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## Elizabeth Washington of Hayfield A Colonial Era Franconia Story

By Jim Cox

Recently Don Hakenson, one of our museum directors, obtained some old issues of The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography published by the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. In the April, 1925 issue he found an article by William Buckner McGroarty, entitled "Elizabeth Washington of Hayfield." The article included three photographs of Hayfield dated 1924. Two of the pictures show the ruins of the house after it burned.

The article states that George Washington named five women as "equal beneficiaries under his will". Elizabeth Washington of Hayfield was one of the women and Washington left her "a mourning ring of the value of one hundred dollars." The rings were "not left for the intrinsic value of them, but as mentos of my esteem and regard."

Elizabeth Washington of Hayfield was Elizabeth Foote, and the widow of Lund Washington. Hayfield was originally part of the Mt. Vernon Estate. One of the article footnotes states that General Washington returned from the war \$15,000.00 in debt. To liquidate the debt he sold the 360 acres and house at Hayfield to his kinsman and "trusted manager" Lund Washington. Lund died in the Fall of 1796, and was predeceased by his children. He requested that his slaves be freed. Before Elizabeth died in 1812 she emancipated all of the Hayfield slaves.

The article contains references other publications about Lund Washington stating the following:

"For twenty-five years he was manager of Mount Vernon. He was married to his cousin, Betsy Foote, about 1782, and had two daughters but both died in infancy. He left his estate to his widow (Elizabeth) who left it to her nephew William H. Foote, who has lately died without issue and left it to a charity school in Alexandria."

The farm is described as "a stately mansion; although of three elevations it would appear that it was all constructed at the same time-the brick, mortar, and style of masonry are all of one period. It fronted a sweeping lawn which gradually merged into the wide-spreading fields which gave it its name. On the East and the South is a boxwood maize, neglected but still luxuriant and beautiful; there are remnants of a formal garden-mimosa trees and ancient rosebushes still blooming."

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**Hayfield House**



**BOTH SIDES TOUR III**  
**Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg**



Visit the spot where Stonewall Jackson was mortally wounded at Chancellorsville, hear about the Franconia connection to Spotsylvania and view the stone wall at Fredericksburg where the Union attack was thwarted. Learn about 'The Angel of Fredericksburg.'

**Saturday, May 1, 2010**

**Sponsored by the Franconia Museum**  
**Includes Bus, Buffet Lunch, Fees**

Start the day at 8 a.m. with coffee, donuts and a tour of the Franconia Museum, located in the Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road. Board a comfortable rest-room equipped motor coach for the trip to Chancellorsville, the site of Robert E. Lee's greatest victory and his biggest loss with the wounding and subsequent death of Jackson. Then it's on to Spotsylvania to hear about the battle and the Franconia connection. After a buffet lunch at Golden Corral, visit the Fredericksburg attractions.

**SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION**

*Visit the Plantation House overlooking The Rappahannock River and Fredericksburg where Robert E. Lee courted his bride to be, Mary Custis and President Abraham Lincoln and General McDowell dined and plotted strategy in May of 1862 and Clara Barton and poet Walt Whitman nursed casualties during the fierce battle seven months later.*

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★ **COST: \$100.00 Each. Includes Buffet lunch at Golden Corral and a fast-** ★  
★ **food value card per person on the way home as well as a contribution to** ★  
★ **each historic site and the Franconia Museum.** ★  
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**Felix de Weldon's statue of Confederate Sgt. Richard Kirkland graces the Fredericksburg battlefield. Called "The Angel of Marye's Heights," he gave water to wounded Union soldiers during the 1862 battle.**

**Fill out the reservation form (see insert) and mail along with your check (made out to Don Hakenson) to Both Sides Tour, 4708 Lillian Drive, Franconia, VA 22310. Tour conducted by Don Hakenson, Gregg Dudding and Carl Sell.**

## 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!!!***

### CROCK POT MACARONI AND CHEESE Frances Fewell Suter

- 1 (8 oz) box of macaroni cooked and drained
- 1 large can of carnation milk
- 1 1/2 cups sweet milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups sharp cheddar cheese grated (save 1/4 cup to sprinkle on top)
- 1/4 cup melted margarine
- 2 eggs

Mix all ingredients together and put in a greased (with butter) crock pot. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup of grated cheese. Cook 3 – 4 hours. First hour on high and remainder of time on low.

### MY MOM'S SPONGE CAKE (Good Old Recipe) By Ruth Cole from Jean Starry

- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups cake flour
- Dash salt
- 2 tsps. Baking powder
- 2 tsps. Vanilla
- 1 cup milk

Cream sugar and eggs well together. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Add the flour mixture and vanilla to the sugar and eggs. Bring milk to a boil. Cool milk a little and add to the cake mixture. Mix well.

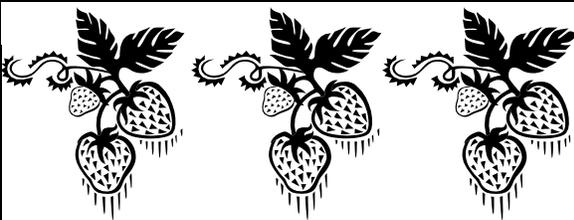
Bake in a 9 inch square pan or a round pan at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until light brown.

