

THE FAN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OF

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, INC.

By

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"The Prince of Wales was born in Richmond--  
Richmond, England, of course. He didn't  
have enough ancestors to be born in Richmond,  
Virginia."

(Will Rogers--statement made in 1925 relative to the  
intended King Edward VIII of England)

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FOREWORD

For civic associations to avoid extinction over time, much less thrive, is no small feat. The Fan District Association has been thriving for two decades. Its newspaper now goes to all corners of the neighborhood, eight times a year. The frequency, circulation and quality of Fanfare are striking. The Association has recently reached new financial heights, thanks to its tradition of superb House Tours. Our committees have long been finely organized to keep the regular wheels turning while also undertaking new initiatives and fighting the Fan's numerous fires. As always, relations with the City and neighboring civic groups are well cultivated.

In short, the Fan District Association has an unusually rich history. Before memories fade and documents are lost, the time is ripe to begin committing that history to paper. We are fortunate to have persuaded Sam Moore to do the deed. As the following pages make clear, he has performed nobly.

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PREFACE

When Taylor Reveley (President 1979-80) appointed me as a committee of one to compile a short history of the Fan District Association, I envisioned a story about the unusual architecture of the area and the efforts of the residents to preserve such. A perusal of the minutes of the organization, however, reveals that the Fan District Association is a story of people, and the buildings are only secondary. As outstanding as the buildings are, the people are even more outstanding for it is conceivable that the same group could be moved to another location, and their united efforts would surface and become just as obvious as they are in the Fan District.

Many of the buildings in the Fan are party-wall buildings with postage-stamp size backyards; space is at a premium. Yet, the records do not show a single incident in which one member complained of another of any of the usual conflicts that confront people living in a highly congested area, such as noise, encroachment or the usual personality clashes. Most of the shrubbery grows better on our neighbor's side of the fence, but the Fan District resident makes no issue of the matter for, on the opposite side of his yard, his next door neighbor's shrubbery is equally flourishing on his side of the fence; thus it comes out even, and each neighbor gives to the other with thoughtful consideration that harmony is one of the hallmarks of the neighborhood.

During the past twenty years, thousands of visitors have made their way on tour through the Fan District homes scrubbed

and polished for the Christmas season, only to have their houses inundated with visitors pushing and generally doing everything except bettering the premises; too, nearly 25% of the tours have been conducted during inclement weather when rain and snow have added to the wear and tear of the household on tour. Yet, in only one instance has a householder made demands of the Association for damages suffered on such an occasion; about seven or eight years ago, one of the householders remitted a bill for the cleaning of his carpet due to mud brought in by visitors on the tour. Many of the residents have had their homes open on two occasions or more, namely, the Randolph Neals, the Jim Graves, the Tom Jones, the Drew Carneals, the Jed Wilsons, the William Carletons, the John Synons, the Dave Clingers, the Harrison Tylers, the Bennett Malbons, the Walter Dotts, the Willson Craigies, the Hal McVeys, Dr. Waverly M. Cole and Mr. John R. Cooke (the Cole-Cook house), the Martin Agency, Inc., Miss Anne Ryland, and Jim Corum. This is a true reflection of the Fan District resident who has personally sacrificed for the good of the organization by permitting his or her residence, at Christmastime, to be used for financial gain for the area as a whole, the Christmas House Tour being the only substantial source of income for the Association.

In short, the Fan is not merely an area of architecturally attractive buildings, but an area encompassing a group of people who appreciate a cultured way of life offered by the Museum of Fine Arts, the Science Museum, and the Virginia Commonwealth University, but over and above this, they are primarily a group of enlightened people with good manners and old fashioned virtues such as honesty, integrity, and consideration for one another.

It has been a pleasure to write about such people.

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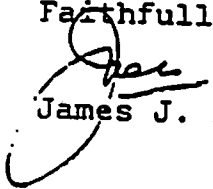
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Dear Sam:

I don't know that I could add a thing to your excellent account of Fan District history, except to correct the spelling of "Forensic." I don't know what "Fornestic" means, but it sounds probably carnal and possibly felonious. My memory is woefully poor on events more remote than six or eight months, and to reach back to 1956 is more than old dad is up to. I seem to recall that we got uncertainly involved in trying to get some gas street lamps, but I forget what ever became of the effort.

Say hello to old friends, and believe me,

Faithfully,

  
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## FAN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Located geographically in the center of Richmond, Virginia is an area approximately one square mile known as the "Fan District". Bordered by Broad Street, Belvidere, Main Street, and the Boulevard (initially the boundaries were: the south side of Floyd, the east side of the Boulevard, the north side of Monument, and the west side of Belvidere), it encompasses approximately 20,000 proud inhabitants who, since 1960, have been most diligent in maintaining and preserving the architectural beauty of the buildings and the energetic lifestyle of the area.

Incorporated within the area is a hotel, numerous fine restaurants, two hospitals, five parks, and fifteen places of worship including a Synagogue, a Catholic Cathedral, a Christian Science Church, an Interdominational Church, and the largest church in the City of Richmond, namely, First Baptist Church, with a membership of 3,696 (as of November 30, 1979). Also in the area is the Mosque, a city-owned theatre with a seating capacity of some 3,732 where light opera, the symphony, public forums, and other similar attractions are seen and heard by Richmond citizenry.

The area is contiguous to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the headquarters of the Virginia Historical Society, the national headquarters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Science Museum, and the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles; also a most intriguing business facility, Pleasants Hardware Store, where just about every member of the Fan District meets sooner or later, to buy some "thingamajig" for his home.

In the center of the Fan is the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University with a student body of some 19,670



(night and day) students and geared, not only to the academic world, but also to the adult educational demands, and cultural inhibitions of the Fan District inhabitants.

The "Fan District" area gets its name from the "fanning out" at Laurel Street of Park, Stuart, Hanover, and Grove Avenues. The naming of the area is subject to controversy, but the first written reference to the "Fan" was an editorial in the Richmond News Leader dated January 3, 1957, when the term was used without explanation. Some of the older Fan residents maintain that as far back as the early 1930's, the area was loosely described as the Fan District, but it was not used generally until around the middle of the 1950's. At that time, local real estate agents began glamorizing the area by describing the buildings as townhouses, and the area as the "Fan District". Then, in the summer of 1959, Neville Johnson, a resident of the Fan, published a brochure styled "The Fan- Its Past, Present & Future" under the sponsorship of his real estate firm, Neville C. Johnson & Associates, Inc., describing in glowing terms the history of the area and foretelling a future that was even more attractive. He described the alleys as "garden ways" and foresaw unsightly garages demolished and play areas springing up there instead; he assured the citizens of Richmond in no uncertain terms that the Fan was the area of the future.

On the heels of this publication and other individual efforts, the members of the community began removing their front porches and redesigning the facades of their homes and convert-

ing their back yards into attractive garden spots where the stigma of "backyard" was forever obliterated.

The Fan attributes to Dr. and Mrs. Richard W. Fowlkes as the first to attempt renovation in the area. The Fowlkes moved into their house at 1418 Park Avenue in 1940 when most of their fellow citizens were moving westwardly, unaware of the impending World War II and its gas rationings and other inconveniences. The Fowlkes' house was extremely rundown at the time, and they admit that it was a brave move on their part to move into the area, but in spite of this, they began to expend much of their efforts in renovating when their friends were equally as energetic in moving out.

Probably, the most important one factor in generating interest and continuing the character of lifestyle of the Fan District is the extremely sophisticated association of the area described as the Fan District Association which was formed in 1961 and has, since that time, been a unique voice for the area inhabitants in promoting the Fan's welfare, not only internally, but in its association with the city and state governments as well. The Fan District Association is probably the offspring of two earlier organizations which were the direct results of a concern for the apparent deterioration of the inner city during the middle part of the 1950's. Highly urbanized areas in not only Richmond but other cities throughout the country were fast changing their countenance and becoming blighted when the citizenry moved rather than attempt challenging

the change. The Fan citizens refused to accept such and took positive steps in that direction.

The first of these organizations was the "Twenty-Third Precinct Literary, Political, Forensic and Inside Straight Society", organized May 22, 1956 and presided over, for the most part, by James J. Kilpatrick, then editor of the Richmond News Leader and a resident of 1615 Hanover Avenue. He was assisted by Julian McCarthy, a former "Mayor" of West Avenue and other long time residents of the Fan. This organization is best remembered for its annual impersonations of the fathers of our country, staged on each 4th of July when the members, bewigged, paraded in colonial costumes and argued the pros and cons of the Constitution, and concluded their show by reading a copy of the Declaration of Independence. Political candidates were invited to these annual meetings, but the oratorical and historical significance took priority over the political posture. As frivolous as the name of the society might indicate, the group struck up a spirit of neighborhood cohesiveness and proved that should appropriate steps be taken, the area could retain its unique cultural climate.

Almost contemporaneous with the forming of the "Twenty-Third Precinct Literary, Political, Forensic and Inside Straight Society" was another organization known as the "Neighborhood Improvement Association". The moving force behind this association were two public spirited citizens of the area, McLain T. O'Ferrell and Robert Sharp. Their goal was an

extremely ambitious one in that their association would buy deteriorating property and personally attempt to restore it to its original opulence. This project was most worthy but so costly that its success was never achieved; but the seed of interest was sown, and this organization, with the "Twenty-Third Precinct etc. Society" had, by now, generated enough enthusiasm to attract even more interest in preserving the Fan area.

Accordingly, during the summer of 1960, some citizens of the Fan met on several occasions and attempted to formulate an association that would have a more permanent effect upon the neighborhood. Those in the forefront of this undertaking were Dr. Carl Lingamfelter, Wirt Marks, III, Bill Carleton, and Jed Wilson. These gentlemen (Mrs. Lingamfelter states that no women were invited to the organizational meetings, and they usually met in one of the member's garages) mulled over the idea of a proper organization, but it was not until the following year that they finally hammered out an organization to their satisfaction.

Thus, on October 12, 1961 at 8:00 p.m., some twenty members of the neighborhood, lead by the above group, met at St. James' Parish House, 1205 West Franklin Street, and there formed the "Fan District Association", the object of which being to "beautify the Fan District and to encourage individual property owners in its continued restoration and orderly development; to promote the health, welfare, happiness and the civic, cultural, educational, and recreational betterment of the Fan District, in particular, and Richmond, in general".

