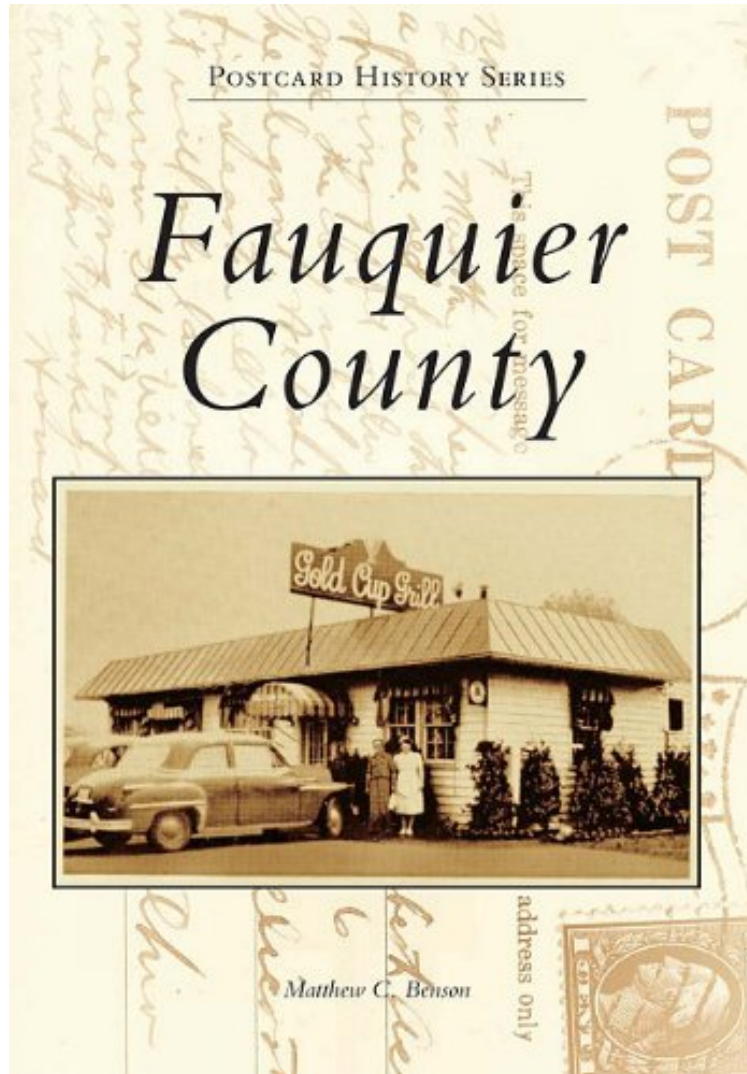


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About the Author Matthew C. Benson moved to southern Fauquier County during the summer of 2006 and was immediately drawn to the rich agricultural history, scenic views, small towns, and rural villages. After living in southern Fauquier for a little over a year, he moved into a pre-Civil War building near Courthouse Square in Old Town Warrenton once owned by the Jeffries family. Although he has only lived in Fauquier for a short time, his love and affection for the county and the piedmont will stay with him forever.