"My Mother's Cake is Good!!"

### PIMENTO CHEESE Frances Fewell Suter

- 1 16 oz grated Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 1 jar of diced pimientos drained
- 1 to 2 tablespoons vinegar (or to taste)
- 1 tablespoon sugar (or to taste)
- Mayonnaise (Add just enough to mix the ingredients)
- 1/2 teaspoon dried dill

I taste as I go when I add the vinegar and sugar. We like it a little tart.



### Annual Strawberry Festival

**The Strawberry Festival at the Franconia Episcopal Church (6107 Franconia Road) will be May 22nd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Vendors, Crafts, and Games ... join them for the fun!**



**Elizabeth Washington of Hayfield ... *continued from cover page***

*By Jim Cox*

William Hayward Foote, Elizabeth's nephew, left a will containing unusual language when he passed away in 1846:

"I direct that my body be buried in a plain coffin at the East end of my house where my wife may be placed when this world's strife and care is ended....Everything to my wife for as long as she remains my widow or for life... If, however, she should cease to be my widow or marry again, she must account for all these things and take her dower at law. It is not my purpose to give any Cur a Sop."

Editors note: Added to the articles in last Fall's museum newsletter we now have a more complete picture of what life was like at Hayfield from colonial times through the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

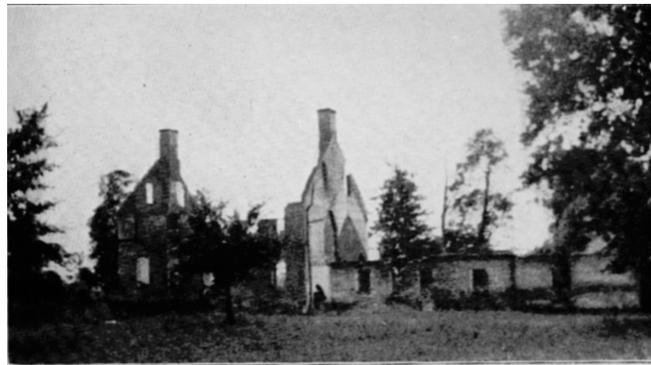


We plan to add more info about Franconia's Colonial period in future publications.

*Hayfield - Kitchen, 1924*



HAYFIELD—KITCHEN, 1924



HAYFIELD RUINS, 1924

*Hayfield - Ruins, 1924*

**Laurel Grove School Open House**

**Come Celebrate Black History With Laurel Grove School**

**May 1, 2010 1:00PM - 4:00PM**

*Walk through the historic one room schoolhouse and learn how a small Northern Virginia African American Community gathered in the 1880's to build a school to educate the "first generation born to freedom."*

*Guest speaker Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter, Author of "Africana Woman: Her Story Through Time" will read from her book. Light refreshments served and entertainment by Franconia Elementary School's "Performing Mustangs".*

*Please RSVP to Phyllis Walker Ford at [pford17@cox.net](mailto:pford17@cox.net)*

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## Captain James H. Wiley and His Service in the Confederate Army

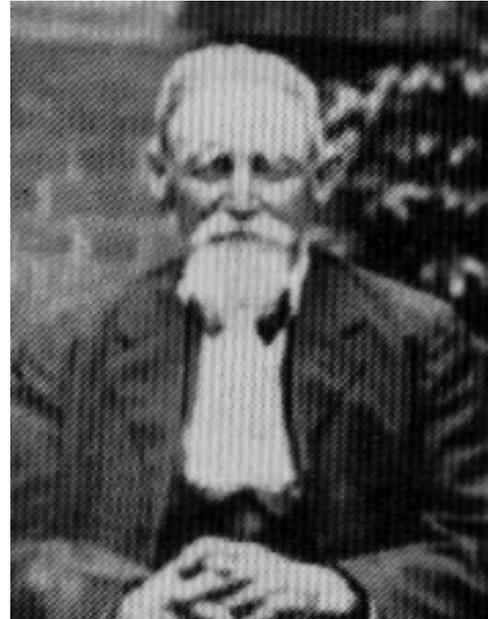
*By Don Hakenson*

On May 5, 1933, Jennie Wiley, the widow of Captain James H. Wiley, currently living in Accotink, Virginia filed for a Confederate pension. She stated on the application form that Captain Wiley had died at Alexandria Hospital, from a tumor on April 3, 1933, and had served honorably as a Confederate soldier in Mosby's Rangers, or the Forty-third Battalion Virginia Cavalry.

This seemed like an open and shut case, but it wasn't! On July 13, 1933, John H. Johnson, Comptroller of the State of Virginia, contacted the Adjutant General's Office, located in the War Department, in Washington City to verify Captain Wiley's service record. On July 19, 1933, the War Department reported back that James H. Wiley's name had not been found on any Mosby's company muster rolls on file in their office. Due to the lack of documentation the State of Virginia, could not make a final determination on Mrs. Wiley's application.

