Hidden History Revealed

17th-century record book is now conserved, digitized, and ready for transcription

Last summer, the Library of Virginia and Victoria Cox-Washington, Circuit Court clerk for Charles City County, announced that a long-thought-lost 17th-century record book documenting the county’s early history had been returned through the generosity of a Pennsylvania family. (For details on the announcement, see page 6 of Broadside 2016, Issue No. 4). Local historians and those who study Virginia’s colonial past have been eager to explore the contents of the volume since learning about its return, as few documents from Charles City County’s pre–Civil War history have survived. Because the record book was unbound, missing many pages, and showing signs of water damage and other stresses that paper documents experience over time, we stabilized and conserved the text and paper and re-hinged the loose and detached pages. We also commissioned a special archival box, known as a clamshell, to house the volume safely and allow us to add any missing pages that might come to light in the future. This painstaking but critical conservation work was made possible by a generous gift from the Jamestowne Society, to whom we are most grateful.

Once the important conservation work was complete, the Library shifted its focus to making the contents accessible to the public. Through another generous donation, this time from the Friends of the Virginia State Archives, we were able to create clear digital images of every conserved page. We have bound these digital pages and provided the Charles City County Circuit Court with a physical copy for their own researchers. We have also placed high-resolution images of each page in the Transcribe section of the Library’s Virginia Memory website (www.virginiamemory.com/transcribe). We hope that anyone interested in this valuable item will dive in, decipher the 17th-century handwriting, and help us complete a modern transcription of the entire book. Once the volume has been fully transcribed and proofed by staff archivists, we will provide a direct link to the text from our Lost Records Localities database at www.virginiamemory.com/collections/lost. We also plan to create several microfilm copies from the digital scans for research and interlibrary loan purposes. These film copies should be available for use in spring 2017.

We are pleased that this priceless record of Virginia’s early history has been saved and will be preserved with great care for future generations—but we are equally delighted to open it up its contents to researchers now. Who knows what new insights and discoveries will emerge once historians delve into the wills, indentures, marriage records, estate inventories, judicial actions, and other transactions that came before the court of Charles City County between 1692 and 1700? Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

Sandra G. Treadway, Librarian of Virginia

We hope that anyone interested in this valuable item will dive in, decipher the 17th-century handwriting, and help us complete a modern transcription of the entire book.
Welcome to the Library of Virginia, the state’s oldest institution dedicated to the preservation of Virginia’s history and culture. Our resources, exhibitions, and events attract nearly 200,000 visitors each year. Our collections, containing more than 121 million items, document and illustrate the lives of both famous Virginians and ordinary citizens.

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SCRAPBOOKS IN THE VISUAL STUDIES COLLECTION OFFER A PEEK INTO LIVES OF VIRGINIANS PAST

BY DALE NEIGHBORS

Virginians of the 19th and 20th centuries were scrapbook makers. Like those in many other parts of the world, they created their own miniature archives by preserving bits of information and pieces of their lives. Printed text, ephemera, images, and even three-dimensional objects were collected, sorted, and reimagined onto blank pages to create bulging albums. Although notoriously difficult for institutions to preserve and catalog, scrapbooks like those found in the Library’s Visual Studies Collection are valuable artifacts of material and visual culture and can provide insight into people’s lives and how they chose to represent them.

The development of personal albums dates from the 18th century, when blank books were purchased or made at home. As it became popular to clip and mount newspaper articles, early compilers sought increasingly larger books, often recycling used account ledgers and bound volumes intended for other uses. By late in the 19th century, the content of the albums began shifting from predominately text to more visual content. With the success of color printing technologies, printers started producing multiple color
pictures on sheets, which collectors purchased and cut into individual images. These small chromolithographic prints were called “scraps,” with subjects ranging from flowers and birds to historical and military figures. By the 1860s, such brightly colored visual material had found its way into practically every album. Victorians soon began calling their albums “scrap books” and publishers responded by publishing blank books specifically designed for such use.

One innovative scrapbook design featuring self-adhesive strips on each page for attaching paper items (similar to the “magnetic” self-adhesive photograph albums of the 1970s) was patented by Mark Twain in 1875.

