



# Historic Huntley

**Enjoy a view for all time.** At the top of the hill, imagine seeing the ships sailing on the Potomac as you feel the refreshing breeze. Along the way, the trail waysides will introduce you to the many different voices and stories of Huntley's history.

Built c. 1825, the Federal style villa was a country house built for Thomson F. Mason. Mason was a prominent attorney who served as the mayor of Alexandria. He was also a grandson of George Mason IV. After Thomson's death in 1838, his widow, Betsey, managed Huntley.

The Masons enslaved people to support their comfortable lifestyle. As many as 48 enslaved people may have worked and lived here. People such as Daniel and Rachel Humphreys, their children, and grandchildren were enslaved here. Among the many mysteries associated with Huntley is the fate of the Humphreys family after the Civil War.

In 1868, Albert and Angeline Harrison purchased Huntley and transformed it into a successful dairy farm. As suburbs grew around Huntley in the wake of Second World War, the Amlong family settled here after an itinerant life defined by Colonel Amlong's military career.

Add your voice to Huntley's ever-changing story. Please consider registering for a tour. See our website for more information.



## Historic Huntley Highlights

### Tenant House/Enslaved Housing

Built c. 1827. Renovated by the Park Authority in 2017. Recent evidence suggests the building was originally designed as housing and a workspace for people enslaved here. The building is listed on the Virginia Slave Housing Inventory.

### Outbuilding and Matching Foundation

Two matching outbuildings on either side of the villa once completed the five-part villa design of the main house. One outbuilding still stands and the foundation of the other is marked by bricks on the ground. Archeologists investigated the foundation remains to see if the building had served as a kitchen, but no evidence was found to support that theory.



### Necessary

Note the fancy bricks near the roof. This is a dog-tooth cornice, and it matches the one on the main house. Rooms at either end of the privy may have been intended

to be used as meat houses. There are two privy chambers: one with three seats including a low child's seat, and the other with a single adult seat.

### Ice Well

Beneath your feet is a 12' deep, 15' wide circular brick well with a half-dome ceiling. It is similar in design and size to the ice well at Gadsby's Tavern. The well could hold over 30 tons of ice.

### Carriageway

Original access to the house from Gravel Road (what is now South King's Highway).

### Terraces

Terraces are earthen structures that intercept runoff on steep slopes. The remains of terracing visible today are smaller and less well-defined than they once were. Terraces were a popular landscape feature of the federal period. They added formality and defined a special pride of place to the main house.

### Springhouse Remains

This spring is one of the headwaters for Huntley Meadow's wetlands. The springhouse structure was damaged during construction of Huntley Meadows Lane.

**Main House** Built c. 1825, the house was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. It is an outstanding example of a federal style villa. The house includes a three-part H-shaped floor plan, a raised basement, dog-tooth cornices, recessed windows, elliptical fanlights and lunette ventilators in the pedimented wings.

The Fairfax County Park Authority purchased the buildings and remaining 2.75 acres in 1989. Restoration began in 2010 with funds from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the National Park Service's Save America's Treasures program, and Fairfax County park bonds.

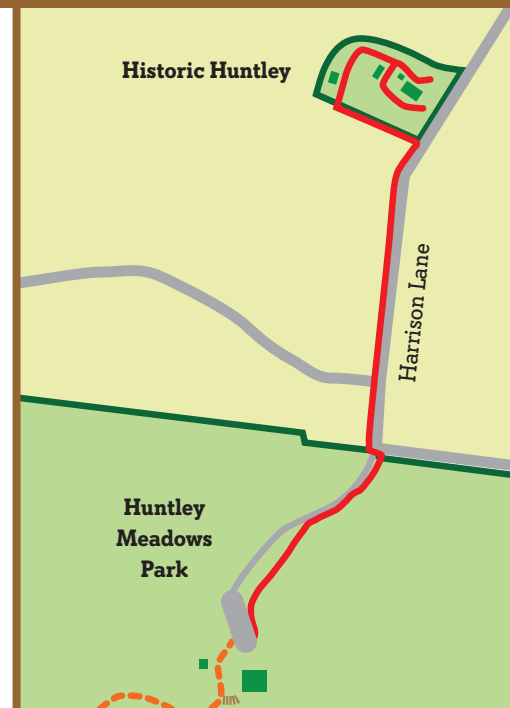
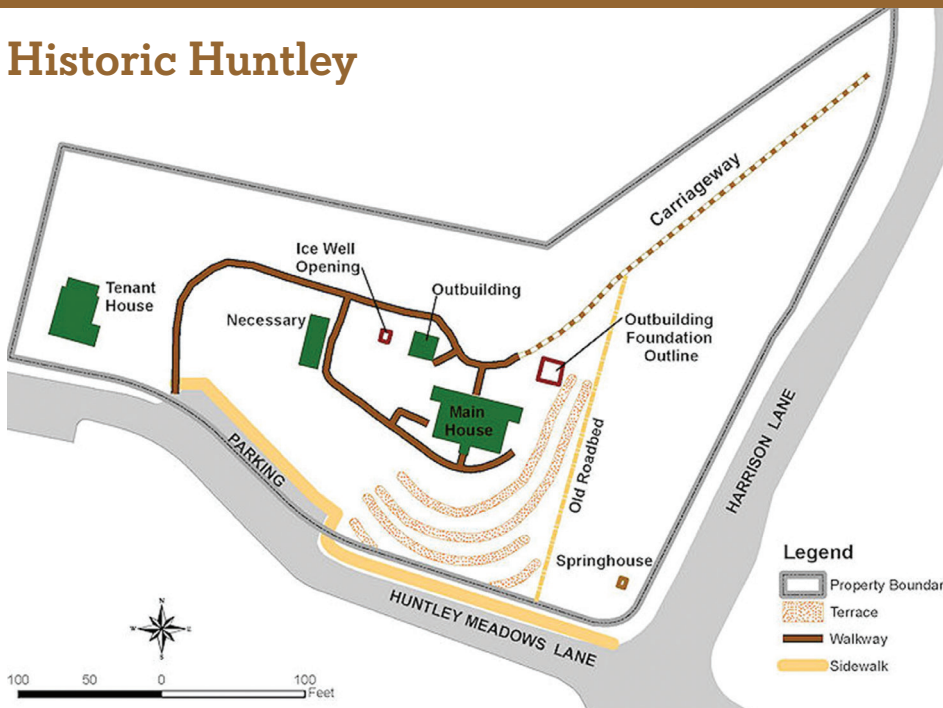
### Tours, Programs and Rentals

The unfurnished buildings are open for tours with a docent on Saturdays 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., May - October. Other programs are listed in Parktakes and on our website. To schedule a special request program for scouts, school, or other groups, or to learn about rental opportunities, please call 703-768-2525.



The map below shows the main house, supporting outbuildings, and an historic road trace at Historic Huntley. The Norma Hoffman Visitor Center for Huntley Meadows Park is located about 1 mile south of Historic Huntley. Trails and sidewalks along Harrison Lane connect to a park trail to the Visitor Center or you can drive into the park. The address of Historic Huntley is 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria; the address for the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center is 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Both are in Alexandria, VA, 22306. For more information, please see our website at [www.FairfaxCounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley](http://www.FairfaxCounty.gov/parks/historic-huntley) or call 703-768-2525. Historic Huntley and Huntley Meadows Park are facilities of the Fairfax County Park Authority.

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