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Leepson Tells His Audience How to Write a Book

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Middleburg historian Marc Leepson explained the methodology of writing his next book to an audience at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library on January 27. A prolific author on American history, Leepson detailed the process he is following in preparing a biography of Francis Scott Key, author of *The Star Spangled Banner*, for publication in 2014.

Leepson is a well-established author of seven books, including his most recent, *Lafayette: Lessons in Leadership from the Idealist General*, and *Flag: An American Biography*, a history of the U.S. Flag. Having finished writing *Lafayette* in 2010, with publication in 2011, he cast about methodically for a subject that he could research in 2012, and write in 2013 for publication in 2014.

"I have a grumpy agent," he said. "We went around and around—after all, he has to sell it to a publisher." Leepson said that the first step was to write a proposal. "You have to ask yourself: What can you write about that people will want to read in 2014?"

At first he thought that he would go back 100 years and write about the beginning of World War I on July 28, 1914. But he soon realized that there were plenty of books on World War I, and there was little he could add to the literature. Then he looked back 200 years to the organization and funding of the American Colonization Society, which resulted in the establishment of Liberia in West Africa as a home for free black people. His agent said he needed a topic with broader appeal.

Finally, he recalled that, while writing his book on the U.S. flag, he could find no adequate biography of Francis Scott Key. He realized he had found his topic. His agent agreed, and sold the proposal to a distinguished publisher.

Next he began gathering research material. There had been two previous biographies of Key in the previous century. Both were highly adulatory glosses on his life, lacking footnotes or critical assessment. "However," said Leepson, "I just used them as a road map; I am going to write his life as I find it."

Leepson says that he next went to primary sources—letters, documents, speeches. "You hope that a picture emerges. Fortunately, there is now

something called the Internet. You can go to genealogybank.com and ancestry.com to trace out his family. There are hundreds of thousands of newspapers online going back to 1790," he said.

Key was born in 1779 at the family plantation, Terra Rubra, in Frederick County (now Carroll County), Maryland. He married Polly Lloyd of Wye Plantation, and they had 11 children. The genealogy sites were a necessity for untangling the branches of this large family and for finding countless contemporary newspaper articles.

Key studied law at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, and became a prominent attorney in Washington, D.C. He had a house in Georgetown on a site which is now the terminal point of the Francis Scott Key Bridge across the Potomac between Georgetown and Rosslyn (Arlington), Virginia.

Key was initially opposed to the War of 1812, but it was in his role as an attorney that he went to Baltimore to attempt to obtain the release of his friend, Dr. William Beanes, who was being held captive on a British ship during the bombardment of Ft. McHenry. The British kept both Key and Beanes on shipboard during the bombardment for security reasons, but released them afterward. His experience during the artillery barrage led him to write the verses while the bombs were bursting in air.

Leepson, who had been a member of the Board of the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library until January 27, resigned from the Board at the conclusion of his talk. "My research is finished," he said. "Tomorrow morning I have to sit down and start writing. I have a very tight schedule if I am going to finish the manuscript by the deadline date, and I have to set aside all other distractions."

Members of the Board congratulated Leepson on his service, and urged him to return back to membership on the board once his writing project was completed.



Marc L. Leepson

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Keep your FTBL membership current, check your label for renewal date.

Welcome to FTBL New Directors

The Friends welcome six new members to the Board of Directors: Derrick Clarke, Ann Daye, Gary Dickens, Don Morrow, Sharon Parker, and William Ray.

The Friends wish to express their thanks and appreciation to the following retiring board members: Susan Pemberton Webber, William H. Harrison, Peggy Roberts, Wynne Saffer, and Marc Leepson. Their efforts and contributions to the success of the Friends' organization will be missed, indeed.

Some Reminders:

Civil War 150 Legacy Project Scanning Event, April 13, 10-4

The Loudoun County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, in partnership with Thomas Balch Library, is offering county residents the opportunity to have their family manuscripts from the Civil War era scanned for future generations to learn from and enjoy.

