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1. Aquia Episcopal Church

2938 Richmond Highway (Exit 143A)

One of the oldest colonial churches in America, still actively used today. Completed in 1757, the church is noted for its three-tiered pulpit and Aquia stone trim. Tours are available by appointment.



2. Aquia Crucifix Monument

3200 Richmond Highway, Stafford (Exit 143A)

Erected in 1930, commemorates the first English Roman Catholic Settlement in Virginia around 1650.



3. Widewater State Park

Widewater State Park Road (Exit 143A)

Historic marker recognizing Palmer Hayden, African American artist. Also Patowomeck Tribe history, hiking trails, playground, and paddling.





4. Stafford Civil War Park

400 Mount Hope Church Road (Exit 143A)

Tells the story of Union soldiers camped throughout Stafford.



5. Government Island

Rt. 1 to Coal Landing Road (Exit 143A)

Offering a beautiful boardwalk and a scenic heritage trail, this 17-acre historic site is also referred to as “America’s Historic Stone Quarry.”



6. Austin Run Pyrite Mine

Located near 80 Northampton Boulevard (Exit 143)



Pyrite, an important source of sulfuric acid, was discovered in Stafford in 1902, and shortly thereafter a mine was opened in what is now Hampton Oaks subdivision.



7. Aquia Landing

2846 Brooke Road, Stafford, 22554 (Exit 140)

A history-rich public beach offering fishing, picnicking, and kayaking.



8. Gateway to Freedom

Located at Aquia Landing Park near the parking lot. Pack a picnic and visit the nearby historical markers located near the parking lot at the end. (Exit 140)

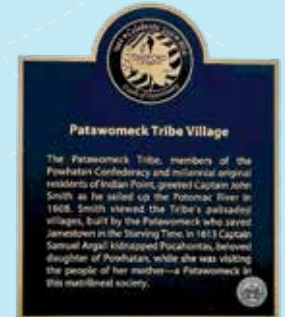


Many enslaved people throughout the region greeted the arrival of the Union Army in April 1862 and rejoiced at the opportunity for freedom.

9. Patawomeck Tribe Village

Located on Brooke Road, almost to Aquia Creek (Exit 140)

The Patawomeck Tribe, members of the Powhatan Confederacy and original residents of Indian Point, greeted Captain John Smith as he sailed up the Potomac River in 1608.





10. Stafford County Armed Services Memorial

Stafford County Courthouse (Exit 140)

A memorial to honor those who were killed while serving in the military as well as those who have served in our armed forces.

11. Stafford County Tri-Centennial

Located at the Stafford County Courthouse (Exit 140)



In celebration of its 300th Birthday in 1964, a time capsule was buried, to be opened on August 7, 2064.

12. From Indian Path to Highway

Located near 1705 Richmond Highway (Exit 140)

In 1664, a colonial road here probably followed the trace of an old Indian path. Two years later, the road was extended to Aquia Creek.



13. Stafford Training School

This marker is located in front of the Rowser building (Exit 140)

Stafford Training School, later known as H. H. Poole School, was constructed in 1939 by the Public Works Administration after African American parents raised money to buy the land.

14. Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Located at 395 Mt. Olive Road (Exit 140)

Stafford's first African American Church, founded in 1818.



