



Belvoir was built by Colonel William Fairfax between 1736 and 1741 and for thirty-two years was the seat of one of the most distinguished families in Virginia. George Washington's half-brother Lawrence married Colonel William's eldest daughter Anne; Major John Carlyle (builder of the Carlyle House in Alexandria) married Sarah; and George Washington's first cousin Warner Washington married Colonel William's youngest daughter Hannah, all at Belvoir. Here, Lord Thomas Fairfax met sixteen year old George Washington and formed a friendship which was to last thirty-three years.

The Fairfax memorial marks the graves of Colonel William Fairfax who built Belvoir Mansion, his wife Deborah Clarke Fairfax, and bears inscriptions to the memory of the two young sons of the Fairfax's who were killed in early colonial wars.



## Belvoir Mansion Ruins and the Fairfax Grave Site

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