

Oakton Schoolhouse Timeline

Oakton History

1848: First Oakton schoolhouse, formerly known as Flint Hill, opens with Miss Mary Bell as its first teacher; it burns down during the Civil War.



Mary Holland Bell and family
ca 1850s

1861: An early skirmish of the Civil War, the Battle of Vienna, occurs near Hunter Mill Rd and Lawyers Rd.



1870: Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is established.

1873: Second Oakton Schoolhouse opens; built at the corner of Hunter Mill Rd and Rt 123, it is later moved and converted to a residence.



Fairfax Public Schools 1870

1897: Third Oakton Schoolhouse opens; the first teacher is Miss Mary Sager.

1900: Miss Mary Sager resigns; Mr. Moss Love becomes principal teacher, and Miss Nellie Shawen becomes assistant teacher. Second room is built due to overcrowding.



Nellie Shawen Smith, former
Oakton teacher, 1932

Virginia History

1847: The Richmond and Danville Railroad is chartered in Virginia, the state's first rail line.



1861: Virginia secedes from the Union.



1876: Coal is discovered in southwestern Virginia.



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1902: Virginia's new constitution requires segregated schools among other racial provisions.



U.S. History

1848: Gold is discovered in California, starting the Gold Rush.



1861: U.S. Civil War begins.

1865: Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Courthouse, ending the U.S. Civil War.

1876: US Army loses the Battle of Little Bighorn in Montana during the Great Sioux War.

1881: U.S. President Andrew Garfield is assassinated.



1898: United States defeats Spain in the Spanish-American War.

1902: United States approves construction of the Panama Canal.

1903: Miss Mary Huntington starts as principal teacher and Miss Ethel Jones as assistant teacher; Oakton Church of the Brethren founded in the Oakton Schoolhouse.



1904: New section added to Oakton Schoolhouse, but space for 45 students remains a problem

1905: Oakton Church of the Brethren allows use of its space for schoolhouse overflow.

1906: First 'modern' local health department is established in Richmond, with another in Norfolk a year later.

1908: Oakton Schoolhouse closes temporarily due to outbreak of diphtheria, a respiratory disease.

1908: Education becomes compulsory in Virginia.

1903: Wright brothers successfully test first airplane.



1908: Henry Ford begins selling the Ford Model T.

1909: Japanese Government donates 80 cherry trees, which are planted along the Potomac River in Washington, DC; annual Cherry Blossom Festival continues to this day.



1911: Virginia's Equal Suffrage League is established, with its headquarters in Richmond.

1912: Third Oakton Schoolhouse closes and is converted to a private residence; it later becomes a hardware store and then a camping store, Appalachian Trail Outfitters



1912: Juliette Gordon Low starts Girl Scouts of the USA

1914: Fourth Oakton Schoolhouse opens, which includes a high school, opens on the site of modern day Oakton Elementary on Rt 123.

1917: United States enters World War I.

1919: Women obtain the right to vote.



1923: Key Bridge opens across the Potomac River to connect Virginia and Washington, DC.



1929: The Great Depression begins.

1932: Miss Mary Huntington, beloved former teacher at the Third Oakton Schoolhouse, passes away.

1932: Country singer Patsy Cline born in Winchester, VA.

MISS MARY HUNTINGTON DIES AT CHEVY CHASE

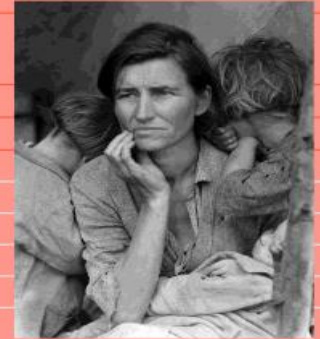
Employs of Treasury Department Was Former Teacher in Fairfax County Schools.

Special Dispatch to The Star.
CHEVY CHASE, Md., September 8.—Miss Mary Lawrence Huntington, 64 years old, an employe in the Loans and Currency Division of the United States Treasury Department, died here early yesterday at her home at 4600 Davidson drive.
Miss Huntington was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Huntington of Five Oaks Farm, near Oakton, in Fairfax County, Va., and formerly was a teacher at the old Freedom Hill School at Oakton. Her father was chief of the Loans and Currency Division of the Treasury for many years.
Miss Huntington was considered one of the finest teachers in Fairfax County and for some time was the highest paid instructor in the county, public contributions made by patrons of the school because of her remarkable influence upon her pupils, supplementing her regular salary from the county.
Funeral services for the deceased, who is survived by one sister, Miss Louisa Huntington of Oakton, will be held from the late residence at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and will be followed by mass at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda. Interment will be in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

PATSY CLINE CRAZY



1940: A Virginia court rules in favor of equal pay for Black teachers.



1944: Fourth Oakton Schoolhouse is destroyed in a fire.



1941: United States enters World War II.

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1945: Fifth Oakton School opens on the site of the former Fourth Schoolhouse and operates as Oakton High School until 1967, when it is converted to Oakton Elementary.

