

40 Ladies' cobbler shoe stands - Cobbler's boot stands were specialized stands, often made of cast iron or wood, used for shaping, repairing, or displaying women's boots.

41 Railroad lanterns - Essential for communication between crews, kerosene-powered lighting devices designed to protect the flame from wind and rain, allowing them to burn brightly even in bad weather.

42 Scales - Balance scales were often made of brass, iron, or cast iron, and used to measure weight by comparing an object's mass against a known weight.

43 Sewing machine - Considered a luxury item, early sewing machines were usually all-metal construction with heavy-duty stitching capabilities and often ornate with decorative decals.

44 Soda bottles and "Victory" bottle - Victory Bottling Works was chartered in 1925. It manufactured and sold bottled sodas. After Prohibition, beer and ale were also bottled. It was located on Chain Bridge Road and Sutton Road.

45 Meat slicer - Meat slicers were heavy-duty, manually operated machines that became essential in delis, grocery stores, and restaurants before modern automation.

46 Paper dispenser and cutter - Designed to cut large sheets of paper for wrapping purchased items in a store.

47 Picture of Louise Archer Elementary School - The school opened in 1939 as the Vienna Colored School and was renamed for teacher and principal Louise Archer after her death in 1948.

Used Book Cellar

48 Dough bowl and kitchen utensils - Early Americana folk art and utensils. Bowl was carved from a single piece of wood. Such hand-carved, functional items, typically dating from the late 1800s to early 1900s, were used for mixing and rising bread dough.

49 Horseshoes - The basement of the Store (now the Used Book Cellar) was used for stabling officers' horses by Federal troops during the Civil War.

50 Jam pot - Cast iron cauldron used for jam, apple butter making or other large quantity cooking over an open fire.

Our Mission Statement

Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI), established by the Vienna Town Council in 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, artifacts 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

- **Museum exhibits** highlighting our history and guided tours of the historic Little Library Museum, Freeman Store, and current museum exhibits
- The Freeman Store - experience a **historic country store** selling Virginia crafts, Vienna souvenirs, pottery, decorative gifts, local history books, old-fashioned toys and candy, and used books donated by the community
- Sponsor **traditional community events** enhancing Vienna's small-town atmosphere (e.g., visits with Santa, Church Street Stroll, Walk on the Hill, traditional afternoon teas)
- Encourage **preservation of Vienna's history, historic sites, and artifacts** (Freeman Store and Little Library museums, onsite and offsite museum exhibits, oral histories, preservation award, Vienna's historic register)
- **Living exhibits** that illustrate the way people lived (e.g., reenactments, demonstrations, entertainment)



50 Historic Items Celebrating Our 50 Years

Scavenger Hunt in the

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Dining Room

1 Chest of drawers - Empire chest of drawers in dining room used by the Post Mistress for mail storage.

2 Portrait of Anderson Freeman (1830-1908) – Anderson and Caroline Lydecker married on June 29, 1854 and moved from New Jersey to Virginia after the Civil War. Mr. Lydecker sold the store to Anderson and Caroline for \$2,500 in 1874. It included 7 acres and a mill located beside the store facing Mill Street. Mr. Freeman served as the 6th postmaster of Vienna from 1874 to 1885. The post office was in the Freeman Store.

3 Pump organ - 1910 upright pump organ, a typical parlor-style American reed organ, built for home or small chapel use.

Exhibit Room

4 Leon Freeman's briefcase – Lived 1872 - 1941, Anderson Freeman's son, was the Mayor of Vienna, member of the Town Council and member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

5 Antique trunk - Steamer trunks were commonly used from the mid-1880's until the early 1900's for travel on stagecoaches, ships, and trains.

6 Mechanical Accountant - An early key-driven adding machine was designed for business and accounting tasks, representing a major step in the evolution of mechanical calculators.

7 Powder horns - Lightweight, waterproof containers made from hollowed-out cattle, ox, or buffalo horns, typically 12–20 inches long. The base is typically sealed with a wooden plug.

8 Telegraph machine - Patented by Horace G. Martin in the early 20th century, it automatically generates rapid dots using a vibrating, weighted pendulum, while dashes are created manually.