The enthusiasm for collecting die-cut scraps and arranging colorful advertising trade cards on scrapbook pages diminished in the early years of the 20th century. Instead, technical advances in photography added a new dimension to scrapbooks with the inclusion of candid snapshots, making it easier to visualize compilers’ daily lives. Snapshots, postcards (another paper collectible introduced at the beginning of the century), and mass-produced paper ephemera such as product wrappers, ticket stubs, and programs began to be combined with individualized items such as invitations, dance cards, report cards, telegrams, and correspondence, as well as three-dimensional objects such as pressed flowers, fabric, hair clippings, balloons, cigarettes, and even sugar cubes, to create the memorabilia albums that are now most commonly associated with the term scrapbook.

The physical structure of scrapbooks also changed gradually in the 20th century. Covers evolved from the bound book to the post-and-screw design, providing more stability in the binding and allowing for the addition of more pages through the use of extenders. Over time, pages were produced on cheaper and more acidic paper and the traditional method for fastening items into scrapbooks changed from homemade glue to tape and self-adhesive pages.

Scrapbooks have a long history as a recognized format, and offer scholars a wide range of angles from which to approach them as cultural and biographical resources. Individually, however, each scrapbook is a complicated personal chronicle of experiences and memories. Lives emerge gradually across pages, though often incompletely, as the significance of each item becomes harder to decipher over time and distance from the book’s creator. Viewers continue to discover new ways of reading these assembled elements of life experience and to appreciate the creativity that lies beneath the paper and paste.
CAPTURING MEMORIES

1. Although the wooden cover of Barbara Sylvia Shapiro’s 1945–1946 scrapbook suggests a love of sailing, the pages are filled with confirmation cards and letters, newspaper clippings, and a silver spoon labeled “shared with Stuart.”

2. Scrapbooks frequently documented activities that helped define the compiler’s place in society. This scrapbook created by 19-year-old Jeanne Hunton Witt recorded her life as a Richmond debutante during the 1925–1926 social season. She humorously inscribed the album she purchased as “from her loving self—with good wishes and a great deal of affection.”

3. A common misconception about scrapbook keeping is that it was always solely a women’s activity. This sports-related scrapbook was created by John Cabell while he attended Richmond’s St. Christopher’s School in the 1950s.

4. Some scrapbooks include small three-dimensional objects: locks of hair, pieces of fabric, sugar cubes, melted candles, or, in the case of Barbara Sylvia Shapiro’s scrapbook, a perfume bottle.

5. This single-theme scrapbook, a gift for Mary Harrison Vaughan’s 18th birthday before she left home in 1934 to attend the State Teacher’s College in Farmville, includes a handwritten inscription: “When a person grows up to the dignified age of 18, it’s high time they started keeping track of themselves.”
The Junior Varsity, with a 0-4 record and nine varsity prospects, had a good year in all respects under the more than able coaching of Mr. Volgas. A contributing reason for this success was the efforts of the letter winners.


The Junior under the ambitious Mr. Hager ended the season with a 1-0-4 record and a chicken dinner for the group of boys, marked as the “team of the future,” was led by several winners.

J. C. Cuthell; W. F. Chaplin; Dwight A. Fite; William B. Gifford; J. T. Gilmour, Jr.; Jack Hamilton; James Jordan; G. G. McVey; C. M. Miller; J. T. Roe; J. T. Siegel; and Frank von Richter, manager.
Gothic Cottage

From *Rural Residences* by John Buonarotti Papworth

The Library of Virginia has a strong collection of architectural titles in its Rare Book Collection, including *Rural Residences* (1818) by John Buonarotti Papworth (1775–1847), a British architect, artist, and designer who helped to popularize the cottage orné style in 19th-century England. These small, picturesque country homes—designed for their specific natural setting and intended use and with flexibility built into the layout—were considered by Papworth to be a “rallying point of domestic comfort.” Shown above is Plate 6, *A Cottage Orné, designed to combine with Garden Scenery*. The entire book (including all the plates) has been scanned and can be found in our online catalog.

