



DONOR GIVES RARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN PUBLICATIONS TO LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

Recently an anonymous donor gave three important African-American publications to the Library of Virginia. The three Richmond publications came from a private archive in Georgia. The donor contacted the Library inquiring about the value of one item but she sent three items after being informed that they were indeed scarce and very desirable.

The donated items are: "The Saint Luke Fraternal Bulletin" (June 1941); "Jubilee Celebration, the Seventy-second Annual and Eleventh Biennial Conference," a program of the Independent Order of St. Luke (August 1939); and, "Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers," a pamphlet describing the organization and how to join the insurance company (ca 1903).

The Independent Order of Saint Luke was instrumental in developing African-American businesses in Richmond—most notably the bank founded by Maggie Walker. "The Bulletin" is a previously un-cataloged title. Although we know issues exist in other private collections the Library has never had an issue on which to base cataloging. "The Bulletin" was the successor to the "St. Luke Herald" – the newspaper published by the Order. Copies of the newspaper may exist in private collections but to date the publication remains unavailable for general research.

The 1941 issue of the "Bulletin" commemorates the 75th Diamond Jubilee of the Order of St. Luke. Another front page article describes the laying of the corner stone for the Belgian Building at Virginia Union University. "The Bulletin" is filled with local and state news, photographs and financial reports about claims paid by the Order.

The second item, the program for the 1939 conference of the Order of St. Luke may prove to be more important than the issue of the "Bulletin." The program documents all the officers of the Order in 1939 as well as the exercises held at Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Of particular interest is an early illustration in the program of the home office building of the Southern Aid Society of Virginia located at the corner of Third and Clay streets in Richmond. The program also includes photographs of two leading members of the Order of St. Luke, Harry J. White and Hattie N.F. Walker.



The earliest piece in the gift collection, the pamphlet from the United Order of True Reformers, was probably published in 1903. It is the kind of ephemera that often does not survive and yet can tell us a great deal about life at the time it was printed. The small tract is a description of an early African-American insurance society. The tract describes the types of insurance available, the fees and benefits. ...see **Donor**, pg. 5

NEH Announces \$25.2 Million In New Grants AWARDS INCLUDE FUNDS FOR VIRGINIA NEWSPAPER PROJECT

The Virginia Newspaper Project is the recipient of an award of \$587,403 from the National

Endowment for the Humanities. The grant in support of the Virginia Newspaper Project was among awards of \$25.2 million from NEH to 288 successful grant applications nationwide, including many that explore topics in U.S. history and culture.

The Virginia Newspaper Project is part of a national effort to locate, describe, inventory, preserve and provide public access to the United States imprint newspapers housed in the commonwealth.

The Virginia Newspaper Project is sponsored by and headquartered at the

Library of Virginia. Using grant funds made available through the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Virginia Newspaper Project was established at the Library of Virginia in 1993. The University of Virginia, the College of William and Mary and the Virginia Historical Society have served as sponsors.

NEH grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Throughout the year, humanities experts outside of the Endowment read all applications and advise NEH on the quality and significance of each proposed project.



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Historic Court Records Going Digital

One of the primary initiatives of Virginia's Circuit Court Records Preservation Program has been preserving and making accessible the records of Chancery court cases that ended prior to 1913. This series of records is rich in both historical and legal information, dealing with land dispute resolutions, dissolved business partnership settlements, divorces and estate divisions when the owner dies intestate. Since the beginning of the VCCRPP, 52 clerks' offices have hired local personnel using grant funds to open, organize, flat-file, rehouse and index these ended-chancery causes. Library of Virginia staff archivists have processed the same records series transferred from 35 localities. This latter collection of records is available for research in the Library's archives reading room.

Most of the former series will not be made available to the public until they have been reformatted onto an alternative medium. Heretofore, the preferred medium has been 35 mm microfilm. Although preservation microfilm has been the archival standard almost a century, the ability to capture the image of this type of document has proven difficult. These 18th- and 19th-century documents are varied in shades, hues, contrast and clarity. Maintaining a consistent, high level of quality, while holding costs within a reasonable range, has proven nearly impossible for several service bureaus. A few of these vendors have gone out of business, and others have returned to their forte, microfilming primarily modern records on 16 mm film.

