

WWW.LAKEFREDERICKTRAVELCLUB.COM

MEETS EVERY MONTH THE 2ND MONDAY AT 11:30 A.M. IN RACHEL'S KITCHEN

2019 Committee

George Darnell
President

Doc Holladay
Vice President

TBD
Secretary

Gary McDowell
Treasurer

Nanci Bowers
Membership Coordinator

TBD
Newsletter Coordinator

TBD
Website Manager

Judy Bogner
Member at Large

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting
Monday, May 10
Rachel's Kitchen
11:30 a.m.
Potluck
Please Bring a Dish to Share!



MAY 2021 ISSUE

Winchester Walking Tour by George Darnell

April 28, 2021

The Lake Frederick Travel Club's first trip of 2021 was walking tour of historic places in Winchester, Virginia. Twenty-five members drove themselves into town and parked in one of the many convenient parking garages in downtown Winchester. We gathered at the north entrance of the Winchester Walking Mall (pictured at right) at 10:00 a.m. to start our walk.

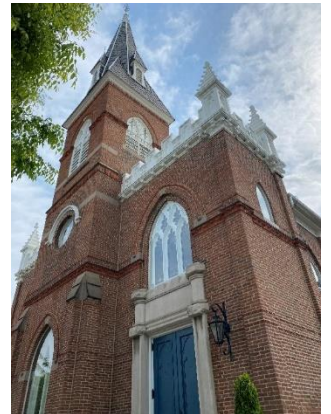
For our tour we, tried to combine three walking tours found on Winchester Walking Tours website, where you can download pdf brochures of the tours. Some sites were duplicated in the brochures and some were too far from the city center to cover in this trip. Except for the Handley Library and the Piccadilly Public House, we did not enter any buildings.



Our first stop was the Old Frederick County Courthouse (pictured below) which now serves as a Civil War Museum.



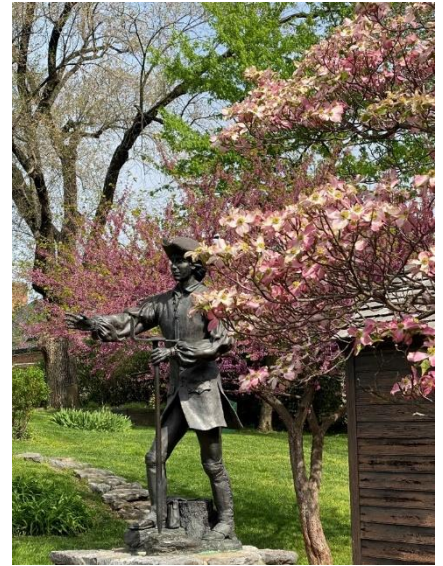
Walking south on North Loudoun Street we crossed Boscawen Street, which divides Loudoun and parallel streets into north and south addresses. Loudoun Street divides perpendicular streets into east and west addresses. So, the walking mall is dead center of Old Town Winchester. We passed the mall splash pad (not open), the First Presbyterian Church, the Red Lion Tavern and other historic buildings.



Turning west on Cork Street we crossed Indian Alley and noted the Discovery Museum and to 50/50 Tap House before reaching George Washington's Office Museum and Park on the corner of Braddock Street. The museum was closed, but Melissa Shore, our trip photographer, captured the calendar-quality picture below of the statue in the park of young George as a surveyor.



We proceeded north along Braddock Street and stopped across the street to view the Rouss Fire Hall with its iconic weather vane



Grace Lutheran Church and Josiah Massie Hatter's Shop on W Boscawen were quick stops before proceeding farther west to Christ Episcopal Church with the tomb of Lord Fairfax in the courtyard.



On our way to Amherst Street to see Daniel Morgan's House and Ambler Hill we passed "The Gables," another Winchester landmark and architectural marvel (below).



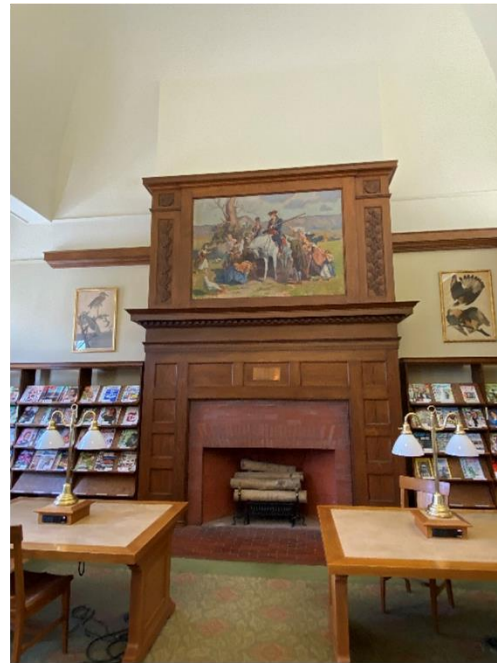
The brick walks in front of the early 1800's homes on Amherst were a challenge and we were glad to turn north on Braddock Street to see the house where General Jackson had his headquarters during part of the Civil War. We passed several homes of that era, including one used by General Sheridan for his headquarters, before reaching Jackson's quarters and then Washington's Fort Loudoun (below). All that is left of Fort Loudoun is a cannon next to the rear of a luxury condominium building.



After walking west on Peyton Street, we arrived at Fairmont Avenue with impressive homes of the wealthy that date to the mid-1800's and were used as hospitals and officers quarters during the Civil War.



Fairmont Avenue ends at W Piccadilly Street, which we followed to the Handley Library. Funds for the Handley Library and Handley High School came from Judge John Handley of Scranton, Pennsylvania, who never lived in Winchester, but left money in his will to build the library and high school in Winchester that bear his name. The library has an excellent local history and genealogy section. We took a rest stop here and some folks went inside to browse. Melissa took the photos below.



After leaving the library we continued west on Piccadilly Street passing the Old Post Office Building, George Reed House, and Phillip Williams House, before returning to the Loudoun Street Mall north entrance. We passed several historic buildings, including the Taylor Hotel, Masonic Lodge, and Miller's Drug Store, before turning east on Rouss Avenue to the Rouss City Hall and Kurtz Building on Cameron Street. We discovered that the George Washington Hotel on the corner of Piccadilly and Cameron was open, including the Half Note Lounge.

Our last stop was the Piccadilly Public House, where we had reserved seating on the outside balcony. We enjoyed lunch and conversation before heading home to Lake Frederick around 2:00 p.m.

Our travelers were Sue Winfield, Zoe Ann Brown, Doreen Vandel, Ed & Jerri Cook, Deb & Randy Mitchell, Melissa & Roger Shore, Doc and Connie Holladay, Sue Haas, Ellen Thompson, John & Corinne Osius, Tom & Marilyn Eckels, David & Sue Kirks, Gary Blevins & Phyllis Ford, Dan Heim, and Ruth Tietz.