



2006 VIRGINIA WOMEN IN HISTORY PROGRAM HONORS EIGHT OUTSTANDING WOMEN

The 2006 Virginia Women in History poster and panel exhibition highlight eight women—past and present—who have made important contributions to Virginia and America. The women honored this year are: Mary Virginia Hawes Terhune (1830–1922), Amelia County, writer; Katherine Harwood Waller Barrett (1858–1925), Stafford County, reformer; John-Geline MacDonalld Bowman (1890–1946), Richmond, business executive; Grace Brewster Murray Hopper (1906–1992), Arlington County, computer science pioneer and rear admiral; Sister Marie Majella Berg (1916–2004), Arlington County, college president; Mary Tyler Freeman Cheek McClenahan (1917–2005), Richmond, civic leader; G. Anne Nelson Richardson (1956–), King and Queen County, Rappahannock chief; and Benita Fitzgerald Mosley (1961–),

Haymarket, media executive and Olympic gold medalist. These eight women serve as another reminder that the history of America is written in the footprints of Virginians.

The Library of Virginia and the Virginia Foundation for Women recently concluded an agreement to transfer the VFW's popular "Virginia Women in History" educational program to the Library. Since 2000 the VFW had presented the "Virginia Women in History" program. The Library will continue the program and recently mailed the posters and learning activities to schools, libraries, and cultural institutions across the state.

The poster, learning activities, and additional information about the 2006 Virginia Women in History are available on the Library's Web site at <www.lva.lib.va.us/vw2006/index.htm>.



Library of Virginia Foundation to Host "REMEMBERING THE MILLER & RHOADS TEA ROOM" in May

A Mother's Day weekend event on Saturday, May 13, 2006, at the Library of Virginia will bring back the magic of a bygone Richmond tradition, the Miller & Rhoads Tea Room.

"Remembering the Miller & Rhoads Tea Room" is presented by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and will include a luncheon and fashion show featuring many of the original models, staff members and memorabilia from the Tea Room's decades-long history.

The luncheon will be prepared using Miller & Rhoads recipes, with special attention paid to original details of the meal and service. Tea sandwiches, frozen fruit salad, and chocolate silk pie are among the menu selections.

A "Classic and Contemporary" fashion show will feature live piano music by organist Eddie Weaver's daughter Jody, who often played at his side at the Tea Room. Carol Bryson, fashion manager for nearly three decades at Miller & Rhoads, will provide runway commentary. Nordstrom, fashion sponsor for the event, is providing the clothes. Some models will wear original outfits worn on the runway in the 1960s and 1970s, while others will sport the latest fashions from Nordstrom's Summer 2006 collections.

The event will feature several other surprises, including a display of "Sara Sue" hats, an original table setting, photos, and other Miller & Rhoads memorabilia. Guests

are encouraged to wear their own vintage fashions, hats, or gloves.

To accommodate as many guests as possible, the Saturday, May 13 event will take place in two seatings, one at 11 AM and a second at 3 PM. Individual tickets are \$35. Tables of eight are \$600 and include complimentary raffle tickets and a commemorative gift for each guest, plus recognition in the program as an event benefactor.

Tickets are available through the Library of Virginia Foundation by calling 804-692-3900 or emailing <jpapa@lva.lib.va.us>. A sell-out crowd is anticipated; those who plan to attend are encouraged to purchase tickets early.

"We are pleased to be commemorating a cultural icon of downtown Richmond that is remembered fondly by generations of Virginians—an important piece of our history that once thrived just down the street from the Library's current location," said Mary Beth ...see **Miller & Rhoads**, pg. 5



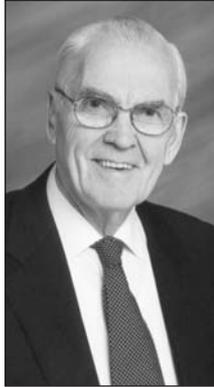
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Alan M. Voorhees, Library Benefactor, Dies at 83

Alan M. Voorhees, a benefactor of the Library of Virginia and internationally recognized transportation expert, died on December 18, 2006, at the Berkeley Hotel in Richmond. Voorhees was a man of tremendous talent, interests, and generosity. His impact can be seen in the design of transportation systems from the interstate highway system to the roads around the nation's capital. He was an avid collector of historic maps, a lover of nature, and supporter of entrepreneurs, including those who developed the electronic cash register and bar-code system. Summit Enterprises, his family business, owns the Berkeley Hotel. The Voorhees family also owns Westmoreland Berry Farm.