There were two classes of membership, namely, Active Members: persons who owned real property within the area, and Associate Members: adult residents of the area but not owners of real property. Each Active Member was entitled to five votes, and each Associate Member was entitled to three votes. (Later, by amendment to the Articles, the membership classes were altered to only one type of membership, each member being entitled to one vote.) Jed Wilson was elected President, Fred Bauder, Vice President, Adella Watlington, Secretary, and Bob Forsyth, Treasurer. Charles Weaver was elected Member at Large. This group worked tirelessly in its effort to promote the Association with Mrs. Watlington, as Secretary, personally writing 400 notes to prospective members, Fred Bauder becoming President of the organization two years later, and Bob Forsyth remaining as Treasurer for five years.

The pressing issue during the initial year of the organization was the attempt to reverse the City Council's ordinance that would have made Grove and Floyd Avenues one-way streets and thus creating a thoroughfare through the heart of the district. In spite of the fact that the City Council had already approved the measure, through the energetic efforts of the organization, the Council reversed itself and once again Grove and Floyd Avenues were safe from thoroughfare status.

Other issues that presented themselves to the Association during its first year was the objection to the Lombardy Street Park being enclosed by a wire mesh fence, and the Association's recommending instead that a brick wall be erected. The Association's success in this direction was assured, not only by the city's revising their plans, but by the personal contribution made by the citizens of the Fan area.

Of course, through all of these issues, were the issues of the Downtown Expressway, designed to pass through the heart of the area, approximately at the 300 block West, chlorination of the city water, and school segregation.

Although the organization had been in existence for only three months, the Association did, at Christmastime 1961, trim the large cedar tree at the eastern end of the Lombardy Street Park and there celebrated the Christmas season by singing carols and building bonfires in the park.

Jed Wilson remained on to steer the organization through its two formative years and is given the bulk of credit for having organized the Association on a high plane and seeing that it continued in that direction. Today, his name is synonymous with the earlier efforts of the organization.

Mr. Wilson gives no little credit for the success of the organization to the publication that was to become the voice of the Association, namely, The Fanfare, published quarterly and circulated free through the area to all members of the Association. Equal credit should be given to the two people who organized and instilled sophistication and styling in the publication which still exists. Those two people are Willis Shell, then Vice President of the William Byrd Press, and Mrs. James Montgomery Farrar, a local author of no little import at the time.

At the September meeting (September 16, 1962) the Association amended the Constitution so that the Board of Directors would consist of 12 directors, elected at the Association's annual

meeting, one director elected for one year, one for two years, and four for three years. After that, four directors should be elected at each annual meeting for three years.

During the Presidency of Jed Wilson, the first Fan District tour was organized. It was an "Open Gate Alley Tour" held on Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8, 1963 from 2 - 6 p.m. Fourteen backyards were open for inspection with the yards marked with bright streamers. Strollers were invited to come in and examine the yards which President Wilson announced were of all sizes and shapes. Mrs. T. M. Arrarsmith, III was chairman of this undertaking, assisted by Mrs. F. W. Bauder, Mrs. J. M. Farrar, Mrs. H. W. Forster, Jr., Mrs. N. C. Johnson, Mrs. C. T. Rives, and Charles Weaver. The tour was an enormous success, and the Fan District house tours were off and running!

The first Christmas House Tour was held on December 15, 1963 from 2 - 5 p.m. with the following houses open:

Mr. and Mrs. William Carleton, 1825 Grove Avenue  
Mrs. Louise Fowlkes, 1914 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Cates, 2108 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Dallas Coons, 1717 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Glave, 1725 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Velz, 307 North Allen Avenue

Punch was served to the visitors at the conclusion of the tour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Wilson, 2109 Hanover Avenue, The Tour attracted some 500 visitors.

During President Fred Bauder's term, ambitious plans were undertaken, now based upon the momentum generated under President Wilson's reign. A swimming pool was proposed in the center of the block encompassed by Main Street, Floyd,

Shields, and Addison Avenues; a permit from the City was obtained, but construction was to be delayed until at least 125 families in the District had signed up for membership.

The most successful venture under President Bauder's administration was the first plant sale held on April 24, 1964 on the 2200 block between Floyd and Grove Avenues. Betty Wilson and Charlie Weaver were co-chairmen of this event.

The second Annual Autumn Tour, set for September 12 and 13, 1964 but postponed to September 19 and 20 because of inclement weather, was chaired by Mrs. F. Willson Craigie, assisted by Mrs. Cy Williams, Mrs. Neville Johnson, Mrs. L. Irving Thomas, Mrs. J. Montgomery Farrar, Miss Caren Tribsees, and Mrs. Todd Dabney. This extremely ambitious affair had some 33 gardens open to the public, divided into two groups, one starting at Meadow Street Triangle Park, and the other starting at the Lombardy Street Triangle Park. In each of the parks, the visitors were given tour maps to designate the areas involved. The following gardens were open:

Mrs. Andrew Christin, 1536 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. James Alsop, 218 North Harvie Street  
Mr. and Mrs. McLain T. O'Ferral, 1304 Grove Avenue  
Mrs. Cy Williams, 212 North Lombardy Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Hotchkiss, 1605 Grove Avenue  
Miss Caren Tribsees, 1725 Grove Avenue  
Mrs. Van Pelt Sessoms, Jr., 1807 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. A. Hobson, 1819 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Smith, 6 North Granby Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Robinson, 207 North Granby Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Pinckney Harrison, 1913 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Howell, 1815 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Leland Rives, 1825 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Montgomery Farrar, 1901 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Call, 1910 Hanover Avenue



Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Oppenheimer, 1817 Park Avenue  
Mrs. W. B. Catlett, 1828 Park Avenue (Apartment)  
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Woodward, 1702 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. William Parkerson, 1818 Park Avenue (Apartment)  
Mr. and Mrs. William R. Smith, 1927 Stuart Avenue  
Mrs. Herbert Mann, 506 North Meadow Street  
Miss Dorothy Hankins, 2000 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. William C. Richardson, 2017 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. O. John Bauer, 307 North Rowland Street  
Mrs. Minor Harris, 305 North Rowland Street  
Miss Helen Howry, 303 North Rowland Street  
Mrs. Frank W. Laughton, 203 North Rowland Street  
Dr. and Mrs. William Martin, Jr., 2008 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, 2109 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, 309 North Meadow Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Shell, Jr., 2113 Hanover Avenue  
Mrs. E. C. Boudar, 2103 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Willson Craigie, 2221 Grove Avenue

A story in the Fall 1964 issue of Fanfare concerning this  
Tour incorporated the following statement:

"In spite of rainy weather, the Shriners Parade,  
a Sunday postponement, a fire at Stuart Circle  
Pharmacy, and one case of purse snatching, the  
annual Fall Garden Tour was a success with some  
400 visitors on each of the afternoons."

At Christmastime 1964, the second Christmas House Tour  
was conducted. On December 13, the following houses were open:

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Harrison, 1909 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Sam Perry, 1702 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Horace D. McCowan, 1634 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Synon, 130k Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett K. Reid, 2214 Stuart Avenue

The price of the tickets were \$1.10. The tour ended  
with refreshments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weaver,  
2101 Hanover Avenue. Mrs. Adella Watlington was chairman of  
this event.

At the February 25, 1965 meeting, Mrs. Adella Watlington submitted her resignation as secretary after having faithfully served the organization for more than three years. After extending a vote of confidence and appreciation to Mrs. Watlington, the Board elected Mrs. Susan Malbon as the new secretary.

At the same meeting, Oakley Harrison offered the Association the use of a fenced park in the middle of the 2200 block between Floyd and Grove Avenues for the April 24 plant sale.

The first "purely social" event of the Association was a spring garden party held on May 20, 1965 hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Dotts, Jr. at their home at 2605 Monument Avenue. There were 200 members in attendance at this gala event.

During President Bauder's term, the Spring House Tour was held on April 21, 1965, with the following houses open:

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Synon, 1301 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Heflin, 1705 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Glave, 1725 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Black, 1922 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison R. Tyler, 403 North Allen Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Douglas P. Rucker, 2712 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Willson Craigie, 2221 Grove Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Richard W. Fowlkes, 1418 Park Avenue

It was noted that the Synon house at 1301 Park Avenue contained a small swimming pool and Mr. and Mrs. Heflin's home at 1705 Park Avenue has just recently been restored.

The Richmond Times Dispatch carried, on April 14, 1965, a story about the Tyler home at 403 North Allen Avenue, stating that a picture of President John Tyler on the wall of that house gazes down upon his great grandchildren. It was also noted that the Tyler house was decorated with pictures and memorabilia of the fourteenth president as Mr. Harrison Tyler was the grandson of President Tyler.

A special meeting was held on June 25, 1965 to consider the "Concerned Citizens of Monument Avenue"'s objection to the resurfacing of Monument Avenue when it was learned that the city was planning to use the usual aggregate black top instead of the unique Belgium blocks that presently made up the street's surface. Mrs. Adella Watlington, representing the group, won the Board's unanimous support in the Concerned Citizen's efforts to require the use of Belgium blocks.

The Third Annual Garden Tour was held September 11 and 12, 1965 from 2 to 5 p.m. each day. "Seventeen gardens never shown before" were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Flinn, 104 North Allen Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Lann B. Smith, 1828 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dexter, 208 North Granby Street  
Mrs. Cy Williams, 1903 Hanover Avenue  
Mrs. Preston Magnum, 2013 Hanover Avenue  
Mrs. R. S. Cunningham and Miss Temple Dyer, 2023 Hanover Avenue  
Mrs. Irving Thomas, 2016 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Casler, 2013 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Goodwin, 504 North Meadow Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Mitchel Cates, 2108 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, 2114 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett K. Reid, 2214 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Junius R. Christian, 2022 Park Avenue  
Mrs. Henry A. Bullock, Sr., 2017 Monument Avenue  
Mrs. Lawther J. Whitehead, 2425 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Virginus C. Hall, Jr., 2423 Grove Avenue  
Mrs. Thomas G. Herring, 2701 Grove Avenue

There was no charge for the Tour. Mary Frances (Mrs. Samuel J. T., Jr.,) Moore was General Chairman for this tour.

