

Local History File Index

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Guidelines:

Covers Staunton and Augusta County, very rarely outside of this area.

Emphasis is on accumulating information that cannot be found easily in other places or formats.

Emphasis on historical rather than contemporary people or events.

Agriculture & Farming

Contains information about farms, farmers, and agribusinesses mainly in the Staunton area, as well as information about historic and non-historic farms and barns, Avian Flu, Cyrus McCormick, Farmers Markets, farmland preservation. See also **Environment & Conservation** for Ag-Forestry district information.

Airport - Shenandoah Valley Regional

Contains information about the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport in Weyers Cave.

Animal Shelter

Contains information on the Regional Animal Shelter that opened in 2011, after localities ceased working with the SPCA.

Archeology

Contains information about archeological digs mainly in the Shenandoah Valley, including the Dold-White house. There are also some volumes of the Quarterly Bulletin of the Archeological Society of Virginia. For non-human remains see **Geology**.

Architecture

Contains articles about architecture concerning multiple structures in Staunton and surrounding areas. Also included is information about Thomas Blackburn and his work. For articles on single houses see the **Historic Houses** section. See also **Historic Buildings, Businesses, and Scenes** for images and **People - Collins, T.J** for his work.

Bridges

Contains information about the bridges in the area, many of them are old or historic, including the Sears Hill bridge. Not Natural Bridge (see **Parks**) or railroad bridges (see **Railroads**).

Business and Industry - Funeral Homes

Contains information on funeral homes in the Staunton and surrounding areas. It includes things like Henry Funeral Home, Hamrick Funeral Home, and Jones Funeral Home.

Business and Industry - Garage & Auto

Articles and images of early garages, auto dealers, and related in the Staunton area.

Business and Industry- Historic

Contains information about larger industries and companies in the area in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. Includes a 1912 publication “International Magazine of Industry”. Notable companies in the area include Bodley’s Wagon Works. There is a separate file for **Business and Industry- Staunton Historic**.

Business and Industry - Hotels

Contains information of hotel buildings in Staunton and Augusta County even if they are no longer a hotel, including Belle Grae Inn and Ingleside which housed foreign consulate members during World War II,

Business and Industry - Hotels - Massanetta Springs

A resort that was a very popular place to stay during its heyday in the mid-1900s in Rockingham County.

Business and Industry - Hotels - Stonewall Jackson Hotel

The name was changed to Hotel 24 South, its address, in 2020.

Business and Industry - Large

Contains information about larger manufacturing and retail operations, both current and past, in the area. Look here for businesses at industrial parks such as Mill Place and Green Hills, and the development of those places, and companies such as DuPont, McQuay, ASR, Hershey’s, Smith’s Transfer, also machine and technology businesses. See **Business and Industry- Historic** for those that closed prior to 1950s.

Business and Industry - Organ Companies

Contains information on Putnam Organ Company and Taylor & Boody.

Business and Industry - Restaurants

See also **Staunton Neighborhoods: Wharf** and **Railroads** for business in those areas or buildings.

Business and Industry - Staunton

Contains information on businesses. It includes things like inns and many small local businesses. See also **Staunton Neighborhoods: Wharf** and **Railroads** and **Government- Staunton: Economic Development**

Business and Industry - Staunton Historic

Contains information on historic business and industries in Staunton, roughly pre-1950. See also more specific files on **Funeral Homes**, **Garage & Auto**, **Organ Companies**, etc.

Business and Industry - WTON

Contains information on WTON, the oldest radio station in Staunton.

Capuchin Monastery

See **Historic Buildings- Manch**

Caves and Caverns

Included here are the sink-holes in Staunton and Augusta County. Includes commercial and natural caves. See also **Geology** for other caves in the state.

Cemeteries - Augusta County and Waynesboro

Contains information on various cemeteries, especially those not affiliated with a church. See Church files of those cemeteries.

