



**Whereas:** Paul and Lee Lawrence have worked diligently to preserve the buildings, landscape, and history of Loudoun County through a wide range of effective activities as individuals, a couple, and as members of preservation organizations.

**Whereas:** They have acquired and protected four properties in the local area with historic buildings and open space. They placed in easement their meticulously preserved 18<sup>th</sup> century home and property.

The Lawrences acquired a large parcel at Circleville straddling Lincoln Road at North Fork Creek, and placed it in a conservation easement while protecting and beginning to restore an early 19<sup>th</sup> century home and barns.

The Lawrences restored a heavily damaged 19<sup>th</sup> century stone church and repurposed it as a law office as a beautiful example of historic architecture and high quality restoration craftsmanship.

An historic African-American residence they acquired may have been quarters for enslaved laborers. The Lawrences are protecting it and graves behind the home from neglect or development.

**Whereas:** Lee Lawrence edited, annotated, and published *Dark Days in Our Beloved Country: The Civil War Diary of Catherine Hopkins Broun*, is finishing a second book, and has written on abolition efforts of Quakers in Lincoln, Virginia and their support for escapes through the underground railroad. Lee is an active board member of the Lincoln Preservation Foundation, the Mosby Heritage Area Association, and the Friends of Thomas Balch Library where she is Vice President.

**Whereas:** Paul Lawrence has researched historic properties and landowners in the Circleville and Lincoln areas. As a member of the board of the Lincoln Preservation Foundation, he has applied his expertise to restoring Grace Methodist Episcopal Church and establishing a clear property title. As a Board Member and Treasurer of the Goose Creek Association, as a Director of the Loudoun Preservation Society, and as a citizen Paul has significantly helped preserve the environment and historic heritage of Loudoun.

**Now therefore** the members of the Loudoun Preservation Society do hereby resolve that:

Paul and Lee Lawrence are designated Preservationists of the Year 2016

Passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016  
Robert Shuey, President