

## Historical Markers Provide Wealth of Information VIRGINIANA FILE

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HISTORIC MARKERS such as these dot the highways and byways of Prince William County and tell much about its early history. M Photos by Bennie Scarton Jr.)





LAFAYETTE, COMING TO VIRGINIA TO TAKE COMMAND, MOVED BY THIS ROAD, APRIL, 1781, HERE PASSED WASHINGTON AND RE CAMPAIGN OF 1781% ROCHAMBEAU, GOINS TO YORK-MENT, RICHMOND, VA. 1934 TOWP, SEPTEMBER, 1781. 日本 As you drive over the county's highways and byways, you can learn a lot about Prince William's
history by observing roadside historical markers.

The markers, placed in strategic spots throughout
the history-rich county, tell you what happened,

Stories of significant or colorful people, places and events are squeezed into a few words. And each marwhen and where.

ker stands as near as practical to its historic area.

Some of the markers have turnouts where you can stop and read at leisure — such as those in front of the Stonehouse at the intersection of Routes 29-211 and 234. But all have large, identifying letters and numbers.

Virginia, noted for its history, pioneered the state historical highway marker system. More than 1,300 are spread throughout Old Dominion.

Other states have adopted the idea on more or less the Virginia model. But where else are there so many historic spots to mark as in this birthplace of the nation, cradle of the Revolution and main battle-ground of the Civil War?