Cemeteries - Fairview

Contains information on Fairview Cemetery in Staunton, a historically African-American cemetery.

Cemeteries - Staunton National.

Contains information on Staunton National Cemetery, also known as the Yankee Cemetery.

Cemeteries - Thornrose

Contains information on Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton, established in 1847.

Chamber of Commerce

Contains information on the Chamber of Commerce for Augusta County and Staunton.

Churches - Augusta County - Baptist.

Contains information on Baptist Churches not in Staunton.

Churches - Augusta County - Brethren.

Contains information on Brethren churches not in Staunton.

Churches - Augusta County - Lutheran

Contains information on Lutheran churches not in Staunton.

Churches - Augusta County - Methodist

Contains information on Methodist churches not in Staunton.

Churches - Augusta County - Other

Contains information on nondenominational churches and miscellaneous information about churches in general not in Staunton. For information about specific churches, see that denominational file.

Churches - Augusta County - Presbyterian

Contains information on Presbyterian churches not in Staunton.

Churches - Staunton - Baptist

Contains information on Baptist Churches in Staunton.

Churches - Staunton - Brethren

Contains information on Brethren churches in Staunton.

Churches - Staunton - Catholic

Contains information on Catholic churches in Staunton.

Churches - Staunton - Episcopal

Contains information on Episcopal Churches in Staunton, not Trinity.

Churches - Staunton - Episcopal - Trinity

Contains information only on Trinity Episcopal Church. The Virginia General Assembly met here in June 1781.

Churches - Staunton - Jewish

Contains information on the Jewish people in Staunton and the Temple House of Israel.

Churches - Staunton - Lutheran

Contains information on Lutheran churches in Staunton

Churches - Staunton - Methodist

Contains information on Methodist churches in Staunton.

Churches - Staunton - Other

Contains information on nondenominational churches and miscellaneous information about churches in general in Staunton. For information about specific churches see that denominational file. Contains subfolder for **Allen Chapel of the AME**

Churches - Staunton - Presbyterian

Contains information on Presbyterian churches in Staunton.

Community - Booker T. Washington Community Center

This building was built specifically as a black school in 1936. For information on this building as a school see **Schools - Staunton Public Historic**.

Community - Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Contains information about the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scout troops in Staunton and Augusta County.

Community - Habitat for Humanity

Contains information on the Staunton/Augusta Habitat for Humanity.

Community - Historic Staunton Foundation

It includes articles on the members of the foundation, as well as events that the foundation has taken part in. See also **Community- R.R. Smith Center** where the offices have been located, **Historic Buildings, Businesses, and Scenes**, and **Architecture**.

Community - R.R. Smith Center

Contains information about the R.R. Smith Center for History and Art, Staunton Augusta Art Center, the Augusta County Historical Society, and events held there. This building is the former Eakleton Hotel, designed by T. J. Collins. See also **Business and Industry- Hotels**.

Community - Service Agencies - Staunton Area

Contains information on agencies such as the Center for Abused Adults, the SPCA, Free Clinic, and other organizations that exist to serve the community.

Community - ShenanArts

Contains information about ShenanArts a local theater group made up primarily of youth who perform plays and do dramatic readings.

Community - Staunton's Sister City

Contains information about Staunton's sister city Vișeu de Sus, Romania and Dabas, Hungary.

Community - Valley Community Services Board

VCSB used to be called the Valley Mental Health Center.

Community - Valley Mission

Contains information on the Valley Mission located in Staunton.

Community - VFW

Contains information on the various VFW posts and activities. See also **Military & Veterans**.

Community - YMCA

Contains information on the YMCA's of Staunton and Augusta County, including the historic building. It was called the Towne Center for a few years in the 1990s

Community Organizations - Other

Contains miscellaneous information about different types of community organizations. For information about a particular organization check the file named for that organization. Includes: Staunton Senior Center

Crime

Contains articles on notable crime and arson events in Staunton and Augusta County, from the 20th century to the present. Earlier crimes are in the appropriate **History** folders.