In London, Papworth designed shop fronts and warehouses, and built or remodeled many English countryside homes for middle-class clients. He was a founder of the Institute of British Architects, and edited and influenced the architects of Marlborough House, St. James’s Palace, and Kensington Palace.

Considered a useful and tasteful book in its time, *Rural Residences* was very popular. Papworth saw this architectural book as a threshold to art and believed that architecture, when expressed with art and energy, “can move the mind with unbounded sway. Only then can a nation truly produce monuments that have lasting value and display the prosperity, greatness, and talent of the country.”

—Audrey C. McElhinney, Senior Manuscript, Map, and Rare Book Librarian
The Library of Virginia is a treasure cornucopia for those interested in history.

—TripAdvisor Review

The Library of Virginia is a magnificent resource for research on everything Virginia. The staff goes out of its way to assist.

—TripAdvisor Review

The staff is awesome! The collections are amazing. It is the go-to research facility if you are researching Virginia ancestors.

—Facebook Review

Visit our YouTube channel for orientation videos: www.youtube.com/user/LibraryofVA

The Library earns positive ratings and reviews from travelers and local visitors.

The Library of Virginia is chock full of history. It even has actual documents that freed slaves used to carry as proof of freedom. An awesome place to visit and find local genealogy information.

—Facebook Review

The ultimate Virginia records source! Plan several days to really take advantage of the vast records from every county in Virginia.

—TripAdvisor Review

5 THINGS
To bring and not to bring to the Manuscripts Room

**DO BRING**
- Laptop or loose paper for note-taking
- Pencils
- Current picture ID or Library of Virginia library card
- Digital camera, cell phone, or tablet
- Your research

**DON’T BRING**
- Pens
- Notebooks, binders, folders, or other bound volumes
- Food or drinks
- Large bags
- Scanners

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In observance of Black History Month, the Library of Virginia and Dominion honor seven distinguished Virginians as the 2017 Strong Men and Women in Virginia History for their contributions to the commonwealth and the nation. Each generation of African Americans has built on the achievements of those who came before to lead the way to the future. The men and women featured here offer powerful examples of individuals who refused to be defined by their circumstances. Through education and advocacy, they demonstrate how African Americans have actively campaigned for better lives for themselves and their people. Biographies of the honorees will be displayed in an exhibition at the Library in February; featured on materials that have been sent to schools, libraries, and museums across Virginia; and included on an educational website for teachers and students. Further information about distinguished African Americans from Virginia can be found in the Dictionary of Virginia Biography (Library of Virginia, 1998–2006).

Charles Spurgeon Johnson 1893–1956 Bristol SOCIOLoGIST & COLLEGE PRESIDENT
Charles Spurgeon Johnson battled racism early in the twentieth century as a preeminent sociologist, author, educator, and college president.

Leonard “Doc” Muse 1923– Arlington County PHARMACIST & COMMUNITY LEADER
For more than 60 years, pharmacist Leonard Muse has been a community leader in the historically African American neighborhood of Nauck in Arlington County.

Margaret Ellen Mayo Tolbert 1943– Suffolk SCIENTIST, EDUCATOR & AUTHOR
Throughout her pioneering career in science, Margaret Tolbert has encouraged and inspired women and minorities to choose careers in math and science.

Stephanie Therese Rochon-Moten 1965–2015 Richmond TELEVISION NEWS ANCHOR & CANCER TREATMENT ADVOCATE
News anchor Stephanie Rochon raised breast cancer awareness through her award-winning “Buddy Check 6” news segments.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT!
Is there a woman or an African American (man or woman) in your community who has made a positive difference in your region, the state, or the nation? If you’re an educator, encourage your students to research and nominate someone for the 2018 slate of honorees for Strong Men & Women or Virginia Women in History. Schools with winning nominations are eligible for cash prizes, free teacher workshops, and student programming. Members of the public are also encouraged to submit nominations but are not eligible for prizes. The deadline for submissions is May 5, 2017. Nominees can be either living or dead. Go to www.lva.virginia.gov/smw or www.lva.virginia.gov/vawomen to learn more about the process and to make sure your nominee hasn’t already been recognized.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2017 Strong Men & Women Student Essay Contest Winners