Voorhees began his career as city planning engineer for the city of Colorado Springs. He became the planning engineer for the Automobile Safety Foundation (ASF) in 1952. Voorhees was widely recognized for the formulation and application of the quantitative relationship between urban land use and traffic flow.

Throughout his career he was involved in a number of metropolitan and local transportation planning programs, including those for Los Angeles, Boston, St. Louis, Washington, Miami, Seattle, Baltimore, Houston, Detroit, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Toronto, Caracas, London, Melbourne, and San Paulo.

In 1961 he founded the consulting firm of Alan M. Voorhees and Associates. From 1977 to 1979 he was dean of the College of Architecture, Art, and Urban Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Voorhees had recently made his collection available for research by placing maps, charts, and atlases at the Library of Virginia, the Virginia Historical Society, the Library of Congress, and other institutions. In 1998 and again in 2003, Voorhees donated to the Library of Virginia maps that focus on the exploration of the Chesapeake Bay area and the development of Virginia. ...see **Voorhees**, pg. 6

LVA IN THE NEWS

Dr. Francis Merrill Foster Sr., who was the recipient of the Library of Virginia's Semper Virginia Society Award in 2004, is featured in Dominion's 2006 "Strong Men and Women: Excellence in Leadership" curriculum. "Strong Men and Women" is a program sponsored by the Dominion energy company that provides Virginia youth with positive role models—African-American men and women whose accomplishments and determination demonstrate true excellence in leadership. Foster has dedicated his life to serving the Richmond community and the commonwealth of Virginia as a caring health professional and civic-minded community servant. A long-term donor to and supporter of the Library of Virginia, Foster served on the dedication committee for the opening of the Library of Virginia's new building and was treasurer and an original member of the Board of the Virginia Center for the Book when that organization was a program of the Library of Virginia.

Reference librarian Edwin Ray, compiler of the Virginia Military Dead database, was featured in an article in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* that was picked up by several other papers. Ray noticed a discrepancy in the number of Virginians mentioned by the Richmond chapter of the Navy League in a 2004 ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial honoring those killed at Pearl Harbor. The number mentioned was less than the number listed in the database. He contacted the league and on December 7, 2005, when the names of the dead were read once again at the Virginia War Memorial ceremony commemorating the Pearl Harbor battle, the names of the previously unrecognized soldiers and sailors were read for the first time. For more information about the Virginia Military Dead

database visit <www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/mil/vmd/index.asp>.

Historian Brent Tarter, the Library of Virginia's resident expert on the inauguration of Virginia governors, was busy answering questions about the inauguration of Thomas Jefferson as plans moved forward for the inauguration of Governor Timothy Kaine in Williamsburg. Tarter said that there is no actual proof that Jefferson was even inaugurated, as the Virginia government did not have a ceremony of any kind back then and the swearing in event would not have been newsworthy.

"There is no document that proves Jefferson took the oath of office in Williamsburg in June 1779 or that he took the oath of office in Richmond in 1780 after he was reelected. Too much of the official records of the period were burned in 1781. There is documentation showing that Jefferson was in each town when he was elected governor, and that he was doing the business of governor then or very soon thereafter," said Tarter.

The Library Reference Services department made the news in December and January in stories about Anne Holton, the wife of Governor Timothy Kaine and daughter of Governor Linwood Holton. The staff members verified for the media that only one other governor's daughter became the state's first lady, Martha Jefferson Randolph, daughter of Thomas Jefferson, the state's second governor, was the wife of Governor Thomas Mann Randolph who served from 1819 to 1822.

According to staff research, Holton, who lived in Virginia's Executive Mansion from 1970 to 1974, is the first child resident to return to the Mansion as first lady. The Executive Mansion had not been built when Thomas Jefferson served as governor.

Warner Web Archive Available

Not only does the end of a gubernatorial administration precipitate the transfer of an enormous quantity of official paper records of an outgoing governor, but it also creates an increasing need to capture, preserve, and make available for public use official records created digitally. This includes Web sites.

When Governor George Allen left office in 1998, he transferred his Web site to the state archives. The 100-page color print out of the site dated November 17, 1997, is stored in

the archives and is available for public use at the Library of Virginia.