Environment & Conservation

Contains information about ag-forestral districts, farm land conservation, wildlife areas, Lewis Creek and South River conservation work . See also **Agriculture and Farming**.

Fairs and Festivals

Articles about the history of fairs in Staunton and Augusta County, including a 1950 State Fair booklet from Staunton. Also contains clippings about the County Fair and the Soap Box Derby traditionally held in Waynesboro. See also **Fairs and Festivals – African American Heritage** and **Happy Birthday U.S.A.** for those celebrations.

Fairs and Festivals – African American Heritage**Fire Department**

Contains information about the Fire Department for the city of Staunton, and its history.

Folklore

Contains information about folklore in the area and Virginia. It includes ghost stories, haunted houses, and folk songs.

Geology

Contains information on caves, caverns, rocks, minerals, fossils, mines and mining, including smelting and furnaces, springs, and quarries in Virginia. See **Caves and Caverns- Staunton** for sinkhole stories.

Government - Augusta County

Contains miscellaneous information about Augusta County.

Government - Augusta County Annexation

Contains information about the annexation of County property by the city of Staunton.

Government - Augusta County Courthouse

Contains information about the Courthouse. It does not contain court documents, only historical information about the building. For court records contact the courthouse.

Government - Augusta County Development

Contains information on the Development of the lands of Augusta County

Government - Staunton: 1730 - 1980

Contains information on the history of Staunton's government from its creation to 1980. Includes City Manager plan development.

Government - Staunton: 1981 - 1999

Contains information on Staunton's government and regulations from 1981 to 1999.

Government - Staunton: 2000 -

Contains information on the government of the City of Staunton from 2000 to present day. Topics include: corridor and zoning,

Government - Staunton City Manager plan

Includes the development and history of the City Manager plan.

Government - Staunton Development

Contains information on the development of the lands of the City of Staunton such as the Gateway project, west end projects, and Economic Development Authority and the Staunton Downtown Development Association [SDDA].

Government - Staunton Reversion

Contains information on the issue of reversion to town status, which was considered in the late 1990's.

Government - Staunton Urban Renewal

Contains information on Staunton and its attempts at redevelopment of the downtown area around Central Ave. in the 1950s and '60s. For development in other areas of Staunton see **Government - Staunton Development**

Happy Birthday U.S.A.

Contains information about Fourth of July celebrations in Staunton not involving the Statler Brothers. Also called America's Birthday Celebration. See the Statler Brother's box for 4th events they were involved in.

Historic Buildings, Businesses, and Scenes

Contains images and information from in and around Staunton that doesn't fit under more specific topics, and for places no longer in existence. Much of the content is from the "Then and Now" and "A Place in History" newspaper columns. See also various **Historic Houses, Hospitals, Business and Industry**, and **History- Augusta County Communities** files.

Historic Buildings - Manch

Includes information on the Manch College of Music, the Our Lady of Angels' monastery, and the other chapters of this building before it was torn down in 1977.

Historic Houses - Augusta County

Folder is in order by HOUSE name. Includes houses and cabins, in Augusta County and Waynesboro. See also **Architecture, Agriculture and Farming** for information on farms and barns, **Historic Houses- Staunton**, and **Mills**.

Historic Houses - Staunton

Folder is in order by HOUSE name Contains information on historic homes in Staunton. These houses include the Stuart House, Selma, Oakdene, Cabell house / cabin, and Rose Terrace. See also **People - Collins, T.J** for his work.

Historic Houses - Swannanoa

Contains information about the school at Swannanoa and the house. There are several pictures of Swannanoa.

Historic Scenes - Beverley St.

Formerly called Main St. Much of the content is from the "Then and Now" and "A Place in History" newspaper columns.

Historic Scenes - Central Ave.