CENTRAL REGION
GRACE LU
Douglas S. Freeman High School, Henrico County

EASTERN REGION
INDYA GIPSON
Nansemond River High School, Suffolk

NORTHERN REGION
MEENAKSHI BALAN
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria

WESTERN REGION
HUNTER DAVIS
Gate City High School, Gate City

Winners receive an Apple MacBook Air, $1,000 for their schools, and the opportunity to read their essays at the Strong Men and Women awards program. Each year, high school students throughout Virginia are eligible to participate in the essay contest presented by Dominion and the Library of Virginia as part of the program recognizing the achievements of African Americans in the commonwealth. Entrants submit an essay on a subject related to one of the program’s honorees. One winner is selected from each of Dominion’s four regions. An overview of the contest, guidelines, and other information can be found online at www.lva.virginia.gov/smw.

To read the winning essays, go to www.lva.virginia.gov/public/smw/2017/essay.htm.
Outstanding Women Honored

At an awards presentation and reception on March 30, 2017, the Library will celebrate the lives and contributions of eight extraordinary Virginia women. The annual Virginia Women in History program recognizes women, past and present, who have developed new approaches to old problems, served their communities, striven for excellence based on the courage of their convictions, and initiated changes that continue to affect our lives today. As part of the program, which is supported by an endowment from the Virginia Business and Professional Women’s Foundation, the Library designs materials that are sent to schools, museums, libraries, and other Virginia educational institutions. An exhibition featuring the 2017 Virginia Women in History will be on display at the Library during the month of March and will then travel around the state for the next year. Teachers will find educational materials, suggested classroom activities, and a student essay contest related to the program at www.lva.virginia.gov/vawomen. Learn more about Virginia women in the Dictionary of Virginia Biography (Library of Virginia, 1998–2006).

The Virginia Business and Professional Women’s Fund, created by a gift from the Virginia Business and Professional Women’s Foundation in 2012, provides transformative support for the Library’s programming and collections relating to the role women have played and continue to play in our shared history and culture.

AWARDS CEREMONY & RECEPTION
Thursday, March 30, 2017, 5:30–8:00 PM
Library of Virginia
Call 804.692.3999 for more information.

www.lva.virginia.gov/vawomen
The daughter of a successful textile manufacturer, Martha Rollins grew up in Martinsville and attended Duke University, graduating with degrees in religion and teaching. After moving with her husband to an interracial neighborhood in Richmond, she challenged racial biases in her community, where she helped establish a neighborhood civic association and Arts in the Park, a nationally rated, juried art show that also serves as a fundraiser for local nonprofit organizations.

Rollins spent more than 30 years in the antiques business and established a popular antique shop as well as two lighting stores. Seeking to build a stronger community, Rollins used her business skills and networks to establish Boaz and Ruth, a used furniture store and furniture restoration business, in one of the city's high-poverty neighborhoods in 2002. The faith-based nonprofit fights joblessness, poverty, and recidivism by providing on-the-job training and life-skills development to unemployed men and women, most of whom are ex-offenders. The business has revitalized Highland Park by restoring more than a dozen abandoned buildings and establishing additional businesses there. Rollins promotes cross-cultural events and activities that bridge racial, economic, and geographic barriers within Richmond to bring about social change.

Rollins's success has attracted national attention and in 2006 she was one of the recipients of the inaugural Purpose Prize, which recognizes individuals older than age 60 who have developed innovative ways to address some of the country's biggest social problems. Rollins retired as director of Boaz and Ruth in 2012, but she remains committed to bridging issues that divide society.

Martha Dillard Franck Rollins Receives VABPW Foundation Business Leadership Award

Virginia Business and Professional Women’s Foundation Fund
2017 Winter Reading Program Focuses on Early Literacy Skills

The annual “Snuggle with a Book” Winter Reading Program, provided to Virginia’s public libraries to encourage families of young children to spend time reading, is made possible by the Library of Virginia with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This year’s program features artwork by Anna Currey from the book *When the World Is Ready for Bed* by Gillian Shields.