On Sunday, December 19, 1965, between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m., the following houses were opened for the "Candlelight House Tour" which incorporated four houses on the 100 block of North Shields Avenue and one on Floyd Avenue:

Mr. Richard R. Duncan, 2127 Floyd Avenue  
Mr. J. H. Brown, Jr., 102 North Shields Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Way, 117 North Shields Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Kenton Muhleman, Jr., 106 North Shields Avenue  
Mr. Vernon Jackson and J. Leslie Spiers, Jr., 121 North Shields Ave

The Tour included an innovative feature in having attractive young ladies in evening gowns as hostesses to meet the more than 500 people who toured as guests, in spite of the bitter cold evening. "Many fireplaces glowed a welcome and the candlelight left a feeling of warmth to all" is the description Mrs. June Johnson reported in the Fanfare. Some of the "warmth" no doubt could be attributed to the hot grog and colorful cake served around the open fires at Oakley Park which was lighted with torches and candles for the occasion. Mrs. Raymond Hodges served as Chairman for this event.

On February 20, 1966, the First Annual Progressive Dinner, sponsored by the Fan Women's Club, was held, incorporating three houses, each elegantly decorated with flowers furnished by Mosmiller Florist. It was described as a "fun-filled, gastronomic, delightful, evening."

On July 4, 1966, the Association sponsored a rally for the candidates or representatives of the candidates for the Senatorial nomination in the Democratic primary. Armistead



Boothe appeared in person, Delegate Ed Lane spoke on behalf of Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Bill Battle of Charlottesville spoke on behalf of William Spong, and Delegate T. Coleman Andrews, Jr. spoke on behalf of Senator A. Willis Robertson. The speeches were preceded by an exhibition of the K-9 Corps of the City Police Bureau and a 30 minute band concert.

The September 1966 issue of the Fanfare reported that the "current residents" of the 1800 block of Grove Avenue greeted new members to the surrounding area with a party at the home of Miss Ann Ryland, 1824 Grove Avenue. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McVey, III, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brice, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Flinn, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Drew Carneal, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tobler, III.

At another gathering of the same nature, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Etheridge and Mrs. T. Pryor Campbell, Jr. entertained at their home, 1626 Park Avenue for their new neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spain of 1628 Park Avenue.

The Social Column concluded with the names of arrivals of the small variety, namely, Miss Marie Chamblin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooke B. Chamblin, David M. Clinger, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Clinger, and Miss Mary Rucker Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rucker Sherman.

On September 17-18, 1966, the following gardens were open for the annual Fall Garden Tour:

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Haw, 1630 Park Avenue  
Mrs. J. C. Etheridge, Mrs. T. Pryor Campbell  
1626 Park Avenue  
Mr. Thomas L. Howard, 1715 Park Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Kenny, 1717 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. David M. Clinger, 1719 Park Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. John Bell Williams, 1617 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. James J. Kilpatrick, 1615 Hanover Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. John H. Moon, 1613 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Forbes Hotchkiss, 1605 Hanover Avenue  
916 West Franklin Street, Sculpture Garden, RPI (now VCU)  
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Jackson, 1400 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Pearce, 1408 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Wade Lamb, Jr., 1410 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Wortham Spilman, 1412 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar I. Bostwick, 1306 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Hill, 107 North Harvie Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Lamb, Mr. George O. McClary  
211 and 213 Plum Street (There are joint gardens)  
Mr. and Mrs. George C. Freeman, Jr., 112 Plum Street  
Miss Eleanor L. Douthat, 108 Plum Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Winston D. Gravatt, 110 Plum Street

Mrs. William C. Fitzgerald was chairman of this event, assisted by Mrs. Thomas D. Miller, Mrs. Bennett A. Malbon, Mrs. Randolph Neal, and Miss Marcella Muhleman. Two innovations were incorporated in this Tour: an exhibition of sculpture done by the faculty of RPI (now VCU), and an exhibition of sculpture by Marie Pietri (Mrs. James J. Kilpatrick), Dick Cossitt, art critic for the Times-Dispatch, Frank Pole and Betty Thompson. William R. Gaines of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts assisted in setting up the exhibits.

On December 18, 1966, the following houses were open for the annual Christmas Tour. Mrs. Drew St. John Carneal chaired this event.

Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Fred G. Pollard, 1900 Hanover Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Bennett A. Malbon, 2021 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. deWitt B. Casler, 2013 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Burruss, Jr., 2020 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. George E. Booker, III, 1803 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. David M. Clinger, 1719 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Waldo Forster, 1614 Hanover Avenue

No tickets were sold for this tour, but contributions received at any of the houses were donated to the Grace House and Crippled Children's Hospital.

During the calendar year of 1967, no little activity was had in the Fan District concerning an infant day nursery located at 2000 and 2014 Hanover Avenue. The bone of contention was that parking facilities were extremely limited in this area and incompatible with the needs of the nursery. Subsequently, suit was instituted in the Law and Equity Court of the City of Richmond to enjoin the nursery from operating, and on November 25, 1967 Judge Alexander Sands, the presiding judge, upheld the Board of Zoning Appeals in prohibiting the nursery from further operation.

At the April 4, 1967 meeting at Grace-Covenant Church, 200 members of the Association were present to hear Mayor Morrell Crowe speak. Also present were W. O. Edwards, Director of Development at RPI, and member of the House of Delegates, E. P. Pendleton, as well as members of the City Planning Staff to discuss with the Association problems of the residents such as routing of traffic, parking, recreation, parks, schools, shopping facilities, and air pollution. It developed that most of the contention was related to the future of RPI and the proposed Downtown Expressway. Bob Forsyth reported that \$500.00 had been made on the Christmas House Tour, and the Board voted to donate half of it to Grace House and the remaining half to Crippled Children's Hospital.

On May 14, 1967, the following gardens were open with the gentleman of the house acting as host. Neville Johnson and Charles Weaver were co chairmen of this event:

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clinton Bothwell, III, 2105 Hanover Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Carl S. Lingenfelder, 2112 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Wilson, 2109 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Chambliss, 2105 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Dallas Coons, 1706 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. T. Whitfield Harrison, 1708 Park Avenue

Also:

Mrs. Donald M. Faulkner, 1905 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. William R. Gaines, 206 North Meadow Street

At the insistence of one of the Fan members, Mrs. Victor German, the Board, on September 18, appropriated \$50.00 towards a historic marker to be placed on the north side of the 1500 block of Grove Avenue to identify the block as "Old Dominion Row".

At the same meeting, the Board approved the hiring of Robert Hill, an independent planning consultant, to study the master plan for the City of Richmond and the Fan in general.

At the December 5 meeting the Board discussed incorporating the Association and also limiting the office of the President to two years. Mr. McDonald having been elected for a second term initiated this motion and was passed by the Association.

The Christmas House Tour was held on December 21, 1967 and incorporated the following homes:

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Cox, 1921 Stuart Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Kemp H. Hyers, 1414 Park Avenue  
Miss Anne P. Ryland, 1825 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. O. Van Pelt Sessoms, 1502 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Otto N. Williams, Jr., 207 North Shields Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. George T. Williamson, 117 North Shields Avenue

Mary (Mrs. Benjamin) Harrison, Chairman of this Tour, announced "lovely voices will sing favorite carols in the homes on tour and Miller and Rhoads' models in glamorous 'at home' holiday hostess gowns will greet guests at the door."



At the Board meeting on February 22, 1968, motion was made and carried that the Association incorporate and, accordingly, on April 25, 1968, the formal charter changing the name from the "Fan District Association" to the "Fan District Association of the City of Richmond, Virginia, Inc." was granted. Since that date, the organization has been operating as a corporation.

In March, 1968, the Richmond Professional Institute (now Virginia Commonwealth University) presented the "Three Penny Opera" at the Gas Light Theatre at the corner of Harrison and Park Avenues to benefit the Fan District Association Master Plan.

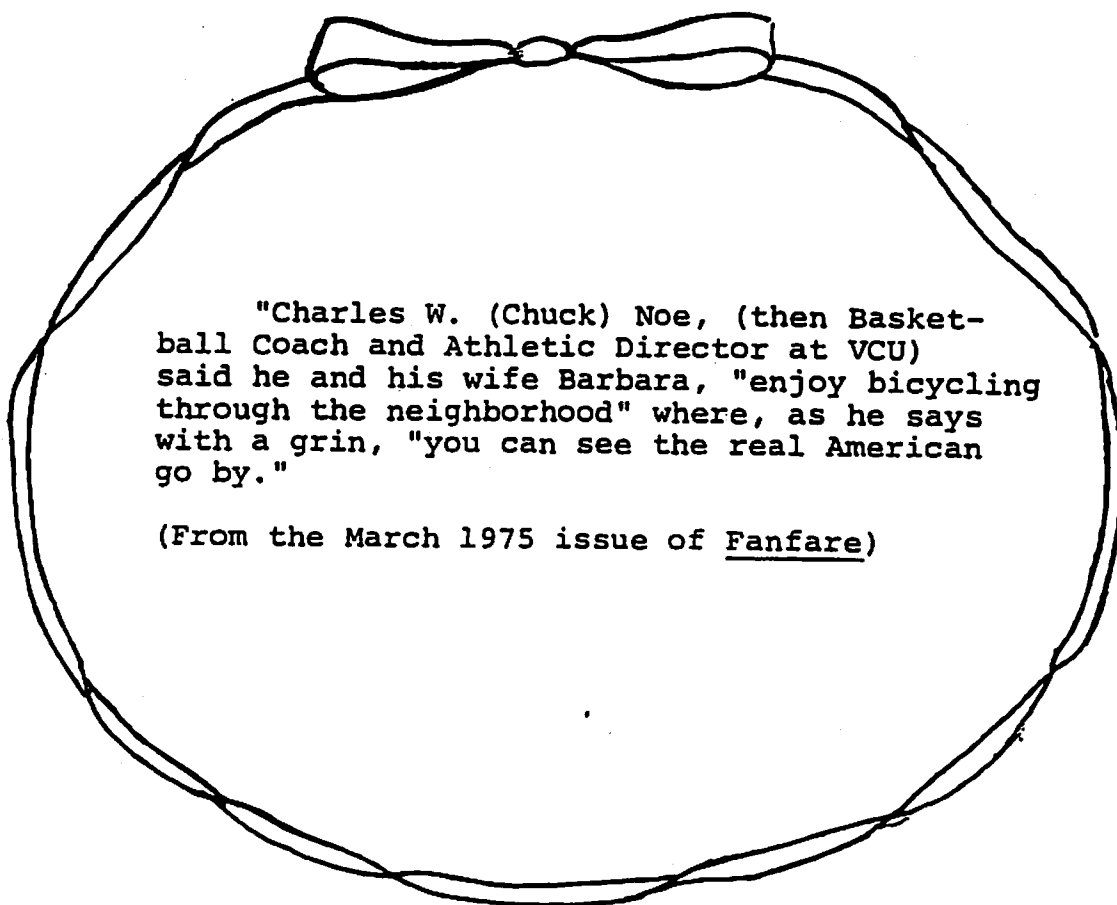
At the May 22, 1968 meeting, candidates for City Council appeared and spoke for 10 minutes in an effort to draw votes for the forthcoming election. Those who appeared were Messrs. Bliley, Carwile, Cephas, Edwards, Ford, Kenney, Mundle, Brice Randolph, Jr., Milton Randolph, Charles Wilson (for Mr. James Wheat), Carpenter, Bagley, Marsh, Crowe, and Mrs. Nell Pusey.

