

Cemetery Research
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Researchers will find the Cemetery Survey and Cemetery Files, the major sources for Fairfax County cemetery research in the Virginia Room on the [Fairfax County History pages](#).
<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/local-history>

1. Online [Cemetery Survey](https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/local-history/cemetery-inventory). (<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/local-history/cemetery-inventory>) Here you can find cemetery locations and the names (if known) of those interred. The search can be limited by “Name” or “Cemetery.” Select “Cemetery” for general information on the cemetery and grave markers inscriptions. Also use the “Cemetery” option to search for locale (Vienna, for example), street name or church denomination. Choose “All” to choose type of cemetery - examples: community, military, or slave. Not every Fairfax County cemetery is included in the online survey.
2. More than 400 [Cemetery Files](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library_cemeteries) (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library_cemeteries). These files may contain photos of gravestones, family trees, family histories and information about the cemetery. Review inventory of files online. Actual files may be viewed in the Virginia Room upon request.
3. For additional cemeteries and gravestone information search the volumes listed below.
On the shelves at the Virginia Room VREF 929.3755 FAIR.
Fairfax County, Virginia Gravestones, by Fairfax Genealogical Society. (Volumes 1- 6)
Cemeteries of Fairfax County, Virginia, by Brian Conley
1850 Census Fairfax County, Virginia, by Dr. John F. Schunk
Fairfax County in 1860: A collective biography, by Edith Sprouse. (Volumes 1-7)
Families of Pohick Church: Truro Parish, Fairfax County, Virginia, by Chester A. Liddle, Jr.
Abstracts of Claims for Civil War Losses, Fairfax County, by Mitchell and Sprouse
Tombstone Records of Pohick Church Fairfax County, Virginia, by Edna May Stevens
Brothers and Cousins: Confederate soldiers and sailors of Fairfax County, Virginia, by William

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Registrations of free Negroes, by Donald Sweig. VRARE 975.529 S

Annandale United Methodist Church Cemetery, by Mildred Moore VRARE 929.3755 FAIR
(ask librarian)

Other topics found within the Call Number section VREF 929.3755 FAIR include Fairfax County Wills; Marriage Licenses; Death Registers and Deeds

Military Rosters and Unit information can be found on the shelves. For example:

The Roster of Union Soldiers 1861-1865 (Volumes 1-31). VREF 973.741 R

The Roster of Confederate Soldiers 1861-1865 (Volumes 1-16) VREF 973.742 R

4. [Historical Newspaper Index](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library_newsindex/) (https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library_newsindex/) for [Fairfax County Newspaper Research](https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/local-history/historical-newspaper-index) (<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/local-history/historical-newspaper-index>)

Often times the *Fairfax Herald's* "headline" result is all you will find when you read the newspaper. Example: the headline located in Fairfax Herald database reads "Burke Elementary gets library," but there was no article, only "Burke Elementary gets library." One can limit search by dates. Search by Last Name, First Name or first initials. One can also search by combining terms like "Burke" and "cemetery," but remember to "Search entire subject field." The Virginia Room holds the microfilm of [more than 100 local newspapers](#). (<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/local-history/historical-newspaper-index>) Not all newspapers are indexed. They may be searched chronologically.

5. Researchers of [Fairfax County history](#) (<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/local-history/>) will find links to Photograph collections and Subject Files: Historical Landmark, Vertical, Biography and Family, and Elections. Also on this page are links to online access for more than 330 Fairfax County school yearbooks, an inventory of City Directories and Telephone books, an 85-page *Index Catalog of Oral Histories* and more than 80 transcribed oral histories.
6. Find a Grave (www.findagrave.com) and Billion Graves (billiongraves.com) are available from any computer without paid subscriptions. Information and photos are contributed by visitors to the websites.

Genealogy Research

The Virginia Room has a significant collection of resources for family history research for Virginia and far beyond the borders of the Commonwealth.

Visit the [Genealogy guide](#) at (<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/genealogy>)

Explore [Genealogy Online Databases](#) (<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/genealogy/online-databases>).

Access for Fairfax County Public Library [card holders](#) to:

- Ancestry Library Edition
- Fold3
- HeritageQuest
- American Ancestors (in library use only)
- Historical New York Times
- Historical Washington Post.

Find additional family history links see [Genealogy Websites](#).

<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/genealogy/websites>

See also Familysearch.org. An account is required to access limited content on this free website.

Information about local cemeteries, cemetery preservation, and the burial locations of county war veterans can be found at www.honorfairfaxcemeteries.org

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