Contains images and information about Central Ave. Much of the content is from the "Then and Now" and "A Place in History" newspaper columns.

History - African American: pre-1950

Contains information on the history of African Americans in Staunton and Augusta County up to the 1950s.

History - African American: 1950 -

Contains information about African Americans in Staunton and Augusta County in the 1950s and into present times. Includes articles on the Effie Ann Johnson Day Nursery. See also subfolder for **Allen Chapel of the AME in Churches- Staunton-Other, Cemeteries- Fairview, Orphanage- Hayes Memorial Orphanage & Mrs. Queen E. Miller, Community- Booker T. Washington Community Center, People - Green, William W., People- Davis, Ralph**

History – African American Research

Contains downloaded cohabitation registers for Augusta County, leads on black newspapers, a facsimile brochure for the Valley Training School circa 1892.

History - Augusta County Communities

Contains information on the history of communities in Augusta County, including Augusta Springs, Deerfield, Fishersville, Fort Defiance, Greenville, and Verona, and events that occurred there.

History - Augusta County: 1700s

Augusta County was established in 1738 in honor of Augusta of Saxe-Gotha, mother of King George III. Due to sparse population, formal government was not enacted there until 1745. Contains information on the history of Augusta County from the creation of Beverly's Manor to the end of the 1700s. See also **Churches - Staunton - Episcopal-Trinity** about the meeting of the Virginia General Assembly there in 1781, and **History-Augusta County Communities** for events that occurred in specific locations.

History - Augusta County: 1800s

Contains information on the history of Augusta County from 1800 through 1899. See also **History - Civil War: Staunton & Augusta County**

History - Augusta County: 1900s

Contains information on the history of Augusta County from 1900 to present day. It includes World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and many other important events.

History - Civil War: Battlefields

Contains information on the battlefields of the Civil War. It includes many local battlefields as well as information on all the rest of the battlefields in the Commonwealth.

History - Civil War: Staunton & Augusta County

Contains information on Augusta County and Staunton during the Civil War, the 5th Virginia Infantry, part of the Stonewall Brigade. For information on the Valley Campaigns see the files titled Valley Campaign of 1862 and 1864, as well as the files on Civil War Battlefields. See also the files titled **People - Jackson, Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall), People - Hotchkiss, Jedediah, People - Mosby, John, and Stonewall Brigade Band.**

History - Civil War: Valley Campaign 1862

Contains information on Stonewall Jackson's famous Valley Campaign of 1862.

History - Civil War: Valley Campaign 1864

Contains information on the Union Campaign of 1864 to destroy the Shenandoah Valley and cease its production of war materials.

History - Great Valley / Wilderness Road

Around 1750 these roads were the main thoroughfare for travel.

History - Shenandoah Valley

Contains magazines and reprints about the settlement of the Valley, historical tourist information for the area, 3 volumes of the "Shenandoah Times" magazine from 1974.

History - Staunton: 1700s

Contains information on the history of Staunton from the creation of the original survey to the end of the 1700's. It includes information on how the town decided on its name and the creation of the first town government. Also see the government files for Staunton.

History - Staunton: 1800s

Contains information on the history of Staunton from 1800 through 1899 that does not fit in a more specific category. For example, articles about the floods are here unless just about damage at the Wharf. For information on Staunton during the Civil War see

History- Civil War**History - Staunton: 1900 - 1949**

Contains information on the history of Staunton from 1900 to 1949. It includes Staunton during World War I, The Great Depression, and World War II. See also **Military & Veterans**

History - Staunton: 1950 - 1999

Contains information on the history of Staunton from 1950 to 1999. This was a time of large growth for the town and the period which Staunton's revitalization of the downtown area occurred.

History - Staunton: 2000 -

Contains information on the history of Staunton from 2000 to present. It includes a lot of information on Y2K in Staunton and includes a look back at some of the major events that brought Staunton into the 21st Century.