For the past year Library of Virginia employees have researched digital imaging as an effective method of accurately capturing, preserving and then making available these records to historians and genealogists, as well the legal community. There is a pilot program underway to determine if this type of document can be successfully scanned, preserved in a digital format, the image converted to microfilm, and then made available to the Library's patrons online. Several small tests have been conducted over the past months; specifications have been written and re-written. More tests were conducted and a vendor was selected through a Request for Proposal. Work is now underway to reformat approximately 464,000 images of Fauquier County ended-chancery records, dating 1758 through 1912. There is a small test project underway and, based on the results of this test, another RFP will be released to digitize an estimated 1.8 million images from 11 localities. Allowing for adequate funding, and the successful application of grants due in September, these projects could be awarded in October.

Many more similar digitization projects are possible, with an estimated total of 27 million images. Unfortunately, these projects will take longer to complete than anticipated. Due to drastic cuts and revenue reversals, the VCCRPP has experienced a \$3 million reduction, and much of that funding had been reserved for this digital endeavor. One day, following successful testing, all of these chancery court records will be digitally preserved, and made widely available through the web. That day will just be longer in arriving.

—submitted by Glenn Smith,
Records Management and Imaging Services



Many thanks to those readers who wrote or called with information on the identity of the individuals pictured accepting the keys to a new demonstration library in our last issue. Katherine Conner of Catharpin, Va., has identified the demonstration library as Prince William County and the year as 1952. Conner worked for the Prince William County Library for 26 years.

The Prince William County Public Library was the state's first demonstration library. After discussing the matter with a former member of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, Conner reports that the individual accepting the keys is probably J. F. Fick, member of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors.

The lady standing on the far left in the dark hat and dress is Mrs. Ruth E. Lloyd, at the time chair of the Library Board of Trustees and chair of the Library Committee of the Woman's Club of Manassas. The Virginiana Room at the PWCPL is known as the Ruth E. Lloyd History Room and the library maintains the Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center (RELIC), a special collection devoted to genealogy and local history that is now located at the Bull Run Regional Library.

The gentleman seated in the middle of the front row is J. Carl Kincheloe and on his right is Bradford Lowe. Both were members of the Board of Supervisors.

Readers Donate to Vertical File

Tom Ray's article in the November/December issue of the Library of Virginia's newsletter on the Library's forgotten vertical file has prompted a flurry of calls from readers wanting to donate items to the Library of Virginia. One gentleman from Richmond brought in seven boxes of items he and his wife had collected. Jay Gaidmore and Tom Ray have been delighted with these new acquisitions.

Included were publications from the Tuckahoe Woman's Club, Southampton Garden Club and the Council of the Virginia Museum, as well as planning documents from the City of Richmond. Other boxes contained files about the expansion of the toll road on the Southside of Richmond and files on historic preservation and development in Richmond in the 1960s. One box of note included records from the predecessor to the Historic Richmond Foundation.

"The Library is pleased to receive artifacts, texts and images like these that add to our knowledge and understanding of Virginia history," said Tom Ray.

NHPRC Awards Grant To Restore WRVA Recordings

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission has awarded the Library of Virginia a one-year grant of \$38,909 to support the restoration of selected sound recordings from the Library's WRVA radio collection and to create compact disks of this material for reference purposes. The WRVA project was one of 59 projects totaling \$3,638,793 that the Commission recommended to the Archivist of the United States at its May meeting.

NHPRC, a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration, supports a range of activities to preserve, publish and encourage the creation of documentary sources relating to American history.

DMV and Library of Virginia Launch Partnership

House Bill 2676, passed by this year's General Assembly, creates a partnership between the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Library of Virginia. Through this partnership, the two agencies will encourage citizens to use Internet access in public libraries to conduct their DMV transactions, such as vehicle registration renewals and driver license renewals. This saves citizens a trip to DMV and positions Virginia's libraries as important points of access to DMV transactions and a wide array of services provided by other state agencies.

Anne Atkins, DMV's Director of Communications, attended the recent meeting of the Virginia Public Library Director's Association and demonstrated the DMV Web site. She discussed promotional and instructional materials, as well as training opportunities for public library staff.

As part of the partnership, DMV provides public libraries with the following:

Tent cards to be placed near the computers in libraries. These signs encourage citizens to go online to conduct up to 20 Web transactions, such as renewing vehicle registrations and driver's licenses.

A reference card that helps library staff assist patrons and answer basic questions about DMV's online services.

DMV employees will be available to demonstrate transactions on the DMV Web site and assist patrons with conducting their own transactions.

