Annual Report for 2008

Introduction

Paul A. Levengood
President and Chief Executive Officer

In many ways 2008 may long be seen as a historic year. The nation elected its first African American president, swimmer Michael Phelps electrified the globe with his record-breaking Olympic efforts, and the fallout from the subprime mortgage crisis turned into a worldwide recession. I could go on and on.

Well, I think that 2008 will long be viewed as a significant year in the history of your Virginia Historical Society. The institution saw its first leadership transition in two decades when Dr. Charles F. Bryan, Jr., stepped down as president in November. All of us who love this state, its history, and this institution owe Charlie a tremendous debt of gratitude. The year was marked by testimonials to the transforming role he played in making the VHS the strong, vibrant, and respected organization it is today.

In November, I assumed the presidency of the VHS humbly but with great enthusiasm. I take it as my personal charge to ensure that the momentum we have built over the past twenty years be continued and built upon. There are challenges ahead of us, to be sure. The economic climate of 2008 was one of the direst in living memory. Like all non-profits, we have had to find creative ways to do more with less and remain agile to keep delivering the programs and services upon which Virginians have come to rely.

I am happy to say that in 2008 we rose to those challenges—and continue to do so. The VHS remained the go-to resource for people of all ages who have an interest in the rich, fascinating history of Virginia and the nation. Whether it is in the educational programs that serve schoolchildren and teachers across the state or the opportunities for lifelong learning that we provide through lectures, classes, educational travel, exhibitions, and publications, we are here to ensure that the past is accessible and relevant to all. And increasingly we learn that through the wonders of the digital world our reach knows no geographical boundaries. I hope you visit our web site regularly to see the exciting online offerings that are growing every day.

I have been heartened by the loyal support that you, our members and supporters, have shown to me and more importantly to the VHS in this time of transition. You have played an enormous role in making the Society what it is today. And with your continued help we will make sure that this grand old institution remains a place to learn timeless lessons and gain much needed perspective. The words of Patrick Henry are inscribed on the front of our head-
quarters building, and they have never been more apt than they are in the turbulence of today: “I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past.”
SELECTED ACCESSIONS

Manuscripts


5. Papers, 1748–1955, of the Thornhill family (of Lynchburg) including planter Joshua Thornhill, Dr. George W. Thornhill (largely concerning his service as a physician in the Confederate States Army), and Dr. William Bibb Thornhill. 1,306 items. Gift of Mrs. June B. Goode.

6. Papers, 1748–1981, of the Ware family (of Essex County) and the related families of Maddox, McWane, Latané, and Rouzee, including correspondence, financial accounts, legal records, commonplace books, scrapbooks and related materials. Among the topics concerned are agricultural operations, local government, including activities of the overseers of the poor, local businesses, and the Equal Suffrage League and Virginia World War II History Commission. 6,788 items. Gift of Lila Jane (Ware) Palmer.

7. Papers, 1764–1815, of Thomas Rutherford (of Hampshire and Berkeley counties [later W.Va.]) primarily concerning his activities in defense of the Virginia frontier during and just after the French & Indian War, as an agent for the commissioners appointed to settle accounts relating to Lord Dunmore’s War in 1774, and on behalf of the Berkeley County Committee of Safety in supplying local and Continental Army troops during the American Revolution. Also, include papers of his son Van Rutherford concerning the 55th Regiment of Virginia Militia in 1807 and 1814–1815. Total 61 items. Purchased through the Carrie Wheeler Buck Memorial Fund, the Leo J. Wellhouse Fund, the Ellis Olsson Memorial Foundation Fund, and with funds provided by the National Society, Daughters of Colonial Wars.

8. Papers, 1768–1928, of the Hunter family (of Hunter's Hill and Fonthill, Essex County) and the related Garnett family of Virginia and Stevens family of New Jersey. Include correspondence, educational materials, writings, and related papers of merchants James Hunter (1746–1788) and James Hunter (1774–1826), U.S. congressman and senator and Confederate States Secretary of State Robert Mercer Taliaferro Hunter, his wife and sisters, and numerous other family members. 1,072 items. Gift of the Hester family of Richmond, and of Mr. and Mrs. George P Hester.