When Governor Jim Gilmore left office in 2002, the Library of Virginia received 11 compact discs containing many of the files to the pages of one version each of his site, The Digital Dominion, and those of his cabinet secretaries. These sites have been processed and are available for public use through the Library's online catalog. The contents of the archived sites are not ...see **Warner**, pg. 5

WOMEN WITH DIRTY HANDS

Archives Apprentices

Who makes history and what activities are historically significant? The answers have changed through time and so have those who arrange the documents, answer the reference questions, and write the history itself. Part of the third installment of a year-long exhibition exploring the archival collections at the Library of Virginia, “The Mystery of History: Putting It Together” delves into the role of women as archival professionals.

Women have worked in Virginia’s state library and archives for years—Kate Pleasants Minor was head of the Serials Division in 1905, and Estelle Bass worked her way up from assistant in the Archives Department to assistant archivist and finally to assistant state archivist in 1925. In the early 20th century, female clerks worked tirelessly to index and transcribe records primarily concerning men.

Juniors and seniors studying American history at nearby Westhampton College served as archives apprentices in the state library beginning in 1916. They worked just over two hours a week, without pay, but earned a history credit. While only two women participated during the first year, 12 enrolled in 1917–1918, and 21 signed up in 1920. State archivist Morgan P. Robinson insisted on two rules only: that the women wear “a full apron up to the throat, down over the cuffs, and over the hem of the skirt” (to prevent the complaints of parents distressed by how dirty the work was), and that each apprentice perform her own reference work, learning the relevant sources, and problem-solving along the way. The state archivist trained women to be careful researchers and potential historians, all the while drilling them in the basics of handling and arranging documents.

The first two groups of students tackled “a confused mass of petitions to the General Assembly,” and later classes flat-filed Executive Papers and pored through personal property tax books. Despite the hard and often-dirty work, the women retained fond

memories of their time in the stacks. Julia Spratley worked as an apprentice in 1918–1919, and in 1920 donated her research on steamboats to the Archives, enclosing a letter to the state archivist. Both Spratley and her fellow apprentice, Katherine Watkins, worked as teachers after graduating from Westhampton College.

By dirtying their hands to arrange and describe records, these women were doing important work. The state archivist reasoned that the innovative program was a mutually beneficial one, and worked with Maude Woodfin, professor of history at Westhampton, to recruit students. In 1917, he promoted the apprentices in *Woman’s Work Today*; three

years later, he boasted in an article that the archives served as “Virginia’s Historical Laboratory.” By processing “unworked papers,” the apprentices would make materials “accessible to the modern historian as rapidly as possible.” And by working with original records, students learned the basics of the archival trade and acquired “first-hand information as to the means and the methods of the writing of history.”

“One can readily see how advantageous it is,” Robinson explained, “to be able to utilize the working of the archives hand-in-hand with the writing of the history of the state.”

—Jennifer Davis McDaid,
Research and Information Services



Morgan P. Robinson was state archivist from 1915 until his death in 1943.

Museums and Libraries Receive National Honor for Community Service

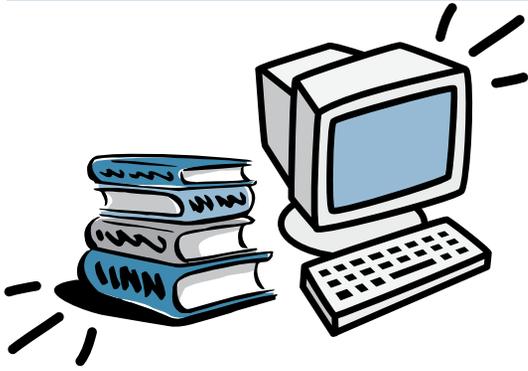
The Mathews Memorial Library in Mathews County, Virginia, was among six libraries and museums nationwide awarded the 2005 National Award for Museum and Library Service. The awards were announced on November 30, 2005, in Washington, D.C., by Mary L. Chute, Acting Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This is the nation’s highest honor for the outstanding public service provided by these institutions. Each of the institutions received \$10,000 and was honored in a ceremony held January 30, 2006, at the White House in Washington, D.C.

“I’m proud to hear that the Mathews Memorial Library has been recognized with this year’s National Award for Library Service,” said U.S. Representative Jo Ann S. Davis, who represents Virginia’s First Congressional District. “I want to extend my congratulations to the staff and volunteers at the Mathews library and recognize their positive contributions to the community. The Mathews library serves as a focal point of the community and a valuable resource to all the residents of Mathews County.”

“The Mathews Memorial Library has shattered the old mold of service for small, rural libraries,” said Mary Chute. “No longer content to serve a narrow segment of its community, the public library now partners with the local schools and historical center on programs that make it a hub of lifelong learning and enrichment. IMLS applauds the Mathews Memorial Library for adopting a new vision that gives the little library a big ‘can do’ attitude.”

