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Virginia Historical Society Hosting Civil War Document Scanning Event September 24
Virginians Asked to Bring Family War Papers to be Digitized

What: The Virginia Historical Society is hosting a Civil War 150 Legacy Project document scanning event.

When: Saturday, September 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Virginia Historical Society
428 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220

Who: The Civil War 150 Legacy Project is a partnership between the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the Library of Virginia.

Why: This program identifies and locates original source materials that are related to the Civil War and emancipation in Virginia. Teams of archivists travel to sites across the state to scan privately held manuscript material for inclusion on both the Library of Virginia and Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission web sites.

Central Virginia residents are encouraged to bring family collections of letters, memoirs, pension materials, military passes, discharge papers, diaries, and hand-drawn maps that reflect social, political, military, business, and religious life in Virginia around the time of the Civil War to be scanned at this event.

Additional Info: Reservations are required for this special one-time-only event.
To register, contact Caroline Legros at (804) 342-9652 or clegros@vahistorical.org.

Additional Resources: http://www.virginiacivilwar.org/legacy/index.php

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