AN ANNOTATED GUIDE TO
SELECTED MAPS OF ARLINGTON COUNTY: 1600-1900
By The Archivist

NOTE: All maps listed are located in the Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division except for items designated (*). These maps are located in the Arlington Historical Society Archives.

1608

SMITH, JOHN

This famous map of Virginia was not only the first detailed delineation of the Chesapeake Bay area but the prototype for most of those that followed until Augustin Herrman's great map of Virginia and Maryland in 1673. This map is significant to Arlington County for showing an Indian village called Nameroughqua near the present location of the 14th Street Bridge. There are ten states (or revisions) of this map varying mostly in the addition of place names. A reproduction of this map is available from the Library of Congress Information Office for $1.75. Accompanied by a 4 page brochure. 1957. 16 x 19 in.

1670

HERMANN, AUGUSTIN
Virginia and Maryland as it is planted and inhabited this present year 1670. Scale: 1:470,000. William Faithhorne Sculpt. London: 1673. 31½ x 37½ in.

This became the second most important map of Virginia. Prior to this date, most maps of Virginia were copied from John Smith's map of Virginia. Herrman's map of Virginia then became the most copied map until the Fry and Jefferson map of 1751. Herrman's map shows the following place names in Arlington County: Patowmeck Falls and Anacostien Ile.

1693

BLAND, THEODORICK


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BELL, WALTER AND BENJAMIN SIMS, III

Shows drainage, roads, mills, houses, and place names.

1737

MAYO, WILLIAM
A map of the Northern Neck in Virginia situate betwixt the rivers Potomack

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Shows drainage and names: Potomack River, 4 Mile C., McGees Ferry, The Great Falls.

WARNER, JOHN

A true and accurate survey of the rivers Rappahanock and Potomack to their first heads or springs done by order of the Commissioners as well as part of His Majesty as the Lord Fairfax. Scale: 1:160,000. 1737. 83 x 25 in.

This map was the result of the survey made to determine the limits of Lord Fairfax's lands in Virginia in 1737. It is an important work because it was one of the first maps of the Northern Neck of Virginia and of the Potomac River. It shows the following names in Arlington County: Potowmack R., Four Mile Cr., Pimits Run, The Falls of Potowmack.

WARNER, JOHN


Shows drainage and names: Potomack River, 4 Mile C., McGees Ferry, The Great Falls.

JENNINGS, DANIEL

(Riverbank from Great Hunting Creek northward to present-day site of Rosslyn). 1742? Scale not shown. Blueline of Robert Howson's Patent traced from Fairfax County Record of Surveys (1742-1757), page 11, 1934. 15 x 30 in.

Shows Four Mile Creek, Holmes' Island, place names, houses, and drainage.

JENNINGS, DANIEL

A plan of the county of Fairfax on Potomack River the middle of which is in 39° 12' North Latitude. 1745-1748. Scale: 1:450,000. 10 x 16¼ in.

Manuscript which shows drainage, roads, and place name: 4 Mile Run. Fairfax Harrison places the date of this manuscript as having been drawn after 1745 and before the spring of 1748. The road system is important and much fuller than that shown by Dalrymple in the 1755 edition of the Fry and Jefferson map.

JENNINGS, DANIEL

(Part of "Howson Tract" from Four Mile Creek to Rocky Run including Alexander's Island). Scale not given. Blueline tracing from Fairfax County Record of Surveys: 1787-1856, page 61. 18 x 13½.

Shows roads, streams, and place names: Four Mile Creek and Holmes Island. Includes the following information: Lot No. 3 containing 1,086 acres allotted Gerard Alexander, Son of Gerard (?) (no the Complainants). Including an inlet of 9 acres covered with water and six in Gravelly Creek with the March to the red dotted line up the Creek to the mouth of Gravelly branch/clear of Chapman's interference). From Virginia-D.C. boundary case.

JENNINGS, DANIEL

(Survey of "Honesty" granted to Nathaniel, James, Samuel, and Ninian Magruder, January 1st, 1753, for 865 acres). Scale not given. Surveyed for Samuel Magruder and Charles Beall, May 16th 1726. Patented 29th April, 1730. 22½ x 20¼ in.

Shows No. 1 Magruder and Beall's "Honesty" and No. 2 Alexander's Island, Alexandria County, Va.