At the Fall meeting in 1968, President McDonald stated that the artists in the area were given an opportunity to exhibit works at the Richmond Print Workshop, 308 North Robinson Street. The workshop had been established a year earlier with a grant from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts which would provide professional artists with facilities for working in the various print media.

The following houses were open for the Christmas House  
Tour held from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 1968:

Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Powell, 1823 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Ruffin Tyler, 403 North Allen Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Bayard C. Starbuck, 102 North Linden Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew L. London, 1500 West Avenue  
Mr. Robert L. Hill, 1419 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Osdene, 2319 Monument Avenue  
Mr. R. W. Minnich, 2511 Kensington Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. George C. Harris, 204 North Addison Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Wilson 2109 Hanover Avenue

Lighted torches marked the open houses with carolers  
on hand to add to the festivities. Refreshments were served  
at Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's house.



"Charles W. (Chuck) Noe, (then Basket-  
ball Coach and Athletic Director at VCU)  
said he and his wife Barbara, "enjoy bicycling  
through the neighborhood" where, as he says  
with a grin, "you can see the real American  
go by."

(From the March 1975 issue of Fanfare)

In May, 1969, President McVey unveiled the Master Plan for the Fan District that would make most of the houses in the area single family residences.

At the Board meeting on December 1, 1969, the question of Mercury Vapor lighting which the city was installing below Harrison Street prompted the Board to object strenuously to their installation in the Fan District; also Colonel Dobson stated that he had written to the city concerning the closing of West Avenue to through traffic, but even though the residents were ten to one in favor of the plan, the city had overruled them in this score. He asked the Association's support in the closing of West Avenue. When it was reported that Meadow Street Park was at a standstill, President McVey appointed Jim Glave to go to City Manager Allen E. Kiepper, and assist him in wading through the red tape which the city maintained was holding up the project.

At the general meeting held on December 8, Police Captain Russell Baughan spoke about crime prevention and stated, among other things, that the crime rate in the Fan District was not any higher than any other section of the city.

The Christmas Open House Tour was held on December 16, 1969 from 5 to 9 o'clock p.m. with the following houses open:

Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Armour, 209 North Allen Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Walter R. Coppedge, 208 North Allen Avenue  
Dr. Waverly M. Cole and Mr. John R. Cook, 1308 Grove Avenue  
Miss Elizabeth N. Tompkins, 1009 West Avenue  
Mr. James W. Corum, 1913 Floyd Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Oakey, Jr., 1903 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Willson Craigie, 2221 Grove Avenue

Mrs. Henry (Reba) McVey served as Chairman of this event, with Mrs. William Perrine and Mrs. George C. Harris, Co-Chairmen.

President Drew St. J. Carneal reported concerning his term of presidency (1970-71) as follows:

The rapid increase in enrollment at the academic division of Virginia Commonwealth University at the time when many students were militantly anti-establishment called for special attention. The Board was concerned that the proliferation of such student communes as the Grove Avenue Republic and burdensome parking problems could cause the neighborhood to lose its residential appeal. Numerous meetings were held with the various factions to promote communication and understanding. During this time, VCU unveiled its proposed Master Plan; after lengthy deliberation, the Board brought to the attention of the Legislature, City Council and the Richmond community its dissatisfaction with the plan's failures to address parking problems and adequate student residential housing. The Board and VCU agreed to continue to work together to find solutions.

The Board was made aware of an available Federal grant for urban recreational spaces. The City advised us it did not have the available manpower to prepare the required application. Using Christmas Tour money, the Board employed an architect and after untold neighborhood meetings, the reception of Federal and State dignitaries, our application was selected for funding. This grant made possible the construction of Paradise and Scuffletown Parks and also the redesigning of Meadow Park.

After my term, I served as Chairman of the Park Committee, Branch House Garden Committee and have written articles in the Fanfare called "People of the Fan".

At the April 9, 1970 meeting at Grace-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Kemper Hyers of the Fan Townhouse and Garden Club announced the Spring Tour would be held May 17. Six gardens were to be opened with musical groups performing in most of the gardens; in Plum Park, refreshments would be served. Roger L. Smith, Vice President of Planning and Operations at VCU spoke to the group on the matter of the Master Plan for the University, allowing changes in that institution with plans for the expected 25 to 30 thousand student body enrollment within the next ten years.

On Sunday, December 20, 1970 between 3 and 7 o'clock p.m., the annual Christmas Tour, described as a "Walking Tour of the Fan District" because all of the residences were within two blocks of each other, was held with the following houses open:

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cofer Loomer, 1506 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Welch, 1500 Park Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Lipman, 1511 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Trusdale, 1138 West Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Suggs, 1508 Grove Avenue

The advance publicity story in the Richmond News Leader described the Suggs house as "completely Victorian--with lace curtains, velvet draperies, Battenburg tablecloths, and the sheer and shimmer of prisms and ornate silver services". The Tour was under the direction of the Fan Townhouse and Garden Club.

At the April 1971 meetings, it was proposed that a representative of the Fan appear before the Zoning Commission to oppose the Half-Way House to be installed in the 2700 block of Grove Avenue; however, a vote taken at the meeting concluded that no opposition would be made to the House.

A bicycle Rally was held May 16, 1971. Co-Chairmen of this event were Mr. and Mrs. William Amrhein.

Five gardens plus an art show in Dr. Blanton's parking lot at 2200 Grove Avenue with refreshments was held on May 2, 1971.

At the May, 1971 meeting, the Board moved to donate \$500.00 towards the John Marshall Youth Camp of the Fraternal Order of Police.

From 5 to 9 p.m. on December 19, 1971, the following houses were open for the Fan District Christmas House Tour:

Dr. and Mrs. Reno Vlahcevic, 1824 Park Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Bennett A. Malbon, 2021 Stuart Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Zfass, 2502 Monument Avenue (Upstairs Only)  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Jones, 2402 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Jacobs, 2319 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. William L. Wienckowski, 1819 Hanover Avenue

At the conclusion of the tour, a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Adella A. Watlington, 2338 Monument Avenue. Madrigals and antique cars were a part of this tour which was co-chaired by Mrs. George C. Harris and Mrs. H. Murrell McLeod.

At the Board meeting held January 10, 1972, President Fred Cox reported on the renovation of the Meadow Street Park. He stated that there were many delays in the undertaking, but the City was giving it number one priority. Bill Crump recommended to the Board that it propose "permit parking" in the Fan area which was then being introduced in the Virginia legislature for Crystal City in Northern Virginia which would be a way of alleviating the present problem of parking and force VCU to supply

parking spaces for their students.

On Sunday, December 17, 1972, between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m., five homes plus St. John's Church of Christ on Lombardy Street at Stuart Circle were open for the Christmas House Tour. The houses were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Dotts, Jr., 2605 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, 2513 Kensington Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Lewis, 2601 Monument Avenue  
Mr. David Martin (apartment-Ingleside) 603 North Davis Street  
Mr. and Mrs. William P. Wilkins, Jr., 404 North Meadow Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Mcvey, III, 1808 Hanover Avenue

Mrs. H. Murrell McLeod was chairman of this event assisted by Mrs. T. Brantley Hardage, Co-Chairman.

On May 15, 1973, after an earlier "trial period", the city installed decal parking in the lower Fan area (that area between Harrison and Lombardy and Main and Franklin Streets) which cars in the area were restricted to one hour's parking without a decal; decals issued to bona fide residents of the area and cars displaying them were permitted unrestricted parking. The cost of the decals were \$15.00-\$7.50-\$3.75 and \$1.00 depending on the length of the time the decal was used during the year.

At the December 1973 meeting, City Manager William Leidinger spoke about the future of the Virginia Transit Company, the PACE project, and bicycling in the Fan. He admitted, however, that there were no plans in the offing for the high density lights in the area. He further stated that there had been a 19% decrease in burglaries and a 10% decrease in other crimes in the Fan area since PACE had been inaugurated, but admitted

that there had been an apparent increase in arson. In reply to vigorous cross examination concerning recent tax re-assessments, he stated that the Fan assessment had doubled since 1960.

On December 14, 1973, the following houses were open for the Annual Christmas Tour:

Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Allen Call, 302 North Lombardy Street  
Mr. and Mrs. William C. Perrine, 1802 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Whitestone, 1305 Grove Avenue  
Mr. R. W. Mennich, 2005 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Neblett, 2234 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. David M. Clinger, 2712 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Lewis, 2607 Monument Avenue

President Ed Harrell's administration saw the dedication of two block core parks in the Fan District, namely, Paradise Park in the 1700 block between Floyd and Grove Avenues, and Scuffletown Park in the 2300 block between Park and Stuart Avenues. Drew Carneal and Howard Sherman were co-chairman of the dedication exercise on Saturday, September 14, 1974 and outdid themselves in securing the 392nd Fort Lee Army Band to lead a parade from Paradise Park to Scuffletown Park where the dedication ceremonies took place. Sixty-eight local artists exhibited their works at the Scuffletown Art Fair sponsored by the Fan Women's Club held contemporaneously with the exercise in Scuffletown Park. A "Best in Show" award was underwritten by the J. W. Rayle Restaurant and a special aware of \$50.00 was donated by Neville C. Johnson Associates, Realtors. A reception followed the ceremonies hosted by the Fan Townhouse and Garden Club.



Mrs. E. L. Crump was Chairperson for the 1974 Christmas House Tour, held Sunday, December 15. Arrangements were made for the visitors to be transported from the various homes via antique cars and treated to musical entertainment in each of the houses. Tickets were \$2.00 for the series.

The following houses were open:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Dalch, 1503 Grove Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Gillespie, 1827 Grove Avenue  
Mr. F. T. Eck, 1924 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. Miles J. Ridisill, Jr., 2112 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Polo, 2505 Kensington Avenue  
Mr. James W. Corum, 1534 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Neal, 1815 Park Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Heltzel, Jr., 1809 Hanover Avenue

St. John's United Church of Christ at Stuart Circle was also open for visitors.