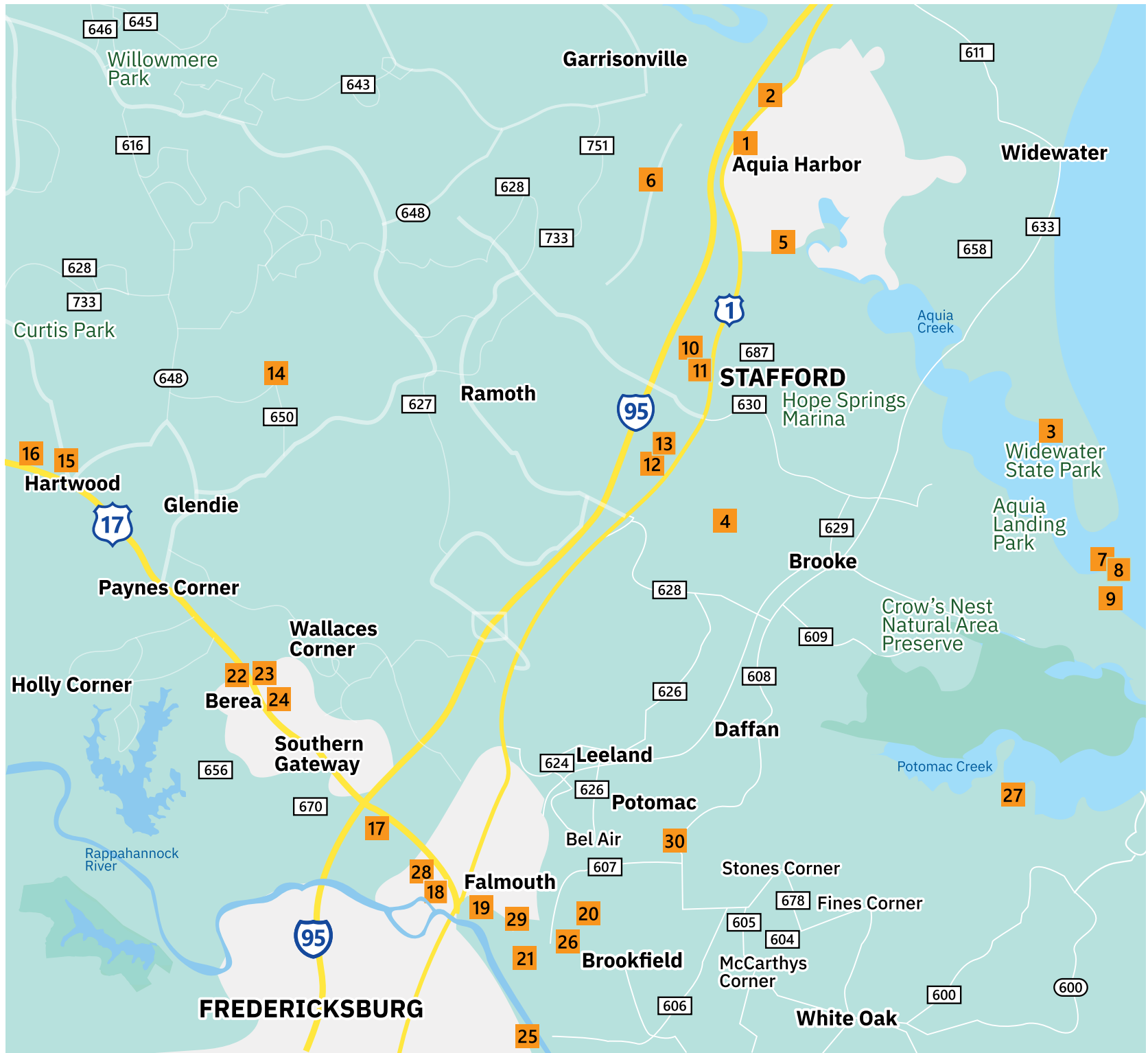
15. Hartwood Presbyterian Church

Marker located at 64 Hartwood Church Road, Hartwood (Exit 133B)

Organized in 1825 by the Winchester Presbytery, the brick church was constructed between 1857 and 1859.



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16. Gold Mining in Stafford County

Marker is located on Rt. 17 South, just before the turn for Hartwood Road (Exit 133B)



Near here are located ten gold mines, operated between the 1830s and the early twentieth century.

17. Hunter's Iron Works

Marker is located at the corner of Rt. 17 South and Old Forge Drive (Exit 133A)

The iron works were founded by James Hunter, and were likely in operation by the 1750s.



18. Historic Falmouth

The marker is located at 103 Cambridge Street, Falmouth (Exit 133A)

The town was founded in 1727 as a trading center for the Northern Neck.



19. Moncure David Conway and Anthony Burns

Located at the Falmouth Waterfront Park, across the street from 305 King Street (Exit 133A)

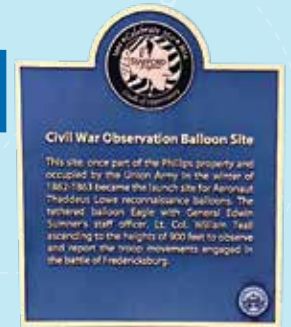
The childhood home of renowned abolitionist, writer, and lecturer Moncure Daniel Conway is nearby. Anthony Burns was born into slavery in Stafford County; his freedom was purchased by abolitionists.



