

***The African American
Historic Sites of Vienna, VA
Walking Tour***

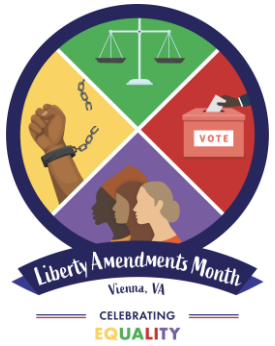
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**Originally created as a riding tour,
the *Walking Tour* has been divided
into four walking segments.**

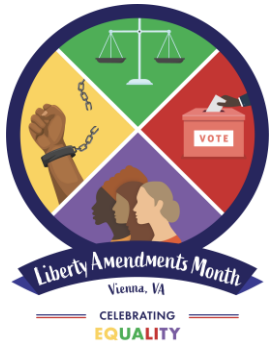
INTRODUCTION

- The *African American Historic Sites Tour of Vienna, VA*, was originally created in February, 2017, as one of the events held in celebration of *First Baptist Church of Vienna's 150th Anniversary*.
- The tour compilers, *Sylvia Taylor* and *Gloria Runyon*, are longtime Vienna residents, members of First Baptist Church of Vienna, and Board Members of Historic Vienna, Inc.

The African American Historic Sites Tour of Vienna in support of the 13th and 14th Amendments



- *The 13th Amendment to the Constitution* abolished slavery within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction, stating that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude except as a punishment for crimes.
- *The 14th Amendment to the Constitution* granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States, including former enslaved people, stating that citizens shall not be deprived the right of life, liberty, and property without due process; or without equal protection of the laws, guaranteeing all citizens equal protection of the laws.



- In support of the 13th and 14th Amendments, our Liberty Amendments event will offer a historic virtual tour of the African American presence in Vienna from 1867 to 2006.
- Although there were African Americans (and other people of color) who were free before the Civil War who lived and owned property in Vienna, after the end of the War, more people of color and the former enslaved in Vienna were given the opportunity to own homes, have schools, and churches.
- All citizens, including the formerly enslaved, were given the right to due process and protections.
- This tour will offer you a glimpse of this community in Vienna, Virginia.

Walking Tour Segment -4-

- *Stop 20 New Union Baptist Church – 205 Pleasant St. NW*
- *Stop 21 Carter's Glen Baptismal Services & Ceremonies Stone Marker – corner of Courthouse & Moorfield R. SW*
- *Stop 22 Former Log Cabin – 307 Cabin Rd. SE (Replaced with a new home)
(1.7 miles from Carter's Glen, approx. 32 min. walk)*



****Stop 20 NEW UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
205 Pleasant St. SW***

- The second church for colored people in Vienna was organized in 1902 under the leadership of ***Andrew W. Minor***, a colored resident who donated land and built the edifice on its present site after some of the members separated from First Baptist Church of Vienna.
- On October 27, 2001, the ***Union Baptist Church*** and the congregation of ***New Hope Baptist Church, Falls Church***, united during a meeting of both memberships. These two fellowships bonded together and merged to become one church under the joint name ***New Union Baptist Church***.



****Stop 21 CARTER'S GLEN BAPTISMAL SERVICES
& CEREMONIES STONE MARKER
Corner of Courthouse & Moorefield Rd. SW***



- *Carter's Glen Baptismal Services & Ceremonies Stone Marker* has an engraved marker which reads:
- *“Near this site where Hunters Branch crosses the property the First Baptist Church of Vienna regularly held baptismal services and ceremonies from 1923 until 1952.*
- *This property now known as Carter’s Glen was the homestead of Charles Carter, grandson of a freed slave, and his descendants.*
- *This plaque was erected to commemorate this historic site on November 1995 by Historic Vienna, Inc., the First Baptist Church of Vienna, and John P. Sekas.”*
- Charles Carter is buried in the West End Cemetery.



****Stop 22 FORMER SITE OF THE LOG CABIN
(Demolished) - 307 Cabin Rd. SE***



- The cabin was built c.1937 by colored Vienna residents ***James Ellis and Fred Drew***.
- James and his wife Mabel lived in the cabin until they moved to West St. NW around 1940.
- The cabin was owned by ***Mrs. Katrina Hine Echols, daughter of Maj. O.E. Hine***. James Ellis had been a chauffeur for Mrs. Echols when she traveled to Washington, D. C. In her will, Mrs. Echols bequeathed to Mr. Ellis \$5,000 from her estate and a new Mercury automobile.
- The cabin was rented in 1945 by the Payne family, who had previously lived in Falls Church. After Mrs. Echols died in December of 1954, Mr. & Mrs. Payne purchased the cabin in 1955.
- The Paynes raised four daughters there. The last person to live in the cabin was their youngest ***daughter Norma***, who inherited it from her mother. She lived there for 72 years until she died in April, 2017.
- The cabin then went to her sister ***Joan Payne Hubbard***, and remained unoccupied.
- Joan and her husband decided to sell the cabin because the logs were rotted. Due to its condition, the cabin would fall apart if dismantled or moved.
- The property was sold. The cabin was demolished in August 2019, and replaced with a new house.