur, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, was a Marine fighter pilot who is involved in real estate and property management. He is a nationally known inventor and pilot of vintage aircraft. David

operates Nalls Farm Market in the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains outside of Berryville, Virginia.

Buddy went to Franconia Elementary School and graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 1946. He joined the United States Army in 1950 and served in Korea. He and Betty were married at Pohick Church on March 21, 1952, just before Buddy went off to war. When he returned, they lived at his sister Julia's home and Buddy began a career as a carpenter that would result in many Franconia area homes. In fact, Betty liked the one he built on Steinway so much that she and young Arthur moved in one day in 1955 while Buddy was at work on another project. Imagine his surprise when he came home and found he had moved!

Perhaps Buddy's signature housing accomplishment was the large home he built for George Dodd on land across from Franconia Elementary. It includes an elevator. His largest job was a 27-unit townhouse project in the City of Alexandria. Betty recalls that one of the new townhouse owners complained to the City about her steps. The City investigated and found nothing wrong. That was Buddy's only complaint in a long career as a builder. Most of Buddy's work involved building single family homes in Franconia.

In recent years, Buddy and Betty enjoyed travel and cruises, especially a trip to Bermuda. A yearly highlight was an anniversary dinner with the family, most recently at the new National Harbor on the Potomac. They were married for 59 years.





In Memoriam ... continued



Arthur "Buddy" Nalls ...continued

By Carl Sell

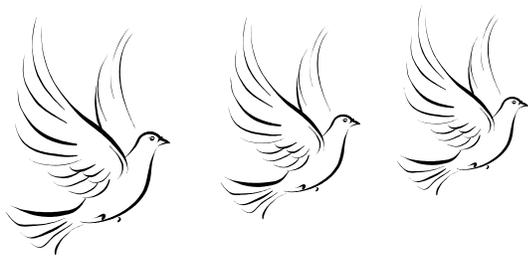
Buddy provided a bridge to a different Franconia and his recollections of friends and events of days gone by helped newcomers understand the past. His legacy lives on in the home he built here and the major footsteps he left for others to follow.



Buddy's wife, Betty and son, Cary are both Museum Board Members and our sympathy and prayers go out to both of them. He was an old friend of myself and my family and I hope he is in heaven telling my mom and dad his latest joke as we speak ... he is missed.

By Debbi Wilson

JOSEPH L. SIMMS, SR. "Bo"



-- additional comments by Judy Hutchinson

Bo grew up on Telegraph Road, in a house across the street from the Coast Guard Station, and his wife, Margie Harper, grew up on the west side of Miller Drive, off of Beulah Street. They have lived on Gum Street, off of Franconia Road, for many years.

On Thursday, October 6, 2011 of Alexandria, VA. Beloved husband of Marjorie M. Simms; father of Joseph L. Simms, Jr. (Annie H.) and Brenda L. Furr (H. David); brother of the late Patricia Ann Payne; grandfather of David A. and Michael J. Furr (Amanda). Also survived by two step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA on Sunday, October 9, 2011 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., where funeral service will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. Interment Mt. Comfort Cemetery.

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Recipe Contributions

*At one of our Franconia Museum History Day events, we asked for recipes - "A Taste Of The Past" was the theme. We thank those of you who contributed, and ask that you continue to send them to us. We will be publishing them in our newsletters and we may possibly publish a Franconia Museum cookbook down the road. **Send Us Your Recipes!!!***

GIBLET DRESSING

By Lena F. C. Talbert
From Karen Seitzinger

Turkey giblets (gizzard, heart and neck of one turkey)
1 pack or carton of chicken gizzards and hearts
4 medium to large stalks of celery cut into small pieces
4 medium red potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
1 packet MBT Chicken Broth
1 can 14 oz Chicken Broth
1 large bag plain croutons
1 bag Pepperidge Farms cornbread stuffing

Clean the gizzards (remove brown firm lining; cut gristle out of the middle and discard. Cut a slit in thickest part of gizzard. Remove any fat from the hearts and cut a slit in them too. Remove any casing or fat from the turkey neck. Place all pieces in a bowl of cold water with a teaspoon of salt, dissolved. Soak for about one hour. Rinse and drain.

In a large saucepan, place gizzards, hearts and neck, cover with cool water. Leave uncovered or covered lightly. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to simmer for 2 – 3 hours or until gizzard taste-tested is tender. Add water to the pot as needed so it doesn't boil dry.