The scanning event is part of the *Civil War 150 Legacy Project: Document Digitization and Access*, created by the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the Library of Virginia. The event will take place April 13 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Thomas Balch Library, 208 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Appointments are strongly recommended, as only a limited number of walk-ins may be accommodated, and may be scheduled by contacting Tracy Gillespie at 703-327-9777 or by e-mail at tgillespie@nvrpa.org.

What is the Virginia Forum?

We are sure to mention where (Randolph-Macon College campus) and when (March 21-23, 2013) the Virginia Forum is held, but for those of you who need more information about the group, this may help: Virginia Forum brings together historians, teachers, writers, archivists, museum curators, historic site interpreters, librarians and others involved in the study and interpretation of Virginia history. Built each year around a theme, papers presented will address Writing Virginia. For more information, contact www.virginiaforum.org.

National Archives Ninth Genealogical Fair

April 18 & 19, 2013, at the National Archives Building in Washington DC. Once again Thomas Balch Library folks will be on hand, providing information and guidance to those novice or professional genealogists participating.

Loudoun County Historical Society Bulletin 2012 Available

The Bulletin of the Loudoun County Historical Society, 2012 Edition, is available at Thomas Balch Library, along with a number of past issues.

Sanabria Talk and Exhibit

BHC member, and internationally known artist Sherry Zvres Sanabria will speak at the Cosmos Club in Washington DC. Her topic, and the subject of her haunting and moving paintings, will be "My Painting as Sites of Conscience". Should you wish to attend the free lecture, at 10 am on April 6, 2012, please contact Sherry at szpaint@aol.com.

She also will speak at the new Gum Spring Public Library, on April 21 at 2 PM. This event will be near some of the locations she has preserved with her art, such as the slave quarters at Arcola.

Bowie Endowment to TBL To Be Honored

Virginia L. Bowie's generous bequest to Thomas Balch Library is expected to be made available to the Library, thanks to the passage of Senate Bill 890 by the Virginia Legislature.

Bowie, a longtime volunteer at the library, died in 2008, leaving a total sum of nearly \$618,000 to ensure the longevity of TBL. However, the Town of Leesburg, as owner of the library was unable to accept the funds for library use, until passage of the new legislation. This allows the Town of Leesburg to establish an endowment fund for the purpose of supporting a library it owns or operates, and permits such endowment fund to receive any gifts, grants and contributions designated for inclusion in the endowment. The bill also provides that no part of that endowment may revert to the Town's General Fund.

As quoted in *LeesburgToday*, Library Director Alexandra S. Gressitt said, "This will honor her intent."

Celebrating Black History Month

Black History Committee members spoke at three Loudoun County Public Libraries, in celebration of Black History Month. Speaking at the Ashburn Library on February 11, Derrick Clarke entranced the group with "little known facts and true/false questions. Other discussions about Black History from a national perspective, included tales of Willie Kennard, Stagecoach Mary and Annie Box Neal. Eyebrows were raised with fascination and good questions were put forth. The group of 'history buffs', expressed great appreciation of the Thomas Balch Library.

BHC president Herb Duvall was at Sterling Public Library on Feb. 12, discussing Carter B. Woodson, "The Father of Black History." Born of slave parents, Woodson started high school at 20, finished in two years, and ultimately ended with a PhD in Education. As a teacher, he was amazed at the lack of information about African American achievement. In 1926 he started Black History Week, and in 1976, it became Black History Month.

Mary Randolph weathered the ice and cold on Feb. 6 to speak at Rust Library about the establishment and construction of Frederick Douglass High School, the first high school for African American students in then segregated Loudoun County.

Randolph also spoke at Carver Center in Purcellville about the Martin Luther King Walks conducted here in Loudoun County over the years, following the seven MLK Memorial Plaques placed from the Court House to Douglass Community Center.

**The Black History Committee of the
Friends of Thomas Balch Library, Inc.,
is seeking new members to join this
active and valuable group. We welcome
all people interested in furthering the
scope of Black History throughout
our county. . . and beyond.**

**We meet every fourth Tuesday at 7 pm
at the Library.**

Want to know more?

