



Stafford County



Steeped in the history of the American Civil War and lying just 50 miles from Washington DC on the main road to Richmond, the state capital of Virginia, Stafford County has managed to retain its rural character and "village" life.

Although covering the same land area as its namesake Borough in England, Stafford County has no urban centre of population. Nevertheless, the County is a prosperous and expanding community whose residents are enthusiastic supporters of the international friendship link with Stafford UK.

Stafford County is also proud of its rich heritage which includes:

- *The boyhood home of George Washington*
- *The Accokeek Furnace of Augustine Washington, George's father*
- *Hunter's Iron Works, manufacturer of the Farmers' Friend plough - "The Plough that broke the Plains."*
- *Aquia Sandstone - the stone used to build the Capitol in Washington*

In 1985 the village of Falmouth and 18 other sites in the County were designated historic locations. These include churches, forts, cemeteries and houses.

Rolling hills, woods and rivers make Stafford County a place of considerable charm where visitors are made welcome.

