

1st Corridor - Entrance

1. Sir Alexander Spotswood

Royal Governor. Summary of his Life and work in Virginia. 1676-1722.

2. Map. 1608, John Smith.

The map is turned West.

3. A Seat for the Justices, Governing the Populace

1722 – Land Patents. Population – 1200.

4. The Woodlands Indians

1608 - Manahoac Native Virginians

5. A Seat for the Justices – 1722

The role of Courts. Disputes & Road Maintenance.

6. Where the Earth Brushes Up Against the World. Paleo Indian Period - Ely's Ford, hub of ancient civilization

7. In God We Trust..and Tithe

17141-1769, 10% Tithe - Tobacco

8. The Poison Plant - John Rolfe, first

Virginia planter to grow tobacco (1612).

9. Pillory

10. Labor for the Poison Plant

1800-1852. Slavery and indentured servants on plantations.

11. Remanded to the Sheriff for Sentencing

1794-1838. Jail & Punishment systems

12. Granite Cornerstone

Courthouse boundary marker 1819

13. A Seat for the Justices 1732-1780

Court in Spotsy & town development.

14. Iron Empires (1723-1865) and Gold Rush (1806-1860)

15. No Display

U Shaped Area – Center of Museum

16. To the Far Blue Mountains

Transportation 1811-1850

17. Colonial Life 1722-1825.

Chores, home items.

18. From a Tea Party to a New Nation is Conceived. 1774. Virginia disenchanted with royal rule.

19. Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death.

1776 – Spotsylvania Militia went to war.

20. De Lafayette

1781. 23-year-old General Won in Yorktown.

21. A Vile and Immoral Industry

1783-1851. Systems of Slavery. Independent actions to attack the institutions of slavery.

22. The Slave's Basic Needs

Clothing, living conditions.

23. George Boxley

Planned a slave rebellion in 1815. Thwarted.

24. Artifacts from the 1700's and 1800's

25. Both Black and White are exceedingly exasperated against him.

The trial of Boxley and the Slaves connected to the rebellion.

26. Feathers in His Hat

John Alrich - Migrated from Delaware to Spotsylvania in 1854. 1861 – 1865 enrolled in 9th VA Cavalry. Industries.

27. From One War for Independence to the Eve of a Rebellion. 1780 – 1863.

Update on census. Tobacco no longer cash crop. Corn more popular. Newspapers, taverns, saw and grist mills.

28. Sword – Steel & Brass. Carried during War with Mexico. 1846-1848.

Far Corridor to Gift Shop

29. On to Richmond.

Local properties - 1802-1864

30. On the Eve of Rebellion – Vote on secession 1861.

31. The Proprietor Begs to Call Your Attention. Local businesses 1851.

32. You Will Never Get that Order

Second Battle of Fredericksburg/Battle of Marye's Heights) – May 3, 1863

33. You May Go Forward - The Battle of Chancellorsville. April 30-May 6, 1863

34. Fighting at a Church Called Salem

May 3, 1863 shows Salem Church, used

as a hospital. Also features "Dog Jack," a beloved Union mascot.

35. Memo Pad, 1864 & Rifle Projectile

36. Bushwacking on a Grand Scale

Battle at the Wilderness May 5-7, 1864. Battle a tactical draw.

37. If It Takes All Summer

May 8-21, 1864. Grant vowed to fight it out at Spotsylvania "if it takes all summer."

38. For Laura...Wildflowers sent from soldiers nearby the body of Laura's brother Colonel James Drayton Nance.

39. A Hole Big Enough to Ride a Horse Through - Battered courthouse wall.

40. Gentlemen, For Some of Us It May Be Our Last Day on Earth

Individuals killed in battle.

41. A Mother's Love

Thousands not accounted for.

42. It Sounded as if the Very Earth was Breaking Up - Mule Shoe salient. 22 hours of combat. One of the bloodiest attacks of the entire war. The Bloody Angle.

43. In Her Locket was His Photograph

32,000 total casualties. Widow managed farm that saw significant fighting. Spotsylvania left a wasteland.

44. Friend & Foe Alike

Coehorn Mortar Shells could fire up to 1200 yards. Hancock ordered - fell short hitting own men. Used sporadically in 1864. Weighs 163 pounds.

45. Time Passages

1900's. John J. Wright, Battlefields. National Cemetery. Sylvania Plant. City of Fredericksburg. Spotsylvania Towne Center.

46. Edict for erecting the county of Spotsylvania 1721.

47. Our Mission

48. Death in the Valley of the Rappahannock. November & December 1862. Staggering casualties on Marye's Height