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Emancipation Proclamation Celebrations . . . Today . . . and Not So Long Ago

Event at Oatlands

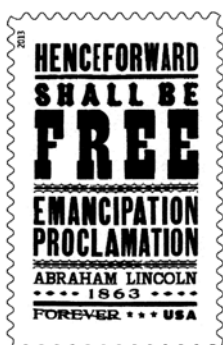
The Loudoun County Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Committee hosted a program on Saturday, January 5th in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the Emancipation Proclamation. The event was held at Oatlands, near Leesburg, Virginia. This location was significant, in that the plantation was the largest holder of slaves in Loudoun County at the onset of the Civil War, with 128 slaves according to the 1860 census. It was also fitting that local historian and author Kevin Grigsby commented powerfully about his forbears, Sophia and Jacob Howard, slaves at Oatlands.

The Reverend Reginald Early, of Mount Zion United Methodist Church read the historic proclamation that all those enslaved in Confederate territories be forever considered free. Committee members Childs Burden and Rich Gillespie spoke to the significance and the place in history the Proclamation fit, and Craig Swain explained how the military was informed of the document at Harper's Ferry.

Attending was Black History Committee member Elaine Thompson, author of *In the Watchfires*, the fascinating story of the Loudoun County Emancipation Association and the part that organization played in the County from 1890 to 1971. Also there, along with some 85 other persons, were BHC president Herb Duvall, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wiseman, Phyllis Cook-Taylor, and Lori Kimball. Kimball is Oatlands Director of Programming and Education.

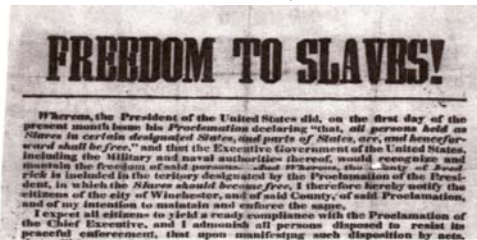
Emancipation Proclamation Postage Stamp

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, the USPS issued a handsome 'forever' stamp. Designed by Hatch Show Print of Nashville, TN, the stamp features some of the firm's original wooden type to evoke the 19th century. Refining the shop's initial concept, the final designers gave the stamp an accurate yet engaging look to commemorate the document that freed hundreds of thousands of slaves midway through the Civil War.

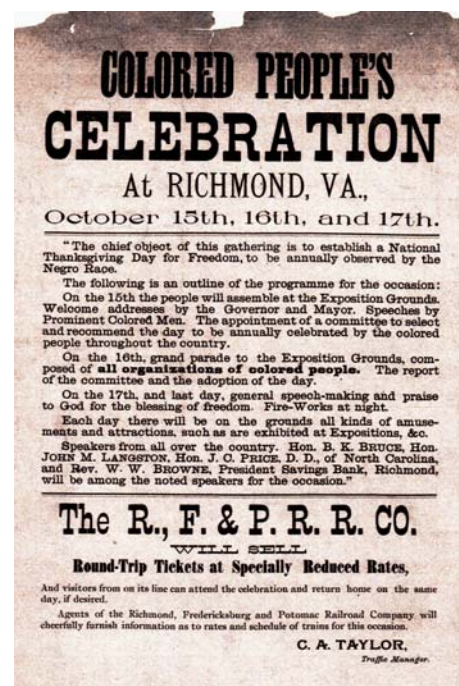


Celebrating the Proclamation in 1890

From the Library of Virginia, we found a number of large headlines in the local papers of Winchester, Richmond and Petersburg, either commemorating the Emancipation Proclamation itself, or some years later, announcing celebrations of the event's anniversary.



The Emancipation Proclamation Was Posted in Winchester



After diligent search of newspaper archives at TBL, there was no apparent local notice of the Proclamation. *The Alexandria Gazette* for Jan. 1, 1863 printed the Proclamation in its entirety on an inside page. Earlier editions report or comment on the discussions in Congress and the Cabinet regarding the timing of the President's release of the document.