For over seven decades, residents of Mathews County have enjoyed the use of a public library. Today, more than 5,000 of the 9,200 people living there have library cards. The mission of the library is to provide the highest quality library services to fulfill the informational, educational, recreational, and cultural needs of the citizens in the dynamic and changing community of Mathews County. “We are humbled by this recognition,” said Bette Dillehay, library director. “We believe libraries can effectively serve as community centers of learning and that this vision is achievable through partnership and collaboration. Like other rural libraries throughout the land, the Mathews Memorial Library ...see **Mathews**, pg. 7

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Did you know...?

JSTOR, Journal Storage Archive, is an electronic archive that holds the complete digitized back runs of many core scholarly journals, starting with the very first issues, generally in the 19th and 20th centuries with a few dating as far back as the 1600s. New titles and disciplines are added regularly. Issues of journals are never “out”; they are always accessible, and in excellent condition. The capacity for searching across disciplines opens up vast possibilities for scholarship and research. For several years, the Library of Virginia has had a subscription

to the Arts and Sciences I collection of *JSTOR* that includes 116 journals such as the *William & Mary Quarterly*, the *Journal of American History*, the *Journal of Southern History*, and the *Journal of Negro Education*. Now, thanks to an initiative by *JSTOR* to expand availability to smaller research and public libraries, we are able to offer the entire collection, encompassing the backfiles of 582 journals—more than 3 million articles in a wide variety of fields. The next time you visit the reading rooms, ask for more information or a demonstration.

FROM THE VIRGINIA AUTHORS ROOM

Virginia-Related Titles from Arcadia Publishing

Arcadia Publishing is a publisher of regional and local histories. Arcadia is best known for its **Images of America** series, which uses photographs to chronicle the stories of communities from Wallops Island, Virginia, to Manhattan Beach, California. Each title in the series depicts a town or a region's people, places, and happenings. Besides *Images of America*, other Arcadia series include *Campus History*, *Images of Baseball*, *Images of Black America*, and *Postcard History*. The similarly formatted paperbacks contain 128 pages and are illustrated with nearly 200 vintage black-and-white photographs or postcards. Among these series are 92 in-print Virginia-related titles including *Front Royal and Warren County*, *Virginia Tech*, *Charlottesville: The African-American Community*, *Baseball in Norfolk*, and *Danville in Vintage Postcards*. The photographs and postcards used in these books come from personal, library, museum, and historical society collections. Local historians provided the introductions and captions. The books are not indexed but sometimes include a bibliography and information on “Places to Visit,” “How to Contact,” or “Further Reading and Research.”

Nelson Harris, Roanoke mayor, local historian, and postcard collector, has compiled five Arcadia titles: *Downtown Roanoke*, *Norfolk and Western Railway*, *Roanoke in Vintage Postcards*, *Salem and Roanoke County*

in Vintage Postcards, and *Virginia Tech*. Many of the photographs used in *Downtown Roanoke* are from the collections of the History Museum and Historical Society of Western Virginia. From the 1880s to the 1960s, the pictures show Roanoke streetscapes, civic buildings, parades, churches, and stores. For *Norfolk and Western Railway*, the author drew upon the Norfolk & Western Railroad archives at the Virginia Museum of Transportation to depict the line's steam and diesel locomotives, switching yards, passenger service, and coal operations. In putting together *Roanoke in Vintage Postcards*, the author chose nearly 200 postcards from his collection. The postal cards used in *Salem and Roanoke County in Vintage Postcards* came from a collector of Roanoke Valley postcards. In *Virginia Tech*, Harris selected images from the VT ImageBase <imagebase.lib.vt.edu> housed and operated by Virginia Tech's University Libraries's Digital Library and Archives to picture the school's history from 1872 into the 1970s.

Of wider interest are *Lighthouses and Lifesaving Stations of Virginia* and *The Virginia Sports Hall of Fame: Honoring Champions of the Commonwealth*. Patrick Evans-Hylton culled most of the photographs for *Lighthouses and Lifesaving Stations of Virginia* from the archives of the United States Coast Guard Historian's Office. From the Assateague Island lighthouse to the False Cape life-saving station, the pictures highlight the beacons and buildings spaced along the shore to aid navigation and to help ships in distress. In *The Virginia Sports Hall of Fame: Honoring*

Champions of the Commonwealth, Tidewater sports historian Clay Shampoe used the Hall of Fame's photographs and his biographical captions to feature some of the state's outstanding athletes.