Finally, on May 13, 1935, the Virginia State Comptroller contacted Mr. Charles H. Callahan, in Alexandria, requesting information on Captain Wiley's Confederate service. They contacted Mr. Callahan because it was reported that he was quite intimate with Captain Wiley before his death, and that he personally could verify the old gentleman's Confederate status. The Comptroller was hoping Mr. Callahan could provide them with some tangible evidence to prove Captain Wiley's enlistment in the Confederate Army.

On May 17, 1935, Mr. Callahan responded to the Comptroller that he had known the deceased for perhaps fifty years before his death, and was in fact one of Captain Wiley's most intimate of friends. Mr. Callahan iterated that he had heard the old gentleman tell stories of his military experiences over and over again, always interesting and always the same. He added, "I haven't any doubt that his narratives were absolutely true. Notwithstanding this and



***Captain James H. Wiley***

the warm friendship between us stretching over a half century I never heard him say to what regiment or company he belonged or if I ever did have entirely forgotten but from the narratives I would assume that he was generally on detached service. He was one of the five men who escaped Point Lookout when a prisoner of war and somewhere amongst my papers I have the names of the other four. One of the men was named Lake and another Johnsie, the latter of Fairfax Court House and the former of Washington City in the last years. He has also told me of his experience at the Battle of the Wilderness and various other expeditions in the service of the Confederacy. His escape from the Old Capitol in which he was incarcerated after leaving Point Lookout was perhaps the most daring related by him, but notwithstanding all this I have no idea to what Regiment or company he belonged, in fact never inquired though I frequently heard him speak of his commanding officer. Just one of those things I failed to learn, indeed I may say that I forgot to learn."

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## Captain James H. Wiley and His Service in the Confederate Army ... *continued*

*By Don Hakenson*

Based on no other evidence than the statement provided by Mr. Callahan, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Finance Comptroller's Office actually approved Mrs. Wiley's pension request for \$120 on May 28, 1935, over two years after she originally filed her application.

After reading this decision concerning Mrs. Wiley's pension record I decided to investigate Captain Wiley's Confederate service record myself.

I was able to verify that Private James H. Wiley's name was indeed listed on the roster of Company H, Fifteenth Virginia Cavalry, also known as the Chincapin Rangers. The Chincapin Rangers were made up of men who lived and worked in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and primarily conducted partisan combat cavalry operations in Northern Virginia. However, the Chincapin Rangers would later be incorporated as Company H into Mosby's Rangers in March of 1865. The regimental history for the Fifteenth Virginia Cavalry confirmed that Private Wiley was captured in Fairfax County on September 16, 1863. I also found another interesting document that stated that John Haislip, from Lorton, reported after the war that he advised James Wiley to come into the Union lines in January 1865. No other military information could be found.

Based on my research I was able to conclusively verify that James H. Wiley was a Confederate cavalryman, had definitely served in the Confederate Army, and that Mrs. Wiley deserved her pension. But I was not able to verify that her husband had escaped from a Union prisoner of war camp with four other men.

I was convinced that there had to be some documentation about this adventure and I soon found a wonderful article in the *Confederate Veteran* magazine, written by the late Luther B. Lake, of Company B, Eighth Virginia Infantry, titled, "Escape from Point Lookout Prison." Lake stated, "On the third night of September, 1863,

five determined spirits made up their minds that they would endeavor to make their escape. The five spirits were Johnsie Tongue, Sloane, Wiley, T.W. Lake and L.B. Lake." Lake further stated, "Tongue and Slone were scouts for General J.E.B. Stuart; Wiley was an independent scout and operated in Fairfax County; T.W. Lake was a member of Colonel John S. Mosby's Forty-third Battalion Virginia Cavalry; and L.B. Lake was a member of General Pickett's Division."

After roll call, the five men crept as near the dead line as possible, and as the sentinels on their beat met and separated, the five men made a dash for freedom and headed for the beach. They waded in the water for over five hours before finally reaching land outside of the view of the prison pickets on the other side of the bay. After walking several days, and being fed and housed by various Southern sympathizers, in Maryland, they made their way to the Potomac River and crossed it by boat at night. When they landed safe and sound on the Virginia side, Luther Lake knelt down and kissed its soil. They had landed about twenty-four miles from Washington City. In a short time they made their way to the Orange & Alexandria railroad tracks. It was probably at this point where Wiley's knowledge of the area came into play. The five escapees were able to make their way at night back to their lines while walking in and around various Union camps. Luther Lake's reminiscence was almost the final piece in the puzzle, verifying James H. Wiley's Confederate Service, and confirming his "Prisoner of War" story.

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## Captain James H. Wiley and His Service in the Confederate Army ... *continued* By Don Hakenson

According to Captain James H. Wiley's obituary, in the Washington Post, he was ninety years old when he died. Captain Wiley had lived all his life near Engle-side, in Fairfax County. Also, James Wiley was known as *Captain* because he was in command of a sailing vessel in his younger days. So being known as Captain Wiley had nothing to do with his service in the Confederacy. After the war, Captain Wiley, a Democrat, engaged in river traffic for several years, later becoming a farmer, and lived a productive life, in Fairfax County until his death.



Captain James H. Wiley was buried at the Cranford Church Cemetery, in Lorton where he currently rests beside his wife Jennie.

