

# Bridges Newsletter

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## Announcements

Welcome to New Members  
Jan Schuster and Freeman Martin

## Old Fauquier County Newspapers Now Available Online

The following Fauquier County newspapers are now available online at Virginia Chronicle as part of the collection at the Library of Virginia. Go to <https://viriniachronicle.com> to see the collection.

*Chief Justice*, Marshall, 1917-1935  
*The Circuit*, Catlett, 1940-1946  
*Flag of '98*, Warrenton, 1844-1853 & 1855-1861  
*Independent Register*, Warrenton, 1834-1836  
*Jeffersonian*, Warrenton, 1836-1841  
*Palladium of Liberty*, Warrenton, 1917-1822  
*Remington Press*, 1923-1929  
*Remington Booster*, 1914-1917  
*Times*, Warrenton, 1845  
*Virginia Gazette*, Warrenton, 1826-1829  
*Virginia Sentinel*, Warrenton, 1865-1868  
*Virginia Times*, Warrenton, 1837-1841  
*Warrenton Review*, 1909  
*Warrenton Republican*, 1851  
*Warrenton Weekly Whig*, 1860

Original copies of the *Fauquier Democrat*, 1930-2006, are available at the Sinclair Education Center.

## We Thank You!

The Board of Directors of FHPF wants to thank the people who contributed to the 2023 Annual Appeal. As an all-volunteer, non-profit organization we depend on the generosity of those who help us keep the lights on, the heat and AC pumping, the internet running, and all the other seemingly mundane functions needed to keep FHPF able to maintain the library's collection of historical and genealogical materials. Our goal is to share the library's information with people far and wide who have roots here in Fauquier.

Many thanks to: **Doris Edmonds, Ursula Baxley, George Godfrey, Douglas Hume, Aliene Laws, Mary Leigh McDaniel, Michael Morency, Oak View National Bank, Brian Saxe, Peter Schwartz, Sarah Atkins, John D. Kilday, Brenda Payne & Associates, and Georgia Herbert.**

## We Need You!

The Gott Library is now open two days each week, Tuesdays 10 am—3 pm and Wednesdays Noon—4 pm. We would like to be open even more but need manpower! Volunteers are needed to conduct research for our phone and email inquiries, scanning, cataloguing and indexing projects, and a myriad of other small tasks. If you can spare a few hours a week to lend a hand we would like to hear from you. You do not need to have library experience—just a desire to learn. The rich history of Fauquier County is diverse and colorful, and yes, even entertaining! The volunteer staff is anxious to help you become a part of our friendly team of history-lovers!



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**Library Hours: Tuesday 10:00—3:00 and Wednesday 12 Noon —4:00**  
**Education Center Hours: By Appointment**

## Special Thanks to the PATH & Loeb Foundations & KBV Inc.

If you have not visited the Gott Library in the last few months, come by and see our new look. We want to thank the PATH Foundation, and the Loeb Foundation for providing the funding for these upgrades:

► **PATH Foundation**—new shelving in the new research room which houses the Fauquier County families collection, new seating for our researchers, and tables for our scanning equipment.

► **Loeb Foundation**—a new ceiling in the research room, and enhanced lighting throughout the library.

► **KVB Inc.** — special thanks to Bill Crawford of KVB who completed all the work and designed a new feature wall in the library's reception area.



*new shelving*

*feature wall  
in reception area*



*new pendant  
lighting*

## A Controversy: Who really named the town Marshall?

From the files of T. Triplett Russell



The town of Marshall in Fauquier was, as everyone knows, named in honor of Chief Justice John Marshall, - well, almost everyone. It was originally named Salem by its pious founder, Baptist Elder John Monroe, M.D. The name, from Psalms 76:3, means “the peaceful,” which expressed Dr. Monroe’s hope for the new town. However, in 1881 the proliferation of other towns named Salem in Virginia, in Culpeper and as the county seat of Roanoke County, triggered a proposal to change the name.

Tradition has it that, in December 1881, when Phillip A. Klipstein was preparing to attend the town meeting, he asked his wife to propose a name for the new town. She suggested Marshall in honor of the Chief Justice. It was not a notably original suggestion, as the magisterial district was already called Marshall. The good citizens of Marshall lived comfortably with this tradition until 1929 when Josiah Look Dickenson, a distinguished historian of Warren County, published his book “The Fairfax Proprietary.” In it he stated flatly that the town of Marshall was not named for the Chief Justice, but instead for a descendant of a less well-known Marshall family who lived near Paris, Fauquier. This gentleman was James William Marshall, first assistant Postmaster-General in the Grant administration. The name, he said, was suggested by the Post Office Department to avoid duplication with other Virginia towns. It is possible that tradition and Mr. Dickinson were both right. The town council doubtless thought that they had selected the name, and the Post Office Department is doubtless convinced that it was their doing, in honor of a recent appointee to that office. Neither side is likely to budge an inch on this vital question.