Under the presidency of Bob Kirby, 1975-76, the Association hosted members of the Richmond Board of Realtors in their tour through the Fan District. Several of the Fan homes were open with cocktails and buffet served to the visitors. During Bob's term also, the Board agreed that the Association would support and participate in the Federated Arts Council's first June Jubilee to be held June 5-6, 1976; the board also agreed to join William Fox School in asking the City to post a guard on Hanover Avenue.

Beginning April 13, 1975 and for the next three weeks, the home of David Y. Peake was open for the first "Designer House" at 2218 Monument Avenue. It was open daily from 10:00 to 4:00 and according to advance publicity "filled with \$80,000.00 worth of furnishings".

On Sunday, December 21, 1975, between the hours of 4 and 9 p.m., the Fan presented its annual Christmas House Tour in two groups, namely, Tour "A", covering homes on Grove Avenue, and Tour "B", covering homes on Kensington Avenue. Mrs. Marshall H. Earl, Jr. was chairman of this event with Mrs. James G. Council as co-chairman. Other members of the committee were Mrs. Henry H. McVey, III, Mrs. Walter H. Bass, III, Mrs. William P. Benson, Mrs. Hugh A. Ewing, Mrs. Charles G. Dalch, Mrs. John Patterson, Mrs. William C. Perrine, and Mrs. David Reynolds. The affair was described as "Christmas Carols Candlelight".

The houses on Tour "A" were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Carlton, 1825 Grove Avenue  
Miss Anne Ryland, 1824 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Harrison, 1818 Grove Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Medlin, 1820 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. George L. Kennedy, 1910 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. C. Cone, 1903 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Monroe, 1826 Grove Avenue

Tour "B" houses were as follows:

Mr. Gene A. Ruark, 2500 Kensington Avenue (Apartment)  
Mr. and Mrs. William B. Reynolds, 2513 Kensington Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirby, 2509 Kensington Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. David N. Saunders, 2525 Kensington Avenue  
Mr. Allen C. Barringer, 2510 Kensington Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Bell, Jr., 2521 Kensington Avenue

Performers appearing at the different residences were:

The Minnesingers  
The Virginia Reel Trio  
James Moore, III, lute player and classical guitarist  
Youth Choir of First English Lutheran Church  
The Thomas Jefferson Madrigal Group

During the Historic Garden Week, beginning April 28, 1976, the Fan District homes of Dr. and Mrs. Bennett Malbon at 2614 Monument Avenue and Mr. and Mrs. David M. Clinger at 2712 Monument Avenue were opened for the Richmond Tour.

In the summer of 1976, two new groups emerged in the Fan District, namely, the "Renovation Group" consisting of about 25 members who at that time planned extensive renovation to their townhouses, and a second group organized by Bruce Tyler, and styled the "Fan Tool Group". This organization's purpose was to make available to members of the Association certain unique tools or special items that were necessary for the renovation of their homes such as scaffling, jacks, and dry wall tools.

Under President Virginia Ritchie's term, the primary issue facing the Association was the new zoning ordinance that had passed the previous year. The change recommended by the Association was to apply the new R-6 (single family attached residential district) to the bulk of the area which plan had been formulated by former president John McDonald.

In September 1976, the third annual Scuffletown Art Fair was held at Scuffletown Park.

On October 3, 1976, the Designer House at 1501 Grove Avenue owned by Fan resident Thomas N. Innes was opened for a two week stint through the generosity and participation of the American Society of Interior Decorators. This affair was hosted by Jane Reed, Caren Visser, Suzanne Grandis, Pat Glave, Jane Medlin, Teri Caldwell, Boolie Syme, Jean Maguire, Carol O'Connor, Linda Bannister, Louise Clay, Kay Riley, Linda Dalch,

Nancy Scoggins, Rita Earle, Patsy Deal, and Louise Buchanan.

The Science Museum was opened in November, 1976 in the old Broad Street Station. This was an extremely innovative undertaking with some 6,000 square feet of space to feature a Discovery Room and a special orientation area for visitors.

On December 12, 1976, the following houses were open for the annual Christmas House Tour:

Mr. Donald A. Parr, 106 North Plum Street  
(This house is described as the "John Powell House" because of the internationally known composer lived there for many years.)  
Mr. and Mrs. William Carreras, 402 North Allen Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Drew St. J. Carneal, 1707 Grove Avenue  
Mr. Stanley G. Rothenberg, 108 North Morris Street  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lane, 2009 Hanover Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Reveley, III, 2326 Monument Avenue

In conjunction with this Tour, there was a "Santa Townhouse" located at 1501 Grove Avenue, opened for boys and girls of the younger set. This house had originally been opened as the "Designer House".

On February 12, 1977, the Fan Women's Club hosted the second Annual Progressive Dinner. Mrs. H. S. Zfass acted as Chairman of this undertaking with the proceeds donated to the Branch House Garden for benches. Eighty guests participated beginning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Lewis, then to Mr. and Mrs. H. Merrill McLeod and concluding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ayers, Jr.

The Town of Sydney, having been established on April 11, 1817, a resolution at the February 19, 1977 board meeting recognized April 11, 1817 as Founders Day, which area most of the Fan District embodies. It was recommended by resolution that the Fan District Association mark that date annually by appropriate festivities.

During the spring of 1977, St. James Church offered the Fan District Association a place to store their files and memos thanks to Reverend Baker and Alice Harding who worked out the details in this regard, and, at the September 6 meeting, one of the most constructive steps ever taken by the Association was the motion made to employ Barbara Alexander as Executive Secretary of the organization. The minutes read "---she is qualified---", an understatement to say the least. We offer here no little gratitude to former secretaries who performed yeoman services throughout the years, and without whose notes and records, this little treatise could not have been undertaken. We make special mention of Adella Watlington, Susan Malbon, Rebecca Perrine, Mrs. Harry M. Jacobs, Mrs. Mark S. Dray; Mrs. James G. Council, and the first Executive Secretary, Barbara Simon.

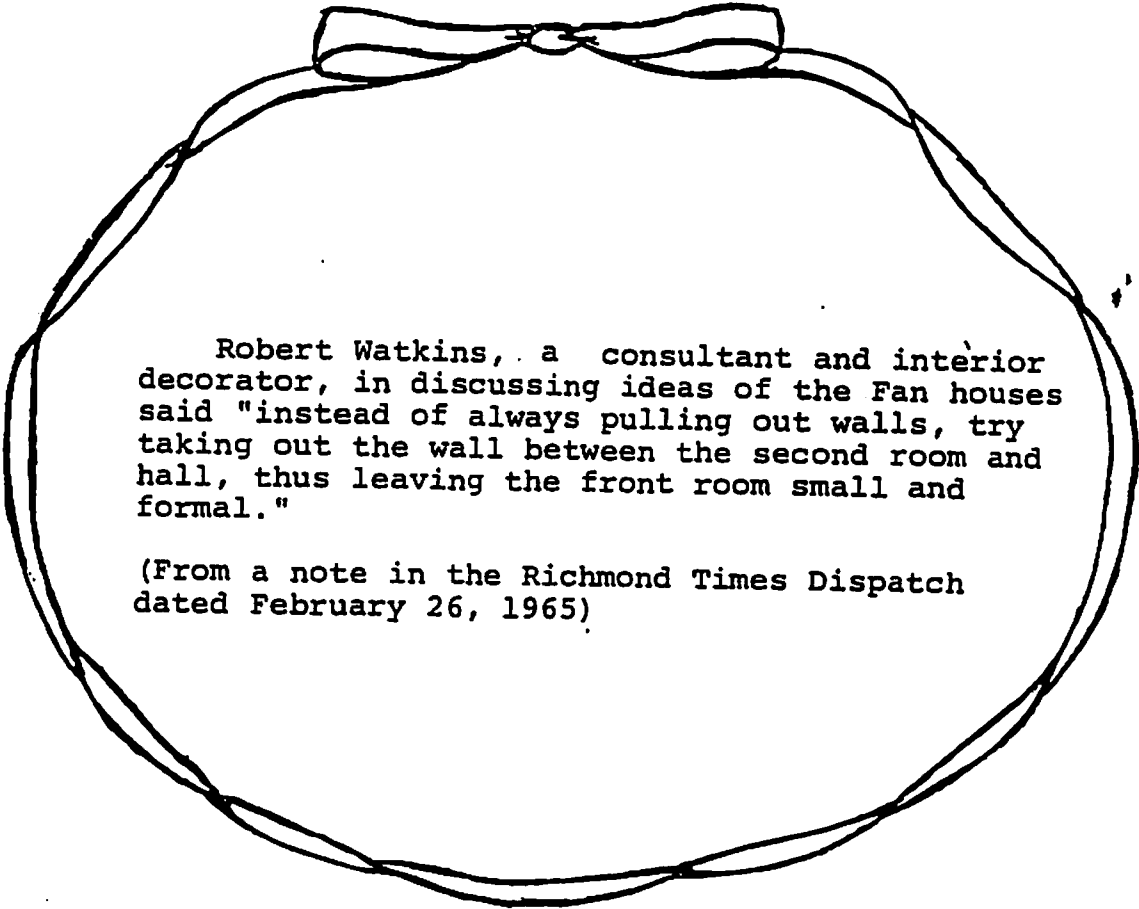
At the July 1977 meeting, it was announced that the home for the aged operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor incorporating the entire block bounded by Main, Floyd, Harvie and Plum Streets had been auctioned to a group, "The Harvie Street Limited Partnership" to be converted into approximately eighty apartments. At the same meeting, President Nancy Scoggins appointed Joni Dray chairwoman for a clean up committee to be a combination of social and welcoming group for new members.

At the November 7 meeting, consideration was given by the Board to endorse the Strawberry Street Merchants Association's endeavor to have the City Council change the name of Addison Street to its original name, "Strawberry Street". (City Council officially approved the name change on February 27, 1978.)

On December 18, 1977, from 2 to 8 p.m., seven houses on Monument Avenue representing the works of architects William Bottomly, Duncan Lee, and Henry E. Baskerville were open for the annual Christmas House Tour. Research on the houses were done by Fan District architect Robert P. Winthrop. The houses open were:

Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Spain, Jr., 2309 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Tazwell M. Carrington, III, 2301 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Dotts, 2605 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Conner, 1800 Monument Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. Harry J. Warthen, Jr., 2304 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. McVey, III, 2324 Monument Avenue  
Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Booth, III, 2315 Monument Avenue

Dinah Pearsall and Micki Gosnell were co-chairpersons for this highly successful tour, which garnered some \$5,000.00 for the Association.