### *Did You Know ?*

#### **Carrolltown: The Unknown Town**

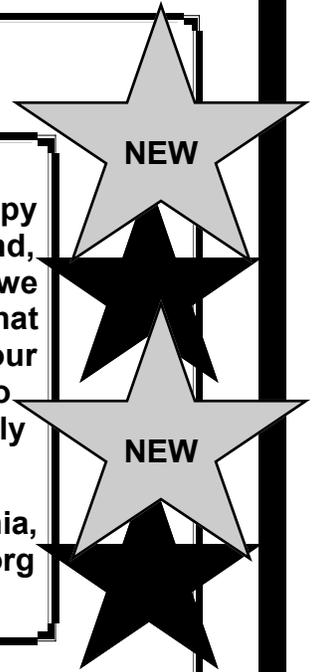
Descendants of the original trustees of Laurel Grove, some who were former slaves of Dennis Johnston of West Grove and William Hayward Foote of Hayfield Farm were the panelists. They will talk about their memories of living and going to school in the "black settlement" of **Carrolltown** in the Franconia area.

Carrolltown was a thriving black community started by George Carroll on ten acres given to his mother by Dennis Johnston's will in 1856 plus an additional 100 acres purchased in the 1880's by George Carroll which he subdivided and sold to his family members. In the nineteen-teens, after George Carroll's death, his family began selling the land to people outside their family. Many of these families still attend Laurel Grove Church today.

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Are you interested in your community and history? Get involved with the Franconia Museum. You can volunteer for one event or more often if interested.

Your help is needed with events like Story Swaps, Annual History Day, or staffing the Museum during hours of operation. Your help is also needed with periodic administration needs like preparing mailing (newsletters, special event post cards, letters) and with filing and computer data entry for cataloging pictures and Museum items. Additional opportunities to help the Museum will be available periodically, including writing grant proposals, fund raising, and educational programs.

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- Name
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- Area (s) interested in helping the Museum
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***Help us preserve and make the history of the local Franconia area available to everyone.***



## \*\*\* Sonny Wright \*\*\*

By Carl Sell

You can take the boy out of Franconia, but you can't take Franconia out of the boy...or man, for that matter. An adaptation of an old, old saying that fits Sonny Wright to a tee.

Joseph Daniel Wright was born on Grovedale Road in 1932 and bounced around the Beulah Road corridor throughout his youth. Bounced is a good word for Sonny, who continues to prove you can't hit a moving target. He is one of four children of William McKinley Wright and Helen Elizabeth Wright, who were married in Alexandria .

The Wrights also had three daughters, Wilma Helen Wright Crawford, Ilona Mae Wright Love and Carolyn Jeanne Wright Anderson, in that order. Wilma was born in 1930 when the Wrights lived in Alexandria and Ilona (1943) and Carolyn (1945) were born when the family moved to Franconia.

Sonny has an amazing institutional memory when it comes to Franconia. He has stories about himself and his many friends who grew up in Franconia that will keep your attention. That's why the Board of Directors of the Franconia Museum decided to invite him to become a member to fill one of two recent vacancies. The rest will be history, as they say.

Shortly after Sonny was born, the Wrights moved to Talbert's Farm on Beulah Street,. They moved twice more to homes on Beulah Road before settling on Oak Street (now Burnett Street, when Sonny was 13.

By this time, you've probably noticed we keep referring to the street on which Sonny spent most of this early years as Beulah Road. That's what it was named, is now and ever shall be as far as Sonny and many others are concerned. Only the County and Post Office now call it Beulah Street.

Sonny started school in Franconia in 1938, when a new section had just been added to the original building. He remembers the quonset hut out back with the stove for heat in the wintertime. Sonny, nor anyone else in Franconia in those days for that matter, remembers air conditioning.

Sonny's dad worked for Smoot Sand & Gravel for \$1 per day during the depression, operating a tug up moving barges on the Potomac. He later went to work at Fort Belvoir as a painter/carpenter and glazer.

Sonny remembers his mother's father, Ben Sacks, driving two horses and a wagon 25 miles from Hoadley, Virginia to plow fields in Franconia. The trip took about five hours. As a youngster, he spent many hours at the community center located where Olivet church is now. He remembers hearing about the attack on Pearl Harbor on the car radio and recalls the sadness when one of his teachers at Franconia was notified that her husband had been killed in the war. Sonny had three uncles who served in the war. All survived.

The highlight of Sonny's youth is the time he spent playing baseball in Franconia. He was a pitcher and second baseman on the unbeaten 1947 team and proudly recalls a victory over at team from Mount Vernon High School. . David Cook, brother of Jac Walker who was one of the Franconia Museum's founders, started the team in 1946. Because they were elementary school age, they had to get county and state approval

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**Sonny Wright in front of our Franconia Museum poster of the 1947 Franconia School Undefeated Baseball Team of which he was a member.**

**Sonny Wright ... continued***By Carl Sell*

before the team could compete under the auspices of Franconia School.

The school, players and their families raised the \$11 necessary to buy uniforms. Sonny credits Jinks Walker, a black man who worked at the school and is a legend among those who knew him, as helping teach the boys the finer points of the game of baseball.