Libraries bring to the partnership a long history of service to citizens, free Internet access, numerous sites and hours of service including night and weekend hours.

—submitted by Carol Adams,
Library Development & Networking



NEW ACQUISITION SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

*The Thoroughbred Stallion. Fairdouble
Alias Admiral Nelson.*

G.W. Rutledge & H.W. Elliott
1835

Bought in Brunswick County, Virginia in 1834, Fairdouble was at stud to owners in East Tennessee and Western Virginia at Lee Courthouse (now Jonesville, Va.). Not listed in Hummell "Southeast BroadSides," this rare item with woodcut of handler and horse, is possibly the single largest Virginia horse woodcut in existence.



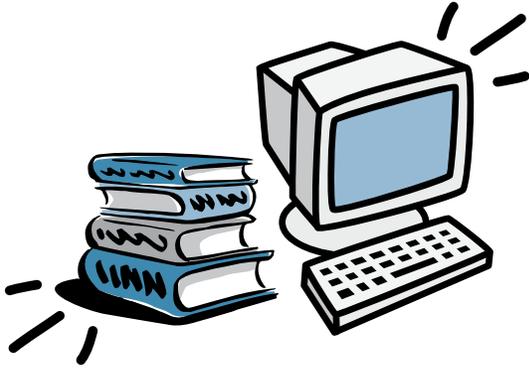
PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS MEET

The Virginia Public Library Directors Association (VPLDA) held their annual conference on April 24 and 25 at the Graves' Mountain Lodge in Syria, Virginia. This year 67 directors attended representing 74 percent of the state's public library systems. Library of Virginia staff members Nolan Yelich, Nelson Worley, Carol Adams, Libby Lewis and Wayne Modlin participated in the meeting. Nelson Worley reviewed the professional librarian certification issue. The directors endorsed the "secondary model" presented by Worley. He also presented a visioning statement to guide the discussion on library services.

Other programs included "White Supremacists and Library Meeting Room Policies" presented by Beverly Dudley, retired director of the York County Public Library and Mike Mabe, director of the Chesterfield County Public Library. Camille W. Miller enlivened the discussion of personnel issues with "You're Not Going to Believe This: Dealing with Personnel Challenges." Dr. Bruce Blaylock offered "Leadership in Turbulent Times." Miller writes a regular column for the *Roanoke Times*, and is a business consultant. Dr. Blaylock is at Radford University's College of

Business & Economics, and his appearance was arranged by Radford's Center for Leadership and Professional Development. M. Phil Abraham, the lobbyist for the Virginia Library Association and VPLDA, gave the annual legislative update. The meeting concluded with a poetry and prose reading by R. T. Smith, winner of the 2002 poetry prize given by the Library of Virginia.

—submitted by Elizabeth Lewis,
Library Development & Networking



Did you know...?

The Freeman File is an index on microfiche to articles in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and the *Richmond News Leader* for the years 1925–1985. It consists of 150,000 note cards arranged by subject headings. In addition to the main file, there is a special index to articles covering World War II. Ask for it at the reference desks.

The Library has purchased city directories on microfilm for major cities in Virginia. The period covered is the late 1800s through 1940 although dates vary for each locality. The “Guide to Virginia City Directories Held at the Library of Virginia” is available at both reference desks. Besides the lists of residents, the city directories, especially those dating from the turn of the previous century, contain maps and information about local history and government, business firms and civic organizations.

The Library of Virginia has a large collection of Virginia church histories. These vary from a few paragraphs in an anniversary bulletin to scholarly tomes, but all give insight into the community and people of the congregation. In addition to a narrative history of the church’s activities, these materials may contain membership and leadership rosters, biographical information about pastors and prominent members, and frequently photographs of people and events in the institution’s past.

Since these materials are often privately printed, the Library is not always aware of their existence. Please help us to acquire these important resources by contact us at 804-692-3777 or refdesk@lva.lib.va.us to let us know of new publications. Of course, gift copies are gratefully accepted.

What’s New in the Virginia Military Dead Database?

The second semiannual update of the Virginia Military Dead database was released to the public on May 23, 2003, in celebration of Memorial Day and in honor of all those Virginia residents who have given their lives in defense of freedom. Added to the database were more than 11,000 records from World War II, seven records from the war in Iraq (identified in the database as Gulf2), and 40 records from periods of Peacetime, Interwar and Peacekeeping Operations. The total number of entries in the VMD database is 17,433.