Robert Watkins, a consultant and interior decorator, in discussing ideas of the Fan houses said "instead of always pulling out walls, try taking out the wall between the second room and hall, thus leaving the front room small and formal."

(From a note in the Richmond Times Dispatch dated February 26, 1965)

At the January 1978 meeting, John Wong was appointed to work with the VPI and State University students' study of the recreational facilities in the Fan area and to report their results to the Association. Former President Dan Bond reported that he had attended a neighborhood housing service which purpose was to make known the availability of loans to residents of an area to upgrade the neighborhood. The Board concluded, however, that the Fan District did not fall within the confines outlined in the requirements.

At the regular meeting of the Board on February 28, 1978, the Secretary reported that there were now 473 active families belonging to the Association.

At the June 5, 1978 meeting, Treasurer Bob Taylor reported a balance of \$694.14 in the checking account, and \$7,100.00 in the savings account. It was noted at the meeting that the Richmond Ballet was planning to move in the old Pleasants Hardware Building at the corner of Lombardy and Broad Streets and that VCU was planning to dismantle the Scottish Rites Building at the corner of Park and Harrison Streets to make way for a performing arts center.

At the August meeting, the Board agreed to donate \$100.00 to the cash prize fund of the Fan Women's Club project.

On October 8, a garden party was held at the Branch House with the liquid refreshments having been furnished by the Cellar Authority, 917 West Grace Street, and other refreshments were furnished by the Fan Market at Robinson Street and Stuart Avenue. The party was a huge success. Reba McVey was in charge of the music which added to the success of the occasion.

The annual Christmas House Tour featuring the kitchens in the Fan, a "Kitchen Connoisseur's Dream", was held on Sunday December 17, 1978 between 2 and 8 p.m. Nine homes were open as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Whetstone, Jr., 1305 Grove Avenue

Dr. Fred Alpern, 1515 Grove Avenue

Mrs. R. H. Timmons, 1501 West Avenue

Mr. Stuart G. Siegel, 1419 Park Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Quimby, 1630 Park Avenue

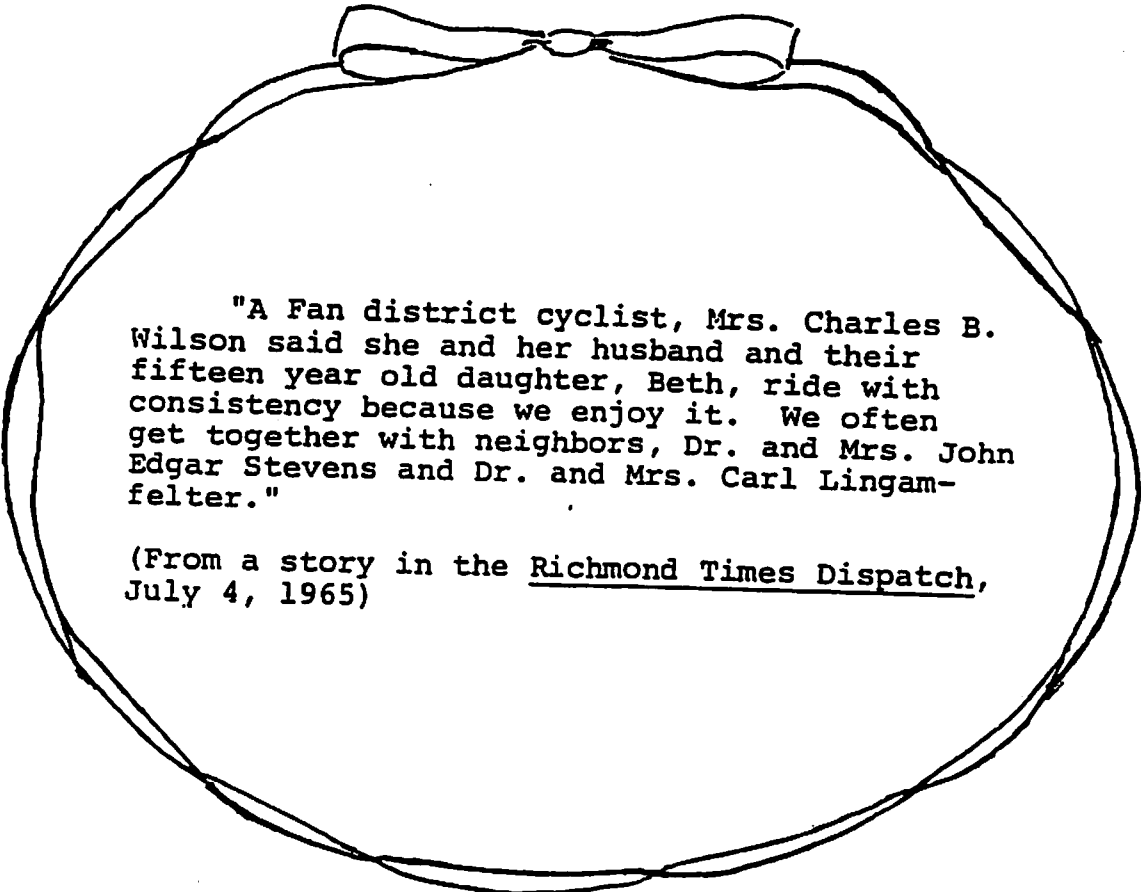
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Jordan, Jr., 1808 Park Avenue

Ms. Ann Legge, 2101 Hanover Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Stephen, 2024 Hanover Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Taylor, 2007 Grove Avenue

Hot mulled cider and cookies were served at the Lombardy Park, and musicians rendered Christmas music at both the park and the several open homes.



"A Fan district cyclist, Mrs. Charles B. Wilson said she and her husband and their fifteen year old daughter, Beth, ride with consistency because we enjoy it. We often get together with neighbors, Dr. and Mrs. John Edgar Stevens and Dr. and Mrs. Carl Lingamfelter."

(From a story in the Richmond Times Dispatch, July 4, 1965)



President Taylor Reveley's administration was caused to wrestle with the proliferation of adult homes on Grace Street and the dismantling of 2205 Monument Avenue by the First Church of Christ Scientist for a parking lot adjacent to the church. Approximately five years earlier, the Monument Commission approved the dismantling of the lovely residence at that address, but now, because of the increased interest in the beautification of Monument Avenue, the Board felt that the approval should be withdrawn. Efforts were made to convince the Church that the building should not be dismantled, but this failed and plans went forward with the project, the only concession being that the church promised to erect a brick wall across the front of the parking lot.

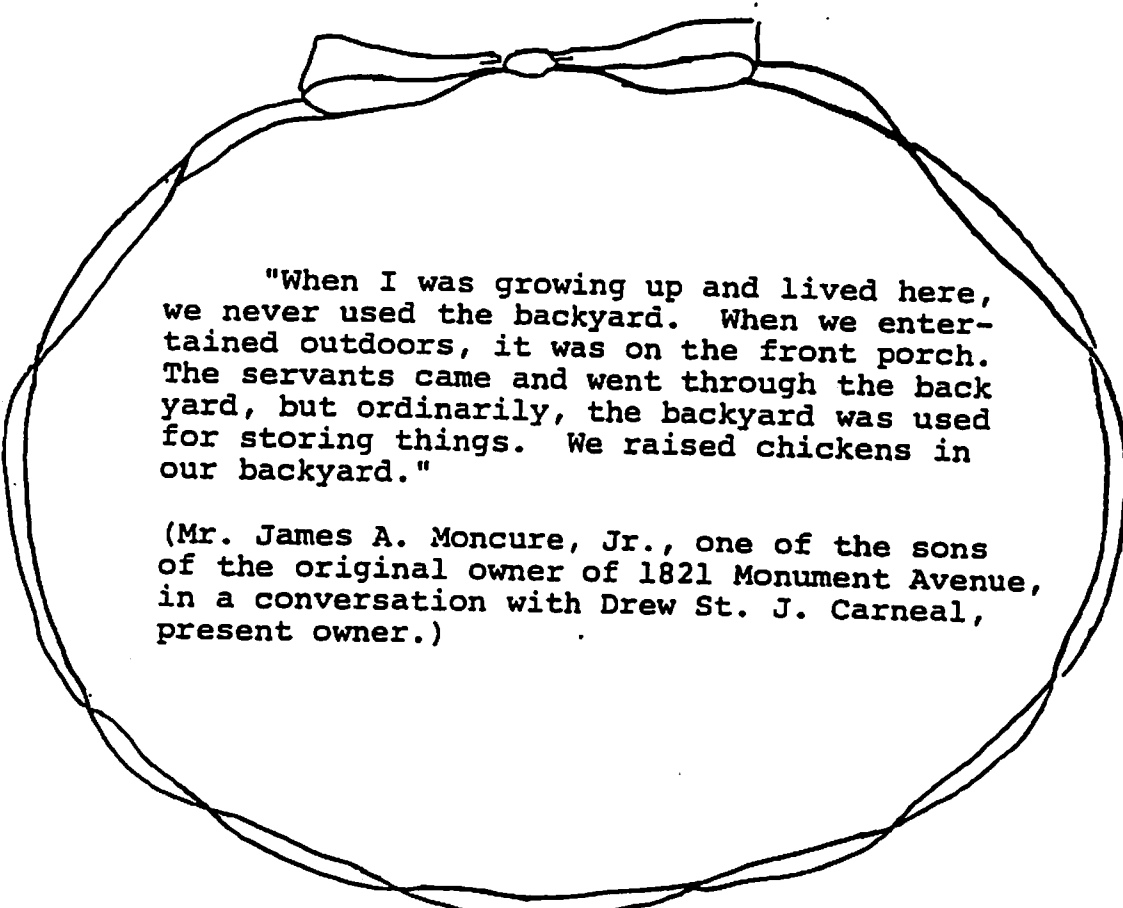
The new parking deck on Lombardy Street across from Stuart Circle Hospital was the concern to this administration since residents of the 1600 and 1700 blocks of Hanover and Park Avenues had protested vigorously about the construction of this facility.

Another of the problems that faced the Board was the future of the old Collegiate building adjacent to the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Fortunately, Reverend Dr. William Newton Todd, Pastor of the church, was a member of the Board, and it was through him that some consolation was had in his assuring the Board that the Church had no intention of selling the building.