When done, drain the giblets and save the pot liquid stock for use in the dressing. Cut the gizzards and hearts into small pieces, pull the meat off the neck bone, and discard the bones. This step can be done ahead of total preparation and giblets and stock refrigerated separately till ready for use.

In a medium sauce pan, boil the diced celery and red potatoes. Cover the vegetables with cool water, cook on medium high heat, uncovered till potatoes test tender. When done, remove the celery and potatoes to a plate, save

the pot liquid vegetable stock. Mash the celery and potatoes together and return to the bowl of vegetable stock saved. Set aside.

In an extra large bowl, add 1 bag of plain croutons, 1 & 1/2 cups cornbread stuffing; dissolved packet of MBT chicken broth in 2 cups of boiling water; mix till loose-moist, not soggy and not too stiff. Add celery and potato stock mixture and giblet stock liquid and mix well. Add giblet pieces and mix well. If the mixture is runny, add more plain croutons or cornbread stuffing (stuffing is highly seasoned—use sparingly.) If more liquid is needed, add some of the canned chicken broth (listed in your ingredients needed.)

This mixture can be stored in a covered plastic bowl in the refrigerator for early preparation. To bake, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Put the giblet dressing mixture in a greased 2 1/2 - 3 quart casserole dish and bake uncovered for 45 minutes to one hour (depends on how cold the mixture was if it had been chilled.) Chilled mixture can be removed from the refrigerator for one hour before baking to warm up. Cook till golden brown and bubbly on top. Serves 10 – 12.



Recipe Contributions ... Continued

WHEAT BREAD PUDDING WITH APPLES

From Karen Seitzinger



- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 Tbsp sugar or Splenda
- 2 cups 2% milk
- Mixture – 7/8 cup 2% milk and 3 Tbsps melted butter or Smart Balance, buttery spread
- 1/2 cup butter or Smart Balance, buttery spread, melted
- 1 Tbsp vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 2 medium apples, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 tsps ground cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp Cary's sugar free syrup
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 8 pk wheat hot dog rolls or 10 slices of bread, torn into chunks.

Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl except the bread. Add the bread, stir thoroughly and allow to soak up liquid for about 20 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pour bread mixture into 9x13 Pyrex casserole dish. Bake 45 min – 1 hour. Done when bubbly on sides. Serve hot or cold. Serves 8.

Hot Cocoa

From Debbi Wilson



- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 to 3 teaspoons HERSHEY'S Cocoa
- Dash salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Mix sugar, cocoa and salt in large mug. Heat milk in microwave at HIGH (100%) 1-1/2 minutes or until hot. Gradually add hot milk to cocoa mixture in mug, stirring until well blended. Stir in vanilla. 1 serving. VARIATIONS: Rich and Adult: Increase cocoa to 2 tablespoons; follow recipe above. Lower Fat: Use nonfat milk; follow recipe above. Sugar Free: Omit sugar. Combine cocoa and salt. Proceed as above, using nonfat milk. Stir in vanilla and sugar substitute with sweetening equivalence of 2 tablespoons sugar.

Spice Up Your Hot Cider

From Debbi Wilson



To spice it, use chunked (break up a clove) nutmeg, cloves and stick cinnamon. The spices should be in a cheesecloth, if possible, so you don't get the "scum" on the surface. If you like it sweeter add a little brown sugar and let it steep in the cider.



CORN AND BROCCOLI BAKE

From Beth Seitsinger

- 1 – 16 oz can cream style corn
- 1 – 10 oz pkg. frozen chopped broccoli, precook
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 Tbsp minced onion, optional
- 1/2 tsp salt
- Dash black pepper
- 1/2 cup coarse cracker crumbs (about 12 Ritz crackers)
- 2 Tbsps melted margarine

Combine corn, broccoli, egg, onion, salt and pepper. Pour in a greased 1-1/2 quart casserole dish. In a small bowl, mix together the cracker crumbs and melted margarine. Sprinkle over top of the broccoli mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 – 45 minutes.

(To double this recipe: Use 1 16 oz can cream style corn and 1 – 12 oz can Nibbles corn, drained and 2 pkgs chopped broccoli. Use a 2 quart dish.)

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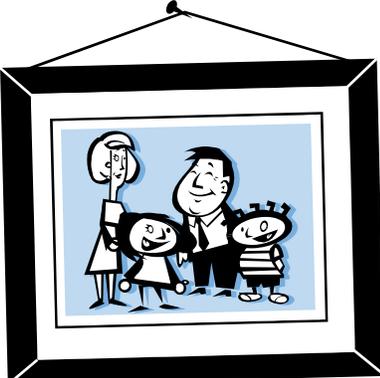
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