Research has shown that the ways in which books are shared with children can have positive effects on early literacy. Dialogic reading, or shared reading, improves a child’s oral language, and for children with disabilities, dialogic reading has potentially positive effects on the child’s communication and language skills. Here is an example of dialogic reading with an adult and child.

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Oh, What a Night!
Annual Literary Awards Celebration draws top talent to Richmond

On October 15, 2016, the Library of Virginia’s lobby was transformed once again for the elegant Literary Awards Celebration, which honors literary achievements by Virginia authors and works on Virginia subjects. It followed the Literary Luncheon, held earlier that day at the Richmond Convention Center, and the Art in Literature: The Mary Lynn Kotz Award event on October 14 at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. For more information, visit www.lva.virginia.gov/litawards.

LITERARY LIGHTS

1. Left to right: Literary Lifetime Achievement honoree Nikki Giovanni, Governor Terry McAuliffe, and the evening’s hostess, Adriana Trigiani, pose with Giovanni’s award.

2. Librarian of Virginia Sandra Treadway (left) chats with Carol Weinstein (right), the first recipient of the Honorary Patron of Letters Degree.

3. The winner of the Art in Literature: The Mary Lynn Kotz Award, Patrick Horrigan (left), poses with the award’s namesake, Mary Lynn Kotz (right), at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts on October 14.

4. Author Margot Lee Shetterly and her husband, Aran Shetterly, arrive at the awards.

5. Rita Dove (the former poet laureate of both the United States and Virginia and the 2008 Literary Lifetime Achievement honoree) mingles at the cocktail reception.

6. Left to right: Nonfiction Award finalists Mary Sarah Bilder and Bert Ashe pose with Ashe’s daughter Jordan Ashe.

7. Left to right: Patrick Horrigan (Art in Literature Award winner), Christopher Scotton (People’s Choice Fiction finalist), and Kristen Greene (Nonfiction Award winner and People’s Choice Nonfiction winner) greet guests at the book-signing table, including Foundation Board member Pia Trigiani.
Winter/Spring Events

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Saturdays, February 25 & March 25
Noon–2:00 pm
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Transcribe-a-thon
Place: Network Training Center
Join other volunteers to transcribe handwritten pages by reading written text and typing it into digital form. Participate in enhancing access to collections of more than 400 years of Virginia history and culture. Twelve computer stations will be available. If you have your own laptop, please bring it! Transcribe-a-thons are facilitated by the volunteer organization HandsOn Greater Richmond. Minimum age is 16 (12 with an adult). Registration required: http://bit.ly/LVAVolunteer.

Saturday, February 25 | 9:30 AM–4:00 PM
AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MUSEUM'S 2017 SYMPOSIUM
The Past, Present, and Future of Civil War Monuments
Place: Lecture Hall
Cost: $60 ($40 for American Civil War Museum and Library of Virginia members/ donors, $20 for students)
The American Civil War Museum's 2017 symposium will explore the past, present, and future of Civil War monuments on the American commemorative landscape—South and North. Questions? Contact John Coski at jcoski@acwm.org. Includes a boxed lunch if registration is submitted by February 21. Register on the website of the American Civil War Museum (https://acwm.org).

Tuesday, March 7 | Noon–1:00 pm
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT
Virginia Women: Their Lives and Times
Place: Conference Rooms
Historians Cynthia Kierner and Sandra Treadway, editors of a new two-volume set about Virginia women's history, will discuss how they selected the contributors and subjects to include in the books and what the lives of the women featured in the 34 biographical essays tell us about Virginia women across the past four centuries. A book signing follows the program.

Friday, March 17 | 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
WORKSHOPS, TOURS, AND MORE
Irish Ancestry Day
See page 15.

Thursday, March 30 | 5:30–8:00 PM
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT
2017 Virginia Women in History Awards Ceremony & Reception
Place: Lecture Hall & Lobby
Join the Library of Virginia as it recognizes eight outstanding Virginia women who have made important contributions to Virginia, the nation, and the world. A reception precedes the program (5:30–6:15 PM). For more information, call 804.692.3999.