History - Staunton in general & Tourist info

Contains articles spanning more than one century, "this day in ..." articles, and general overviews of the city and county. Included is the 1953 magazine "Virginia and the Virginia County" all about the area. Look here for articles about the gallows in Staunton.

History - Staunton: 250- year celebration

Contains information on the celebration of the City's 250th birthday. The celebration occurred in the summer of 1997.

History - Virginia - Flood of 1969

In the fall of 1969 Hurricane Camille brought the greatest natural disaster in the region's history. The flooding was the worst in Nelson County Virginia.

Hospitals - Augusta Health

Contains information on the medical facility in Fishersville. Augusta Medical Center was built in the early 1990s and was created when Kings Daughters Hospital in Staunton and Waynesboro Hospital merged. The file also contains some information on Augusta Hospital Cooperation and Augusta Health Foundation. See also **Hospitals - Kings Daughters**.

Hospitals - CCCA

The Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents is an acute care, mental health facility for youth under the age of 18 years operated by the state of Virginia. For its early history see **Hospitals- DeJarnette**.

Hospitals - DeJarnette

The DeJarnette Sanitorium opened in 1932 as a special pay unit of the Western State Hospital until 1946 when it separated from WSH. In 1975 the name was changed to The DeJarnette Center for Human Development and it was converted to a children's mental hospital run by the state. In 1996, a new complex was constructed, and in 2001 the Virginia Assembly renamed it the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents due to Dr. DeJarnette's support of eugenics. The file also contains information on the old DeJarnette building and the attempts to preserve them. Virginia Memory and Claude Moore Health Sciences Library at UVA have good online articles about DeJarnette. See also **Hospitals- CCCA** and **Hospitals - Western State**

Hospitals - King's Daughters

Contains information about the Hospital and its history. KDH was inspired by a train accident in Staunton in 1890. In April 1951 it moved to a new location on Augusta Street; there were many newspaper articles at the time. The hospital closed in the early 1990s when KDH and Waynesboro moved into the new Augusta Medical Center.

Hospitals - Western State

Contains information about the state mental hospital in Staunton, both the current site and the old location. Western State opened in 1828 at Staunton. Western State moved to a new facility in Staunton in the 1970s and the original Hospital is now a historic landmark. The property also served as the Staunton Correctional Center until 2002, and is now known as the "Villages at Staunton". See also **Hospitals- DeJarnette**
<http://brimelchione.wix.com/start-from-scratch-n> is part of a JMU Master's thesis.

Lewis & Clark

Included here is information about Staunton native John Colter was part of the expedition.

Library - Staunton Public: 1876 - 1959

Deals with the history of the Staunton Public library from its days in the YMCA building to its time at Kalorama.

Library - Staunton Public: 1960 - 1969

Deals with the history of the Staunton Public Library from 1960 to 1969. The Library was still located at Kalorama and completed an addition.

Library - Staunton Public: 1970 - 1989

Contains information on the history of the Staunton Public Library while it was located at Kalorama from 1970 to 1989.

Library - Staunton Public: 1990 - 1999

Contains information about the history of the Staunton Public Library during the 1990s. During this time the library moved from Kalorama to the old Thomas Jefferson Elementary School at 1 Churchville Avenue.

Library - Staunton Public: 2000 -

Contains information about the history of the Staunton Public Library from 2000 to present.

Lincoln Family

The ancestors of Abraham Lincoln came from Rockingham County.

Maps - Staunton & Augusta County

Contains maps of Staunton and Augusta County. More are contained in the map cabinet.

Military & Veterans

Contains Avenue of Trees, Staunton Rifles, National Guard Armory, the 116th Virginia Infantry beginning with the origins of the regiment in the Revolutionary War to the present day, and veterans of all wars. See also files on cemeteries and **People - Howie, Thomas D., People - Green, William W.** Also see 11 scrapbooks "Citizens of Staunton and Augusta County in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, World War II" in the Rare Book collection.

