



THE DATUM POINT

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Newsletter of the
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

Chapter Website – www.nvcasv.org



FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Patrick O'Neill

Please remember there is no in person meeting this week, as we are going to the James Lee Center to hear Stephen Potter talk this Saturday! October is archaeology month and Mr. Potter's presentation is something we are all looking forward to!

The ASV annual meeting is in a few weeks, I hope to see many of you there in South Boston!

Anyone want to run for a chapter office? Let me know!!! We would love to get you more involved!

OTHER CHAPTER NEWS

A donation was approved by the Chapter and has been made in honor of Patrick O'Neill for his dedicated work in the archeology and research of the Ball-Sellers House site, and his continued support on its behalf.

NO CHAPTER MEETING ON WEDS!!!!!!

**Instead, come to the James Lee Center on
Saturday October 14, 2023!**

The Archaeology and Collections Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority,
the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia,
and the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources are honored to present:

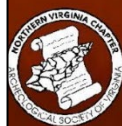
The Archaeology of the Potomac River Valley: A View from the National Parks

with Stephen R. Potter, Ph.D.
Regional Archaeologist Emeritus,
National Park Service

Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
James Lee Community Center Auditorium
2855 Annandale Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042

In the late nineteenth century, William Henry Holmes and his associates began the first archaeological survey of the Potomac Valley. Almost one hundred years later, professors William Gardner, Robert Humphrey, and Charles McNett and their students followed-up and expanded on Holmes' earlier efforts, resulting in theses, dissertations, papers, and articles. Starting in 1995 and continuing to the present day, the National Park Service has been conducting Overviews, Assessments, Identification, and Evaluation studies of 10 major parks in the Potomac River basin. These investigations were planned as a connected series of studies moving westward up the river from Prince William Forest Park to the terminus of the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Highlights from this research include the discovery of new prehistoric and historic archaeological sites spanning over 13,000 years of changing human lifeways and different cultures represented by campsites, villages, workshops, stone quarries, domestic sites, taverns, kilns, mills, armories, forges, fortifications, and battlefields.

Free and Open to the Public
Door opens at 9:30 AM (with Coffee and Light Breakfast)
the Program begins at 10:00 AM



DESCENDANTS DAY AT THE BULL RUN MOUNTAIN NATURE PRESERVE

by Patrick O'Neill

I was blessed to be a part of the 2nd Descendants Day of the James and Susan Marshall Family in Bull Run Mountain. The Robinson ancestral home is on land managed by the Virginia Outdoor Foundation as a nature preserve. My research re-connected this family to their ancestral home and family cemetery along Catletts Branch north of Chapman's Mill.

James Robinson and wife Susan moved their large family from Fauquier County to Bull Run Mountain around 1895. Their son Moses lived in the house after his parent's death. Seventeen graves have been identified in the Robinson/Corum Cemetery. Many of their descendants live in the area!



Family members talking about their history to VOF staff.

After having a lunch and talking about family history with them, we led many of them on a 2.5 mile hike to and from their ancestral

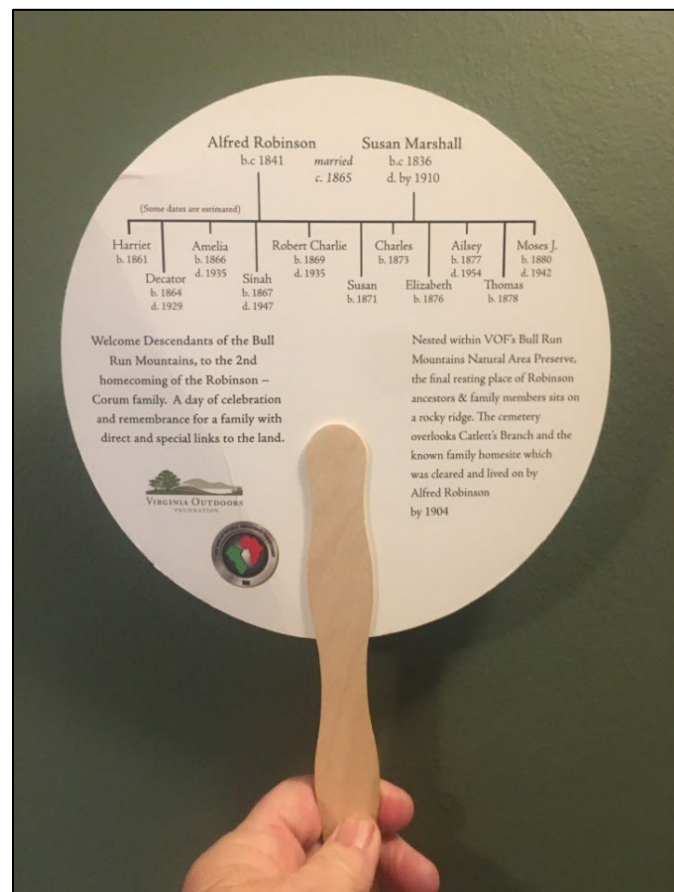
home and cemetery. It was very rewarding for me to have descendants of James and Susan Robinson standing at the home foundation and in the cemetery of their ancestors! They were so appreciative!



Members of Robinson/Corum family standing in front of the stone foundation of their ancestors.



Members of Robinson/Corum family at the 2nd Descendants Day (above).



Keepsake fan given to attendees and more to give to those that did not attend.



Members of Robinson/Corum family in the Robinson/Corum Cemetery.

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The Chapter meets at 7:30p.m. on the 2nd Wed. of each month. *Due to COVID-19 concerns, meetings may take place in-person and/or on Zoom. Details with start time and on-line/in-person information will be provided in the Datum Point newsletter prior to each meeting.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!