In the October, 1979 issue of Fanfare, Dan Bond submitted a tree census of the Fan area. His findings were as follows:

Grace Street, 360 trees  
Floyd Avenue, 332 trees  
Park Avenue, 329 trees  
Monument Avenue, 326 trees  
Grove Avenue, 298 trees  
Hanover Avenue, 241 trees  
Main Street, 158 trees  
Stuart Avenue, 157 trees  
Franklin Street, 120 trees  
Broad Street, 109 trees

Dan's survey went all the way to Boyd and Brunswick Streets, neither of which had any trees. Monument and Hanover had more trees per block, namely 40.08, followed by Grace Street and West Avenue each with 25.7. Dan reported that the purpose of the census was to offer a data base that would allow the Fan to work effectively with the City to replace missing trees, and, secondly, to help all to become more aware of our individual responsibility for nearby trees.



"When I was growing up and lived here, we never used the backyard. When we entertained outdoors, it was on the front porch. The servants came and went through the backyard, but ordinarily, the backyard was used for storing things. We raised chickens in our backyard."

(Mr. James A. Moncure, Jr., one of the sons of the original owner of 1821 Monument Avenue, in a conversation with Drew St. J. Carneal, present owner.)

Dixie Epes Hoggan was chairman of the 1979 Fan District Christmas House Tour which was a "roaring success" with 2,400 people in attendance and netting the Association some \$8,000.00. The Association donated \$1,000.00 of this to the Historic Monument Avenue and Fan District Foundation with the hopes that the Foundation would become even more active in the preservation objectives in the neighborhood.

The following houses, emphasizing architects' creations and their diverse approaches to urban living, were open:

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Glave, 1725 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. George L. Kennedy, 1910 Grove Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Hankins, Jr., 112 North Allen Avenue  
Dr. H. W. Leonhardt, 1922 Floyd Avenue  
Mr. Bruce W. Tyler, 1607 Floyd Avenue  
Mr. Robert W. Stuart, 2041 West Grace Street  
Mr. J. Clarke Plaxco, 605 North Davis Street  
The Martin Agency, Inc., 500 North Allen Avenue

The February 1980 meeting featured Charles P. "Jed" Wilson who spoke on "In the Beginning" and gave an authoritative account of the formation and early years of the Association.

During Jim Stutts' administration, the Board had before it the espousal of the "back to two way" movement for Grace Street, pursued virgorously by John Hendricks of the West Grace Street Association. It was though that City Council would approve the matter and the street would be returned to its original purpose. At the same time, Lou Saxon reported to the Board that VCU was attempting to close Park Avenue between Cherry and Linden Streets, which move the Board agreed to support.

At the October meeting, the Board moved to donate \$100.00 to Fox School PTA to permit needy students to attend cultural events.

The 20th annual Christmas House Tour was held on December 7, 1980 from 2 to 8 p.m. Five private homes and three homes now a part of VCU were included in the Tour. The private homes were:

Mr. and Mrs. Drew St. J. Carneal, 1821 Monument Avenue  
Mr. John Hawkins, 1814 Park Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Jones, 2307 Monument Avenue  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, 1916 Floyd Avenue  
Miss Isabell Witt, 2024 Stuart Avenue

The VCU homes were:

Ritter-Hickock House, 821 West Franklin Street  
Presidents' House, 910 West Franklin Street  
Ginter House, 901 West Franklin Street

In addition, the Martin Agency, 500 North Allen Street, the Poster Gallery, 2325 Hanover Avenue, and the Arthur Miller Studios, 105 North Robinson Street were open for ticket sales.

Janet Heltzel was chairperson for this undertaking. She reported later 2,400 tickets had been sold for this Tour.

The Association was saddened by the death of John W. Hendricks who was fatally injured in an attack at his home at 2041 West Grace Street on December 28, 1980. John organized the West Grace Street Association and served as President of it from its incipency. As such, he was an ex-officio member of the Fan's board and attended the meetings regularly. Primarily as a result of John's efforts, West Grace Street was reconverted to two-way traffic, and many of the multiple family homes in the area were rezoned to residential homes.

President Bob Taylor started 1981 on an ambitious note, planning the 20th birthday party for the Association and arranging for a series of six Friday evening concerts with

the Richmond Pops Band at the Branch House Garden beginning June 19. Although two of the concerts were rained out, it was a most successful undertaking, bringing into the Fan area many lovers of good music from other parts of the city.

A Valentines Day Progressive Dinner sponsored by the Fan Women's Club was held on Saturday, February 14, 1981. Cocktails were served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cashman, 1624 Park Avenue, dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abby Moore, 1823 Park Avenue, and desert at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rennolds C. Williams, Jr., 1820 Hanover Avenue.

At the July meeting, Helen Reveley representing the Historic Monument Avenue and Fan District Foundation requested the Association to assist in the renovation of 1810 West Grace Street which the Foundation had purchased after it had been gutted by fire. Mrs. Reveley specifically assigned to the Fan District Association the repairing and rehabilitation of the front hall and stairs of the house.

At both the July and August meetings, a most controversial issue was placed before the Board, viz., the proposed renovation and enlargement of the Lamplighter Restaurant on Lombardy Street and the conversion of 1601 Hanover Avenue into a restaurant. Speakers appeared at both meetings to present their opposition to this undertaking and, at the August 3 meeting, the Board moved not to approve the plan as submitted at that time.

Thus endeth the first twenty years.

EPILOGUE

Nearly a score of years have passed since that October evening in 1961 when a determined group of area residents formed the Fan District Association. Richmond has seen many changes during those years; more than a dozen sky-scrappers have been added to the downtown sky-line during this period, thus equaling all of the sky-scrappers that have been erected in the city since its founding in 1737. On January 1, 1970, 23 additional square miles were annexed to the city, and thus by a stroke of the pen approximately 50,000 inhabitants and some 14,836 parcels of land were added to the city's register. Even the Fan itself has changed; due to fire, commercialization, the Virginia Commonwealth University's expansion, and the reconversions of multi-family units in the area into single family units, the population has decreased by nearly 4,000 inhabitants. Conversely, during the past decade, there has been a net increase of 1,684 persons in the 20-44 year old age group in the area.

But the purpose of the Fan District Association remains. Many of those who were present at the first meeting have passed on: Dr. Carl Lingamfelter, the highly respected dermatologist; Dr. H. Hudnall Ware, Jr., the beloved gynecologist; Bill Richardson, Willson Craigie, Mac O'Ferrell, and Henry Oppenhimer are no longer with us. Others have voluntarily moved away such as Wirt Marks, III, the bright young lawyer who drew up the Association's By-Laws; he subsequently moved to New York and became associated with a large law firm there; and John J. Kilpatrick the Richmond News Leader editor, who gave so much publicity to the Fan now resides in Culpeper County and is a newspaper columnist and television personality of some renown.

But a small cadre of the original group remains: Jed Wilson, Fred Bauder, Ed Weaver, Bob Forsyth and others who were present "at the beginning" remain substantial citizens of the community and still devoted to the precepts of the organization.

Thus, a new generation has arisen to replace the original Fan District membership, but the enthusiasm and singleness of purpose continues today just as viable as it was in the beginning, thanks to the foresight and determination of the leadership of the original group and those who have succeeded them during the past 20 years.

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SATELLITE GROUPS

Following the success of the Fan District Association, satellite groups have been organized. Some of these associations are:

Lower Fan Civic Association  
West Grace Street Association  
West of the Boulevard Association  
Monument Avenue Preservation Society  
Historic Monument Avenue and Fan District Foundation  
The Boulevard Association  
The Southwest Fan Association  
The Monument Avenue Commission  
The Boulevard Commission  
Strawberry Street Merchants Association  
The Progressive Dinner Association  
The Fan Weight Watchers Club  
The Fan Women's Club  
The Fan Garden Club  
The Fan Bridge Club

NOTE: The West Avenue Improvement Association is omitted from the above list since that organization antedates the Fan District Association, it having been organized in May 1941.

STREET NAMES IN THE FAN DISTRICT

Most of the Fan area was a part of the town of Sydney which ran west of Belvidere to an area near the present Colonial Avenue and from Park Avenue on the north to Cary Street on the south. A part of it was annexed by Richmond in 1867. The east and west streets were named alphabetically, while the north and south streets were given botanical names. Subsequently, some of the names were changed as follows:

Stuart Avenue was formally named Ivy Street but changed at the request of August Dietz, Sr. who lived in the 2100 block, when people referred to it as "Ivory Street".

Park Avenue was formerly Scuffle Towne Road.

Floyd Avenue was formerly Federal Street, named for former Governor James B. Floyd but changed after the Civil War, for obvious reasons.

Strawberry Street was named Addison Street but originally named Strawberry Street.

Harrison Street was formerly Poplar Street.

Morris Street was formerly Clark Street (obviously named after one John Clark who owned land near the river which embraced an excellent spring and which, in turn, gives the background for the name of Spring Street).

Allen Avenue was formerly Walnut Street.

Shields Avenue was formerly Sycamore Street.

Granby Street was formerly Park Street.

Stafford Street was formerly Elm Street.

Davis Street was formerly Cedar Street.

The Boulevard was formerly Clover Street.

Harvie Street was named for Jacqueline Burrell Harvie who married Mary Marshall, the only daughter of Chief Justice John Marshall. He lost both a brother and sister in the tragic Richmond Theatre fire of 1811.

Addison Street was named after Edmund A. Addison.

Allison Street was named after James Allison.

Allen Avenue was named after Otway S. Allen.

Hanover Avenue was named after King George I, born 16160 in Hanover, Germany.

MONUMENTS-

There are more statues in the Fan District than <sup>n</sup> all the rest of the City combined.

Beginning at Monroe Park is the statue of William Carter Wickham who lived from 1829 to 1883, described as a "solider, statesman, patriot, friend". This statue was presented to the City of Richmond by Wickham's comrades in the Confederate Army and his fellow employees of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company. The statue of Joseph Bryan was unviled <sup>e</sup> June 10, 1911 in the presence of Colonel John S. Mosby and W. H. Chapman and other survivors of Mosby's Rangers, of which group Bryan had been a member during the War Between the States.

Also in the park is a memorial to the "Richmond Men and Women Who Gave Their Lives In the Second World War" erected by Richmond Post I, American Legion. This marker incorporates the names of all of the fatalities of the Richmond area of all of the forces during World War II.

The Seventh Army Corps Veterans Association Auxillary have erected in the park a Maltese Cross commerorating the memory of General Fitzhugh Lee of the Seventh Army Corps, U. S. Army, 1898-1899. This is a Spanish-American war commemoration.