Mills

Located in Augusta County mostly. Most if not all of the mills are closed today but many of them are historically registered properties.

Movies - Staunton Area

Contains information about movies that have been made in Staunton, among these movies are *Hearts in Atlantis* and *Gods and Generals*.

Museums - Frontier Culture Museum

Contains information about the Museum of American Frontier Culture and its relation to the City of Staunton in terms of land use, economic development, and local buildings moved there.

Native Americans

Contains information about Native Americans in Virginia, specifically here in Augusta County. Contains articles about local Indian burial grounds and villages.

Newspapers - Staunton News Leader

Contains information about the News Leader, Staunton's only daily newspaper.

Orphanage - Hayes Memorial & Mrs. Queen E. Miller

The Hayes Memorial Orphan Home changed its name to the Hayes Memorial Industrial School and Orphan's Home on September 9, 1918. It suffered a devastating fire in 1955. Mrs. Queen E. Miller is buried in Fairview Cemetery.

Parks - National Forest

Jefferson and George Washington National Forest, Augusta Springs Wetlands

Parks - Shenandoah National Park

Contains information on Shenandoah National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive.

Parks - Staunton

It mainly contains information about city parks, picnic areas, Betsy Bell and Mary Gray, and articles talking about more than one park. See also **Parks - Staunton: Gypsy Hill** and **Parks - Staunton: Montgomery Hall**.

Parks - Staunton: Gypsy Hill

Contains information about Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton, and Gypsy Express train. The Pump House still stands and the springs in the park was the source of Staunton's water until the 1920s.

Parks - Staunton: Montgomery Hall**Parks and Natural Attractions**

Information about state and other parks and other places including Grand Caverns, Natural Bridge, Natural Chimneys, Goshen Pass, and the Appalachian Trail.

People - Clark, Eva

Visiting circus performer Eva Clark was shot and died in Staunton in 1906.

People - Collins, Francis

Francis Collins was born in Staunton and is famous for his gene research and his writings. He is currently President of the Human Genome Research Institute.

People - Collins, T.J

Includes articles specifically about his buildings and houses.

People - Dewitt, Lew

Lew Dewitt was born in Waynesboro and was one of the founding members of the Statler Brothers. He was forced to retire from the group in 1982 because of illness.

People – Fortune, Jimmy

Jimmy Fortune was with the Statler Brothers.

People - Green, William W.

1st Lt. William W. Green was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Staunton. In World War II Green earned fame as a fighter pilot.

People - Haines, William

William Haines was born in Staunton and eventually became an actor in Hollywood. Haines became an interior decorator later in life. At one point in his career during the early 1930s he was the most sought-after actor in Hollywood.

People - Hotchkiss, Jedediah

Jed Hotchkiss was a businessman in Staunton. During the Civil War he was the chief cartographer for General Stonewall Jackson.

People - Howie, Thomas D.

Thomas D. Howie was an English teacher at Staunton Military Academy who became famous in World War II. Howie was commander of a battalion in the 116 Virginia Infantry (Stonewall Brigade). He was killed at the Battle of St Lo. See also **Military & Veterans**

People - Jackson, Thomas J. (Stonewall)

Stonewall Jackson was a professor of artillery and military tactics at the Virginia Military Institute before the Civil War. During the war Jackson became famous for his brilliant victories among the most famous is his Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1862.

People - King, Fannie Bayly

Fannie Bayly King owned the house that became the first permanent home of the Staunton Public Library. Mrs. King's home, Kalorama was originally built by William Beverly in the late 1700s.

People - Lewis, John

John Lewis was the first known settler in Augusta County. He came to America from Ireland in the very early 1700s. Lewis built his home east of Staunton on what is now New Hope Road. See also the Family File in the Genealogy Room for descendants

People - Mosby, John S.

