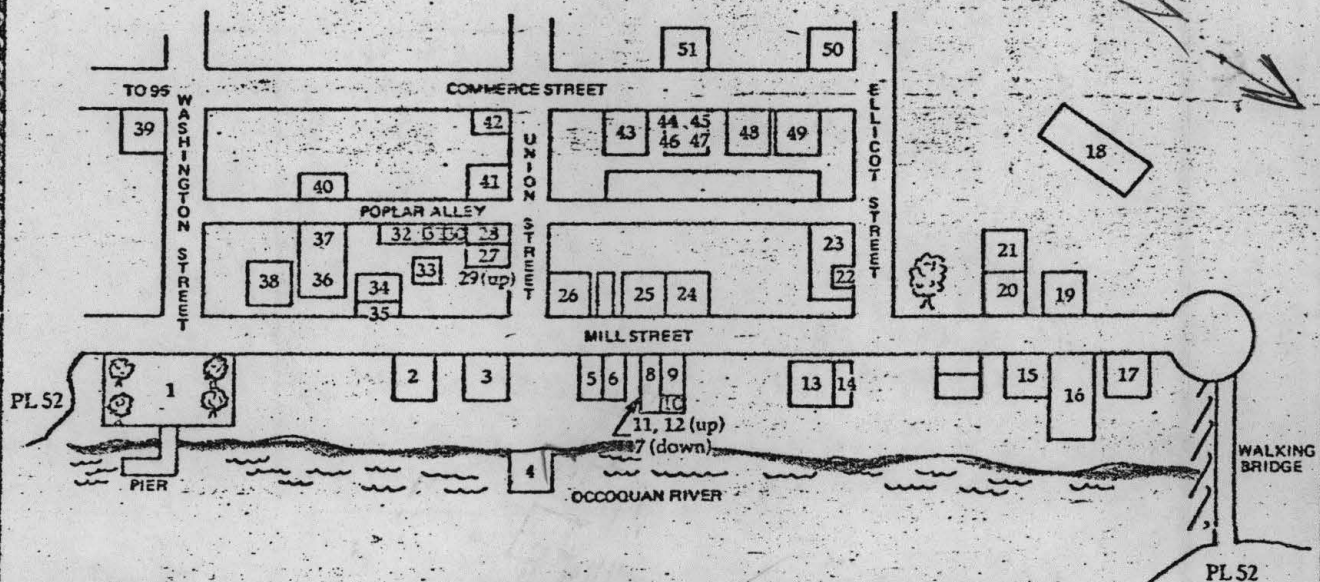


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# Map of Occoquan



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| 1. Mamie Davis Park                                      | 19. Historic Ferryman's House                | 38. U.S. Post Office                 |
| 2. Prince William Marina                                 | * 20. Ferryman's House Gifts - 491-4559      | 39. Ebenezer Baptist Church          |
| 3. Occoquan Inn                                          | * 21. Country Kitchen - 494-2848             | 40. Peck, Peck & Williams            |
| 4. Blackbeard's Crab House                               | 22. Town Hall & Police Department            | 41. Colchester Shop                  |
| * 5. Country Shop - 491-4514                             | 23. Mill Street Baptist Church               | 42. Back Stage                       |
| * 6. Occoquan Leather - 494-8597                         | 24. Bank of Virginia                         | * 43. Lynn Electric Co. - 494-6962   |
| 7. The Undertaking - Artists' Co-op                      | * 25. Jerry's Rings & Things - 494-2904      | 44. Enchanted Mirror                 |
| * 8. Plants, Etc. - 494-6828                             | * 26. Blackbeard's Inn - 494-9212            | * 45. Occoquan Workshop - 491-5779   |
| * 9. Ebashae - 491-5984                                  | * 27. Full Scoop - 494-7986                  | 46. Parrish Signs                    |
| * 10. Ink and Oil - 491-6321                             | 28. Village Americana                        | 47. Gordian Corp.                    |
| * 11. Ervin Engineering - 491-3139                       | 29. Kate Jones                               | * 48. Miller's Lighthouse - 491-5983 |
| * 12. Karen's Spinning Wheel - 494-8333                  | * 30. Country Greenery - 491-1565            | * 49. Virginia Peddler - 491-1553    |
| * 13. Lynn's General Store - 494-9741                    | 31. Crêpe Marché                             | * 50. Fashion Corner - 491-5311      |
| 14. Arrowsmith Archery                                   | * 32. Mountain Valley Handicrafts - 494-8565 | 51. Odd Fellows Hall                 |
| 15. Woodbridge Canvas - 491-2869                         | * 33. Mountain Valley Miniatures             | 52. (PL) Parking Lot                 |
| * 16. Occoquan Boat Club & Dry Dock<br>Marina - 494-6475 | * 34. Green Gable Antiques - 491-3040        |                                      |
| 17. Mill House Museum                                    | * 35. Cinnamon Cellar - 494-4489             |                                      |
| 18. Historic Rockledge House                             | 36. VFW Hall                                 |                                      |
|                                                          | 37. D. Felish School of Dance                |                                      |

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# Old and new, quiet and busy ...a hometown

By BONNIE REISS

Occoquan is an old town and a new town, a quiet town and a busy town, a tourist town and a hometown. In fact, Occoquan fits just about any kind of description there is for a town.

When Nathaniel Ellicott recorded the plats for the town of Occoquan in 1804 it had already been a commercial center for more than 50 years. There was a mill, a ferry to cross the river and a pier for shipping out copper and tobacco.

It is only speculation, but entirely possible, that George Washington may have stopped in town for many a tankard of refreshment during his horseback treks from Alexandria to Fredericksburg.

More recent history is the defense of the Confederacy against the Union troops by General Wade Hampton, whose headquarters were in the Hammill Hotel at the corner of Union and Commerce Streets. The building is still in use today and known now as the Beech-

wood Apartments.

The empty lot next to the Town Hall on Mill Street, site of numerous craft shows, antique sales and art displays, will be the location of a brand new structure called Waldon Place, the first completely new building in downtown Occoquan for several decades.

One of the main corners in town is taking on an entirely new look with the extensive remodeling of the Porter building at Union and Mill Streets. The addition of bay windows, new doors and stripped and varnished floors and stairways all blend together to make the old and the new better for the six shops housed there.

It takes a lot of vision and creative know how to restore and rehabilitate buildings, buildings that some said should have been torn down, and end up with a charming complex such as the Ferryman's House and the Ferrylanding with the connecting brick walkway and pleasant gardens.

The soft flap-flap of the flag as it is stirred by a gentle summer breeze is often all that a person can hear as one sits on a bench in Mamie Davis Park or on the adjoining public wharf.

Sometimes the quietness of the Country Kitchen garden is broken only by the occasional call of a bird in the surrounding trees or the crunch of the gravel stone underfoot.

Boats of all sizes, from the canoes and jonboats for rent at Lynn's Store to the 26-foot cruise boat that dock at the Prince William Marina, ply the waters of Occoquan River.