In **The Making of America** series, the works feature a substantial historical narrative combined with a selection of photographs and postcards. Virginia titles in this series include *Lynchburg: A City Set on Seven Hills* by Clifton and Dorothy Potter, *Virginia Beach: A History of Virginia's Golden Shore* by Amy Waters Yarsinske, and *Williamsburg: A City that History Made* by Timothy E. Morgan. A fourth title, *Chesapeake, Virginia* by Raymond L. Harper, is out of print. Authored by local historians, these books include indexing, bibliographies, and source notes.

To find out whether Arcadia has a publication about a particular Virginia city or area, go to their Web site <www.arcadiapublishing.com>. After a slide-show introduction, a map of the United States is revealed. Click on Virginia, and a larger map of Virginia appears with dots representing regions and communities featured in Arcadia books. Clicking on the cluster of dots in southwestern Virginia yields these titles: *Smyth County*, *Marion and Hungry Mother State Park*; *Wythe County*; and *Abingdon*. Their catalog may also be searched by state, series, and theme.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Recent news reports concerning U.S. government involvement in both the propagation

and restriction of public information have resulted in greater interest in questions surrounding intellectual freedom. Propaganda and censorship are in many ways two sides of the same coin: one involving the systematic dissemination of information to shape opinion and the other using the restriction of access to influence beliefs. Although these topics are found increasingly in today's headlines, they have also existed historically across time and within many cultures. Researchers seeking a broader perspective on these issues will be well served by two new additions to the Reference collection of the Library of Virginia.

Propaganda and Mass Persuasion: A Historical Encyclopedia, 1500 to the Present is an authoritative survey that includes more than 250 entries by an international group of subject specialists. David Welch, one of the editors of the volume, presents an introductory historical essay on the development of propaganda. The topics addressed in the encyclopedia include countries and geographical regions, case-studies on events or movements, techniques that cover particular methods or media, and concepts that define terms related to the field. There are also several biographical entries that detail individuals important to the development and study of propaganda, as well as entries that discuss specific institutions and organizations involved in the creation and dissemination of this form of information. Each entry is signed by its author and includes cross-references to related topics and a selected bibliography of sources. Many illustrations interspersed throughout the volume support the text. The book concludes with an extensive index. General readers will find important content that covers everything from Abolitionism and the Antislavery Movement to Zionism, all in one comprehensive reference.

The Encyclopedia of Censorship: New Edition was published in 2005 as part of the Facts on File Library of World History. Nicholas J. Karolides, an academic and author of several books on censorship, has revised and expanded the original 1990 edition of the encyclopedia edited by the English lexicographer Jonathan Green. This new edition documents the politically tumultuous decade of the 1990s through both the dissolution of

former states and the creation of new democratic governments. Karolides shows through many new entries that censorship has remained an important tool in both of these developments. He also notes that recent legislation like the Freedom of Information Act (2000) in the United Kingdom and the USA PATRIOT Act (2001) in the United States raises important questions about government restrictions on civil liberties and freedom of expression in established democracies. Green's original introductory essay has been retained in this edition, and it provides a historical and philosophical overview on censorship as well as a general treatment of the scope of the encyclopedia. The edition includes entries on individuals, organizations, events, concepts, cases, and legislation related to the history of censorship. A significant portion of the entries also details the histories of censored works, including 37 new entries on literature and 15 on frequently censored authors. Karolides has also expanded the focus of this volume to include literature that has been challenged as inappropriate for classroom use or library collections. A completely comprehensive study on this subject would likely be an impossible task, but the editors have compiled a significant and thorough source that reaches nearly 700 pages of text. In addition to a bibliography, suggestions for further reading follow most entries. Many topics also contain references to related entries, and there is an index at the end of the book.

These two new Reference resources continue to expand the depth of research material available to patrons of the Library of Virginia by highlighting issues of historical relevance extending from centuries past to the controversial subjects of contemporary debate.



Warner... searchable, but they do offer information about Governor Gilmore's administration.

The Library was already aware of the limitations of the archived Allen and Gilmore administration Web sites. It was also aware that in 2006, at the end of the Warner administration, the same procedures would not suffice. By the time the Warner administration was in its last year, changes in technology allowed the Library to make more appropriate and useful decisions about archiving his Web sites. Governor Mark Warner desired that his administration be extremely well documented and facilitated the process by encouraging his staff to work with the Library to apply these new technologies.

