



Turn the Mill Around Campaign

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Chapman - Beverley Mill

Historical Hub of Prince
William and Fauquier
Counties

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Site Significance

Chapman-Beverley Mill is believed to be the tallest stacked stone building in the United States.

Chapman's Mill

Chapman's Mill was built in 1742 by Jonathan and Nathaniel Chapman, a father/son partnership from an enterprising, well-connected colonial family. Enlarged in 1758, the mill became a prosperous gristmill that fostered the development of the Shenandoah Valley as a wheat and corn producing region for the next one hundred years.

Due to the mill's location between the Valley and the city of Alexandria, corn and wheat could be transported efficiently by wagon to the mill, ground into cornmeal and flour, and then shipped from Alexandria to ever-expanding markets in Europe and South America.

In 1759, Fauquier County was created from old Prince William County, and the related documents noted that the boundary between the two counties passed through the mill, as it does today. The prosperity of the mill was enhanced in 1852 when the Manassas Gap Railroad was completed, passing beside the mill and reducing the travel time to Alexandria. In 1858, the Chapman's enlarged the mill, raising it to a total of seven stories and making it a model of agricultural technology.

Though the milling business had come to an end, the Mill Store continued to be used as a convenience store and later a post office well into the 20th Century. In October 1998, the Chapman Mill fell victim to arson. The Turn the Mill Around Campaign (TTMAC), obtained ownership of the property and began the stabilization and preservation of the Mill ruins.



The Turn the Mill Around Campaign

TMAC took ownership of the Mill shortly after a 1998 arson attack nearly destroyed the structure. Since then, the campaign has striven to preserve the Mill and make it accessible to the public.

The mission of TMAC is to preserve the Chapman - Beverley Mill, to provide public access to the Mill site, to develop interpretive programs concerning the significance of the Mill

and Thoroughfare Gap, and to raise funds to carry out these goals.

The Chapman - Beverley Mill project is a unique and valuable undertaking in the field of historic preservation. TMAC has chosen to preserve the Mill as a ruin site, showcasing the architectural, engineering and historic elements of the building as it stands after the fire of 1998.

Our Goal

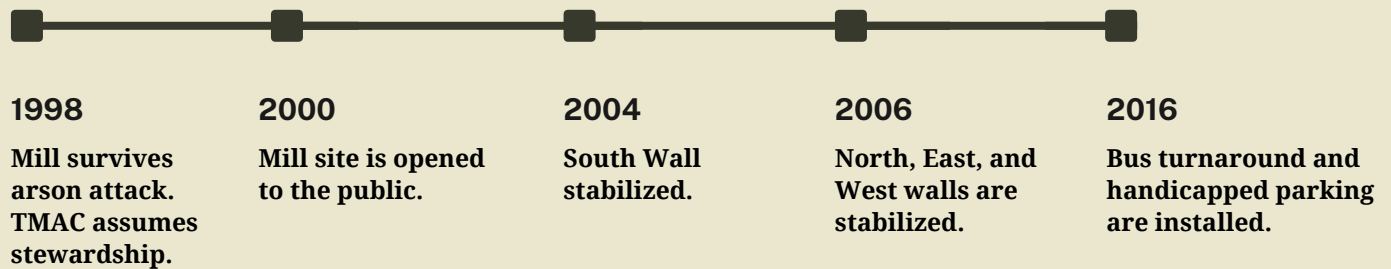
For many years, the Gap has been a major east-west thoroughfare. Nowadays, Interstate 66 sees thousands of people travel that same route, many commuting to the DC metropolitan area for work.

TMAC has taken exceptional effort to stabilize and preserve the Mill's historical site, making it accessible to a new generation of thoroughfare travelers. Since opening to the public in 2000, the Mill has hosted various events such as picnics, speaker series, and lightings, all with the goal of celebrating a piece of local history.



Preservation Milestones

A look at our work so far to protect an integral piece of Virginian history.



Stabilization Project

Cutting-edge technology was used for the structural stabilization of the Mill. An internal anchoring system, developed in Europe for historic masonry buildings, was successfully implemented in May 2004.

Further work included the structural stabilization of the south wall and corners, lead capping on all upward facing surfaces of the entire building, and emergency shoring of all 49 window openings. The engineering for the stabilization of the north, east, and west walls was completed in the spring of 2006.

Beginning in the fall of 2016, TMAC began to improve the Mill site by installing a bus turnaround area and handicapped parking area. Walking paths and informational signage have since been added.



Contributors

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with good leadership.



Earl H. Douple, Jr.
Chair

Mr. Douple has been the business manager and secretary-treasurer of Canopy, Inc. a personal services firm, and The Plains Redevelopment Corporation, a real estate holding company, since 1985. His thirty-five years of professional experience include tax, estate and financial planning, asset management, and allocation of financial holdings among various asset classes.



Charles H. Seilheimer, JR.
Board Member

Mr. Seilheimer is the founder, president, and CEO of Sotheby's International Realty Corporation, the largest marketer of luxury residential estate and farm property in the world. Charlie has served in numerous business and charitable boards that reflect his interests in the arts, education, conservation, and history. The Seilheimers reside at Mount Sharon Farm, have two children, and four grandchildren.



Andrea Currier
Board Member

Preservationist and Community Developer. Andrea took possession of Mill building remains in 1998 and founded Turn The Mill Around Campaign to secure the history of the Mill's service to the communities of Fauquier and Prince William counties.

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R. Holder Trumbo Board Member

After graduating with a degree in History from the University of Washington & Lee, Mr. Trumbo settled in Marshall and quickly established himself as a pillar of the community through his main street business. Mr. Trumbo served the public as a member of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors for 16 years. He has three children and lives with his wife, Heather, in The Plains.



Adrienne Cook Garreau Secretary

Adrienne serves on the Fauquier County Planning Commission. She has served on several boards, including Citizens for Fauquier County, the Piedmont chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society and the Hill School Arboretum. For 30 years she wrote the Backyard Garden column for The Washington Post. Adrienne is the mother of two daughters and lives with her husband in Broad Run VA.



Dr. Stephen Seager Secretary

Dr. Seager was born in Dublin, Ireland, and raised by his parents, Drs. Percy and Elizabeth Seager. He earned his degree from Trinity College, Dublin, before embarking on a distinguished academic career. He served on the faculty of the University of Oregon Medical Center in Portland, Oregon; Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas; and Texas A&M University, where he attained the rank of full Professor. Eventually, he had the good fortune to settle in what he considered the most beautiful part of Virginia.



**Contact us to learn more
about the history of the
Thoroughfare Gap!**

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