10. Papers, 1787–1938, of the Gresham family (of Tappahannock, Essex County), primarily consisting of correspondence of Doctor Henry Gresham with Laura Monroe (Jones) Gresham, in part while serving as a surgeon in the 55th Virginia Infantry Regiment of the Confederate States Army and as superintendent of schools in Essex County. 398 items. Presented by Addison B. Thompson.

11. Papers, 1791–1998, of the Freeman family (of Richmond) chiefly consisting of the records of newspaper editor and historian Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, his wife, Inez Virginia (Goddin) Freeman, and their children Mary Tyler (Freeman) Cheek McClanahan, Anne Ballard (Freeman) Adler Turpin, and James Douglas Freeman. 1,472 folders. Gift of the late Mary Tyler (Freeman) Cheek McClanahan.


13. Papers, 1803–1989, of the Allen and related Graves families (of Graves Mill [now Rapidan], Madison County) consisting largely of accounts of George H. Allen with blacksmiths and a variety of merchants and as an agent for the Madison County Poor House. 209 items. Purchased.

14. Papers, 1810–1855, of Charles James Faulkner (lawyer and legislator of Berkeley County [later W. Va.]) primarily concerning his legal career and including plats and surveys of land, a legal opinion regarding property of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and related materials. 9 items. Purchased through the Ellis Olsson Memorial Foundation Fund.

15. Papers, 1813–1891, of General William Whann Mackall (of Langley, Fairfax County) primarily concerning his service in the United States and Confederate States armies and including letters to his wife, Aminta (Sortel) Mackall, and from fellow officers. 52 items. Gift of Aminta Sorrel Mackall McElroy and Mary Earle Mackall Wilson Dozier.


17. Bill of sale, 1825 February 26, of Nathaniel Thompson (of Louisa County) to James Fontaine (of Hanover County) for the slave Viney and her children. 1 p.: holograph signed; 9 3/4 x 8 in. Gift of the New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord.

18. Daybook, 1825 September 7–November 7, of Andrew Dickerson, kept as a merchant at Stony Fork. 29 [i.e., 26] p.: holograph; 7 3/4 x 12 in. Gift of Alma Dickerson Heyl.


A bill of sale, 1825 February 26, of Nathaniel Thompson of Louisa County to James Fontaine of Hanover County for the slave Viney and her children.
20. Papers, 1828–1928, of the Rosier family (of New York, N.Y., and Richmond) primarily consisting of the correspondence of Fitz William Rosier, musician, musical instructor, and composer, with family, friends, and business acquaintances, along with the correspondence of his wife, Sarah Catherine (Walthall) Rosier, with members of her family. 766 items. Gift of Constance Elizabeth Heindl Sarvay.

21. Papers, ca. 1830–70, of the Blue family (of Hampshire County [later W. Va.]) including a recommendation from members of the Virginia General Assembly for Charles Blue to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Virginia; and letters written to Sarah Ann (Wright) Washington and Sallie Gertrude (Washington) Blue. 4 items. Gift of Sara Blue Anderson.

22. Papers, 1834–1928, of the Gatewood family (of Louisiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, and Virginia), including records of Dr. John W. Gatewood, his wife, Ellen Spencer (Giltner) Gatewood, and their daughter, Mary Frances (Gatewood) Witherspoon. 286 items. Gift of Mrs. Raymond E. Oliver.

23. Letters, 1835 November [5]–6, of Austin Brockenbrough (former U.S. Army officer from Virginia in Jacksonville, Ind.) to Alfred Todd concerning a personal affront and a challenge to a duel. 2 items. Purchased with funds provided by Austin Brockenbrough, III.


25. Papers, 1847–89, of the Smith family (of Maine and Marion, Smyth County) primarily concerning George S. Smith, Republican Party activist in the 1870s, and his son, George Dexter Smith, superintendent of silver mines in Arizona and a sales agent in Virginia for the Maryland Fertilizer Company. 17 items. Gift of the Clarke Historical Museum, Eureka, Calif.