Fry, Joshua and Peter Jefferson

A map of the most inhabited part of Virginia, containing the whole province of Maryland, with part of Pensilvania, New Jersey and North Carolina. Scale:
This was the third most famous map of Virginia. Prior to this map, most maps were copied from the Herrman map of Virginia of 1670. The Fry and Jefferson map contains the following place names in Arlington County: 4 Mile Cr., Potomack River, Mason's Island, Magee's Ferry.

**West, George**

(John Colville’s “Lubber Run” tract of 1,246 acres). Scale: 100? Photostat from Fairfax County Record of Surveys (1742-1850), page 51. 5 x 10 in.

Shows property lines of John Colville’s tract, Adams Grant, Mr. Pearson’s land, John Ball’s land and location of mill house. The following statement appears below this plat: "Fairfax County, 17th May 1755. At the request of Col. John Colville surveyed four mile Run as follows: Beginning at A a Red Oak on a hillside then measured to the said Run S34W5 poles, 15 links, thence up the meanders to C a White Oak near the said Run. Then Protracted the Several Courses as above According to the (?) given me by the aforesaid Colvill. G. West, S. Moses Ball, James Bowmaker, Chain Carriers.”

**Ellisott, Andrew**


Shows drainage, hachures, roads, boundary markers, and place names. This is the first map to show the topography in Arlington County.

**Griffith, Dennis**


Inset map (22 x 22 in.) shows drawings, roads, and place names: Four Mile Run and Potomak River.

**Washington, George**

(Survey plat of 1,225 acres of the “Washington Forest Tract” located on Four Mile Run in Arlington County). Scale not given. April, 1799. Photostat. 7 x 5 in.


**Prang, L. & Co.**


Shows Alexandria County, drainage, roads, canal, bridges, and place names: Aqueduct, Four Mile River, Masson’s (Island).

**Madison, James**

A map of Virginia from actual surveys and by the latest as well as most accurate observations. 1818. 1:440,000. Drawn by William Davis. Richmond:

1830

(Potomac River showing Alexander’s Island.) Scale not shown. Manuscript. 1830. 26¼ x 20¼ in.

Shows river depths, Potomac Bridge, Alexander’s Island, and Mason’s Island.

1836

CARBERRY, LEWIS

(Arlington County from Rosslyn north along Potomac River to Chain Bridge area.) Scale not given. S. B. Barrell, agent for Boston Company. Photostat. 1835-36. 18 x 21¾ in.

Cadastral survey showing plats, roads, houses, number of acres, drainage, ferry, causeway to Analostan I.

1837

ELLIOT, WILLIAM

District of Columbia. Scale: ca. 1 inch equals 1 mile. Photostat from William Elliot’s “Washington Guide...”, opposite page 1. 13¾ x 12½ in.

Shows drainage, roads, bridge, and place names: Little Falls, Pimts Run, Little Pimits Run, Rock Run, Spout Run, Lubber Branch, Mile Run, Arlington House, Masons Island, Alexanders Isl.

1848

ELLIOT, WILLIAM


Shows drainage, property lines, and two roads.

1850

McCLELLAND, D.

Map of the City of Washington. 1:22,000. Monochrome. 13¼ x 17¼.

Inset map of the District of Columbia shows Arlington County. 3¼ x 3¾ in. Shows roads, drainage, canal, and place names.

1855

HIGGINSON, J. H.

District of Columbia (and Alexandria County). Scale: 1:120,000. Colored. 6½ x 5½ in.


U.S. ARMY QUARTERMASTER GENERAL’S OFFICE


Shows roads, canal, drainage, swamp, wooded areas, farming areas, springs, buildings, slaves cabins and names.

1855

Colton, J. H.

Colton’s Georgetown and the City of Washington. The Capital of the United States of America. Scale: 1:25,000. 13¾ x 17 in.

Shows railroad, canal, bridges, place names: Arlington Heights, Analostan or Mason’s Island, Alexander’s Island, Jackson City, Arlington Spr. and Roachs Spr.
Boye, Herman

Map of the State of Virginia. 1825, corrected . . . 1859. Scale: 1:253,440. 1859. In nine parts, each 21 1/2 x 32 1/2 in.

Shows drainage, roads, railroad, bridges, mills, and place names: Little Falls B., Powell's R., Four Mile Run, Potomac River. Of special interest would be the stageroads: Alexandria to Georgetown and Rosslyn to Falls Church.

Church, B. S.

Reconnaissance in advance of Camp Mansfield by 12th Regiment Engr. Capt. B. S. Church. (186-) Scale not given. 24 x 24 in.

Pen and ink manuscript map of Alexandria County showing military camps, roads, railroad, drainage, and relief by hachures.

