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The Gazette had "correspondents" who would report the local news from Fauquier and other Virginia locations.

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April 23, 1844

Fauquier County -Superintendents of elections at the different precincts in Fauquier County.

Hopewell – Luther O. Sullivan, Wm. Byrne, James W. Foster, James Lewis, Henry W. Lewis, Thos. P. Whiting.

Salem – R.B. Horner, P.A. L. Smith, R.E. Peyton, Alfred Rector, Wm. J. Morgan, D.C. Beggarly.

Upperville – J.W. Vanhorn, Sam'l J. Tebbs, Robert Singeton, Thos. W. Smith, Andrew Chunn, Sam'l Hutchinson.

Barbees X Roads – B.R. Bradford, N.W. Rogers, H.M. Marshall, Thompson M. Hirst, Albert S. Hirst, Alexander D. Keith.

Elk Run – Enos Hord, Seth Combs, Wilfred A. Smith, John G. Beale, Alexander Gordon, and Richard H. Gaines.

Morrisville – John M. Fant, John B. Downman, Joseph Thompson, John S. Knox, Meredith Eskridge, Sam'l Burroughs

Warrenton – John Marr, Inman Horner, Richard H. Foote, Richards Payne, John Walden, Robert E. Scott.

Walnut Branch – Rice Hooe, James WEalker, Joseph Palmer, Richard Stone, Samuel Weaver, Banks S. Menefee.

March 30, 1847

The officers of the St. Andrews Society acknowledge the receipt of \$50 from the Hon. Judge Scott, Warrenton, Va., for the relief of the suffering Scottish Highlanders. Also, \$10 by J.G. Carr, from Major Thomas M. Ambler, Fauquier county, Va., to be applied to the same purpose.

We are requested by Democrats from the various counties comprising the 9th Congressional District in Virginia, to announce, Major Charles Hunton, of Fauquier, will be supported as the Democratic candidate for Congress, in that district, at the next election.

September 24, 1852

Manassas Gap Rail Road

The Passenger and Freight Trains are now running daily,(Sundays excepted,) between Alexandria and Rectortown, Fauquier County, connecting with the Winchester Stage at Rectortown.

M.M. Welsh, Superintendent

September 28, 1852

The Depot of the Warrenton Branch Rail Road in Warrenton, is now in course of erection, and the work is very substantially performed, and vigorously prosecuted. The arrangement of the buildings, including offices, warehouses, &c., is highly convenient, and the accommodations very ample.

We are requested to state that the warehouse at Colvin's Station, near Walnut Branch, will be ready by Monday next, for the reception of produce, &c. It was erected and will be under the management of John L. Fant, esq.

May 10, 1881

The jail of Fauquier County, for the first time for six years, is without a single occupant.

Ex Gov. William Smith, now in his 84th year, is hale and hearty, and takes a very active part in his farming operations.

Mrs. Anna Smith, a lady well known for her profuse hospitality, died at Warrenton, Sunday evening, in her 81 year of age.

May 30, 1881

Letter from Fauquier (Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette)

Markham, May 30

We had an election for county officers a few days ago, but it was “damn quiet.” Only two fights occurred at this precinct, which is far below the average. It is distressing to see business falling off in this way, and unless something is done to revive industry the fame and prestige of Markham will soon be known no more forever.

The result of the election is generally satisfactory. John R. Turner, esq., was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court. Mr. Turner was a member of the celebrated Black Horse Cavalry, was a gallant soldier, and will make a most competent and excellent clerk of the court.

December 19, 1881

A Christmas Tree (Correspondence to the Alexandria Gazette)

Salem, Fauquier Co., Va. December

There was a Christmas celebration given in the First Baptist Church, colored, for the benefit of the scholars and teachers. It was first given here since the church was erected in 1875. But for the short notice the people had, as it was not in the minds of people to have it until recently, it was a pleasing affair. Notwithstanding the bad walking on account of the recent rains, the church was crowded. Several anthems were sung and several pieces recited by the scholars. All present seemed to enjoy the exercises. It was an occasion not likely soon to be forgotten as many who came empty, went away with their heads and pockets filled with wares, toys and goodies. There were also some of the whites present during the exercises. The school was briefly addressed by A. H. Davis, after which the presents were distributed and all went out rejoicing.