20. Civil War Observation Balloon Site

Deacon Road to Ridge Pointe Lane, approximately 1 mile on left. (Exit 133A)

Occupied by the Union Army in the winter of 1862-1863, this location became the launch site for Aeronaut Thaddeus Lowe's reconnaissance balloons. The tethered balloon *Eagle* ascended to the heights of 900 feet to observe and report the troop movements engaged in the battle of Fredericksburg.



21. Chatham

Manor located at 120 Chatham Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22405. Marker located at 18 Naomi Road (Exit 133A)

Beautiful grounds and scenic overlooks of the Rappahannock River and historic Fredericksburg. Visited by Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln, Chatham was used as a U.S. headquarters and field hospital during the Civil War.



22. Civilian Conservation Corps Company 2363

Route 17 southbound near Celebrate Virginia Parkway.
Parking available in the shopping center at
29 Banks Ford Road (Exit 133B)

Visit the site of the Civilian Conservation Camp that existed from 1935 to 1940 during the Great Depression.

23. Fredericksburg Campaign

Route 17 southbound near Celebrate Virginia Parkway.
Parking available in the shopping center at
29 Banks Ford Road (Exit 133B)

In 1862, Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside ordered the Union Army to march from Warrenton to Fredericksburg along this road.

24. The Mud March

Route 17 southbound near Celebrate Virginia Parkway.
Parking available in the shopping center at
29 Banks Ford Road
(Exit 133B)

In January of 1863 the Union army's march to cross the Rappahannock River was interrupted with 48 hours of pouring rain.



25. Ferry Farm -- George Washington's Childhood Home

268 Kings Highway, Fredericksburg, VA 22405
(Exit 133A)

The Washington family moved here where George was 6 years old. Visit the site where, according to the popular fable, he cut down his father's cherry tree.

26. Falmouth Railroad Station

Located near 21 Cool Spring Road
(Fraternal Order of the Eagles) (Exit 133A)

During the Civil War, a railroad station stood on this site. The station witnessed visitors such as President and Mrs. Lincoln as well as escaping enslaved people traveling from here to Aquia Landing and freedom.

27. Patawomeck People at Belle Plains

Located on Belle Plains Road, before the Belle Plain Boat Club (Exit 133A)

The creek provided fish for centuries for the Patawomeck people, who in turn taught the colonists to fish, plant, and hunt to survive.





28. Gari Melchers Home & Studio “Belmont”

224 Washington Street, Falmouth (Exit 133A)



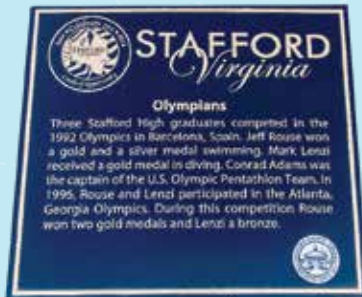
A Virginia and National Historic Landmark, this 18th-century estate includes the main house, gardens, outbuildings, and gallery of Melchers’ Impressionistic work.

29. Olympians



Marker is located in front of Massad YMCA, 212 Butler Road (Exit 133A)

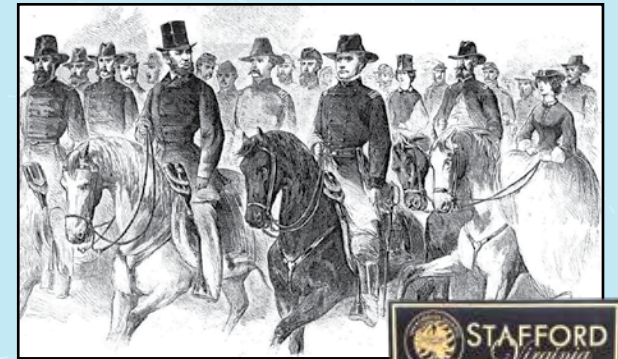
Stafford High graduates Jeff Rouse, Mark Lenzi, and Conrad Adams competed in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, and Rouse and Lenzi participated in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.



30. Lincoln Review

Located in front of Grafton Village Elementary School, 501 Deacon Road (Exit 133A)

Near Sthreshley Farm, site of Abraham Lincoln’s Grand Review on April 8, 1863. 60,000 men passed the President who sat on a horse for the long 5 1/2-hour review.



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