Guided by the Library's mission to preserve and make accessible in perpetuity the Web heritage of each Virginia governor, the Library of Virginia participated in a pilot project in the fall of 2005 to test and refine a service to collect, manage, and provide access to Web content of significant and enduring value. The Web sites of Governor Warner and his administration served as the foundation for the Library's participation in the project.

The project was hosted by the Internet Archive, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, dedicated to building an "Internet library" to offer permanent access for researchers, historians, and scholars to historical collections that exist in digital format. Founded in 1996, the Internet Archive works to prevent the Internet, a medium with major historical significance, and other "born-digital" materials from disappearing. The Internet Archive includes texts, audio, moving images, and software, as well as archived Web pages. The service as developed through the pilot project is called "Archive-It." More information is available at <www.archive-it.org>.

The Library of Virginia recognized the importance of Web-based material and worked to expand the lifespan of this information. By participating in this pilot project with the Internet Archive, the Library is able to preserve and make accessible the Web heritage of the Commonwealth's governors for future generations.

While precedent setting in many ways, this collection of archived Web sites is only an addition to those paper records regularly added to the Library's collections following the end of a governor's term. Governor Warner is the most recent Chief Executive of the Commonwealth to continue a tradition that began with Patrick Henry's administration in 1776. To date, ...see **Warner**, pg. 6

2006 Joint Meeting Seeks to Broaden Perspectives

Visit the nation's capital for the first-ever Joint Annual Meeting of the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, the Council of State Archivists, and the Society of American Archivists July 31–August 6, 2006, at the Washington Hilton.

As part of efforts to strengthen the archival and records profession, the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA), the Council of State Archivists (CoSA), and the Society of American Archivists (SAA), are pleased to announce plans for a joint meeting of the three organizations. The conference will serve as the annual meeting for each of the three organizations, giving members (and others) the opportunity to gather at a single meeting to strengthen their collaborative efforts. The joint meeting concept was ratified by the governing boards and councils of all three organizations, and is part of the ongoing collaboration by NAGARA, CoSA, and SAA to advance the causes of the archival profession.

Archivists and records managers will gather in Washington, D.C., for a wide array of informative education sessions, preconference workshops, tours of local repositories, special events, exhibits, and networking opportunities. An important goal of the meeting is to broaden perspectives and to focus on the commonalities between archivists and records managers working in different spheres to preserve and make available the rich documentary heritage of the nation.

For more on this conference, visit the Web sites for the NAGARA <www.nagara.org>, CoSA <www.statearchivists.org>, and SAA <www.archivists.org>.

—submitted by Jennifer Davis McDaid, Research and Information Services

Project to Microfilm Records of the Old Dominion Land Company Held at the Newport News Public Library

In November 2005, the Library of Virginia entered into a partnership with the Newport News Public Library to microfilm parts of the Old Dominion Land Company Records.

These records document the efforts of businessman and railroad baron Collis P. Huntington to establish a railroad terminus at the small town of Newport News to link to the coal mines of West Virginia. The Old Dominion Land Company was chartered in 1880 to secure railroad right-of-ways on the Peninsula and to consolidate the land purchases made by Huntington and his agents since 1870. Having fulfilled its initial purpose, the company contributed greatly to improving the welfare of the area's residents, donating land for or assisting in the building of churches, hospitals, schools, parks, libraries, piers, residential subdivisions, and government buildings.

The company was also involved in other notable ventures. It built the Hotel Warwick in 1882. In 1886, the shipyard that became the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company was built on land owned by the company. In the late 1880s, the company was responsible for the creation of the Newport News Light and Water Company. Perhaps one of the company's most lasting impacts was its involvement in the incorporation of Newport News as an independent city in 1896. By the 1930s, the company began liquidating its assets, completing the process in 1948.

The son of the company's last president, John Marshall Dozier, donated the company's records to the Newport News Public Library in 1978.

In 2005, the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded the Newport News Public Library a grant to pay a conservator to assess the collection and make recommendations to better preserve it. The Library of Virginia contacted Greg Grunnow, the librarian for the Virginia Room at the Newport News Public Library, to offer its microfilming services in exchange for reading room copies. This partnership will ensure the preservation of this valuable collection on microfilm and allow for greater dissemination of the collection to researchers.

The project will microfilm the following records of the Old Dominion Land Company: minute books, financial reports, deeds, port of embarkation records, records of the Virginia State School for the Colored Deaf and Blind Children, minute book of the Newport News Light and Water Company, Hotel Warwick records, and the 1929 Summary of Industrial Information about Newport News and the Virginia Peninsula for the Airplane Industry.

