



ESTABLISHED in 1966, when many of Lexington's buildings were threatened with demolition through neglect, Historic Lexington Foundation's activities have included:

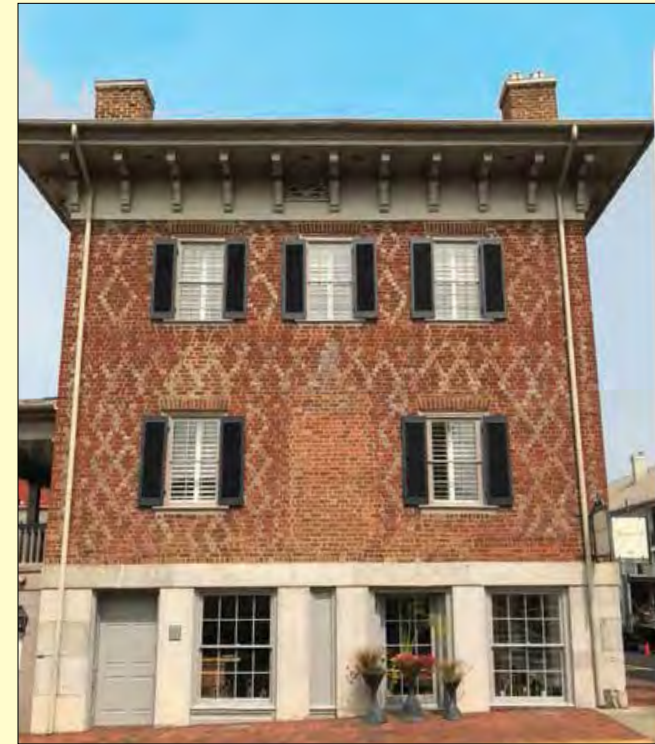
- ✓ Acquiring threatened buildings, protecting them from further decay and attaching easements — then reselling them to caring, committed, history-minded owners;
- ✓ Lobbying for zoning protections, notably the National Historic District program, which became the basis of Lexington's renaissance;
- ✓ Encouraging and financially supporting respectful preservation plans for historic properties owned by others, such as homes, churches, places of business, schools and local cemeteries; *and*
- ✓ Educating present and future friends of Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge about the civic, cultural, social and economic significance of the historic buildings they see around them every day.

Here are some of the activities your membership in Historic Lexington Foundation supports.



*Beaumont on Lee Avenue: Its threatened destruction in the mid-1960s sparked the creation of Historic Lexington Foundation. The resulting community-wide effort succeeded in saving the c. 1824 house.*

*On our cover: Mantel (detail), protected by a foundation easement, in the Hopkins House, c. 1845.*



*Preservation is why we were created. The Alexander-Withrow House, above, c. 1790, was the first building HLF restored. Among the most recent to receive major renovation support from the Foundation are the Gospel Way Church of God in Christ, below left, once Lexington's first Catholic church; an antebellum slave dwelling at Verdant Acres, in northern Rockbridge, shown directly below; and the c. 1823 Hamilton School, on South Buffalo Creek, bottom.*



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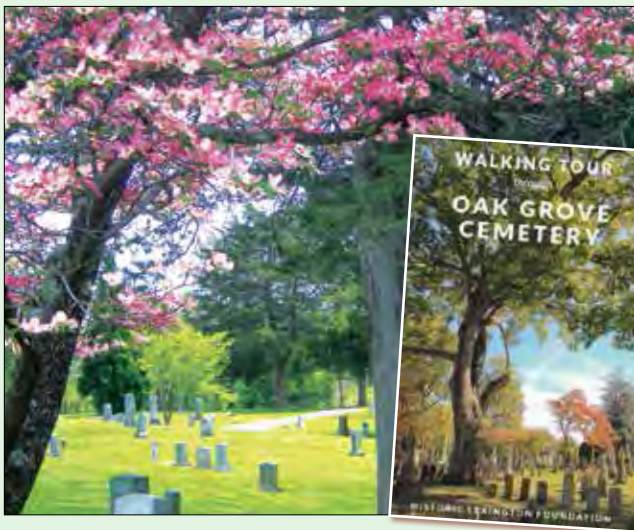


## ZONING PROTECTIONS

It was largely thanks to HLF that in 1971 Lexington adopted zoning protections specifically for its historic commercial and residential areas. As a result, downtown changed from drab (above) to stunning (below). Nearly 50 years later, HLF spurred the historic district's enlargement.



## CEMETERIES



Conserving historic cemeteries in Rockbridge County and in Lexington (Evergreen, left; Oak Grove, right) is a key HLF activity — both restoring damaged markers and improving the grounds in general.

## EASEMENTS



Perpetual easements negotiated by HLF assure the future integrity of historic properties. In addition to the mantle shown on the cover of this brochure, the Foundation is responsible for almost two dozen easements, among them (clockwise from top left) the Reid-White-Philbin House, Hopkins Green, the Davidson-Tucker House, the Lexington Presbyterian Manse and the Central Hotel.

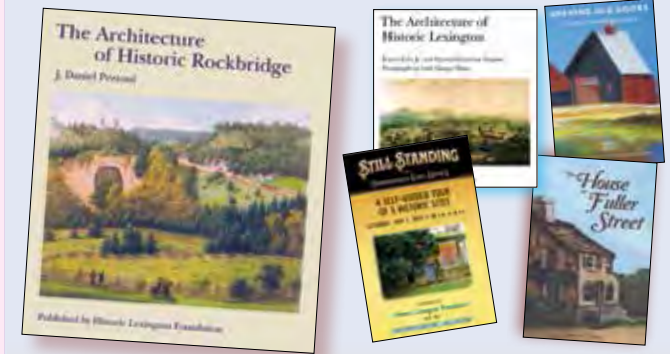
## MARKERS

HLF places markers on historic buildings and, in cooperation with the state, highway signs on public sites of major significance.



## EDUCATION

The Foundation published two coffee table books on the architecture of Lexington (1977) and Rockbridge County (2015) and two anthologies of interviews with area African American elders. We also sponsor seminars, talks, workshops, exhibitions and tours that explore sites and themes of historical significance.



## FAÇADE GRANTS

HLF and Lexington jointly manage an endowment fund that supports improvements to building façades. Among beneficiaries to date are, clockwise from left, the First Baptist Church; Lawyers Row in Courthouse Square; the Campbell House; and the north storefronts on Washington Street between Main and Jefferson.



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