



Oakton Trolley Station was built in 1905 by the request of Willis R. Gray, who had sold the railroad a right of way on his land in Oakton. The Washington and Fairfax Electric Railway was extensively used from the beginning by farmers shipping produce into the city, mail carried both ways, and florists sending flowers from the Oakton area. During and after World War I, the line also served a large and increasing number of commuters. For the first time in 1929, the trolley line failed to show a profit. This was due to public and private vehicle transportation and competition from rival public transportation lines. After the demise of the trolley, the Oakton Trolley Station continued to be used as a general store and post office into the 1950s. The building was then used intermittently as a boarding house. The building was restored in the 1980s and still retains a large portion of its quiet character and provides us with a glimpse of an earlier Fairfax County.



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