Lang & Lang


Albert, James


Manuscript shows roads, railroads, and place names: Pimmit Run, Little Falls, Rock R., Spout R., Four Mile Run, Balls, Arlington, Alexandria, Loudon & Hampshire R.R.

(District of Columbia and Vicinity.) (186-). Scale: 1:42,000. Monochrome. 11 1/2 x 11 3/4 in.

Shows portion of Alexandria County, roads, railroad, bridges, drainage, and place names: Little Falls, Chain Bridge, Balls X Roads, Rosslyn, Arlington, Ft. Runyon Sta., Four Mile Run.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

(Detailed map of part of Virginia from Alexandria to the Potomac River above Washington, D.C.) 186-. Scale not given. 36 x 70 in.

Pen and ink manuscript map drawn on tracing cloth showing part of the defenses of Washington, roads, railroads, towns, vegetation, contour lines, houses, fences, names of residents, and drainage. Very useful map for research.

Corbett, V. P.

Sketch of the seat of war in Alexandria & Fairfax Cos., by V. P. Corbett. Washington City, May 31st 1861. Uncolored. Scale not given. 11 x 15 in.

Gives location and names of Union regiments, entrenchments, houses, names of residents, railroads, roads, and drainage. “Arlington Heights,” “Alexandria Heights,” and “Shooter’s Hill” are indicated by hachures.

Blunt, G. W. & E.

Map of part of Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. Scale: 1 inch = 6 m. New York: E. & G. W. Blunt, 1861. 26 x 38 in.

JUBAL EARLY COLLECTION

Manuscript shows roads, railroads, and place names: Ball’s X Roads, Columbia Trpk, Alexandria-Washington Road, and Falls Bridge Trpk.

BOSCHKE, A.


CONFEDERATE ENGINEER BUREAU

Map of eastern Virginia. Scale not given. Richmond: General J. F. Gilmer, 1861. 63 x 51 in.
Shows drainage, roads, railroad, Civil War fortifications, and place names: Ball’s X Roads, Arlington, Arlington Mills Sta., 4 Mile Run, Columbia Turnpike, Alexandria, Loudon & Hampshire R.R.

U.S. COAST SURVEY

Manuscript shows most of Alexandria County from Alexander to Chain Bridge, roads, railroads, canal drainage, houses, Civil War fortifications, land use, contours, shaded relief, Union army detachments and encampments, and place names. (Arlington Historical Society Archives.)*

U.S. COAST SURVEY

Road Map of the Approaches to Washington City. Scale not given. Colored. 20¼ x 17¾ in.
Manuscript shows roads, railroads, drainage, canal, Civil War fortifications, and place names. (Arlington Historical Society Archives.)*

ARNOLD, E. G.

Topographical map of the original District of Columbia and environs: showing the fortifications around the City of Washington. Scale 2 inches equals 1 mile. New York: published by G. Woolworth Colton. 1862. Colored. 30½ x 33¼ in.
Shows drainage, hachures, roads, canal, bridges, Civil War forts, and place names.

U.S. ARMY ENGINEERS

Shows a great amount of detail, roads, forts, land use, place names, parts annotated.
Sims, Benjamin L., III
Shows boundary stones, streams, Civil War fortifications, and present-day roads and bridges.

Sims, Benjamin L., III
Similar to the preceding map but including railroads, Indian quarries and villages, and relief by hachures.

Hughes, G. W.
Manuscript map shows planned layout for Jackson City, roads, bridge, Alexandria Canal, river depths, and Masons Island.

1870

Forsyth, William
Shows part of Arlington County, Rosslyn, Aqueduct and Long bridges, causeway, Analostan Island, roads, Ft. Bennet, Fishing Landing, Ferry landing, Canal, Rosslyn lot numbers and size in feet.

1878

Hopkins, Griffith Morgan
Contains 1878 map of Alexandria County, Virginia (12 x 21½ in.), Scale: 1:126,720, on pp. 66-67. Historical sketch of Alexandria County, Virginia, on p. 24. List of patrons to the atlas from Alexandria County appears on p. 33, which includes name, number of acres owned, Post Office address, occupation, nativity, and date of settlement.

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Howell, D. J.
Three parts cover Arlington County. Shows detailed information on roads, railroads, contours at 20 foot intervals, canal, and place names. No buildings are shown.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
(Chain Bridge sketch showing location of proposed power plant?). Scale not given. No date. 16½ x 22½ in.
Shows Chain Bridge, Pimmit Run, Road to Langley, proposed race, Potomac River, C & O Canal, and hachures.