28. Letter, [18]51 February 21, of Lancelot Minor, Pedlar Mills, Amherst [County], to William Lewis, Pemberton P.O., Goochland [County]. [3] p. on 2 leaves: holograph signed; 9 3/4 x 7 1/2 in. Concerns Minor’s desire to hire Lewis to superintend the building of his house and other structures at [“Briery Knowe”], Amherst County. Purchased through the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Fund.

29. Papers, 1857–64, of William T. Nelson (while serving in Company D of the 57th North Carolina Infantry Regiment of the Confederate States Army in Virginia), primarily consisting of letters written to his wife, Ann T. (Crawley) Nelson (of Winston, N.C.). 36 items. Gift of Frances W. Crawley. (This collection, which survived the effects of Hurricane Katrina in Picayune, Miss., in 2005, was conserved by VHS manuscripts and conservation staff.)

30. Papers, 1859–99, of the Waring family (of Powhatan County) chiefly consisting of the correspondence of Adelaide (Lancaster) Waring, especially with relatives serving in the Confederate States Army or attending the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. 115 items. Gift of Joyce A. Cook.


32. Records, 1867–97, of the Marshall Manufacturing Company of Manchester [now Richmond], cotton and textile manufacturer, including correspondence with customers and suppliers, and account books. 193 folders and 7 volumes. Gift of an anonymous donor.
33. Papers, 1880–1972, of Doctor Emily Earl (Chenault) Runyon (of Richmond) primarily concerning her daily and family life and her attempted missionary work in China; also includes some materials concerning her medical career as one of the first woman doctors in Virginia. 729 items. Gift of Cynthia Brewster Ambler.

34. Papers, 1884–1915, of the Williams family (of Richmond) including materials concerning the death by drowning at Old Point Comfort of Charlotte Randolph Williams and her cousin Susan Eleanor Williams Gibson and letters written to the family during the final illness and death of John Langbourne Williams. 247 items. Gift of Kathleen Murat Williams.

35. Papers, 1885–1917, of the Summerfield family (of Danville) primarily concerning the education of Anne L. Summerfield (the daughter of German immigrant parents) in the Danville Public Schools and including grade reports, certificates, programs, and related materials. 28 items. Gift of the Jewish Museum of Maryland, Baltimore, through the courtesy of Jobi O. Zink, registrar and curatorial assistant.


37. Papers, 1894–1961, of the Pollard family (of Richmond) largely consisting of “round robin” letters between members of the family of Virginia governor John Garland Pollard. 486 items. Gift of Emma Clarke White.

38. Letters, 1898 July–September, of Thomas Beardsworth (while a musician at the Rockbridge Alum Springs) to his future wife, Julia Ada Bantz (of Winchester). 29 items. Purchased.


41. Papers, 1911–87, of Lillian Gladys Sievers (of Falls Church) concerning the work of her father, artist Frederick William Sievers, especially regarding the Virginia Memorial at the Gettysburg National Military Park and Sievers’s depiction of General Robert E. Lee. 10 items. Gift of Dawn Westbrook Boyd.

42. Records, 1913–63, of St. Luke’s Hospital, Richmond, primarily concerning financial support of the institution from the estates of Joanna Bethune Arents and Dr. and Mrs. Stuart McGuire. 57 items. Gift of Humana, Inc., Louisville, Ky., through the courtesy of Joan O Lenahan, corporate secretary.


44. Records, 1917–33, of the National Father’s Day Association, Inc., founded by Kate Swineford (later Burgess) of Drewry’s Bluff to secure official recognition of such a holiday. Include certificates of incorporation and dissolution, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs. 33 items. Gift of Kate S. Burgess.

45. Scrapbook, 1920–76, of Mary Augusta Jefferson (of Amelia County) containing a variety of materials relating to her family’s history, her career as a music supervisor for the Lynchburg city schools, activities and history in Amelia County, the battle of New Market in 1864, and related subjects. 1 volume plus enclosures. Gift of H. Marshall Goodman, Jr.