Please note that three new bibliographies in the “Virginia Military Participation” series will soon be available: the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War. Work is underway on the next two in the series, covering World War II and Peacetime/Interwar/Peacekeeping.

Research Guides and Bibliographies

Have you ever tried to search a library catalog for a topic and come up either empty-handed or, more likely, overwhelmed by too many titles? How do you find the specific book that contains the information you seek? This is particularly a problem in a research library with in-depth resources such as the Library of Virginia’s collection of Virginiaiana. To assist researchers with frequently requested topics the staff prepares bibliographies and research guides. You can see a listing of these guides on our Web site at <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/notes/index.htm>.

Four new guides recently published are:

“The New Deal in Virginia: A Glance at Some Sources at the Library of Virginia” is a companion to the Library’s current exhibition *Legacies of the New Deal in Virginia*. This guide identifies books, articles, collections, oral history interviews and Web sites that discuss New Deal projects in Virginia. These include the Virginia WPA Historical Inventory Project now digitized on the Library of Virginia Web site as well as lesser-known activities, such as the WPA collection of Virginia folk legends.

“Virginia Architecture: Selected Readings and a Guide to Collections at the Library of Virginia” explores the wide range of architecture-related materials at the Library of Virginia. This guide directs the researcher to the major collections available and suggests some additional bibliographies, books and periodicals as beginning steps in the study of Virginia’s impressive architectural legacy. For example, the bibliography points out the Early American History Research Reports that focus on Colonial Williamsburg buildings,

the book *Virginia Architects, 1835–1955: A Biographical Dictionary* that also indexes clients and localities, and suggests catalog search strategies for finding information about historic buildings around the state.

“Virginia Company History Sources” leads the researcher through the confusing maze of business directories, corporation and insurance registers, company and local histories, and a variety of archival and special collections to find useful information for tracing a company’s life over a span of years.

“Researching Virginia Authors” describes the most useful titles in our collection for the study of Virginia authors. Included are checklists, bibliographies, dictionaries, encyclopedias, monographs, and directories as well as electronic and Internet websites. These materials help the reader to contact authors, provide biographical and critical resources, and locate works published in periodicals or anthologies as well as books.

Library Has Extensive English County Records Collection

The Library of Virginia holds many archival, printed and visual collections of note. These are often unique to the Library, and therefore of much value to researchers who daily ‘mine’ the collections for nuggets of information.

One such treasure trove of information lies in the large collection of volumes dealing with English counties collected by the Library over the last century. Thousands of emigrants from the British Isles populated Virginia and other colonies from 1607–1775, with the majority coming from England. This collection is an important tool for genealogists, historians and other researchers seeking to find more about these settlers, their lineage, lives and the society and culture from which they came. It is no less significant for persons researching all aspects of English life reaching back 2,000 years, and there is a seemingly endless supply of information in the 2,000-volume collection. It should be noted that while there are a few series for Scotland, Ireland and Wales, the large majority deal with England.

In the latter third of the 19th century a number of local English historical societies began to issue annual volumes related to the history, archaeology and records of their area. These series have in most instances continued unbroken to the present. The Library of Virginia began acquiring these more than a century ago, and continues to receive additions. Some are beautifully bound and illustrated. One 25-volume set, *The Beauties of England and Wales*, with its topographical, historical and descriptive “delineations” of English counties “embellished with engravings” began publication in 1801. Another, the *Victoria History of the Counties of England* (almost 200 volumes), covers every conceivable subject within each county, including its zoology. This set is an especially nice example of book art, and began publication late in the reign of Queen Victoria, to whom it was dedicated.

The range of information found in these publications is vast. Records both civil and ecclesiastical are found in a number of the

volumes, dating from the time of the Norman Conquest to the 19th century. Many of the earliest records are in Latin. Persons researching immigrant ancestors to America might wish to peruse *Oxfordshire Peculiars*, volume 10 of the Oxfordshire Records Society, consisting of 17th and 18th century churchwarden’s presentments (accusations), or perhaps *The Registers of Leigh, 1701–1753*, which is volume 155 of the Lancashire Parish Register Society. These are but two of numerous volumes containing such data.

There are topical books and articles on all subjects of English history, government, economy, society and culture in these county series. *Archaeologica Cantiana* (County of Kent) volume 107 has an article on an Elizabethan era shipwright, while volume 37 of the *Transactions of the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire* features articles on the Nottinghamshire dialect and coins of King Canute, among others. Another continuing series (currently 77 volumes) concerns English place-names. There are also hundreds of articles on all aspects of English archaeology.

