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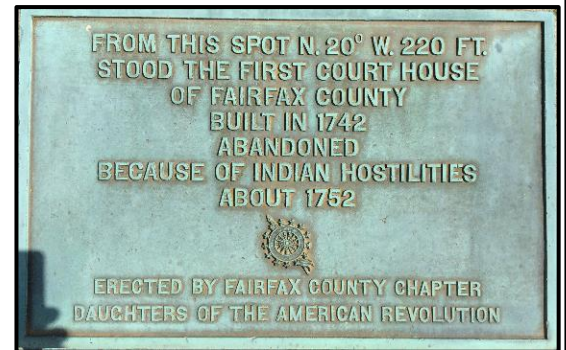
## VIENNA'S CELEBRATES FAIRFAX COUNTY'S 275TH

The County of Fairfax was created by legislation introduced in May 1742, effective the following December. It was named for Thomas, sixth Lord Fairfax. The dividing line was a line up Occoquan River and Bull Run, and from the head of the main branch of Bull Run, by a straight course to Ashby's Gap in the Blue Ridge. The decision was approved by the council and governor, and it became law 19 June 1742. The original Fairfax County did not exist long. In 1757, the Virginia House of Burgesses passed an act cutting off from it the County of Loudoun. The dividing line between the two counties stood for 41 years, and then in 1798, the General Assembly of Virginia passed an act that provided a new dividing line, one which has remained to the present day as the boundary between Fairfax and Loudoun Counties.

The first Fairfax courthouse was specified in the legislation creating the county in 1742 to be located "at a place call'd Spring Fields." This location was near the intersection of Gosnell Road and Rt. 123. There is a marker by the post for the traffic lights.

Celebrate the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Historic Vienna, Inc.:

- March to December – Upstairs Museum Exhibit: "Vienna's History Through Time"
- June 16, 6:30-9:30pm – Chillin on Church: HVI presents the Town of Vienna with 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gifts
- June 17, 10am-4pm – Fairfax County's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Massey building; visit HVI's booth!
- September 10, 1-4pm – Vienna's History Day



### ***Mother-Daughter Tea – June 25, 3PM***

Learn about historic etiquette and enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, scones and desserts. \$30 per person.

### ***Tea & Parlor Talk – August 10, 3PM***

Learn about the suffrage movement and enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, scones and desserts. \$30 per person.

### ***Upstairs Museum Exhibit***

"Vienna's History Through Time"

### ***Hallway Museum Exhibit***

"The Women's Rights Movement in 1917"

### ***Volunteer to help us during Viva Vienna!***

Please call Patti or Susan at the Freeman Store, 703 938 5187, if you can help for an hour or so



### ***This Was Vienna, Virginia***

**On Sale – 20% off!**

**June 16, 17, & 18**

The definitive book on Vienna's history.

*Makes a great Father's Day gift!*

### **Vienna honors Dr. Amsler**

At the Town of Vienna Volunteer Awards, Dr. Amsler was honored for his research into the Little Library collection. Please join Historic Vienna, Inc. in congratulating him.

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Historic Vienna, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Corporation for historic preservation, operates The Freeman Store and Museum  
Mail: P.O. Box 53, Vienna, VA 22183

[www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org)

Visit us at: 131 Church Street, NE, Vienna, VA 22180

Phone: 703.938.5187

## USED BOOK CELLAR

If you haven't visited the Freeman Store Used Book Cellar, please come by and discover our amazing selection of used books on numerous topics. Best of all, the Cellar is open Wednesday through Sunday, 12 PM - 4 PM, March through December.

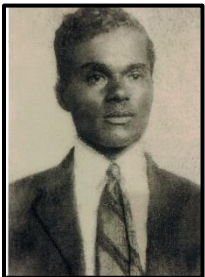
Since October, generous donors have brought books, DVD's, CD's, and assorted games to the Store and HVI is most appreciative for your support. Bagged or boxed donations are accepted, with the exception of encyclopedias, romance novels, Reader's Digest books, and textbooks, and may be delivered to the Store or left on our porch benches (tax forms are available upon request).

If you truly enjoy books, why not consider volunteering to sort books or assist with helping shoppers when the Cellar is open. Consider volunteering during the Viva! Vienna! weekend by contacting the Store and offering to assist. If your interest and experience leans towards helping to assist with Amazon fulfillment sales as an administrator, please contact Nancy Moats through the Store. All profit affords HVI the opportunity to offer more programs and events. We look forward to welcoming you to the Used Book Cellar very soon.