John Singleton Mosby was a colonel in the Confederate Army; he is nicknamed the gray ghost. Mosby's small force of Rangers wrecked havoc on union supply lines and raided union towns in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

People - Moses, Anna Mary B. (Grandma)

Grandma Moses is a famous artist who was discovered late in life and who lived in August County. Also includes information on her home "Mount Airy", near Verona.

People - Sheppard, William H

William Henry Sheppard, born in Waynesboro, was one of the earliest African Americans to become a missionary for the Presbyterian Church. He spent 20 years in Africa, and is best known for his efforts to publicize the atrocities committed by King Leopold II's Force Publique.

People - Statler Brothers - archive box in Reference area

The Statler Brothers left Staunton and arrived in Nashville in 1964, they became regular cast members on Johnny Cash's TV show. The Statlers released multiple hit albums in the 1970s and 80s. The Statler Brothers retired in November of 2002.

People - Ware, Frank T.

Born a slave in 1843, he served in the Union army, became a successful businessman, and was a delegate to the 1880 Republican Convention. He also worked in the house of Woodrow Wilson in Staunton and they has a reunion in 1912.

People - Wilson, Woodrow

Woodrow Wilson was born in Staunton in 1856. He was elected President in 1914 and served as President through World War I. File here items about his life and visits to Staunton. See also **Woodrow Wilson: Birthplace & Celebrations** concerning events after his death.

*****Note about People- please use full last name on pages to make organization easier. Put people in a more specific file, such as Military & Veterans, if possible.**

People: A- B

Contains information about local Citizens who have last names that begin with A- B.

People: C

Contains information about local citizens who have last names that begin with C. John Colter is filed under **Lewis & Clark**.

People: D - F

Contains information about local citizens who have last name that begin with D- F.

People: G - H

Contains information about local citizens who have last name that begin with G- H.

People: I - L

Contains information about local citizens who have last name that begin with I- L.

People: M - N

Contains information about local citizens who have last name that begin with M- N.

People: O - R

Contains information about local citizens who have last name that begin with O- R.

People: S

Contains information about local citizens who have last name that begin with S.

People: T - V

Contains information about local citizens who have last names that begin with T- V.

People: W - Z

Contains information about local citizens who have last name that begin with W- Z.

Performing Arts

Contains information about different theater groups in Staunton and Augusta County including Oak Grove and Staunton Performing Arts Center. Also includes storytelling. See also **Community- ShenanArts** and **Performing Arts - ASC & Blackfriars Playhouse**.

Performing Arts - ASC & Blackfriars Playhouse

Contains information about the American Shakespeare Center and Blackfriars Playhouse. Formerly known as Shenandoah Shakespeare.

Police Department

Contains information on the Staunton City Police Department. It traces from its beginnings in 1802 to the present.

Post Offices

Contains information on the post offices of Staunton and Augusta County.

Prisons & Jails

Contains information about local centers including Middle River Regional Jail, Augusta Correctional Center, Juvenile Detention Home, as well as historic jails. See also **Hospitals - Western State** for the use of that property as a correctional center.

Railroads

Contains information on railroads and historic stations buildings. It includes the Buckingham Branch, B & O, C & O, Virginia Central, Shenandoah Valley, Amtrak, and CSX Railroads; the Blue Ridge Tunnel, and other railroad bridges and tunnels. Also includes current use of historic stations buildings.

Schools - Augusta County Public

Contains information of a historical nature about public schools in Augusta County. Included here is Beverly Manor Academy which evolved into an Augusta County School even though it was within City borders. It later became the Statler Brothers headquarters and now houses a private school.

Schools - Augusta Military Academy

Contains information on the Augusta Military Academy.

Schools - Blue Ridge Community College

Contains information on Blue Ridge Community College located in Weyers Cave VA. BRCC is part of the Virginia Community College System.

Schools - Mary Baldwin

Contains information on Mary Baldwin College located in Staunton, and its previous incarnations. It started as Augusta Female Seminary. See also **Schools- Staunton: Historic** for information about that era.