—submitted by Jay Gaidmore,
Archival and Records Management Services

Warner... Governor Warner's administration has delivered more than 900 cubic feet of paper records and approximately 1.5 gigabytes of electronic content created by his office and those of his cabinet secretaries to the archives at the Library of Virginia. These records will continue to build upon and complement a long documentary history of the commonwealth, its government, and its people.

The archived Web sites from the Warner administration are available for public use on the Library's Web site at <www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/webarchive>. The paper records and other electronic content will remain closed until processing by Library archives staff members is complete.

For more information on the Web archiving project, please contact Kathy Jordan, the Library's electronic resources manager, at <kjordan@lva.lib.va.us>.

Voorhees... A primary supporter of *Virginia in Maps: Four Hundred Years of Settlement, Growth, and Development*, published by the Library in 2000, Voorhees also initiated the idea for the Civil War Maps Digital Image Project, a collaborative effort by the Library of Congress, the Library of Virginia, and the Virginia Historical Society.

"The staff and Board of the Library of Virginia are saddened by the passing of Alan Voorhees. His friendship and support of the Library allowed the Library to publish a monumental atlas of Virginia maps and to greatly expand our collection of historic maps," said Librarian of Virginia Nolan T. Yefich.

Miller & Rhoads... McIntire, executive director of the Library of Virginia Foundation. "We hope that families and friends will come together to share memories of Richmond in bygone days, and that they will return to visit the Library at a later time to explore their own family's history in our incomparable historical and genealogical collections."

All proceeds from the event benefit the Library of Virginia Foundation, which supports the Library of Virginia and promotes

cultural and historical literacy across the commonwealth through programs for audiences of all ages.



Image from Miller & Rhoads department store catalog, Spring 1943. Collection of the Library of Virginia.

FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT SMART BEGINNINGS

The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation was an outgrowth of Governor Mark Warner's Early Childhood Summit. A summit task force recommended the creation of a non-profit foundation charged with leading an aggressive agenda to build the state's infrastructure for an effective early childhood system.

At a meeting of public librarians at the Library of Virginia on January 26, 2006, Kathryn V. Glazer, early childhood initiatives director for the Virginia Department of Social Studies, briefed the group on the goals of the Foundation and other issues related to early childhood advocacy. Discussion centered on how to ensure that libraries become strong partners in the efforts of Smart Beginnings. The group decided that efforts already underway to encourage reading by young people should be rolled into the Smart Beginnings "Ready for School—Ready for Life" program sponsored by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation.

A key feature of the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation's efforts is <www.smart-beginnings.org>. The site provides a Web resource for families, early childhood professionals, businesses, and communities. It will be maintained by the new Foundation and will provide a forum to evaluate care and services.

Register Now for the 2006 Virginia Forum

Shenandoah University's History and Tourism Center—The Knowledge Point—and the Community History Project invite the public to attend the first-ever Virginia Forum on Virginia history, April 7 and 8, 2006, at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. Warren R. Hofstra, of Shenandoah University, and Brent Tarter, of the Library of Virginia, are conference chairs.

The Virginia Forum brings historians, geographers, archaeologists, researchers, and writers together for a discussion about the stories and people that make up Virginia's past. At the 2006 Virginia Forum more than 60 scholars from 49 colleges and universities, libraries, museums, and historical organizations across the United States will continue the dialogue about Virginia's rich heritage with a new conference dedicated to the research, interpretation, and presentation of Virginia history across time.

The event will be of interest to students, teachers, scholars, and historical professionals from museums, historical societies, historic sites, and all related fields including public history, preservation, geography, literature, and archaeology.

Whether you are a historian, teaching professional, or history enthusiast, this forum provides effective tools and techniques for getting the most out of your own history

experience. Participate in engaging educational sessions on every conceivable topic ranging from Colonial Virginia and the Civil War to politics, reform, and family.

A wide choice of sessions will showcase the latest in research, scholarly thinking, and historic resources.

Advance registration is \$45 before March 24, 2006. The registration fee includes all sessions, break refreshments, and a boxed lunch. An optional Friday evening banquet at Berryville Avenue Hampton Inn is priced separately (\$30). On March 24, the registration fee become \$65 and the optional banquet is \$35.

Students may apply for a limited number of scholarships for attending this forum. Each scholarship covers basic registration fees and assistance with accommodations.

And you may also register for optional academic track coursework while attending the forum to earn graduate or undergraduate credit and teacher recertification points.