## From the Museum Committee

### *Exhibit has Portraits of Vienna Residents*

The upstairs exhibit: *Vienna's History Through Time*, has three photographs of early Vienna residents; ancestors of Board Member, Gloria Runyon.



**George Brown and his wife Sarah Brown.**

George Brown, part East Band Cherokee from Georgia and part Pamunkey/Tauxenent Nation from Fairfax County Virginia; born in Vienna in 1878. He is the son of Mack Brown who along with two other men, bought land from O. Hines in 1867 for

one dollar to build a school and church for blacks in Vienna. That church is the First Baptist Church of Vienna and a building was built on Lawyers Road to house the church and school (when the church moved to its current location, the Knights of Columbus occupied the building). The school, the Vienna colored school, shared the building and eventually became what is now Louise Archer School.

George Brown and Sarah built a house in Vienna where their descendants live today.



**Sarah (Ellen Mills) Brown**, a descendant of Keziah Carter, was born in Vienna on land where the Seventh Day Adventist Church stands. Keziah is said to be a descendant of Chief Powhatan of the Algonquian Indian Confederacy (Pamunkey/Tauxenent tribe).



**Beverly Taylor (William Beverly Taylor)** was born in Hughesville, Virginia in Loudon County in 1898. He grew up in Vienna, Virginia at 214 Nutley Street. That family home exists today and is on the register of Historic Homes in Vienna. His wife, Horine Brown Taylor, is the daughter of George and Sarah Brown, and consequently a descendant of Keziah Carter.

## Little Library 120 Years Old!

Our Little Library is celebrating 120 years in The Town of Vienna. Come visit during the Viva Vienna celebration May 28 and May 29. Come look around the museum, which was our original lending library in existence from 1897.

The Little Library located on the Freeman House grounds is open the 1st Sunday of the month from 1 – 4 PM and during special community events. The library is a museum not a lending library but visitors may pass the time reading some of the old books that have been preserved.

## *There's More to Learn*

### *After Seeing HVI's New Suffrage Exhibit*

By Suzy Traut, HVI Board Member

With the reopening of the Freeman Store in March, the Women's Suffrage exhibit has been updated to tell the story of the movement in 1917. However, we are not the only museum in the region to feature this subject. Want to learn more after seeing Historic Vienna's current suffrage exhibit?

In southern Fairfax County, the *Workhouse Arts Center* and *Occoquan Regional Park* both occupy land that was once part of the Workhouse prison where many of the suffragists were imprisoned. Although the women's portion of the workhouse no longer exists, (it was on the opposite side of Ox Road on what is now Fairfax Water Authority property), the museum at the Workhouse Arts Center has a section on the suffragists. Occoquan Regional Park currently has a small grouping of interpretive signs about the suffragists near the old brick kiln. The park is also the future site of the *Turning Point Suffragist Memorial*, which will honor the suffragists.

In Washington, DC, the *Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument* on Capitol Hill tells the story of the National Woman's Party women who picketed the White House and were imprisoned at Occoquan. More recently, this group fought for the Equal Rights Amendment. Known until last year as the Sewell-Belmont House, it is the last headquarters of the National Woman's Party and today is a National Park Service site.

## *Lydecker Farm Journal*

May 6, 2017

*Weather* - overcast and at times, raining. Cool in the 60s.

Quite a bit too wet to work in the garden, but time is awasting. Assessed the garden. Surprised as to the volunteer bearded wheat that was well on its way. Volunteered from last year's crop. This crop already looks better than last years'. Amusing to see the potatoes volunteering as well. Potatoes were a complete loss last year.



Young Mark and his father, Allen, arrived quite early and we jumped immediately into the work. After a general look over the garden, young Mark collected his

tobacco plants from his wagon and we planted the plants in their proper place. Mark noted that in the early days, a fish was planted with each plant. That was true of corn, but not so for tobacco. The next crop to plant was the clover. While not a food crop, we use clover to add organic matter and nitrogen to the soil for future crops. Also, our sheep find clover particularly tasty. The clover, with its small white flower, will be turned under in the fall and will create a fertile bed for next year's corn. We are grateful to neighbor Anne for the clover. I understand she is raising a number of livestock at her place - deer and chickens.