An interesting aspect of the celebrations is evident in *The Planet*, a newspaper in Petersburg, Virginia.

The October 11, 1890 issue describes the upcoming event to take place on October 16 and 17 of that year. It seems "there is quite a difference of opinion existing among our people as to the proper day to be observed."

"It should be noted, the various dates that affected the celebrations:

Sept. 23, 1863 was the day President Lincoln gave the Emancipation Proclamation to the public.

Jan. 1, 1863 was the day it went into effect.

April 3, 1865 was the day that Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy fell.

April 9, 1865 was the date of General Lee's surrender to Gen. Grant at Appomattox Court House.

A number of gentlemen interviewed, gave the reason for their choice:

B.C. Collier: Adopt the day the Emancipation went into effect, January 1;

R. J. Bass: I am in favor of April 9, because when the Proclamation went into effect, we were not free;

Jack A. Acres: Although the Proclamation had been issued, I think the work was done April 3 when Richmond fell;

Henry Cooke: I am in favor of April 9th. That's when we received the blessing;

William Bell: I am in favor of April 3rd when Richmond fell, because that was the day I shook hands with the Yankees;

Robert Walker: I am in favor of the time when Lee surrendered to Grant. That's when the work was done;

W. S. Selen: I am in favor of April 9th when Lee surrendered. For the day of the downfall of the Confederacy was the day of the uprising of the Negro;

James H. Hayes: I am in favor of the day the Emancipation Proclamation was first issued, Sept. 23.

B.F. Turner: I prefer Jan. 1. I have to close up that day anyhow, and the colored people have holiday anyway and won't lose any time from business. (*A real pragmatist!*)

Col. Jos. T. Wilson: In the first place I think that Mr. Lincoln's Proclamation didn't amount to anything from a legal stand point. It freed nobody. Understand me that it had had a very marked moral effect, but the 13th Amendment really gave freedom to the slaves. I believe that we should celebrate the passage of that Amendment, if we desire to celebrate the act by which we became free. However, if they want to celebrate Lincoln's Proclamation, the day should be the first of January."

There is no followup on which date ultimately was selected, we regret to report.

Recently Catalogued Books (Dec. 2012-Feb. 2013):