9 Secession vote page - In 1861 Lydecker's Store (today's Freeman Store Museum) was one of three voting districts in Fairfax where residents voted against secession.

Outside

10 Plaques - The Freeman House historic registry plaques (National and Virginia) commemorate both the architectural and civic importance of the house, recognizing its role in Vienna's history, the Civil War, and the foundational contribution of Leon Freeman to the community.

Parlor

11 Floorboards - Upstairs are the original wide-plank floorboards from 1859.

12 Frog - Cast iron frog advertising paperweight, mid-1800's, is now a doorstop.

13 Iron - Made from cast or wrought iron, it was heated and then used for pressing and smoothing fabric.

14 Civil War Print – Harpers Weekly print depicting a June 17, 1861 “skirmish near Hunter's Mill, VA” (by today's Vienna Community Center).

15 Portraits – Two portraits of a man and a woman from circa 1840.

16 Victrola XIV - made by the Victor Talking Machine Company, played 10” and 12” records at a speed of 78 revolutions per minute. This upright floor-model phonograph was produced between 1910 and 1921 and sold for \$150-\$200 (about \$3,800–\$4,600 in 2026 dollars)

17 Vienna Monopoly Game

Post Office

18 Fairfax County map - Fairfax County 1760 interpretive map, showing landowners, slave owners, churches, roads, ordinaries, ferries, mills, and tobacco inspection warehouses.

19 Portrait - Painting of Josiah Bowman, the first Postmaster of Vienna.

Store

20 Book “This Was Vienna Virginia” - Local authors Connie and Mayo Stuntz researched and published their legacy book in 1987.

21 Candy sticks - the ever-popular old-fashioned candy sticks. This beloved, nostalgic treat originated in the early 19th-century in the United States.

22 Cannon balls - Civil War cannon balls nestled in the sand near the stove.

23 Cash register - This 1906 heavy, ornate, brass-cased mechanical device designed to record sales and prevent theft.

24 Cast iron stove - Wood burning stove used to heat the building and cook liquids and food on top.

25 Coca Cola dispenser- Coca Cola Glasco slider bottle 1950's refrigerated dispenser.

26 Coffee grinders - Various coffee bean grinders, commercial size and home use size.

27 Milkshake/malt mixer - Cast-iron, hand-crank milkshake/malt mixer patented circa 1889 and used until the 1920s. It is operated by vigorously turning the wheel, shaking glass or aluminum jars held tight at the top.

28 Photo – Framed picture of Civil war soldiers at Freeman Store.

29 Pie Safe - Likely introduced by German immigrants, pie safes were commonly used throughout the 18th and 19th centuries to store pies, bread, meat, and other perishables, protecting them from flies and vermin prior to the use of iceboxes.

30 Portrait - Louise Archer - From 1922 until 1948 Louise Reeves Archer was both a teacher and principal educating Vienna's Black community.

31 Rug beaters - Cat and heart designs are both practical and decorative. They are used by hitting rugs hung on clotheslines to expel dust and dirt.

32 Shirt collars Men's detachable starched shirt collars from the 1940's.

33 Telephone - 1913 crank phone with receiver hung on a side hook, commonly 'party line' instruments used for operator-assisted calls.

34 Tobacco Chopper - cast-iron, hand-crank used for processing large tobacco leaves into fine shreds for rolling in a wrapper or tapping in a pipe to smoke.

35 Vacuum - 1914 vacuum operated by a hand-pumped lever that triggered internal bellows to generate suction.

36 Washboard - Wooden frame holding a corrugated, wavy metal surface designed for scrubbing clothes. Today also used as a percussion instrument, particularly in folk and blues music.

37 Front doorbell – Antique, hanging, cast iron doorbell.

38 Sausage stuffers - Cast iron with hand crank and cylinders for forcing meat or other food through nozzle. Marketed as lard or fruit presses in addition to being used for sausage stuffing.

39 Ladies boots - Popular in the mid to late 19th century, ladies' boots were characterized by button-up or lace-up closures, moderate heels, with pointed or rounded toes.