Saturday, April 29 | 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
VOORHEES LECTURE ON THE HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY
Richmond: Evolution of a City
Place: Lecture Hall & Conference Rooms
The city of Richmond is the topic of the 14th annual Alan M. and Nathalie P. Voorhees Lecture, presented by speakers Marianne M. McKee, Lyle Browning, and Leslie Courtois. McKee will focus on how maps of Richmond can document urban growth and serve as examples of what maps may exist for many other cities. Browning's presentation will demonstrate how maps, surveys, plats, court files, and other cartographic records at the Library can be used to find previously unknown sites in the James River and to discover adjacent land usage along the river. Courtois will discuss her work conserving a large-format manuscript map of Richmond by Richard Young that was drawn in the early 1800s. The Fry-Jefferson Map Society hosts this free annual lecture series. Lectures run 1:00–3:00 PM. Maps will be on display 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. For more information or to register for the program, please contact Dawn Greggs at dawn.greggs@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3813.
FIRST FREEDOM
Virginia's Statute for Religious Freedom

First Freedom explores the intent and interpretation of one of the most revolutionary pieces of legislation in American history. Thomas Jefferson’s “Act for Establishing Religious Freedom” is justly celebrated as the “Great Charter” of conscience rights. No one familiar with today’s public and political debates about religious liberty and the relationship of church and state can doubt that the statute holds lasting significance. It encouraged the growth of religious freedom and profoundly influenced the formulation and later interpretation of the First Amendment. But we know less about what it settled and more about what it left undecided. The arguments over the intent and interpretation of the statute included issues that are debated today. Did the founding generation intend for the First Amendment to serve as a wall of separation between church and state, as Thomas Jefferson wrote? What is the proper role of religion in a country with multiple religious traditions? The exhibition features items such as the Journal of the Convention of 1776, which adopted George Mason’s Declaration of Rights, and petitions from dissenting religious groups to the General Assembly demanding religious freedom.

February 13–25, 2017 | Second Floor Lobby
2017 Strong Men & Women in Virginia History

In observance of Black History Month, the Library of Virginia and Dominion honor eight distinguished Virginians in this traveling exhibition as the 2017 Strong Men and Women in Virginia History for their contributions to the commonwealth and the nation. Through education and advocacy, they demonstrate how African Americans have actively campaigned for better lives for themselves and their people. See the links at right for a schedule of other locations for this exhibition.

March 1–31, 2017 | Second Floor Lobby
2017 Virginia Women in History

In observance of Women’s History Month, the Library of Virginia celebrates the lives and contributions of eight extraordinary Virginia women in this traveling exhibition as the 2017 Virginia Women in History. The honorees have developed new approaches to old problems, served their communities, striven for excellence based on the courage of their convictions, and initiated changes that continue to affect our lives today. See the links below for a schedule of other locations for this exhibition.

TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS
For a schedule of our traveling exhibitions, please visit:

Irish Ancestry Day

Place: Conference Rooms
Cost: $25 ($20 For Semper Virginia Society members)
Preregistration required. Go to: https://libraryofvairishancestryday.eventbrite.com

Join us for Irish Ancestry Day at the Library. We’re celebrating our recently completed Local History and Genealogy Room with a display of immigration materials and offering three fascinating workshops. Coffee and snacks are provided and box lunches are available. Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt with the Ulster Historical Foundation will conduct a half-day workshop about Irish and Scots-Irish research, the sources available, and how to use Irish archives. This Belfast-based registered charity and educational nonprofit, one of the leading genealogical research agencies in Ireland, has devised a series of groundbreaking online historical and genealogical resources that have helped to transform the availability of Irish records for family historians at home and abroad. Workshops by Library staff members and an optional tour follow in the afternoon.

