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### **The Library of Virginia and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Announce Project to Preserve and Digitize the Evergreen Cemetery Interment Volume, 1926–1962**

**RICHMOND, VIRGINIA — July 12, 2021** — Today at the Library of Virginia, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Library of Virginia announced a project to preserve and digitize the *Evergreen Cemetery Interment Volume, 1926–1962*. The volume will be conserved, deacidified, given a new binding, and made available on the Library of Virginia’s website in digital format for review, research, and transcription. This project is made possible through the support of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Evergreen Cemetery is a historic African American cemetery located in the East End neighborhood of Richmond, Virginia. Founded in 1891 as an African American equivalent to Hollywood Cemetery, many notable African Americans are interred at Evergreen, including Maggie L. Walker, John Mitchell, Jr., and A.D. Price.

“The Library of Virginia is grateful for the generous support of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which will allow us to conserve the interment register for Evergreen Cemetery for the period 1926 through 1962,” said Dr. Sandra G. Treadway, Librarian of Virginia. “This register contains invaluable information about so many men and women who played an important role in Richmond’s history. Descendants, genealogists, and historical researchers will find these registers immensely useful. We are so pleased to be able to preserve this treasure trove of information about Richmond’s African American community for future generations.”

“The Library of Virginia, by restoring the Evergreen records, is providing support to open the pathway for families to discover the burial plots of their loved ones and possibly many other unknown family histories,” said Larry Clark, President of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogy Society, Greater Richmond VA Chapter (AAHGS-GRVA). “Cemetery records are critical to family history research. Restoring the Evergreen Cemetery records will be of valuable assistance to the mission of AAHGS-GRVA. Our organization provides information on tools and techniques for families who are undertaking genealogical research of their ancestors. Having clear and accurate cemetery records is critical to the Evergreen families’ quests to understand the history and lives of their ancestors. Unfortunately, at times this is the only information that can be found pertaining to an ancestors’ birth and death information.”

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## **About the Library of Virginia**

The Library of Virginia is one of the oldest agencies of Virginia government, founded in 1823 to preserve and provide access to the state's incomparable printed and manuscript holdings. Its collection, which has grown steadily through the years, is the most comprehensive resource in the world for the study of Virginia history, culture, and government with over 130 million items in the collections. The Library also engages the public through in-person and virtual events, education programs, and online resources that reach nearly 4 million individuals each year throughout the commonwealth and beyond. Visit [www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov) for more information.

## **About The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Virginia**

Virginia is home to about 100,000 members of the Church in over 200 congregations. Visit [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://ChurchofJesusChrist.org) or [newsroom.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://newsroom.ChurchofJesusChrist.org) for more information.

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