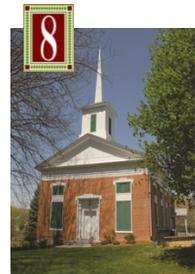




Peck Cottage
Circa 1784
119 East Jefferson
Street

This lovely, quaint cottage is one of the earliest structures built in Fincastle. The structure was built in 1784 as a one room (16 x 20) log house with a sleeping loft above. Today you will see some of the original logs exposed in the living room as well as in the upstairs sleeping loft. Also in the sleeping loft are the original heart pine floors and several of the original tiny windows. Over the years several additions have been added to the original structure making the home more livable. To the right of the parlor (log room) is a vaulted ceiling bedroom, and to the rear is an addition that houses a dining room, kitchen, bathroom and a hobby/family room. The home is being restored and is home to a collection of period antiques and art painted by the current owner, Sarah Meadows.



Fincastle United
Methodist Church
Circa 1840
135 Church Street

The congregation of this church was formed in 1789. The original building was condemned, torn down with the aid of oxen teams, and replaced

by the present Greek Revival style structure in 1840. Evidence of this architectural style can be noted in the Greek key design around the windows and doors as well as the Doric columns supporting the gallery. During the early days of the church men sat on one side and women on the other, thus the divided pews. The large bell in the belfry, which is still rung, was cast by the Hadley Company in 1811. Outside of the front door is the largest honey locust tree in the United States. It is on the American Forests Big Tree Registry. The church is surrounded by Godwin Cemetery whose earliest graves date from the mid 1800's.

A Bit of Fincastle History

In 1802 Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were appointed by President Thomas Jefferson to lead the Corp of Discovery. Prior to their expedition they visited Botetourt County several times, staying with friends in and around Fincastle. After William Clark returned from the expedition he came back to Fincastle in 1806 and married Julia Hancock of Santillane.

Fincastle recently received a NOAA disc, which was placed in the ground in front of the Botetourt County Courthouse to recognize the significant historical connection of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to Botetourt County and in particular the Town of Fincastle.

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Holiday Home Tour with Marketplace

Saturday, December 13, 2014

Marketplace: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Home Tour: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Fincastle served as the County Seat of Botetourt County when the county boundaries stretched as far northwest as present day Chicago and followed the Mississippi River south to the boundaries of North Carolina. The town was founded in 1772. At that time it was a frontier town and was the last outpost before the Great Wilderness. Today this quiet town still serves as the county seat of Botetourt County and is home to a unique blend of homes and gardens.

Holiday Home Tour Marketplace

Plan on doing your Holiday Shopping at the **Marketplace** being held at the **Fincastle Baptist Church facility located at 7330 Roanoke Road (Route 220)**. This venue is **FREE** and will feature 40 local and regional artisans with an impressive variety of items for holiday gifts or home decorations.

Tickets for the tour are \$15 (\$12 for HFI members) and are available at the Fincastle Baptist Church on the day of the event.