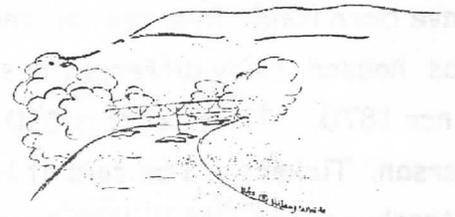


# Strasburg Heritage Association



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## General Meeting Sunday Sept. 29

All Are Invited!!!

SHA's third general meeting for 2002 is to be held Sunday, Sept, 29 at 4 p.m. at the Old Mill Restaurant in Strasburg. Joan Walker, Ph.D. from Thunderbird Archeological Associates in Woodstock will be our featured speaker. Dr. Walker has taught, lectured and worked as an archaeological field scientist and photographer in the Valley for many years. She will speak to us about local prehistoric Indian civilizations that existed here before contact with Europeans.

We will also have several members present at the meeting who will be glad to assist anyone seeking help determining the age of their home. We know many of you are anxious to acquire historic building plaques for your home or other building but aren't sure how to go about researching its age. We will offer one on one assistance with this research.

We hope to have a great turnout for what promises to be a very interesting program. The public is welcome, of course, and refreshments will be served.

## 2002 Heritage Homes Tour

DIANE SMITH

The SHA, in cooperation with the Massanutten Garden Club is busy organizing this year's Heritage Homes Tour. The date is Sunday, Dec. 14 from 12 to 5, and will include five houses. Find out more about the history of each of these homes as you stroll down the town's memory lane during the tour. Each home is unique. The restoration of the original brick in the Rogers House at King and Holliday Streets can be seen as one does their banking business across the street. The Johnson House on Sharp Street was built in 1912 and remained in the McFarland family until the seventies. Walnut Hill was known in 1884 as the Strasburg Female Seminary. Hyde Away Bed and Breakfast on West King Street was built in 1898 and was the home of former school principal and mayor James Racey. The Long Meadow property can be traced back to the original settlers in the Valley.

Complimentary refreshments will be available at the Stonewall Jackson Museum and Bygones Antiques. If you grew up in town, you probably

have been inside Bygones as the building has housed many different businesses since 1870. Ticket cost is \$10 per person. Tickets will be sold at Hotel Strasburg, The Old Mill Restaurant, Stonewall Jackson Museum and other locations. Look for our Heritage Homes Tour brochure to arrive with more detail. Please make a note on your calendar so you will not miss these lovely homes.

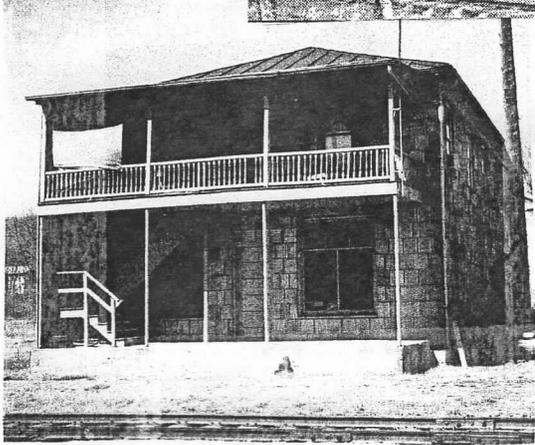
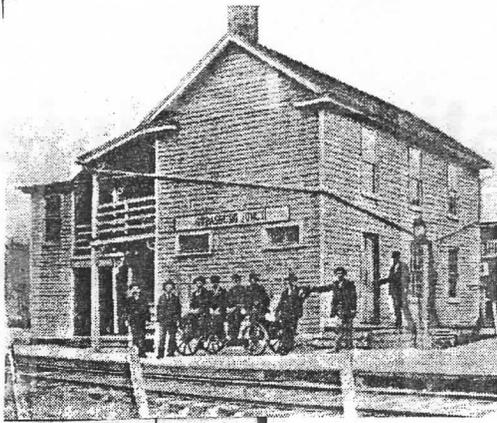
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You don't want to miss the 4th annual Hupp's Hill Civil War Christmas Party from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Living historians in Civil War period clothing will mark the season in varied vignettes through the Stonewall Jackson Museum and Crystal Caverns at Hupp's Hill. With your Heritage Homes Tour ticket admission to the museum is free and tickets to the Caverns Candlelight Tours are at a reduced price. Help decorate a period Christmas tree while enjoying refreshments.

## HISTORIC BUILDING PLAQUES

Carla Wallen

**Help! Help! Do you need help researching the year your historic building came into being? We have become aware that a number of people who would very much like to have plaques for their historic homes or buildings do not have the time to go to the court house to do the research or they have begun doing but have run into difficulties. We want to help you! From now until the end of the year the Strasburg Heritage Association is offering to have someone assist you in the research. In fact, at the General Meeting coming up on Sunday, September 29, the plaques will be on display, and some of our members will be on hand to answer your questions and to give you suggestions on how best to proceed. And if time constraints prevent you from doing the research yourself, we will be glad to try to do it for you. It is our goal to make sure that everyone who wants to get a plaque for their building has every opportunity to do so, so please call on us.**



## Strasburg Junction

Doug Cooley

Strasburg Junction was an active station for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from the late 1800's until the passenger trains were discontinued around 1950. It was located on the west end of Strasburg where the Southern Railroad tracks were joined to the B & O tracks. The B & O spur ran on tracks from Staunton, Virginia to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, where it joined the main line of the B & O railroad which ran from Chicago to Baltimore and Washington.

The Junction building was a substantial building constructed of wood and was located between the tracks of the B & O and Southern near the point where they merged. It was completely demolished later on so at the present time there is no sign that it ever existed.

The tile building shown was constructed in the late 1800's across from the Junction Station and is still there.

## Bygones

Kathy Kehoe

Richard Seelbach tells me that "As a collector, I specialize in everything I don't like so I won't cry as it goes out the door when I sell it." Richard loves antiques and has recently purchased the building where he has surrounded himself with antiques and collectibles. The building is number seven on the Strasburg Walking Tour of historic buildings. Richard opened Bygones on March 17th. He plans to do more research, but so far he knows the building has been a meat market, news stand, laundry mat and deli --and on the other side, built in 1858, there existed a pharmacy, pool hall, haberdashery and restaurant. The restaurant side was built in 1894. The tin ceiling can be seen in photographs taken in the 1920's. Richard invites the townspeople to come by and browse. He and his dog Adorabella would love to hear your memories of the building. Did you play pool there? Or is this where your grandfather bought his hats?

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