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**PETER JACOB CARTER
(1845–1886)**

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
LEGISLATOR

Peter Jacob Carter rose from slavery to become an influential member of the General Assembly and sought-after political speaker during the 1870s and 1880s.



MANASSAS MUSEUM

**JENNIE SEREPTA DEAN
(1848–1913)**

MANASSAS
EDUCATOR

Born into slavery, Jennie Serepta Dean founded a school at a time when segregation limited educational opportunities for African American students.

Nominated by Kristi Jean Harper, Haymarket.



GLOUCESTER INSTITUTE

**ROBERT RUSSA MOTON
(1867–1940)**

HAMPTON
EDUCATOR

Early in the twentieth century, Robert Russa Moton was one of the foremost African American educators in the United States.

Nominated by Sally Miller on behalf of the fourth- and fifth-grade classes (2011–2012) at William Fox Elementary School, Richmond.



MONTGOMERY-FLOYD REGIONAL LIBRARY

**NANNIE BERGER HAIRSTON
(1921–)**

CHRISTIANSBURG
COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Activist Nannie Berger Hairston strives to make her community a better place.

Nominated by the third-grade class (2011–2012) of Mary W. Biggs at Harding Avenue Elementary School, Blacksburg.



WYATT T. WALKER

**REV. WYATT TEE WALKER
(1929–)**

PETERSBURG
CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

A nationally celebrated Baptist minister, Wyatt Tee Walker is a pioneer in the civil rights movement.



MARY WASHINGTON HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

**XAVIER R. RICHARDSON
(1957–)**

FREDERICKSBURG
MENTOR AND COMMUNITY LEADER

Xavier R. Richardson is a fervent advocate for underprivileged youth.



FORT LEE CASCOM

**BRIGADIER GENERAL
GWEN BINGHAM
(1959–)**

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
OF THE U.S. ARMY

Brigadier General Gwen Bingham was the first woman to serve as quartermaster general of the United States Army.

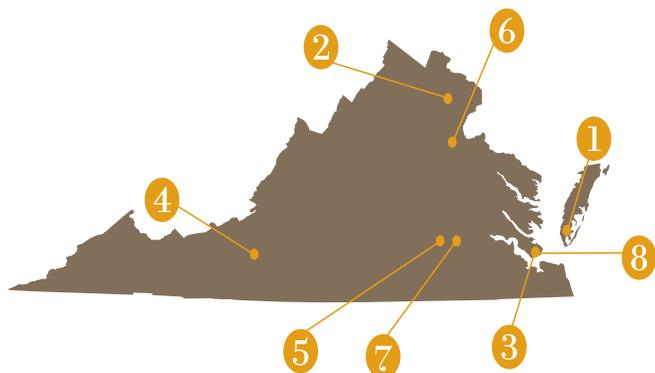


NASA

**ROBERT L. SATCHER JR.,
M.D., PH.D. (1965–)**

HAMPTON
ASTRONAUT

An accomplished oncologist and researcher, Robert L. Satcher was the first orthopedic surgeon to fly into space, where he participated in spacewalks to repair robotic arms on the International Space Station.



1. Peter Jacob Carter*
2. Jennie Serepta Dean*
3. Robert Russa Moton*
4. Nannie Berger Hairston
5. Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker
6. Xavier R. Richardson
7. Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham
8. Robert L. Satcher Jr., M.D., Ph.D.

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To learn more about these extraordinary men and women, all of whom have used their talents and creativity to push for equality and inclusion in American society, visit our website at www.lva.virginia.gov/smw.

Further information about distinguished African Americans from Virginia can be found in the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* (Richmond: Library of Virginia, 1998–2006) and on the Library of Virginia's websites, www.lva.virginia.gov and www.virginiamemory.com. Instructional materials, classroom activities, and nomination forms for the 2014 project are available at www.lva.virginia.gov/smw.

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