- Anderson, Robert Charles, *The Winthrop Fleet: Massachusetts Bay Company Immigrants to New England, 1629-1630*
- Arnold, Scott David, *A Guidebook to Virginia's Historical Markers, 3rd Edition*
- Balch, William Ralston, *The Life of James Abram Garfield, Late President of the United States*
- Bangs, Jeremy Dupertuis, *Indian Deeds Land Transactions in Plymouth Colony 1620-1691*
- Barnes, William J., *Membership Roster 2000: with Indices to Valley Forge Patriots and Military Units Stationed at Camp Valley Forge December 19, 1777-June 19, 1778*
- Batchelder, Pauling Manning, *A Somerset Sampler: Families of Old Somerset County, Maryland, 1700-1776*
- Buell, Thomas B., *The Warrior Generals : Combat Leadership in the Civil War*
- Cannato, Vincent J., *American Passage: the History of Ellis Island*
- Catton, Bruce & Leekley, John, *Reflections on the Civil War*
- Chapman Family Association, *Chapman Family Association Quarterly Civil War*
- Chestnut, Mary Boykin Miller, *Mary Chestnut's Civil War*
- Chilton, Ann, *Remnants of War 1861-1865: Civil War Records, Bedford County, Virginia*
- Clark, James Lemuel, *Civil War Recollections of James Lemuel Clark including previously unpublished material on the great hanging at Gainesville, Texas on October, 1862*
- Coleman, Emma Lewis, *New England Captives Carried to Canada between 1677 and 1760 During the French and Indian Wars*
- de Tocqueville, Alexis, Craiutu, Aurelian, & Jennings, Jenny, *Tocqueville on America after 1840: letters and other writings*
- Dull, Jonathan, *American Naval History, 1607-1865: Overcoming the Colonial Legacy*
- Eisenschiml, Otto & Newman, Ralph *The Civil War: the American Iliad, As Told by Those Who Lived It*
- Fisher, Terri and Sparenborg, Kirsten, *Lost Communities of Virginia*
- Frye, David, *Leesburg, Virginia: My Home Town Through My Lens*
- Fuller, Marsha Lynne, *St. Mary's Catholic Church records, 1818-1900, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland*
- Hamill, Lois, *Archives for the Lay Person: A Guide for Managing Cultural Collections*
- Hearne, William T., *Brief History and Genealogy of the Hearne Family*
- Henderson, G. F. R., *The Civil War: a Soldier's View: a Collection of Civil War Writings*
- Klement, Frank L., *The Limits of Dissent: Clement L Vallandigham & the Civil War*
- Kratz, Barbara, *Ancestors and Descendants of Benjamin Warden Childs ,1550-2002*
- Kyvig, David E. and Myron A. Marty, *Nearby History: Exploring the Past Around You*
- League of Women Voters of Loudoun County, *Know Your County*
- Leesburg Senior Nutrition Program *Leesburg Senior Nutrition Program Cookbook*
- New Jersey Dept of State *New Jersey Index of Wills, Inventories, Etc. in the Office of the Secretary of State Prior to 1901*
- Nichols, David A., *A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution*
- Owsley, Frank Lawrence, *States Rights in the Confederacy*
- Phillips, Ulrich B., *Life and Labor in the Old South*
- Roland, Charles Pierce, *The Confederacy*
- Rosa Lee Carter ES staff, *Rosa Lee Carter Elementary School 2008*
- Rosa Lee Carter ES staff, *Rosa Lee Carter Elementary School 2009*
- Sampson, Murdock & Co. *The Boston Directory : Containing the City Record, Directory of the Citizens, Business Directory, and Street Directory, with Map, No. XCVI, for the year commencing July 1, 1900*
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church, *What's Cooking at St. Peter's?*
- Stanard, William G. and Mary Newton Stanard, *The Colonial Virginia Register: A List of Governors*
- Thompson, Michael D. *Calendar and Index to Recorded Survey Plats in Jefferson County, WV (VA), Courthouse, 1801-1901;*
- Tucker, Glen, *Chickamauga : Bloody Battle in the West*

The Director's Letter

Following the November elections, the Town Council reassigned Councilmembers for various town boards and commissions. Fernando "Marty" Martinez has assumed the role as our council representative, replacing Kathryn Hammler, who had served in that position for a number of years.

Molly Chamblin, a senior at Radford University studying History and Political Science, interned with TBL over the winter interim, December 10 – January 4. She worked on *Frederick Douglass Elementary School Living History Interviews and Dedication Collection, 2011-2012* (M 080) and started work on *Boy Scout Troop 1168 Records*.

Please check the Balch Column, TBL website or Facebook for news on our events. The Winter Spring lectures series includes two tours, two documentaries, seven lectures, and a special Civil War Sesquicentennial scanning event.

The opening event, Mountain Music was well received. The audience included a diverse group of individuals, many of whom had not previously attended our lectures series.

The event scheduled for April 7 on Abraham Lincoln by Anthony Pitch has been cancelled due to illness. With assistance from James Hershman, Vice Chair of the TBL Advisory Commission, we have been able to schedule Maurice Jackson, Associate Professor of History and African-American Studies and Affiliated Professor of Performing Arts (Jazz) at Georgetown University, to speak on Anthony Benezet, a French Huguenot who became a Quaker and was a teacher, writer, and avid abolitionist. Professor Jackson has published a biography on Benezet, *Let This Voice Be Heard, Anthony Benezet, Father of Atlantic Abolition*, Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009. We are arranging to have copies of the book available for purchase and autographing.

We will be working with Mr. Pitch to reschedule his presentation at a later date.

As always it will be a pleasure to welcome you when visiting Thomas Balch Library or when attending programs and exhibits.

