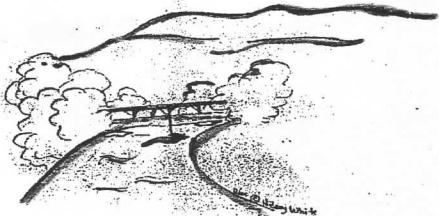


Strasburg Heritage Association



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General Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 2nd

All Are Invited!!!

SHA's upcoming general meeting is to be held Sunday, February 2, 2003 at 4 p.m. at the Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill. This is our annual membership meeting at which we will elect board members for a two year term and next year's officers.

We are very pleased that our speaker for the meeting will be Gene Comstock, a well known authority on Valley folk art. Gene's area of expertise is Valley pottery. His book, "The Pottery of the Shenandoah Valley Region" is the standard reference for pottery collectors. Gene will focus on Strasburg pottery. The talk will concentrate on the famous Eberly family of potters and will include examples of their work. Anyone who wishes to bring along pottery pieces, especially those made by the Eberly's, is welcome to do so.

As always, the public is welcome to attend.
Refreshments will be served.

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Heritage Homes Tour

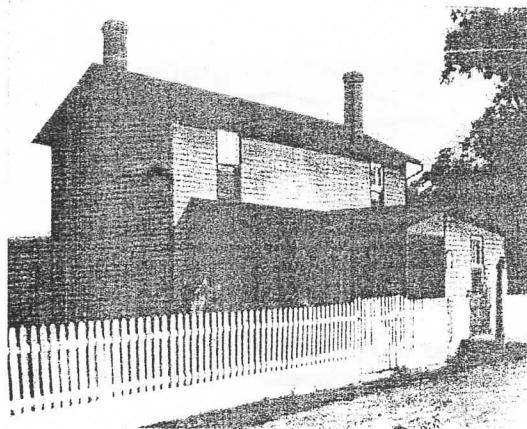
Many thanks to our homeowners and volunteers who helped make SHA's second Christmas Homes Tour such a success. We particularly want to thank our gracious hosts, Conly and Tina

Crabill, Maggie Hyde, Samantha and Greg Johnson, Shirley Maxwell and James Massey and Gee Gee and George Pasquet for their hospitality and hard work. Those of us helping out the day of the tour received many enthusiastic comments about the lovely homes and holiday decorations. We appreciated the opportunity to showcase some of Strasburg's wonderful historic houses.

We also wish to thank Richard Seelbach at Bygone Antiques and Babs Melton at Stonewall Jackson Museum for providing our refreshment locations. And we appreciate those who served as ticket outlets for the tour including the Hotel Strasburg, The Old Mill Restaurant, Strasburg Chamber of Commerce, Bygones Antiques, Stonewall Jackson Museum and Historic Properties.

None of this would have been possible without our committee members including Diane Smith (Chair), Jana Howard, Nancy Sutherland, Babs Melton, Peggy Simon, Carla Wallen, Debbie Ritenour, John Adamson, Leon Smith, Don Sutherland and Barbara Adamson.

And thanks to the Massanutten Garden Club For help with refreshments, arrangements and hostesses.

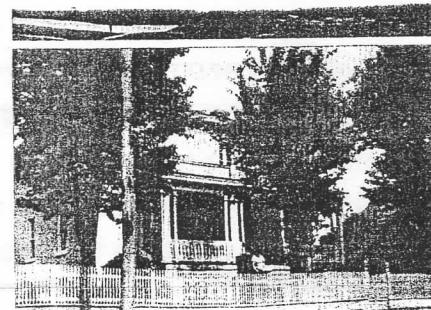
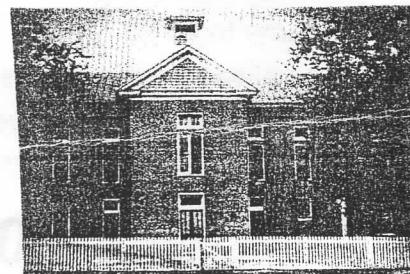
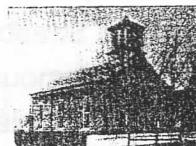


Pickett Fences

Doug Cooley

Before the town of Strasburg had experienced a great amount of growth during the 1800's and early 1900's, there was a large amount of public land throughout the town known as the "Commons." At the same time some people owned a cow and other farm animals to provide milk and other food for their family. Many of the cows, some who wore a bell, were left to go free for grazing on the common land.

To protect their property from these and other intruders, the churches, schools and private homes installed picket fences. They were made of a group of sharp pointed stakes nailed on boards to brace them. Most of them were painted white to give them an attractive appearance. The pictures below from these early periods show some of the fences.



Chalybeate Springs Hotel

by Gin Cadden

The large brick building at the corner of Fort and Washington Streets was built in the early 1890's. It was Strasburg's part of the vogue at that time for "taking the waters"--usually a mountain retreat with a spring of mineral rich water, in this case iron. It was apparently drunk believing that the worse the taste, the better the results. All kinds of health benefits were expected by folks seeking relief from the hot and crowded cities. The spring still exists at the rear of the building and at times was sheltered by a gazebo of latticework.

Mr. A.P. McInturff built the Chalybeate Springs Hotel, and under his management, it flourished for 30 years. The customers came from the depot (long gone) a block up on Fort Street. There the trains stopped for a half-hour at noon to allow passengers to go to the hotel for a quick lunch, or Branson Willis sold fried chicken and sandwiches from his basket for those who preferred not to leave the train.

But the basis of the business was with summer boarders --perhaps 20 of them who returned for many successive years. During the 1910 decade, Winchester merchants came frequently each year to this hotel to display yard goods and take orders. By the 1930's it was called the Machir Hotel after the new owners and from that evolved into the apartment house of today.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Elections will be held at our meeting on Feb. 2 and the Board of Directors has accepted the Nominating Committee's recommendations. Up for re-election to a two year term are Mary Jane Adams, Kathy Kehoe, Sarah Mauck, Rich Orndorff and Carla Wallen. Duncan Currie, Ralph Stickley & Bill Wine have declined to run for another term. The committee has nominated Tim Taylor and Diane Smith to come aboard as new board members for two year terms. Our proposed slate of officers for 2003 includes Sarah Mauck, President; Tim Taylor, First Vice President; Babs Melton, Second Vice President; Barbara Adamson, Secretary and Don Le Vine, Treasurer.

The nominating committee was composed of Mary Jane Adams, Judy Bogner, Douglas Cooley, Shirley Maxwell (Chair) and Rich Orndorff.

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