SCHEDULE
9:00 AM–12:30 PM
Irish & Scots-Irish Ancestry Research, Ulster Historical Foundation
12:30–1:30 PM
Lunch
1:30–2:30 PM
Immigration Records at the Library, Cara Griggs
2:30–3:30 PM
Migration Patterns in Maps, Sandy Farrell
3:30–4:00 PM
Second-Floor Tour (optional)
The Library of Virginia Foundation has already received conservation donations for the first five volumes of *The Life of George Washington* by John Marshall, 1870 (featured in *Broadside* 2016, Issue No. 1). We have combined the five remaining volumes with some early Washington-related archival materials (described below) in a collection called George Washington, Our First Statesman. We hope that you will consider these intriguing books and historic documents for conservation adoption.

### Fairfax County Legislative Petition

**Genre:** Manuscript | **Date:** 1790

**Description:** This Fairfax County legislative petition was submitted on October 10, 1790, by George Augustine Washington, acting as agent for his uncle, President George Washington, asking for the discontinuance of the ferry across the Potomac River. It includes a survey by George Washington showing the area surrounding Mount Vernon (*shown at right*). The petition was approved by the legislature.

**Proposed Treatment:** Delaminate in an acetone bath. Surface clean and treat aqueously. Mend with Japanese paper. Re-sew with double folio handmade endpapers. Bind in cloth with a leather label recessed on the front board.

**Total Estimated Conservation Cost:** $1,550 (petition + *The Life of George Washington*, Vol. 6)

### Deed, George & Martha Washington to George Washington Parke Custis

**Genre:** Manuscript | **Date:** October 19, 1795

**Description:** Deed of land in King William County from George (1732–1799) and Martha Washington (1731–1802) to George Washington Parke Custis (1781–1857).

**Proposed Treatment:** Delaminate in an acetone bath. Surface clean and treat aqueously. Mend with Japanese paper. Insert into a polyester film sleeve and house in a custom mat with window to allow viewing of verso text. Provide an acid-free folder to enclose the mat.

**Total Estimated Conservation Cost:** $1,000 (deed + *The Life of George Washington*, Vol. 7)

### Land Office Surveys by George Washington

**Genre:** Manuscript | **Date:** 1752

**Description:** Two surveys by George Washington.

- Northern Neck Forfeited Plats, survey of 100 acres for James Candy, March 19, 1752
Northern Neck Plats and Certificates, survey of 400 acres in Frederick County for Michael Capper, assignee of Thomas Mullon, April 2, 1752

**Proposed Treatment:** Delaminate in an acetone bath, surface clean, and treat aqueously. Mend with Japanese paper, insert in buffered paper sleeve, and house in a uniform-size folder in the existing box.

**Total Estimated Conservation Cost:** $1,250 (two land office plats + The Life of George Washington, Vols. 8 & 9)

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**LAND OFFICE SURVEYS DIRECTED BY OR CREATED FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON**

**Genre:** Manuscript | **Date:** 1771–1774

**Description:** Four of these five surveys were completed by William Crawford, under the direction and authority of George Washington, by order of the Council in Williamsburg as part of a “Survey of the Officers and Soldiers Land,” June 1772. Two-hundred thousand acres were granted for the use of veterans of the French and Indian War (1754–1763). All but one of the surveys are signed by Washington.

- Survey by William Crawford of 1,374 acres for Dr. James Craik, June 1771
- Survey by William Crawford of 4,149 acres for heirs of Joshua Fry, June 1772
- Survey by William Crawford of 13,532 acres for George Mercer, June 1772
- Survey by William Crawford of 28,267 acres for John Savage et al., June 1772 (Incomplete. Three pages long with a lengthy note in Washington’s hand, but no signature.)
- Plat and survey made by Samuel Lewis, surveyor of Botetourt County, for George Washington, November 6, 1774

**Proposed Treatment:** Delaminate in an acetone bath, surface clean, and treat aqueously. Mend with Japanese paper, insert in a buffered paper sleeve, and house in a uniform-size folder in the existing box.

**Total Estimated Conservation Cost:** $2,000 (five surveys + The Life of George Washington, Vol. 10)

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**SURVEY AND LETTERS FROM GEORGE & MARTHA WASHINGTON TO GEORGE WASHINGTON PARKE CUSTIS**

**Genre:** Manuscript | **Date:** 1797

**Description:** This survey plat of King William County lands measures 23 x 15 inches. The letters measure 12 x 7.5, 6.375 x 4, and 12 x 7.25 inches, respectively.