Visit <www.theknowledgepoint.org> for complete conference details and to download a registration form.

—submitted by Bill Austin,
Shenandoah University's History and
Tourism Center—The Knowledge Point

Mathews... has a unique opportunity to reach out and serve."

The Mathews Memorial Library has chosen to expand the traditional role of libraries. In a community such as Mathews, this means developing and offering programs to diverse groups. People over 55 years of age represent 35 percent of Mathew's population. Many in this age group selected Mathews County as their retirement home. Once a thriving center of boatbuilding and other water-related activities, the county now seeks ways of maintaining traditional community values while its young people face economic challenges and must often pursue opportunities elsewhere. Dillehay reports that "by partnering with schools and day-care centers, as well as the senior center, the library reaches out to instill a love of reading and to ensure that everyone who wishes can make reading a lifetime adventure."

Establishing a partnership with TechRiders, a non-profit organization offering community-

based training in computers, has enabled the library to offer regular training in computer basics and use of the Internet.

"Community support and a strong Friends group, coupled with dedicated staff and volunteers, are the means by which the Mathews Memorial Library is achieving its vision of serving the Mathews community as a center of learning and community events," said Dillehay.

The IMLS community service award was earned by two other libraries, the Johnson County Library (Shawnee Mission, Kansas) and the Saint Paul Public Library (Saint Paul, Minnesota). Three museums also were honored: COSI Toledo (Toledo, Ohio), Levine Museum of the New South (Charlotte, North Carolina), and the Pratt Museum (Homer, Alaska).

As the primary source of federal funding for the nation's libraries and museums, the Institute of Museum and Library Services has a unique vantage point on the vital role these institutions play in American society. The

National Awards for Museum and Library Service were created to underscore that role. The winners are as diverse as the cultural landscape of our country: small and large, urban and rural. They have one thing in common: they have each found innovative ways to make serving their community central to their mission.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is an independent federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their communities. IMLS fosters leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning by supporting the 15,000 museums and 122,000 libraries in America. The institute also encourages partnerships to expand the educational benefit of libraries and museums. To learn more about IMLS, please visit <www.imls.gov>. For more information about the 2005 recipients, please visit <www.imls.gov/whatsnew/current/113005b.htm>.

BERKIN TO GIVE SIXTH ANNUAL GOVERNOR HENRY LECTURE

Dr. Carol Berkin, professor of history at Baruch College of the City University of New York, will present the Sixth Annual Governor Henry Lecture at Charlotte Court House on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 3:00 PM, and again at the Library of Virginia on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 5:30 PM. Her lecture will address Patrick Henry's reservations about the U.S. Constitution of 1787 (and his insistence upon amendments that became the Bill of Rights) in light of the revolutionary ideals of 1776.

Professor Berkin received her bachelor's degree from Barnard College and her master's and doctorate from Columbia University, where she won the Bancroft Dissertation Award. She teaches early American and women's history at Baruch College and is deputy chair of the department

of history at the CUNY Graduate Center. Berkin has been a consultant for several PBS and History Channel documentaries—including "Scottsboro Boys," which was nominated for an Academy Award as the best documentary of 2000—and on-screen commentator for the PBS series "New York" and the MPH / History Channel series "The Founding Fathers," another Academy Award nominee.

Berkin's most recent books are *A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution* (2002) and *Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence* (2005).

The annual Governor Henry Lecture is jointly sponsored by the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation and the Library of Virginia. The events are open to the public at no charge.

NGS TO MEET IN CHICAGO

The National Genealogical Society Conference in the States and GENTECH 2006 will be held in Chicago, Illinois, June 7–10, 2006. The 2006 NGS Conference in the States offers more than 140 lectures, workshops, luncheons, and networking events led by recognized experts. Specialized sessions are available for beginner, intermediate, and expert researchers. GENTECH, a division of the National Genealogical Society, facilitates communication among persons interested in genealogy and technology.

Dr. Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States, will open this year's conference on June 7. He is the ninth Archivist of the United States, leading the National Archives and Records Administration. Dr. Weinstein will be followed on the program by Dr. Joseph Phillip Colleta, a popular genealogical lecturer, who will give the keynote address, "They Glided This Way: The Erie Canal and the Peopling of the Midwest."

To register for the NGS Conference in the States visit <www.ngsgenealogy.org>.



Timothy M. Kaine takes the oath of office as Virginia's 70th governor on January 14, 2006. Photo by Pierre Courtois, Library of Virginia.



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