Drop by the museum any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and view the poster-sized picture of Sonny and his teammates on that special part of Franconia history. Equally important to Sonny is the fact that he followed his dad's footsteps as a member of the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department. You'll see Sonny's membership cards when you visit the museum.

Sonny joined the Navy in 1951 and served until 1956, including three trips to the Mediterranean Sea aboard of battleship USS Iowa.

In 1954, while stationed in Norfolk, he met and married Dorothy Umphlett. After Sonny discharged, they moved to Franconia, then to Alexandria and then to Brookland Estates. They had five children, Joseph David, Edward Dwayne, Timothy Brian and twins Traci Lynn and Kenneth William, before a divorce. Edward Dwayne died suddenly on August 19, 2009 and his mother Dorothy died the next day after a long illness.

*Everyone has a story to tell and we want to hear yours! If you are interested in sharing your stories with us please email us at [franconiamuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:franconiamuseum@yahoo.com). The Franconia Museum is also looking for artifacts, photo's, and maps (gifts or loans) for future exhibits.*

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**Long Arm Of Franconia  
On The Internet**

Obviously homesick, Donna Peyer of Kent, Washington on the West Coast typed in 'Franconia' in the search area of her computer last fall. She was thrilled to find the Franconia Museum web site. Known as Kim DeAngelis, she and her family moved to Brookland Estates in 1953. She attended Franconia Elementary until Bush Hill opened. She remembers movies at Ward's Corner and shopping at Fitzgerald's Store. Her mom, Isabel DeAngelis, worked at the post office in Franconia Hardware in the 1960s. One day, Kim visited her mom and met a young man named Alan Peyer, who was in the Air Force and was moonlighting by working at the hardware store. They were married two years later. She e-mailed the Museum and asked to be put in touch with Joe Alexander. Davie and Joe Alexander contacted her to say Joe remembered both her mother and Alan. Kim/Donna says she has only been back to Franconia twice in 38 years. Our web page brought back so many wonderful memories for her.

If you can't stop by the museum in the Franconia Government Center at 6121 Franconia Road between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Saturday, visit us often on the web at [franconiamuseum.org](http://franconiamuseum.org) for updates.

*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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**“Franconia Remembers *Volume VI*” Debut**

**Franconia Museum History Day – November 6, 2010**

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## FRANCONIA REMEMBERS

**\*\*JOE DAVIES \*\***

**An American and Hometown Hero!**



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Joe Davies grew up in Franconia. He was a high school and college football star who married his hometown sweetheart and fathered four sons. An Air Force pilot, he was shot down in May of 1968 and was declared dead in 1973. His remains have never been recovered. This book recalls Joe's early days in Franconia, his marriage to Shirley Bunch, college and Air Force career. It includes recollections of the Davies and Bunch families from family and friends. The book is written by Carl Sell, who wrote about Joe's early sports career as a reporter for the Alexandria Gazette and The Washington Star.

Check out the Franconia Museum's earlier publications at [franconiamuseum.org](http://franconiamuseum.org). Click on Items for Sale and order on line.

## Evergreen

*Edith Moore Sprouse*

Once located on Franconia Road and part of the Burgundy plantation, this mid-nineteenth century house, distinguished by its Italian Villa style design, was moved from the original site in 1969 to 5719 Cannon Lane by Rufus B. Cooley (then principal of the Bucknell Elementary School) before a housing development was built on the land. Evergreen's chief claim to fame is its association with General Fitzhugh Lee. While he was running for Governor of Virginia Lee rented Evergreen. His wife Ellen was a daughter of George D. Fowle, who had owned the Burgundy tract for many years.

Fitzhugh Lee was the son of Sidney Smith Lee and the nephew of two Confederate Generals, Robert E. Lee and Samuel Cooper. He had the distinction of being the only governor of Virginia who was a native of Fairfax County. Lee was born at Clermont, his mother's family plantation, on Nov. 19, 1835. Before the advent of the Capital Beltway, the present Clermont Street ran north from Franconia Road past the site of his birthplace. Lee graduated from West Point in 1856. As his obituary later reported, "from early manhood his life was one of constant activity."

Fitz Lee fought Indians on the western plains and later returned to West Point to become an instructor. At the outbreak of the Civil war he resigned his commission and joined the Confederacy to become Chief of Cavalry in the Army of Northern Virginia.

The bride's family had owned the Burgundy tract. In an account of a New Years Eve ball in Alexandria, the newspaper stated on Jan. 5, 1875: "Among the ladies present were Mrs. Lee, the beautiful and accomplished wife of General Fitz Lee, who was very elegantly attired in orange silk flounced with black lace."

The issue of May 26<sup>th</sup> stated, "At Richland, the residence of Gen. Fitz Lee, we were most forcibly struck with the air of general

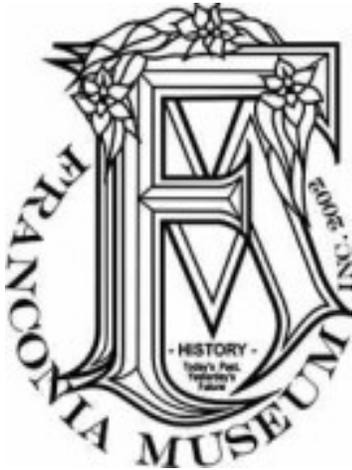
improvements and prosperity. This genial gentleman has gone to work in earnest since the war, by his example and advice, to restore Virginia again to her former position among the states."

