

Pohick Church

Pohick Church is known by many historians as the “**Mother Church of Northern Virginia.**” When the Virginia General Assembly met in 1732 they established an area known as Truro Parish, and Pohick Church became the first Parish Church within the area. **One of the first colonists to serve on the parish board was Augustine Washington the father of George Washington.** As with other churches in the area the original church was small and as the area developed the church needed to be expanded on a grander scale.



In 1767 three famous Virginians, George Washington, George Mason and George William Fairfax supervised the construction of a new brick church on a hill which was the highest point in the area. The construction of the church was completed in 1774 just before the start of the Revolutionary War.

As with all of the churches at the end of the war **the property which had been owned by the Church of England was turned over to the state.** The congregation of the church changed after the war but the church survived and services continued.

As with so many historic churches in Northern Virginia the **Civil War** brought yet challenge and devastation to the property. The interior of the church was gutted with the pews being used for firewood and anything of value was stripped by soldiers. Fortunately **the structure itself remained standing and in 1874 restoration** of the interior began. The church now looks very similar to what it did when it was first built. **The church houses a baptismal font that is believed to be from the twelfth century and is still used today.**

Courtesy of Cindy Jones.