Alexandra S. Gressitt,
Library Director

Recently Catalogued Books, cont..from Page 4

Virginia General Assembly, *Colonial Records of Virginia*

Wallenstein, Peter and Wyatt-Brown, Bertram
Virginia's Civil War

Ward, Andrew *River Run Red : the Fort Pillow Massacre in the American Civil War*

White, Elizabeth Pearson, *John Howland of the Mayflower, Volumes 1-4 The First Five Generations*

Wiencek, Henry, *Master of the Mountain: Thomas Jefferson and His Slaves*

Williams, T. Harry, P.G.T. Beauregard:
Napoleon in Gray

Wooldridge, William C., *Mapping Virginia: From the Age of Exploration to the Civil War*

Wyatt-Brown, Bertram, *Southern Honor: Ethics and Behavior in the Old South*

Wyatt-Brown, Bertram,
The Shaping of Southern Culture.

Exhibits – Spring 2013

Margaret Mercer Room

March	From TBL's Collections: Women's Athletics in Loudoun County - Elizaberth E. Preston
April	4-H Through the Decades Anne Ludwig
May	Pottery Exhibit David Norton
June	Dairy Month Loudoun Farm Museum

Lower Level Meeting Room

April- May	Landscaping - Amy Orr
June	Old Churches in Loudoun County Jim Baker

Recently Processed Manuscript Collections (Nov. 2012-Jan.. 2013)

Home Interest Club Records (M 077);
Notes from Loudoun County Order Books and
Deed Books (SC 0104);
Frederick Douglass Elementary School Living
History Interviews and Dedication
Collection, 2011-2012 (M 080);

Mount Hope Baptist Church Records,
1835-1985 (M 081);
and
Boy Scout Troop 1168 Records, 1965-1980
(M 082).

Agnes Gant Harrison 1918-2013



The Agnes and B.Powell Harrison Garden at TBL

Thomas Balch Library and FTBL regret to report the death of long time supporter, Agnes Harrison, who, with her husband, B.Powell Harrison, served Leesburg and Loudoun County in so many ways, it's impossible to address them. all. From Oatland's gardens to Keep Loudoun Beautiful, the Harrisons left their stamp. The garden at Thomas Balch Library (above) is named for them and they were jointly awarded the Loudoun History Award in 1997 by the TBL Advisory Commission.

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Be Sure to Check Out This Sampling of Upcoming Classes at TBL for Spring & Summer

Deed Research

Thursday, 7 March 2013, 10-12AM

Wynne Saffer, author of *Loudoun County, Virginia 1860 Land Tax Map*, will use a case study to demonstrate how to establish chain of title using deed indexes and other types of land ownership changes such as wills, marriages, old advertisements, and chancery cases.

Researching Court Records

Thursday, 4 April 2013, 10-12AM

Jeanette Irby, Leesburg Town Attorney, will discuss how to use court records and other resources for data that are frequently overlooked in genealogical and historical research. Irby will demonstrate how to mine court records for clues that can be used to collect information for genealogical research. Examples of these records include real estate records, chancery suits, estates, and indexes. Jeanette Irby, previously employed by Fauquier County, has researched land records dating from the 1700s and participated in genealogical seminars sponsored by the Warrenton Court House Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of which she is First Vice Regent. She holds a BS from Central Michigan University and a JD from Thomas Cooley Law School.

Writing Your Family History

Thursday, 6 June 2013, 10-12AM

Have you collected lots of genealogical data? Are you looking for ways to organize it so you can share it with family members? Freelance writer, **Jim Barnes**, will lead this interactive workshop in which participants will explore ways of finding themes in their family histories and create interesting narratives their family members will enjoy reading. A regular contributor to the *Washington Post* and *Leesburg Patch*, Barnes has been researching his genealogy for over 25 years and has recently started writing narratives to share with his family.

Gold Star Mothers in Virginia

Thursday, 1 August, 2013, 10-12AM

Constance Potter, reference archivist, Research Services, National Archives and Records Administration, will describe the World War I graves registration and Gold Star Mother pilgrimage of the early 1930s.

