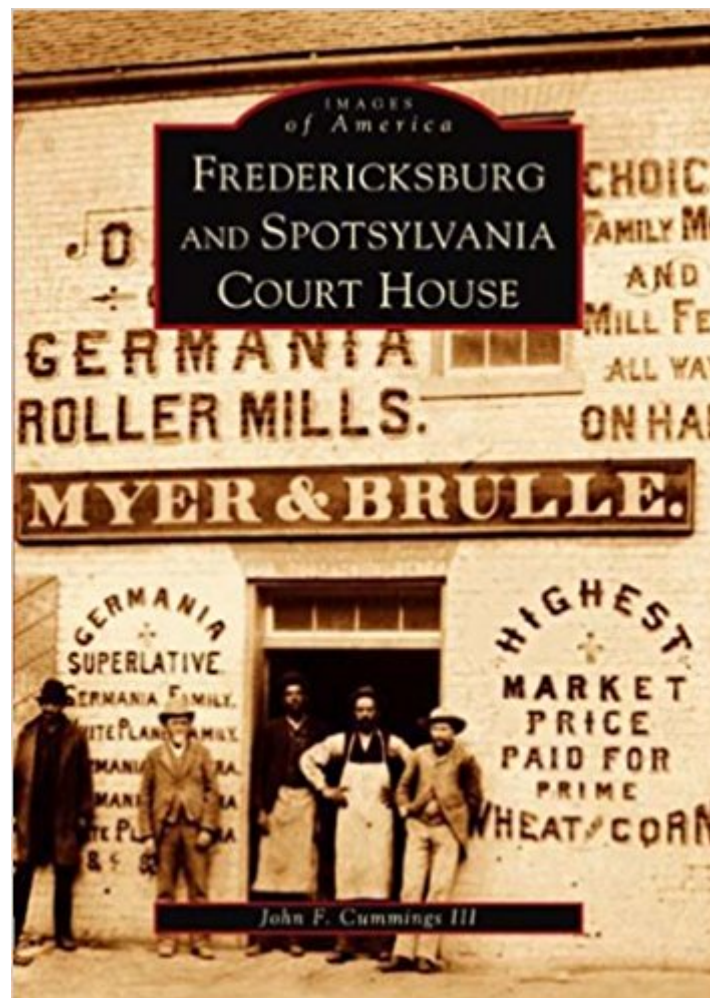




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# Fredericksburg And Spotsylvania Courthouse (VA) (Images Of America)



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## Synopsis

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County both witnessed the ravages of America's defining drama. This is the story of a town forced into exodus by the harsh hand of war and of the strength that helped its residents find rebirth from the ashes of destruction. This shared experience would bring people like John Henry Myer and Joseph Walker into a united community, despite diverse backgrounds and racial differences. Fredericksburg had enjoyed prosperity as a colonial-era tobacco port, but economic and agricultural changes diminished this importance. By the 1850s, Fredericksburg had been eclipsed by Richmond to the south and Alexandria to the north. Shortly before the Civil War, a small industrial boom revitalized the town only to be cast asunder by the events of 1861-1865. Ten miles south is Spotsylvania Court House, the county seat. Here too, fate would deal a blow as warring armies raged over the pastoral setting, leaving destruction in their wake.

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Free-lance writer John F. Cummings, director of the Spotsylvania Battlefield Education Association, has assembled a captivating collection of images that portray a region torn by war and lovingly rebuilt by its citizens. Vintage photographs, many of which have never before appeared in book form, reveal landmarks that justify Fredericksburg's claim to be America's Most Historic City, as well as a number of lesser-known and obscure sites. Using many then and now comparisons, readers will see the way that architectural and cultural treasures have both endured and succumbed to

nearly 150 years of change. Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Court House will no doubt find an applauded welcome in homes across the region.

Listed as near new or newish, the item came as new as they come, was super cheap and showed up in just a couple days! Shopping online doesn't get better than this and I could only hope everything purchased online goes this well!

I really enjoyed this book. Lots of great pictures and interesting historical information. Obviously written by someone who loves Fredericksburg as much as I do.

Spotsylvania is my hometown. I lived there for 30 years. My family still lives there. My Mama sent John's book to me for Christmas a few years ago. I love history. Always have. John's book is so good. It's very informative. It would be a great addition to any history teacher's library or your home library. If you live history you'll love this book.

I am an admitted history buff. But it's embarrassing for me to admit that my Civil War history knowledge is never up to snuff, because this is such a convoluted, controversial and often mischaracterized period. So, imagine my pleasure when I came upon a book like "Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania Courthouse" (Images of America series). Simple, clear and compelling writing with a huge gallery of images, both period and modern. Unlike a lot of historical books that try to focus generally, F&SC takes you into the microcosm of individual lives. It gives names and emotions and memories to the daguerrotype photos one would normally dismiss as humans lost in the landfill of history. That makes what you read about come alive, and actually matter. Mr. Cummings is, on top of being a solid and talented writer, on to a way of portraying history that I sincerely hope can be embraced as a model for subsequent works of this genre. "Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania Courthouse" is well worth anyone's collection of American history. - Scott Jorgensen

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