*Abram Lydecker, Storekeep*

## Special Events

### *Stories and Sprinklers*

Each Wednesday from June 28 through August 2, Historic Vienna will continue the Stories and Sprinkles program for children at the Little Library. The program will begin at 1:30 PM, and, after the stories at 2:00, the kids of any age can enjoy a run through the sprinklers on the lawn of the Vienna Town Green.

This year, Nancy Bronez, Children's Librarian, with Sylvia Taylor playing music, will lead the Stories and Sprinklers, taking over from Kathy Tugendhat. Historic Vienna, Inc. is very grateful to Kathy for the many years of joy that she has brought to young Vienna residents.

Nancy has been enchanting children with the magic of stories for over 30 years, beginning with her own four children. She began her career as a librarian at the Patrick Henry Library and then opened the new Oakton Branch

Library. Her love of children inspired her to move from the public library to Fairfax County Public Schools. She is now the Teacher/Librarian at Herndon Elementary School where she is Queen of the Library. If you spot her riding around Vienna on her bicycle or in her convertible with license plate *Bookluv*, be sure to wave!

Sylvia is a Board Member, longtime Vienna resident, and retired elementary music specialist. She taught general music at Louise Archer School from 1981-2000. She enjoys children's songs. At Stories and Sprinklers, she will be playing guitar and leading songs and singing games with the children.

There are picnic tables on the rear patio of the Freeman Store and shaded lawns for picnics. Free, call 703 938 5187 or 703 255 6360 for more information.

# VIENNA'S HISTORY DAY

## Sunday, September 10, 1-4pm

Get a taste of what life was like in Vienna in the past. Unplug and return to a simpler time at Vienna's History Day at the Freeman Store and Museum on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Historic Vienna, Inc. will have

- old fashioned music,
- artisans and crafts,
- the annual bike decorating contest,
- living history reenactors,
- old fashioned games,
- ice cream churning, and
- Tom Sawyer fence whitewashing around HVI's demonstration farm garden.

Check our website [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org) and the Freeman Store for details.

### *Mother –Daughter Tea & Parlor Talk – June 25, 3PM*

Have tea and learn about the history of etiquette with a focus on tea etiquette. After a short presentation there will be plenty of time for relaxing and visiting with your friends in the beautiful parlor and dining room of the Freeman Store and Museum. The traditional English tea will include sandwiches, assorted sweets, scones and a bottomless cup of tea. \$30 per person.

### *Tea & Parlor Talk – August 10, 3PM*

Have tea and learn about the women's rights movement in 1917 and earlier. After a short presentation there will be plenty of time for relaxing and visiting with your friends in the beautiful parlor and dining room of the Freeman Store and Museum. The traditional English tea will include sandwiches, assorted sweets, scones and a bottomless cup of tea. The \$30 fee includes a tour of the new exhibit at the Freeman Store, The Women's Rights Movement in 1917.

### *Tours*

*March 15 Freeman Store, Museum and Little Library tour*



Photo by Heather Buescher

Here's a picture from a March 15 afternoon visit by 18 Daisys (young Girl Scouts) when, as their leader said, their concentration level and attention span was "high."

When they got to the pictures in the new exhibit from the early days of their school (Louise Archer) they got very excited. When they saw she was in the pictures they spontaneously sang the Louise Archer song. It was quite nice.

As expected, they asked a "million" questions; all at the same time. The kids had a very good time and loved the scavenger hunt. They wanted to know where the basement was and most trooped down the stairs to see it. All went home with badges.

### *April 9 Suffrage Exhibit Tour*



Suzy Traut gave a tour of the new Road to Women's Rights Exhibit: 1917 for a group from Emmaus UCC. There were eight of them and they really enjoyed the tour. About half went upstairs afterwards to see the other exhibit and some of them attended the next Elizabeth Cady Stanton tea held on April 21.



## Fairfax County's 275<sup>th</sup> Celebration Saturday, June 17, 10-4pm

Historically themed family-friendly activities, live musical performances, over 60 historical organizations – including Historic Vienna, Inc., attractions showcasing their neighborhoods and sites, antique vehicles from the Police and Fire Departments, re-enactors and living history demonstrations, the annual Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards Program, talks on a variety of topics in the Historic Fairfax Courthouse, Virginia's WWI/WWII Anniversary Mobile, Historic Courthouse Tours, Revolutionary War memorial plaque dedication ceremony, Frying Pan Farm Park Petting Zoo, and much more. Food trucks will be selling food. Come visit Historic Vienna, Inc.'s booth. If you have time, volunteer to help out at our booth.