U.S. Geological Survey
District of Columbia and vicinity. Scale: ca. 1:250,000. Monochrome. 38 x 30 in.
Great amount of detail shown including roads, railroads, contours, built-up areas, and place names.
1883

U.S. ARMY QUARTERMASTER DEPARTMENT


1884

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Topographic Map of the District of Columbia and a Portion of Virginia. Scale: 1:16,000. Colored. 43 x 43 in.

Shows a great amount of detail, roads, railroads, canal, drainage, contours, wooded areas, and place names.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS


Reduced version of map by the same name and scale of 1:16,000, 1884.

1885

LANO, J. C.

The City of Washington and Environs. Scale not given. Monochrome. 17 x 21½ in.


FITCH, FOX & BROWN

Map of the City of Washington and Environs. Scale: 1:35,000. Monochrome. 17½ x 18½ in.

Shows part of Arlington County, Rosslyn, U.S. Military Cemetery, Arlington (house), C & O Canal, Analostan Island, roads, railroads, and bridges.

MOREY, W., JR.

Map of Fort Myer, Va. and Vicinity. Scale not given. 1885. 21¾ x 29¼ in.

Shows drainage, roads, relief by hachures, buildings, canal, bridge, Analostan Isle, causeway, land use, buildings in present area of Rosslyn, Freedman's village, Arlington Cemetery, Ft. Myer boundaries, and place names.

1886

WITTEMANN, ADOLPH


1887

NEWBY, H. W. & CO.


Shows roads, railroads, and place names and drainage.

HOPKINS, GRIFFITH MORGAN


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Shows part of Arlington County along the Potomac River. The following place names are shown: Rosslyn, Analostan Island, Sycamore Point, Alexanders Island, and Gravelly Point. Roads and bridges also shown (also an 1891 version).

1888

Morrison, J. R. D.
Shows all of Alexandria County, drainage, roads, railroads, Civil War forts, Rosslyn, and Balls X Roads.

U.S. War Department
Shows plat boundaries, acres, names, buildings, and roads.

1889

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Great amount of detail shown. Most of Arlington County covered with contours, roads, railroads, forts, houses, land use, and Rosslyn.

1890

Howell & Greenough
The First Addition to Carlin Springs, Alexandria County, Virginia, by the Carlin Springs Co-operative Association. 1 inch equals 140 feet. Monochrome. 20 x 28 in.
Shows subdivision layout, of streets, blocks, existing dwellings, public park system, and place names. (Arlington Historical Society Archives.)*

1891

Schoepf, W. Kesley
Shows drainage, roads, railroads, bridges, and place names.

U.S. Geological Survey
Shows roads, railroads, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, contours at 20 foot intervals, and place names.

1892

U.S. Army Engineer Corps
Map of the District of Columbia and Vicinity, showing the principal points of interest including the present condition of the Defense of Washington. Scale: 1:40,000. Monochrome. 23½ x 19¾ in.
Shows all of Alexandria County, hachures along the 100 foot contour interval, forts, roads, elevation heights, railroads, bridges, and subdivisions of Rosslyn, Ft. Myer Heights, Bon Air, Arlington Heights. The condition of the Civil War fortifications is shown as either good or in poor condition or gone.

1893

Brewer, Henry W.
(Survey of the rocks in the Potomac River above Georgetown known as the “Three Sisters”.) Scale 100 feet equals 1 inch. 1893. Two sheets. 11 x 18 in.

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1894

Hopkins, Griffith M.
The Vicinity of Washington, D.C. Scale: 1:30,000. Colored. 58½ x 61 in.
Shows all of Alexandria County, contours, roads, railroads, drainage, bridges, houses, place names, and number of acres owned by each inhabitant, subdivisions. Very useful map for research purposes.

1896

Von Haaeke, A.
Post Route Map of the States of Virginia and West Virginia showing post offices with the intermediate distances of mail routes in operation on 1st of September 1896. Scale: 8 miles to the inch. 41 x 59½ in.
Contains inset map (7½ x 8½ in.) District of Columbia with portions of adjacent states. Shows post offices in Alexandria County, drainage, roads, railroads, miles between post offices, and place names.

1898

U.S. Geological Survey
Shows changes since the 1891 version of this sheet. Roads, railroads, C & O Canal, contours, and place names.

1900

Howell and Taylor
Shows a great amount of detail, roads, railroads, drainage, property lines and ownership, number of acres, and place names. Very useful map for research purposes.