

## St. Mark's Episcopal Church Historical Marker Dedication

Sunday April 10, 2011 1:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
6744 S. Kings Hwy., Alexandria VA 22306

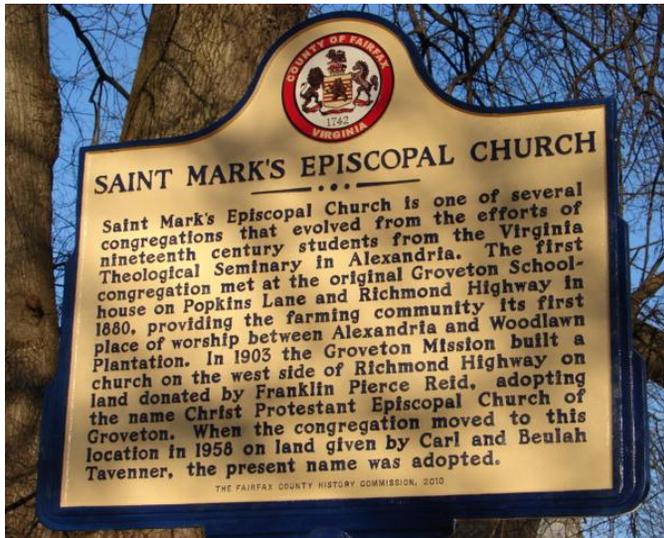


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The Diocese of Virginia –  
The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston,  
Diocesan Bishop

2011 Clergy of  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church:

The Very Rev. John Weatherly  
The Rev. Meredith Heffner  
The Rev. Dr. Cherian Pulimootil



1880 Groveton Mission

1903 Christ Protestant  
Episcopal Church  
of Groveton

## Celebrating St. Mark's Episcopal Church Historical Marker Dedication

**Established April 1880 as Groveton Mission  
by the Virginia Theological Seminarians**

Two young Seminary students named Kensey Johns Hammond and Andrew Johnson "AJ" Willis began meeting in the homes of the Groveton farmers. By April 4, 1880, Hammond and Willis were holding Sunday school in the first Groveton schoolhouse (which is still standing on the corner of Popkins Lane and Route 1).

The establishment and founding of this service at the Groveton Mission is attributed to the seminarians Kensey Johns Hammond, Andrew Johnson Willis, Jacob "Brit" Brittingham and Mercer Patton Logan.

The Groveton Mission evolved into the Christ Episcopal Protestant Church of Groveton which was built on the west side of Route 1. In 1929, the chapel, along with the communion table and alms basin hand-made by Seminarian David Campbell Mayers, burned to the ground. Within a year, the resilient Groveton community had rebuilt the chapel.

From 1880 until 1942, the Seminary students managed the church. In 1942, Groveton Episcopal Chapel had its first full-time minister in charge. The chapel remained at the Route 1 site until the new St. Mark's Episcopal Church on South Kings Highway was built and opened its doors in 1958.

The parish of St. Mark's is proud to be part of the history of Groveton in Fairfax, Virginia and to commemorate the historical marker celebration with a program orchestrated by The Very Rev. John Weatherly along with:

- The Rt. Rev Shannon S. Johnston, Diocesan Bishop
- Fairfax County Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay
- Fairfax County Historical Marker Committee Chairman Jack Hiller

St. Mark's Parish is grateful to Lile Hammond Deinard, granddaughter of The Rev. Kensey Johns Hammond for her participation in this celebration.



**The Rev. Kensey Johns Hammond**



**The Rev. Mercer Patton Logan**