In the triangle between Park and Grove Avenues at Harrison Street is the Howitzer Monument erected in 1892 and dedicated to the Richmond Howitzers for their services during the War period 1861-65. The cannoneer atop the statue was designed by the renown Richmond artist, W. L. Shepherd.



At the beginning of Monument Avenue at the intersection of Monument Avenue and Lombardy Street is the statue of J. E. B. Stuart. The dashing cavalryman is shown astride the stout gray "General", his mount at the time he was mortally wounded.

One block west on Monument is the magnificent statue of Lee, hat in hand, on Traveller. This monument was designed by J. A. C. Mercie and dedicated May 30, 1890 in the presence of some 100,000 spectators; the only inscription on the monument is "Lee".

Further west along Monument Avenue at its intersection with Davis Avenue is the statue of Jefferson Davis which was erected in 1907. Excerpts from many of Mr. Davis' speeches are inscribed around the monument. It is the work of Edward Valentine, the Richmond sculptor, more renowned for his recumbent statue of General Lee at Lexington.

At the intersection of the Boulevard and Monument is the statue of Stonewall Jackson astride his mount "Little Sorrell", his horse at the time he was mortally wounded. This monument was designed by Richmonder F. W. Sievers and was erected in 1919. The sculptor used Jackson's stuffed horse as a model. NOTE: Jackson and Stuart, who were mortally wounded in battle, face north, whereas Lee, who survived the war faces south.

Occupying the eastern apex of Meadow Street Park is a monument to the memory of "Valiant Fallen" of the First Virginia Infantry. Outfitted in coonskin hat and carrying a musket and powder horn, the figure is often mislabeled the "Minute Man". The statue was commissioned by the First Virginia Association and unveiled May 1, 1930. From that time until the mid 1970's when the park was renovated, the statue occupied the central

portion of the triangle, but upon the park's renovation, it was moved to its present position.

The First Regiment of Virginia Infantry was organized in 1754 with Joshua Fry as Colonel and George Washington as Lieutenant Colonel. Upon the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, it was reorganized under the command of Patrick Henry; in the Civil War, it was a part of Kemper's Brigade of Pickett's Division and was with Lee at Appomattox when he surrendered April 9, 1865 but mobilized in 1898 to fight in Cuba. Subsequently, it was reorganized and served <sup>12</sup> and the Mexican border in 1916 and then shipped abroad to fight on the German front during World War I. Upon the outbreak of World War II, this Regiment became the 176th Regiment. In 1977, it was reactivated as a National Guard unit and became a part of the 176th Engineer Group.

THE BRANCH HOUSE

As a story of the Fan District would not be complete without a description of Monument Avenue, so a description of Monument Avenue is not complete without reference to the Branch House, the largest home in the area and perhaps one of the largest in the city.

The house and gardens, numbered 2501 Monument Avenue, originally occupied all of the block between Monument, Park and Davis Avenues and Robinson Street with the house itself occupying approximately a quarter of the block. The remainder of the block was initially gardens but in recent years, the western section has been sold to the First Baptist Church for a parking lot.

The house was the brainchild of Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr Branch. Mr. Branch, a native Richmonder, being sickly in his early life, was dispatched abroad by his father (with unlimited resources) with the admintion to "get well". He traveled extensively throughout Europe and on one of his riding trips through the Black Forest of Germany, he met one Beulah Gould of New York who was also visiting in Germany. In 1885, they were married at Baden Baden. Mrs. Branch's home at Pawlings, New York became their summer home, but most of the winters were spent at their Italian home, Villa Marsilio Ficino, a 12th century villa just outside of Florence which was filled with paintings, sculpture, and tapestries the Branches collected in their many travels.

However, in August, 1916, work was begun on the new Richmond home which the Branches envisioned would be a copy of the Compton Wynates house in Warickshire, England. John Russell

Pope, designer of the Union Station, and the National Gallery in Washington, was selected as the architect, principally because of his wide study of Tudor architecture in England. The house was completed two years later and incorporated some 28 rooms, not counting the servants' rooms, all of the main rooms being of enormous size. The dining room seats 40 easily with meals prepared in one of the basements (on a 12 burner stove) and sent up by dumb waiter to a scullery at the dining room level. The ballroom, which now serves as an auditorium, easily seats 200 people. There are eleven levels to the house which, according to Mrs. E. A. Rennolds, the Branch' daughter, was extremely difficult for older people to appreciate. There were two boiler rooms in the basement, just in case one of the furnaces became inoperative; a rug room for storing the many rugs that were removed during the summer season and a trunk room for the numerous trunks that were necessary for the frequent trips the family made at home and abroad. At a time when most Richmonders did not have an automobile, a garage for four vehicles was installed under the building, with chauffer's quarters, through a concealed entrance from the western side of the house.

Mrs. Rennolds and her children gave the building to the United Givers Fund (now United Way of Greater Richmond) explaining that the house was "too much for one person to keep up". It should be noted that the house necessitated a cook, kitchen maid, two house maids, a butler, two housemen, and a gardner.

Mrs. Rennolds, after disposing of the Branch House, purchased a house in the 1500 block of Park Avenue where she lives surrounded by paintings and other objects de art. Now 89 years of age, she has many fond memories of the parties and receptions held at the Branch House where guests waltzed in the great hall to the music of the orchestra (of the "Big Band" era) stationed on the balcony above, in true Tudor fashion. However, her fondest memories are of the Villa Masilio Ficino where her family spent most of the winters and where the art collection was of such import that both of the Armies in World War II fought over some of the pieces. Fortunately, several pieces were saved and some of the tapestries, chests, fabrics, and pieces of sculpture are now in the possession of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

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RICHMOND COLLEGE

From 1834 to 1914, Richmond College occupied the rectangular area of some 13 acres between Broad, Ryland, Franklin and Lombardy Streets. The gates at the interesection of Ryland and Grace Streets on the east and Lombardy and Grace Streets on the west indicate the area. Up until the college was relocated in Westhampton, Grace Street ended at the Ryland Street entrance which, in turn, lead to the main building, Ryland Hall. The professors' houses were on the Lombardy Street side, the dormitory was on the Broad Street side and the physics building, which also shared its space with the law school, was on the Franklin Street side.

MONROE PARK

Monroe Park, as we know it today, was initially designed in 1854 as the "Fair Grounds" for the City of Richmond. The grounds extended from Broad Street south to Main Street with a race course starting from the present Franklin Street to Broad Street. At the beginning of the War Between the States, it was used as a drill parade field, and it was here that Stonewall Jackson brought his cadets from VMI and drilled them with other troops during the early stages of the War. Later, the area was a camping ground for the City Guard, but on June 2, 1864, the 16 buildings of the City Guard barracks were converted to the Stuart Hospital, named after the dashing "Jeb" Stuart, now deceased.

STAR FORT NO. 10

Standing silently in the middle of the medium strip of the 2300 block of Monument Avenue is a Civil War cannon that marks the approximate location of Star Fort No. 10. There were ten such Star Forts surrounding Richmond during the War Between the States, occupied constantly by detachments of approximately ten men supervised by a Lieutenant or Captain. The Star Forts were referred to as a part of the Interior Line of Defense of the city.

PHILLIPS HOUSE

The house at 6 North Granby Street was built around 1841. It was originally a part of the Harvie estate which extended from Belvidere westward as far as Granby Street. It is a charming small frame house with a brick base and outside chimneys. Built by one Alonzo Phillips, it is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hiram M. Smith, Jr.

COLUMBIA

The building "Columbia" stands at the northeast corner of Lombardy and Grace Streets, and until recently, was part of the University of Richmond's Extension School. The house was built in 1817 by Phillips Haxall, a partner in the Haxall Mill operation, as a dwelling, but was later purchased by the Virginia Baptist Education Society, later Richmond College. During the War Between the States, the building was used as a hospital; after the war, it was utilized by Federal forces occupying the city, for barracks.

FOX FARM (CRAIGIE HOUSE)

This distinctfully colored clapboard house located at 2121 Grove Avenue was built around 1835. In 1868, a family by the name of Fox occupied the residence and for the next 33 years operated a dairy farm at this location. Several years later, Richmond landscape architect Charles F. Gillette took over the ownership of the property and renovated both the house and grounds which even now reflect the professional touch of the new owner. Mantels were installed, including one from the Bemiss House on Linden Row, as well as bookshelves from the Nelson House at Yorktown. The house was later occupied by Mr. and Mrs. E. Griffith Dodson, he being the long time Clerk of the House of Delegates. In 1960, the house was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. F. Willson Craigie, and that family's involvement with the activities of the Fan Association, such as opening the house for the home and garden Fan Tours identified the house with the Fan residents as the "Craigie House". Upon Mr. Craigie's demise in 1976, the property came into the hands of his son and daughter-in-law, Mrs. and Mrs. F. Willson Craigie, Jr.

RITTER OR RITTER-HICKOCK HOUSE

The building at 821 West Franklin Street, on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University, is described as the Ritter-Hickock House, built in 1855. At that time, the area was so remote from the city that it was considered a country retreat and the house is described as an Italian villa. The house is



currently retained by the University <sup>?</sup> as in a lovely well-maintained Georgian type house.

#### ENGAGEMENT WITH BRITISH TROOPS

At the northeast corner of Grove Avenue and Mulberry Street is a marker erected in 1834 by one John Nicholas, Jr. who as a 23 year old Lieutenant Colonel in the Virginia Militia apprehended John Graves Simcoe at this location on January 5, 1781 as Colonel Simcoe and his British troops were marching back towards the city after having burned the West-hampton Foundary. This street was a part of Scuffletown Road.

#### SCUFFLETOWN TAVERN

Up until 1912, a rather handsome Federal-styled building set near the southwest corner of the intersection of Strawberry Street and Park Avenue. It was called "Scuffletown Tavern" and named by its owner, one Richard Reins, because of his difficulty in getting into Richmond from the area. Scuffletown itself was the area bounded by Laurel and Cherry Streets and Floyd and Park Avenues. The tavern was built by someone around the middle of the 18th century since we know that by 1789, it possessed an excellent race course. Its subsequent owners included Miles Crenshaw, Louise Blair, and Mrs. Bell Gibbons who changed its name to the "Rookery". The last occupant was Mrs. G. W. T. Kern (Ethel Kelly Kern), the author of The Trail of the Three Notched Road. In 1907, Mr. Samuel Dunston purchased the property and five years later demolished the famous old tavern building.