It should be noted that a subject search in the Library of Virginia’s catalog for a particular topic, place or name will only turn up those volumes which have a title, such as *Stockport Probate Records, 1620–1650* (volume 131 of the Lancashire and Cheshire Society of Records). Other publications, such as the 43 volumes of *Norfolk Archaeology*, often have periodic indexes to groupings of volumes.

This collection constitutes a mere fraction of the Library’s printed collections, but one which will pay rich dividends for persons researching the many facets of English history and culture.

—submitted by Minor Weisiger,
Archival and Information Services

Donor... There is historical information about the founding of the society and two of the officers are named. The pamphlet indicates that the office for the insurance company was located on North Second Street, a thriving area for African-American businesses in Richmond at the turn of the 20th century.

Although these three items appear thin and faded they are, nevertheless, important historical documents of African-American enterprise in Virginia. Each piece that the Library acquires adds to the historical record and we are grateful to the donor who sent us these items.

—submitted by Tom Ray,
Collection Management Services

Brent Tarter of the Library of Virginia discusses the Bill of Rights with members of the Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School “We the People” team that won first place at this year’s national competition. During three days of simulated congressional hearings, teams from across the country tested their knowledge of the Constitution, Bill of Rights and constitutional issues before panels of scholars, journalists, government officials and legal experts. The 24-member team from the Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School for Government and International Studies under the guidance of teacher Phil Sorrentino emerged as national champions.

To celebrate this victory, staff of the Library of Virginia invited the team to the Library to view Virginia’s copy of the Bill of Rights and the earliest-known full text of George Mason’s Declaration of Rights. Deputy Secretary of Education Peter A. Blake addressed the group and congratulated them on their outstanding accomplishment.



New Collections Added to Archives

During the second and third quarters of fiscal year 2003, the Library of Virginia Archives collections added 558 cubic feet of materials, 780 microfilm reels, 81 maps, 45 videotapes and 13 compact discs. A representative selection of new collections added follows:

Bible Records

Baugham Family. Southampton County, Virginia; and Maryland, 1877–1997. Record is a typed transcript. Family Bible of James Arthur Baugham (1877–1960) and Emily Gray Baugham (1877–1950). Other surnames mentioned: Gray, Johnson, Pulley and Worrell. Gift of Bruce P. Saunders.

Butt Family. Norfolk County, Virginia, 1800–1933. Bible printed in 1869. Other surnames mentioned: Hall, Hitchings, Old, Portlock, Tatem, West, Williamson and Young. Gift of Robert B. Hitchings.

Harris Family. Dinwiddie County and Richmond, Virginia; and Maryland, 1852–2002. Includes Bible record (8 leaves) and photographs (1 leaf). Other surnames mentioned: Bassett, Cox, Dunnivant, Emmons, Kasey, Kimball, McHarg, Perkins, Robertson, Royall and Wyatt. Gift of Robert Roy Harris.

Patteson Family. Albemarle, Amherst, Bedford, Buckingham and Nelson counties, and Richmond, Virginia; and Mississippi; and England and Scotland, 1810–1878. Other surnames mentioned: Blakey, Camm, George, Haden, Hartsook and Mills.

Riddick Family. Hanover County and Suffolk, Virginia; and Louisiana, Maryland and North Carolina, 1725–1908. Other surnames mentioned: Blackwell, Cowper, Folke, Glazebrook, Godwin, Jones, Keeling, Kilby, Matthews, Richards, Richardson, Smith, Sumner, Thompson, Tynes and Wright.

Business Records

Delius, George. Letter, May 1, 1824, sent from George Delius and George W. Gloystein (b. ca. 1798), purchasing agents and merchants in Petersburg, Virginia, to Brown and Ives, a mercantile house in Providence, Rhode Island, principally concerning the purchase and shipment of tobacco for Brown and Ives.

Gillette, Charles F. Architectural drawings, 1938–1940, of River Terrace, 101 Pitt Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia, for Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Boyle. Gift of Thomas Wack.

Merchants National Bank (Richmond, Va.). Minute book, 1870–1914, of the Merchants National Bank of Richmond, Virginia, including annual meeting minutes, board of directors' meeting minutes, agreements, an organization certificate, articles of association, amendments to articles of association, affirmations of board of directors, by-laws, financial records, letters, committee reports and death notices for some board members including Thomas Branch (1802–1888) and Charles S. Stringfellow (1837–1912).