### HVI Calendar of Events

*All events take place at the Freeman Store unless otherwise noted.*

Saturday, Sunday, & Monday  
May 28, 29 & 30

Sundays, June 4, July 2, August 2

Wednesdays, June 28-August 2, 1:30PM

Friday, June 16, 6:30 -9:30PM

Saturday, June 17, 10-4PM

Sunday, June 25, 3PM

Saturday, July 15, 1-5PM

Friday, July 21, 6:30 -9:30PM

Thursday, August 10, 3PM

Friday, August 18, 6:30 -9:30PM

Saturday, September 10, 1-4PM

Viva! Vienna!, Freeman Store Open Saturday 12-5PM, Sunday & Monday 12-6PM, Little Library open(Sunday & Monday only) and Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose, 1-5PM

Little Library open 1-4PM

Stories and Sprinklers

Chillin on Church, Freeman Store open

Fairfax County's 275<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Historic Fairfax Courthouse on Massey Road

Mother-Daughter Tea (\$30 per person, advance reservations required)

Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose

Chillin on Church, Freeman Store open

Suffrage Tea (\$30 per person, advance reservations required)

Chillin on Church, Freeman Store open

Vienna's History Day

Please visit our website at [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org) for up to date information on the organization, Freeman Store hours, special events and museum exhibits.

## Freeman Store News

The Freeman Store offers a wide variety of items for all your gift giving occasions. Whether you are welcoming a new neighbor or celebrating a graduation.

***New Items have arrived!***




This special wood keepsake of James Madison High School features art created by one of its graduates.



Just in time for Viva! Vienna!: I love Vienna buttons.

In addition, we have newly designed tea towels, and beautifully handmade engraved plaques.

Stop in and see our pretty linen collection of vintage pieces with delicate designs or browse our packets of old book illustrations. They're unique, so sweet and ready for instant framing.

 **Remember:** HVI Members receive a 10% discount on items purchased at the Freeman Store.

## Our Mission Statement

Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI), established by the Vienna Town Council on April 6, 1976, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to:

- Preserving and promoting knowledge of Vienna’s heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of historically significant places, events, and persons.
- Educating the public through permanent and revolving exhibits, outreach programs, and publications.
- Enhancing a spirit of community through an awareness of Vienna’s past.

## Our Programs and Activities

- Sponsor *traditional community events* enhancing Vienna’s small town atmosphere (e.g. visits with Santa, Church Street Stroll, Walk on the Hill)
- *Living exhibits* that illustrate the way people lived (e.g. reenactments, demonstrations, entertainment)
- The Freeman Store - experience a *historic country store* selling local history books, Virginia crafts, Vienna souvenirs, and old-fashioned toys and candy
- *Guided tours* of the Original Vienna Library, Freeman Store and museum exhibits
- Encourage *preservation of Vienna’s history, historic sites, and artifacts* (Freeman Store and Little Library operations, museum exhibits, antiques appraisals, oral histories, preservation award, Vienna’s historic register)

## Board of Directors

Historic Vienna, Inc. is led by a 15 member Board of Directors. Three members are appointed by the Town Council and twelve are elected to three year terms by the Membership at the Fall Membership Meeting. Officers are elected by the Board to one year terms.

<p>Nancy Moats, Vice President            Beverly Burns            Freya Fisher            David Shelby            Jon Vrana</p>	<p>Anne Stuntz, President            Sylvia Taylor, Secretary            Mike Berger            Darrell Mounts            Suzanne Traut            Leslie Herman, Town Liaison</p>	<p>Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer            Margaret Dellinger            Gloria Runyon            Raymond Viets</p>
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### *Preserve and celebrate Vienna’s history – Support Historic Vienna, Inc.*

**Membership is from January 1 to December 31.** There are 2 membership meetings per year.  
 Historic Vienna, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions and membership fees are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**I want to become a member.**       **I want to renew my membership (renewals are due in January).**  
   \_\_\_ Individual (\$20)    \_\_\_ Family (\$25)    \_\_\_ Group or Corporate (\$35)

**I want to make a \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution to Historic Vienna, Inc. (100% tax deductible).**

Make your check payable to:    **Historic Vienna, Inc.**  
   **PO Box 53**  
   **Vienna, VA 22183**

Total amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**I want to volunteer.** (Circle as many as you wish) Storekeeper – Special Events – Book Sale – Oral Histories

**I have skills to share:** Exhibits – Research – Graphics – Social Media – Computer Skills – Other: \_\_\_\_\_