Schools - Other

Contains information on private and other schools in the Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County area. Information is historical in nature. Look here for article mentioning multiple schools, Vo-Tech, the former Lee High building which has housed various schools, Genesis, Dunsmore Business College, Glebe schoolhouse, etc.

Schools - Staunton: Historic Academies, Institutes & Seminaries

Contains information about schools active in the 1800's that are no longer in existence. Included here are Staunton Academy, Augusta Female Seminary, Virginia Female Institute, Wesleyan Female Institute, Staunton Female Seminary, and others. SMA and AMA have their own folders. This does not contain information on public schools. Beverley Manor Academy is filed under **Schools - Augusta County Public**

Schools - Staunton Public

Contains information on Staunton Public Schools, after 1970.

Schools - Staunton Public Historic

Contains information on public education in Staunton prior to 1970. See also **Booker T. Washington Community Center** for use of that building after it was a school.

Schools - Staunton Military Academy

Contains information on the Staunton Military Academy located on Coalter Street just north of Mary Baldwin College. SMA is closed now and Mary Baldwin owns the buildings.

Schools - Stuart Hall

Contains information about Stuart Hall School. It began as Virginia Female Institute. See also **Schools- Staunton: Historic** for information about that era.

Schools - Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind

Contains information about VSDB.

Staunton Braves

The Staunton Braves are part of the Valley Baseball League. College baseball players come to the valley in the summer and play ball for 2 months. The Staunton Braves have won the Valley league pennant many times.

Staunton Coat of Arms & Song

Contains information on the creation of the Staunton Coat of Arms. Mentioned in 18th annual city report, March 31, 1926. There was a contest to make an official song for Staunton in 1926 as well,

Staunton Neighborhoods

Staunton Neighborhoods: Gospel Hill

Staunton Neighborhoods: Newtown

Staunton Neighborhoods: Sears Hill

Staunton Neighborhoods: Wharf

Includes the floods of 1896 and 2020, and the fires of 1911 and 1940. Also, buildings and businesses there.

Stonewall Brigade Band

The oldest continuing musical organization in the country. The band traces its roots directly to the Augusta County's 5th Virginia infantry which served with distinction with the Stonewall Brigade in the Civil War.

Theaters - Movie

Contains information about the movie theaters in the Staunton area. It includes the Dixie, Visulite, New, Wayne, and others no longer in service.

Tourism - Staunton

Contains information on tourism in Staunton. It includes pamphlets on attractions as well as newspaper clippings.

Transportation

Contains information on roads and public transportation in Staunton and Augusta County. Includes the Rt 262 loop, Parkersburg Turnpike, streetcar and trolley service over the years. See also **Railroads** and **Airport - Shenandoah Valley Regional** for non-road transportation.

Trinity Point Project

Contains a booklet, which explains the Trinity Point Project.

Utilities

Items about the water supply for the City of Staunton and Augusta County, Staunton Gas Company, telephones, telegraphs, early electrification, etc.

Weather

Includes things like hurricanes, tornados, floods, and blizzards. It does not include the flood of 1969, for information regarding that see **History - Virginia-Food of 1969**

Wildlife Center of Virginia**Woodrow Wilson: Birthplace, Library & Celebrations**

Contains information about the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library which is located on the corner of Frederick and Coalter Streets on Staunton's historic Gospel Hill. Also contains information on local celebrations in honor of Woodrow Wilson. See **People - Wilson, Woodrow** for accounts of when he was alive.

Woodrow Wilson Centennial

The Centennial took place in 1956.

Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center

Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center is located between Fishersville and Staunton. The Center aids in the rehabilitation of people who have been disabled by accident or disease. Includes articles about people that have been patients at the center as well as some of the staff at the Center.

Youth - Staunton

Contains information about youth organizations including the Office on Youth, youth homes and youth activities. It does not include articles on specific people.