**Proposed Treatment:** Delaminate in an acetone bath. Surface clean and treat aqueously. Mend with Japanese paper and insert into polyester film sleeves. Insert sleeves into an acid-free folder and house in a custom clamshell box with built-up interior and a leather label.

**Total Estimated Conservation Cost:** $1,480

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**CONSERVATION TERMINOLOGY:**

**AQUEOUS TREATMENT**

Did you know that paper can be washed in water? Not all paper or media can withstand it, but when possible, it is very beneficial. A water bath with an alkaline additive removes harmful acidic compounds and discoloration and rehydrates the cellulose fibers, restoring some of their flexibility.
HENRICO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS, VOL. 7, 1650–1807

Adopted by the Order of the Descendants of the Colonial Cavaliers

Henrico County was one of the eight original shires established in Virginia in the 17th century. Its first boundaries incorporated an area from which 10 Virginia counties were later formed, in whole or in part, as well as the cities of Richmond, Charlottesville, and Colonial Heights. The county was named for Henry, Prince of Wales, who was the eldest son of King James I of England. The adoption of the seventh and final volume’s last batch of records allowed us to complete this multivolume conservation project. Dates of the adopted documents range from 1721 to 1752, although some of the items (deeds, wills, and fiduciary matters, as well as legal decisions recorded by the clerk) are not dated individually. This $2,500 donation is the third large conservation adoption project by the Order of the Descendants of the Colonial Cavaliers.

Conservation Treatment: Removed the bindings, lamination, and paper linings and treated the leaves aqueously to reduce soluble acidic compounds in the paper support. Tears and losses were filled with Japanese tissue and wheat starch paste, leaf cast with paper pulp, and/or lined with Japanese tissue.

—Audrey C. McElhinney, Senior Manuscript, Map, and Rare Book Librarian

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Top, left to right: Audrey McElhinney, the Library’s senior manuscript, map, and rare book librarian; Susan Godman Rager, president of the Order of the Descendants of the Colonial Cavaliers; Donald Rager; and Dianne Alley Robinson, ODCC historical projects chairman, examine pages of conserved Henrico County court records.

Bottom, left to right: Susan Godman Rager, Dianne Alley Robinson, Audrey McElhinney, and Library of Virginia Foundation development manager Dawn Greggs display an oversized check representing the group’s third donation for conservation work.

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- An adult asks a child a question about a book, such as “Who is in the picture?” or “What do you think is happening in the story?”
- The adult counts silently and slowly to 20 while waiting for the child to answer the question.
- The adult makes a positive comment about the child’s answer and expands the child’s response by adding a few adjectives or adverbs or a quick fact.
- The adult then modifies the original question, waits for the child to respond, and checks for the child’s comprehension level.

These simple steps—questioning, listening, affirming, and expanding—are the foundation blocks of shared reading. By reading interactivity with a child, adults can encourage many different types of early literacy skills. A child learns best when he or she is actively engaged in helping to tell the story.

For more information, contact Enid Costley, children’s and youth services consultant for the Library of Virginia, at enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3765.
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Virginia history is a hot topic at the movies

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What’s Been Happening At The Library

1. Author Margot Lee Shetterly signs copies of her book *Hidden Figures* after her book talk at the Library on October 25, 2016.

2. Left to right: City of Richmond mayoral candidates Jon Baliles, Levar Stoney (now mayor), and Jack Berry chat before a mayoral debate hosted by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, held at the Library on September 15, 2016.

3. Reporter Greg McQuade (right) of Richmond’s WTVR CBS 6 interviews Errol Somay, director of the Library’s Virginia Newspaper Project, in a segment that ran on October 28, 2016. Photograph courtesy of WTVR CBS 6.

4. At a workshop entitled “How to Value Maps,” held at the Library on November 5, 2016, senior map archivist Cassandra Farrell (far left) answers questions from attendees as they view maps from our collections.

5. Author Beth Macy signs copies of her book *Truevine* after her book talk at the Library on December 2, 2016.
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