In June of that year he was the speaker at the Bunker Hill Centennial celebration; at ceremonies on July 4, 1876 he was described, at age forty, as a man 5'5" tall, with brown hair and a red beard. The Lees had five children who survived infancy; Virginia, Ellen, Annie, and their brothers George and Fitzhugh. While the family was living at Evergreen an infant died at that place.

General Lee was elected Governor of Virginia in 1885. When he retired from the regular army it was with a rank of Brigadier-General. He subsequently served as Consul-General in Havana and Military Governor in Cuba. In the opening years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century planning began for the forthcoming 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Virginia. Fitzhugh Lee took an active part by 1904 in preliminaries for the Jamestown Exhibition, traveling extensively to promote legislation among the several states in its behalf. He was on a train from Boston to Washington in April, 1905 when he was stricken with apoplexy.

Fitzhugh Lee died the next day in Providence Hospital, Washington, at 11:20 p.m. on April 28<sup>th</sup>. His wife and daughters came from Fort Oglethorpe, GA. One son, Lt. George Mason Lee, was stationed in San Francisco; Lt. Fitz Lee, Jr. was in the Philippines. This "peculiarly genial and lovable man," reported the Fairfax Herald, was buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

The Virginia Historical Society, of which he was a member, eulogized him by saying that, "in every relation of life, public and private, he was worthy of the noble stock from which he sprang. To the general public throughout the whole country he became a popular hero to his friends and to the men who followed him through the dust and sweat of battle, he was always simply 'dear old Fitz.'



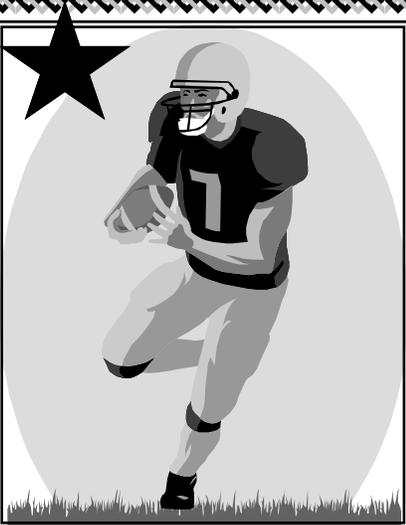
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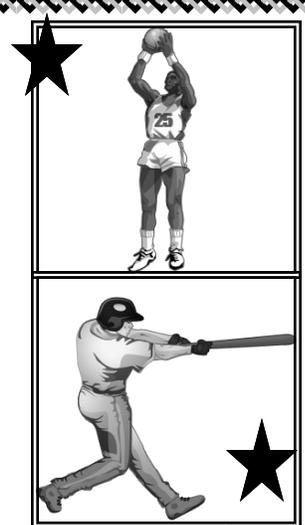
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***Franconia Museum Story Swap***

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**Sunday, August 15, 2010  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Helen Wilson Community Room  
Franconia Government Center**

**Receipes ... continued****SWEETBREAD APPLE PUDDING**

(Hawaii's Best Local Desert)

**Sandy Ross**

- 1 – 16 oz. round loaf sweet bread
- 1 – 21 oz can apple pie filling (Comstock)
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 5 eggs beaten
- Cinnamon sprinkling

Using a 9x13 pan, break bread in pieces and cover the bottom. Spread apple filling on top of bread. Sprinkle raisins on top.

Scald milk. Add butter and sugar. Cool mixture. Beat eggs and mix with the milk mixture. Pour over bread. Sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

**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 Niblet corn, drained and 2 pkgs chopped broccoli. Use a 2 quart dish.)

**CABBAGE & CORNBREAD CASSEROLE****Shared by a Chef from Pam Walker**

1 head of cabbage, sliced and cooked in a small amount of water. Drain and season with salt and pepper. Place in a small oiled (Pam) casserole.

1 box of Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix. Mix according to directions on the box. Cover the cabbage with the corn bread mixture.

Bake according to the directions on the box. Delicious and easy to make!

**Ladybugs on a Log****From Helen Wilson**

- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 6 stalks celery, cut into 3-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup raspberry flavored cream cheese

Fill each celery stick with raspberry flavored cream cheese and top with 3 or 4 dried cranberries.

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## In Memoriam

### Jacqueline C. Walker "Jac" September 22, 1923 - November 7, 2009



*Jac's favorite picture ... her with  
her Great Grandchildren*

Residing on Valley View Drive in Franconia, VA., for over 80 years, "Jac" passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at Alexandria Hospital surrounded by the family she loved so dearly. The daughter of the late James and Ruby Cooke, devoted wife of 63 years to Donald P. Walker; mother of Philip D., Kenneth D., Pamela E., and the late Mark D. Walker, (Marie); sister of William Cooke, Robert Cooke, Beverly Lordi and the late David Cooke; grandmother of Andrew, Joseph, Benjamin, Rebekah Kessler, and Daniel Walker; Great-grandmother of Campbell, Ezra, Bailey, Omar, Micah, Joe-Joe, Jonny, and Mikaila.