Understanding Local Government in Virginia

Thursday, 5 September, 2013, 10-12AM

James H. Hershman held the position of senior fellow at Georgetown University's Government Affairs Institute from 1997 to 2010. From 1995 to 1997, he served on the senior staff at the Brookings Institution. Before going to Brookings, he served as an instructor on congressional affairs for the federal government, and earlier in his career he held teaching positions at Wake Forest University and the University of Virginia. He holds a PhD in Southern History from the University of Virginia, and his articles and reviews have appeared in the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, the *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of Negro Education*, *Virginia Social Science Journal*, and the online *Encyclopedia Virginia* published by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. Hershman continues to teach in Georgetown University's Graduate Liberal Studies Program.

New & Renewing Members

Elizabeth Balch Benckart
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 Mark Crowley
 Christine Gleckner & Clay Steward
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The Essence of A People: Portraits of African Americans Who Made a Difference in Loudoun County, Virginia \$ 15.00

The Essence of A People II: African Americans Who Made Their World Anew in Loudoun County, Virginia and Beyond \$ 15.00

Loudoun County's African American Communities A Tour Map and Guide \$ 5.00

A Taste of Loudoun County: Our Favorite Recipes 1903-1951
 Home Interest Club Cookbook - Centennial Edition \$ 10.00

A Story of Round Hill, Loudoun County, Virginia
 by Ann W. Thomas \$ 20.00

In the Watchfires: The Loudoun County Emancipation Association, 1890-1971
 by Elaine E. Thompson \$ 20.00

George Washington Carver: Scientist, Artist, & Musician
 by Lemoine D. Pierce \$ 10.00

Journey Through Time
 by Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library \$ 5.00

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 by Douglas W. Foard, Ph.D. \$ 15.00

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 by Lemoine D. Pierce \$ 15.00

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Calendar of Events at Thomas Balch Library

Please see the Winter/Spring Issue of *The Balch Column* for full description of TBL Sponsored Programs

- Sunday, 3 Mar., 2pm—**Orra White Hitchcock (1796-1863): An Illustrated Life**—Daria D'Arienzo.
Saturday, 9 Mar., 10am—noon—**A Walking Tour: Civil War Leesburg**—Richard Treat Gillespie.
Sunday, 10 Mar., 2pm—**Sussex County's Greatest Generation**—Deborah L. Parker.
Sunday, 17 Mar., 2pm—**American Emperor, Aaron Burr's Challenge to Jefferson's America**—David O. Stewart.
Sunday, 7 Apr., 2pm—**Let This Voice be Heard: Anthony Benezet**—Maurice Jackson.
Sunday, 14 Apr., 2pm—**Joe Rochefort's War: The Odyssey of The Codebreaker Who Outwitted Yamamoto at Midway**—
Elliot Carlson.
Sunday, 28 Apr., 2pm—**Loudoun County Chancery Records**—Gregg Crawford.
Sunday, 5 May, 2pm—**The Zimmerman Telegram: Intelligence, Diplomacy, and America's Entry into World War 1**—
Thomas Boghardt.
Monday, 13 May, 7pm—**Clerk's Office Tour, Loudoun County Courthouse Historic Records**—John Fishback.

Other Activities at Thomas Balch Library

Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission sponsors the annual Loudoun History Awards and an award for excellence in historical research at the annual Loudoun County Public School Social Science Fair. It meets at the Library the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. The public is always welcome.

Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc., a 501(c)3 corporation organized to provide support for Thomas Balch Library, meets at the Library every other month. The public is always welcome. For more information call 703/737-2166 or visit www.balchfriends.org.

Black History Committee of Friends of Thomas Balch Library, Inc., meets at the Library the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. The public is always welcome. For information visit: www.balchfriends.org.

Loudoun County Civil War Round Table meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM except January and February. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Loudou County's history during the American Civil War.

Programs sponsored by Thomas Balch Library are held in the downstairs meeting room and are free unless otherwise noted. Due to limited seating we recommend registering in advance by calling 703/737-7195. For updated news on events visit our website at: www.leesburgva.gov/ThomasBalchLibrary/publications or follow us on Facebook.