WRVA Radio (Richmond, Va.). Records, 1925–2000, of WRVA Radio, including material that documents the history of WRVA, the role the station played in Virginia and Richmond for over half-a-century, and the development of radio in Virginia and the United States. The collection is also rich in material on the Larus & Brother Company, including histories, anniversary booklets, photographs of officials, employees, and factories, and promotions. Gift of WRVA Radio.

Cemetery Records

Essex County. Includes tombstone transcriptions of Rappahannock Christian Church Cemetery in Dunnsville, Essex County, Virginia. Burial dates range from 1863–2002. Also includes spouse's name and birth and death dates. Gift of Arlene Lankford.

Radford. Includes transcriptions of the tombstones in Central Cemetery, Campbell Cemetery and the unnamed cemetery at 603 6th Street in Radford, Virginia. Burial dates range from 1861–1997. Also includes copies of photographs from the Radford Photograph Collection at the Library of Virginia. Compiled by the donor and Leigh Williams in 2002. Gift of Mary Frances Conner Williams.

County Records

Campbell County.

Inventories and Appraisements, 1821, 1827, 1842.

Wills, 1808, 1825.

Henry County.

Polls taken for various offices, 1861, 1863.

Page County.

Agricultural Chattel Deed of Trust, 1946–1965.

Conditional Sales, 1921–1956.

Delinquent Land Sales, 1938–1949.

Federal Farm Credit Lien Book, 1937–1946.

List of Delinquent Real Estate, 1929.

Miscellaneous Liens, 1920–1960.

Prince William County.

Order Book 1778–1784.

Rockbridge County.

Slave Patrol Appointment, 1861.

York County.

School Board Meeting Minutes, 1911–June 1997.

Genealogical Notes and Charts

Atkisson Family. Includes information on the descendants of Henry Atkisson (d. ca. 1729) of Hanover County, Virginia, including information on lines, which settled in Goochland, Henry, Patrick and Pittsylvania counties, Virginia; and Georgia and Indiana. Compiled by the donor in 2002. Gift of James L. Atkisson.

Faulkner-Wallace Families. Descendants of the Faulkner and Wallace families of Gloucester, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg and Surry counties, and Richmond, Virginia. Includes copies of photographs, published sources, wills, crests, correspondence, obituaries, pedigree charts, marriage and military records. Also includes index. Other surnames mentioned: Harrison and Skipwith. Consists of two volumes: Volume 1 and Volume 2. Compiled by the donor in 2000. Gift of Philip Harrison Wallace.

Hill-Dameron-Layne-Bailey Families. Includes information on the ancestors and descendants of Joseph Henry Hill (1823–1873) and Serena Louise Landrum Hill (1837–1909) of Albemarle and Amherst counties, Virginia, including information on lines which settled in Nelson County, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Includes abstracts and copies of coats of arms, photographs, deeds, letters and wills. Also includes a table of contents and index. Compiled by the donor in 2001. Gift of Nancy Layne Albin.

Shrader-Schrader-Schrater Family. Includes information on the ancestors and descendants of Jacob Shrader, Jr. (1812–1868) of Pendleton County, West Virginia. Also includes an index. Compiled by Walter L. Eye in 1980. Gift of Pauline Simmons.

Organization Records

Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Greater Capital City Lodge, No. 11 (Richmond, Va.). Records, 1907–1992, of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Greater Capitol City Lodge, No. 11, an African-American fraternal organization located in Richmond, Virginia. Contains membership files including membership cards and membership lists; correspondence; financial records including financial reports and receipts; committee correspondence and reports; organizational meeting minutes; organizational charters, by-laws and constitutions; photographs and posters; and publications. Gift of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Greater Capital City Lodge, No. 11.

Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Virginia Society. Records, 1938–1939, including blank membership application forms and letters, which include the constitution and list of officers and committees.

United Confederate Veterans. Virginia Division. Letters, 1918–1920, from W. B. Freeman, Major General Commanding, United Confederate Veterans, Virginia Division, to W. P. Nye, Brigadier General Commanding, Radford, Virginia. The letters include copies of general orders regarding the organization's annual meetings.