Jac was in the first graduating class of 1940 at Mount Vernon High School. After Donald returned from the war in 1947, they were married. She joined the Franconia United Methodist Church in 1956 and was a member of the History Committee, Wesley Circle and the Harmony Class. When her children were of school age, she was hired in 1961 as secretary at Franconia School. Later, she worked for Edison's Adult Education Program, Bryant's ESL Program and then fully retired in 1994.

For fifty years Donald and Jac made time for monthly card party gatherings with the same three couples; Alvin & Irene Dennis, Ruth & Ellis Glover, and Dot & Dick Hamerick. It was also her great delight to spend regular time with her brothers:

David (Margaret), Bill (Ruth), Bobby (Peggy) and sister Bev (Bill). Her most recent years were spent volunteering at the Franconia Museum where she loved gathering and writing stories about all the locals.

She was kind, generous, and a pillar of patience to all. She knew her priorities and left a legacy of love and fond memories for her family, friends, church, and community. She honored the Lord with her life and will be greatly missed. Her favorite bible verse is from Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God".

She was buried at The Quantico National Cemetery. The family requests that any donations be sent in her name to The Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310.

Editors note: We lost Jac shortly after the Fall newsletter was published and Franconia History Day was held. Jac's family held a celebration of her life on November 16, 2009 at the Franconia United Methodist Church. Don Hakenson spoke at the service as a representative of the Franconia Museum Board of Directors. Don said that Franconia "had lost a treasure with Jac's passing", for anyone that knew Jac this was a very true and heartfelt statement. I attended the service and was very impressed when Jac's grandchildren (her late son Mark's children) got up as a group to speak about their "Bammaw." Jac would have been very proud to have heard the things they had to say, and

## Jac Walker ... *continued*

the manner in which they were delivered. Jac and I traveled in the same circles for the past 40 some years after my parents moved us to Franconia in 1961. Jac was the school secretary at Franconia School during the four years I attended, and Donald Walker was one of the Scoutmasters while I was in Pack 867. So I lived in the same community as Jac and Donald but never really had much contact with them. Their children were either younger or older than me, so I was never classmates or close friends with the family. This changed when I attended the first Franconia History Day and talked with Jac at the information table. By the next fall I became a museum director just in time for the second Franconia History Day. Several months later Bob Heitman passed away and I sort of took over most of the computer support for the museum. At this point Jac and I started working on the newsletter together, and writing and editing Franconia Remembers Volume II. Volume III and IV followed over the next several years, each time we made improvements until we got a professional looking product. With desktop publishing from Don Hakenson, editing and scanning by me, and Jac's writing we became quite a publishing team. I was a frequent visitor to the Walker house, and Donald kiddingly accused me of carrying on with his wife. Through Jac's efforts, calling on her personal friendships, we were able to capture many family stories that would have been lost to local history forever. Like Jac, many of the Franconians that have shared their stories with us have passed on. Volume IV of Franconia Remembers contains Jac and Donald's family story, I would not let her shorten it and kept plugging in more Walker/Cooke photos into the text.

Jac helped out with the editing on Volume V of Franconia Remembers, the book about Joe

Alexander's life. About two weeks before the last history day, we had a final organizational meeting for the event, and I was able to show everybody the finished product. Jac was home between stays at the hospital, so after the meeting I took a copy to her and stayed to visit for about an hour. She really liked the book and we had a good visit, I hugged her on the way out and said I was praying for her. Jac never made it to History Day and declined quickly. Myself, like most of the museum board miss Jac's presense every time we get together for a meeting or an event. I especially miss her visiting me at the museum on Saturday mornings. I would always hear the outside door open and the tap, tap, tap of her cane coming down the hall. She would bring me some new piece of information, pictures she had just received, or old newspaper articles she had found. We would plot and plan how to work them into museum displays and publications. Jac had a very sharp mind as long as she was alive, and was a valued mentor in my life. She was a friend to everyone in the community, and we were never joking when we called her the "Matriarch of Franconia History."

Jim Cox



*In Memoriam ... continued***Gerald John Neufang**

Gerald John Neufang, Sr., 72, of Fredericksburg passed away Thursday, February 11, 2010 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Syracuse, New York to the late, William and Josephine Neufang. Jerry graduated from Ithaca College in New York with a MS in Education Administration.

He moved to Springfield, VA in 1964 and lived in the Alexandria area for 30 years where he taught and later became an assistance principal at Thomas A. Edison High School in Alexandria. Jerry also coached baseball and football at Edison High School as well as coaching in the Central Springfield Little League. He enjoyed gardening, working outdoors and sports, especially baseball.

He is survived by three sons, Gerald J. Neufang, Jr. and his wife, Debbie of Stafford County, Jeffrey S. Neufang, Sr. and his wife, Michelle of Manassas, and Joel M. Neufang, Sr. and his wife, Joelle, of Stafford; a daughter, Jill Ann Keenan and her husband, Bruce of Winchester; 14 grandchildren; and four brothers, William Neufang of Baldwinsville, NY, Richard Neufang of Burlington, KY, Robert Neufang of Solvang, NY and Edward Neufang of Tucson, AZ.

