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Virginia Historical Society Remembers Former Trustee William Berry In His Honor, Weinstein Properties and the Dominion Foundation Establish Fund to Support Educational Initiatives

Richmond, VA—Former Virginia Historical Society (VHS) trustee and long-time supporter William Willis Berry of Richmond passed away in April 2012. Berry served on the VHS board from January 2003 to December 2008.

Soon after Berry's death, Carole and Marcus Weinstein, on behalf of Weinstein Properties, established a VHS endowed fund in his memory. The Dominion Foundation also made a contribution to the William Willis Berry Educational Fund.

Along with funds from VHS board colleagues, staff, and members, plus friends and family in the community, the endowment now includes more than half a million dollars that will be used to assure an enduring stream of income to support educational activities at the VHS. These initiatives include family-friendly activities and programs, school field trips, conferences and symposia, and educator training resources. In particular, the fund will support the popular series of *Story of Virginia Teacher Institutes* that the VHS offers each summer.

These institutes, offered in cooperation with the University of Richmond, use VHS exhibitions, manuscripts, and artifacts to immerse teachers in a content-rich overview of Virginia's history while aligning with the state's standards of learning. Since the VHS started offering teacher institutes in 1996, more than 450 educators from localities across the commonwealth have benefited from their comprehensive instruction. Those teachers, in turn, have used this training to reach tens of thousands of students.

"This is a particularly apt tribute to Bill, who as a trustee, kept the VHS educational mission at the forefront of all board discussions," said VHS Vice President for Institutional Advancement Pamela Seay. "His sound and sensible counsel energized committee meetings, and his enthusiasm and leadership on the steering committee for the 175th Anniversary Campaign was typical of the vigor he brought to all that he did."

"Bill Berry was highly regarded not only at Dominion but also in the utility industry," said Virginia M. Board, president of the Dominion Foundation and managing director-Community Affairs. "In testament to his leadership—both professionally, personally and in the community—we are proud to support the William Willis Berry Educational Fund at the Virginia Historical Society."

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Berry was born in 1932 in Norfolk, Va. As a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he served his country in Korea. Berry earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1954 from Virginia Military Institute and in 1964 earned a master's degree in commerce from the University of Richmond.

In his profession in the field of electrical power, Berry made a made a significant contribution to modernizing the electric utility industry. He joined the Norfolk office of Virginia Electric and Power Co., in 1957. In 1983, he was elected president and CEO of Virginia Power. He became chairman and CEO of Dominion Resources, Inc., and chairman of Virginia Power in 1986. After his retirement in 1995, he was elected to sit on the board of ISO New England Inc., a position he held until 2006.

In addition to his career, Berry was active in service to his community. He served as a trustee for nearly a dozen not-for-profit organizations and was heavily involved with his church's activities. In 2006, he was recognized with the Virginians of Maryland medallion of honor for his innovation and contributions to his profession and society.

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For more than 180 years, the **Virginia Historical Society** (VHS) has been connecting people to America's past through the unparalleled story of Virginia. The VHS—a history museum and research library—features award-winning exhibitions that are entertaining and educational for visitors of all ages. The Society is the only museum with all of Virginia's history under one roof—all centuries, all regions, and all topics are covered. Although designated the Official State Historical Society, the VHS is a privately funded non-profit organization that relies on contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations to sustain its operations. The VHS is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond's Museum District. Admission is free. Museum hours are Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Library hours are Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information, call (804) 358-4901, visit www.vahistorical.org, or find the VHS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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