Personal Papers

American Song Sheet Collection. Consists of American song sheets chiefly printed circa 1840–1860 in New York, New York. Includes works by Stephen C. Foster. Song sheets note performances by Dan Emmett, George White and Charley White. There are also song sheets composed for performance by minstrel groups. Topics of songs include New York gangs and Tammany Hall, slavery and antislavery movements, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Irish immigrants, temperance, Bowery Street activity in New York City, the Crimean War, firefighters and firefighting, national politics and African-American social life. Principal printer of song sheets was J. Andrews. The

collector of the song sheets is undetermined. Gift of Hugh C. Dischinger.

Ancell Family. Papers, 1788–1909, of the Ancell family and related families of Fluvanna County, Virginia and Ohio; containing accounts, articles of agreement, Bible records, a military commission, deeds, genealogical notes, letters, military orders, a plat, promissory notes and receipts. Correspondence principally concerns Ancell, Pettit, and Winn family matters and business transactions, and the Civil War.

Evans Family. Papers, 1709–1928, of the Evans family of Paoli, Chester County, Pennsylvania and South Boston, Virginia. The majority of the collection relates to the activities of Joshua Evans, Jr. (1777–1846), John Davis Evans (1814–1884), and Edward Livingston Evans (1857–1909). Includes correspondence, accounts and receipts, estate papers, subject files, oversized items, framed items, and a ledger containing miscellaneous papers. Gift of J. Wayne Adams, Jr.

Goff, David. Letters, 1837–1860, addressed to David Goff (1804–1878) of Beverly, Randolph County, (West) Virginia. The majority of the letters are written to him in his capacity as Commissioner of Delinquent and Forfeited Lands for Randolph County. There are also letters written to Goff while he was serving in the Virginia House of Delegates covering other topics, including Whig politics, road, bridge and railroad issues, and western rights. Also included are letters that deal with legal matters in which Goff was involved as an attorney, and personal letters from his son Claudius Goff (b. 1832).

Gore-Coffman Family. Papers, 1811–1880, of the Gore-Coffman family of Rockingham County, Virginia, including a daily diary, letters, Bible records, genealogical notes, a bill of incorporation and printed material. Principally concerns Gore-Coffman family genealogy, social and work life of a Coffman family member in Rockingham County in the late 1870s, and the everyday life of Isaac Gore (1765–ca. 1850), former Shenandoah County resident, in Overton County, Tennessee during the 1810s and 1830s. Gift of Helen Wolfe Evans.

Long, Harry R. Scrapbook, 1942–1946, documenting Harry R. Long's military career aboard the USCGC *Ingham*. Includes copies of military records, photographs, programs, personnel listings,

itinerary and clippings. Lent for copying by Harry R. Long.

Mason, John Thomson. Slave importation certificate, March 3, 1794, of John Thomson Mason (1765–1824) of Washington County, Maryland, stating how he came into possession of certain slaves, the purpose for their importation from Virginia, their names, and when and where they were first brought into Maryland. Docketing on the reverse of the certificate states that it was recorded in the land records of Frederick County, Maryland on March 7, 1794.

Ritter, Ben. This collection contains an index of the records of the Samsell Funeral Home located in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia. The entries are listed under the name of the person financially responsible for the funeral and not always the name of the deceased. Entries include payee's full name and date of payment or service. Extracted, typed, indexed and compiled by Ben Ritter in 2002. The Samsell Funeral Home Records are housed at the Handley Regional Library in Winchester, Virginia. Gift of Ben Ritter.

State Records

Attorney General, Office of the.

Press releases and news clippings, 1994–1997.

Speeches and scheduling files, 1994–1997.

Commerce and Trade, Secretary of.

Web site, 2001.

Commonwealth, Secretary of the.

Web site, 2001.

Education, Secretary of.

Web site, 2001.

House of Delegates.

Rough journals, 2000.

Legislative Services, Division of.

Committee records, 1992–1996.

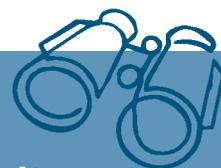
Studies, 1987–1999.

Senate of Virginia.

Original bills, resolutions and joint resolutions, and related attachments, 2001.

Rough journals, 2001.

—submitted by Renee Savits,
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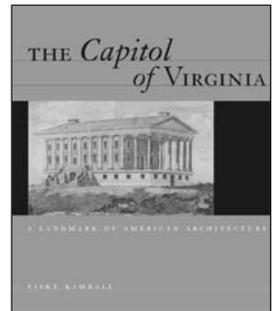
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