Jerry is preceded in death by his wife, Joanne Neufang, a grandson, Camden Dray Keenan and his sister, Florence "Phronsie" McCarthy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 10:00 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg. Interment will follow in Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, VA at 3:30 pm.

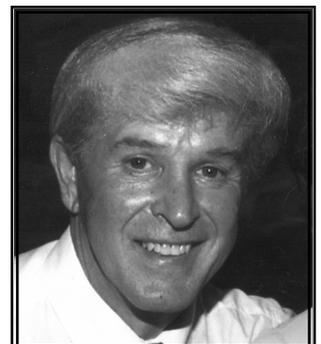
Many former Edison Coaches and athletes posted tributes about Coach Neufang on the funeral home

website, which are no longer available. These included messages from Athletic Director Bob Carson, Coach Doug Greene, and Pat Toomay, former Edison athlete, and later NFL player. Tributes were also posted by family members, and Central Springfield Little League players coached by Mr. Neufang. Surprisingly some Edison students posted statements that claimed they were less than stellar performers during their high school years, but credit Coach with giving them firm guidance in his role as Assistant Principal. One thing is certain, Coach Neufang touched many lives in different ways, and the world is a better place through his efforts. Edison graduates were especially lucky to have him as a coach, administrator and mentor.

I have a personal memory concerning Pat Toomay and Coach Neufang. I lived right next to the high school and frequently wandered around the practice fields. During Toomay's senior year I used to hang around watching football practice, and have a vivid memory of Pat staying after practice and working on punting with Coach Neufang. They were a real "Mutt and Jeff" pair, as an 11-12 year old Pat Toomay looked about 8 feet tall to me, and I was already almost as tall as Coach Neufang. Anyway they would each punt the ball and Coach could punt as far, or further than the much taller Toomay.

Coach was also a legendary softball pitcher, fast pitch softball. I got to hit against him in gym class several times, I would see the ball come out of his hand and then heard it hit the catcher's mitt before I could get the bat off my shoulder. Coach was quite an all around athlete.

Jim Cox



*In Memoriam ... continued***Nancy Lou King**

Nancy Lou King, age 74, passed away on Sunday, 10 January 2010 at Inova Fairfax Hospital in McLean, Virginia.

Mrs. King was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Joseph H. King; also by her parents, Harold H. Phillips & Emma Reichmann. She is survived by two sons, Joseph E. King (Laurie E.) & James H. King; a daughter, Bonnie Lou King (David Ortiz); three grandchildren, Sarah Elizabeth Newman, Anthena Marie King & Joseph M. King; and one great-grandchild, Nadya Lucero Sandoval.

Mrs. King's multi-faceted talents and generous heart made her an exceptional individual. She graduated high school from the Class of 1952 at Washington & Lee in Arlington at age 16, having excelled at softball, basketball and field hockey. She was also an accomplished musician who turned down an opportunity to study piano at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. Over the years she produced wonderful paintings and pastels. She also designed and crafted beautiful garments from scratch. Mrs. King was a high level secretary at the CIA during the tumultuous era of the Cuban missile crisis. In the 1960s she was instrumental in the formation and development of the Franconia Athletic Association when no structured youth leagues for sports existed in this part of the county. In order to stay closer to home with her young family, she became the Secretary at Franconia Elementary School from 1968–1981. As the family grew older, she returned to federal civil service as a budget analyst for the Air Force. She retired from the Pentagon in 2004 but not before earning the Air Force Civilian of the Year Award in 1987. For all of her talents, accomplishments and wit, her legacy is best defined by her well-known demeanor as a generous, caring person for those in need as well as mentoring young people in both personal & professional arenas.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Music Department at Thomas Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria Virginia 22310. Relatives and friends may visit Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA (just south of the intersection of Franconia Road and South Van Dorn) on Friday, 15 January 2010 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm. A graveside service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 2:00pm.

*Editor's comment: I always thought Nancy King was a very strong and dignified lady when I encountered her as a young person. She succeeded Jac Walker as School Secretary at Franconia School during the late 1960's. I went to school and played sports with her son Joe. She helped found the Franconia Youth Association, the organization responsible for first forming Football and Softball programs in Franconia.*

*Jim Cox*

**Nancy King - 1972**



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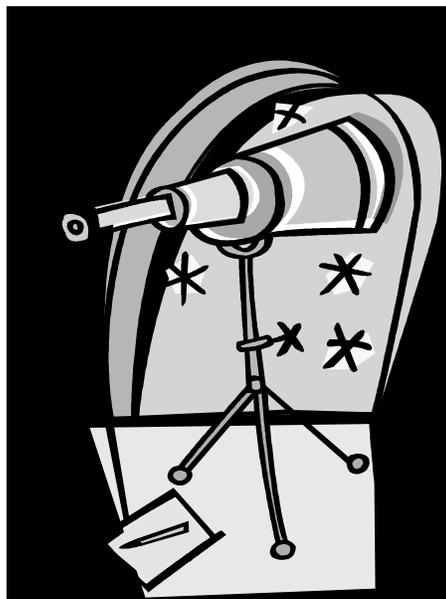
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