46. Records, 1925, of the Stonewall Jackson School Mothers’ Club, Richmond, concerning presentation of a Confederate flag to the school. 3 items. Gift of the Janet Randolph Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Richmond.

47. Papers, 1926–94, of Anne Hobson Freeman, author and oral historian, concerning research on the history of Richmond investment firms Scott & Stringfellow and Wheat First Butcher Singer. 204 folders. Gift of Anne Hobson Freeman and Wheat First Butcher Singer, Richmond.

49. Papers, 1937, of Kathryn Viola Gray (of Richmond) including a diploma and photograph of the graduating class of 1937 of Armstrong High School. 2 items. Gift of Jason Morris.

50. Records, 1937–74, of the Laburnum Construction Corporation of Richmond, primarily consisting of minute books of directors’ meetings, ledgers, and financial reports. 60 items. Gift of Roberta Bryan Bocock.


52. Correspondence, 1944–45, of Captain Fraser Neiman (of Williamsburg) while serving as a military intelligence officer in the United States Army in Europe during World War II. 270 items. Gift of Stella Duff Neiman.


54. Papers, 1986–88, compiled by Elizabeth B. Bauder (as senior vice president for sales promotion at Thalhimer Bros., Inc., Richmond) concerning the opening of a branch department store in Southpark Mall, Charlotte, N.C. Materials primarily consist of marketing studies, pre-opening planning documents, and advertising and promotional records. 211 items. Gift of Elizabeth B. Bauder.


Printed Materials


8. Callaway, James Etheridge. *Thomas Nelson Page, Famous American and Virginian, Warns Against the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, and Federal Control of Suffrage: At No Time in the Last Twenty Years Have the States of the South Been Placed*
in Such Jeopardy. Montgomery, Ala. [191–?]. Printed letter written by Page to a Virginia woman on the subject of suffrage. Purchased through the Elis Olsson Memorial Foundation Fund.


17. Dabney, Robert Lewis. A Review of “Theodosia Ernst: or, The Heroine of Faith.” Richmond, 1869. The author was a professor at Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sydney College. Purchased through the Charles S. Hutzler Fund.


25. Fort Loudoun Seminary, Winchester, Virginia: Resident and Day Departments for Young Women . . . . Winchester, 1905. Purchased through the William A. Hagey Fund.


33. Hankel, David S. *A Description of the New Market Endless Caverns*. New Market, 1880. The first promotional literature printed about the Endless Caverns, which were discovered in 1879. Purchased through the William A. Hagey Fund.


36. Hunter, Robert Mercer Taliaferro. [Collection of twelve miscellaneous speeches delivered by R. M. T. Hunter from 1838 to 1857 on various subjects.] Hunter represented Virginia in the U.S. House of Representative, the U.S. Congress, and the Confederate States Congress. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Hester.


41. Maury, Matthew Fontaine. *Our Navy: Extracts from the Lucky Bag on the Reorganization of the Navy*. Washington, 1840. The author’s first published work, this pamphlet urged the navy to cease performing such tasks for which it had no competence, such as shipbuilding, and to reorganize itself appropriately. Purchased through the James A. C. Keith Fund.


44. *Mosaics*. Published by the girls of the Virginia Female Institute (Staunton). Roanoke, 1900, 1902–3. Annual. Gift of Marian Mann Fletcher.


49. Paris Steele’s Institute of Penmanship, Business and School: Present Term will Commence Nov. 26th, 1883, in the Lecture Room of the Old Baptist Church . . . Opposite Baptist College. [n.p., 1883]. Broadside. Includes a lengthy testimonial from students and faculty at Roanoke College. Purchased through the Betty Sams Christian Fund.


53. Pinckney, Henry Laurens. An Address Delivered Before the Bible Society of the University of Virginia, March 11th, 1835 and Published at the Request of the Society. Richmond, 1835. Purchased through the Douglas H. Gordon Fund.


57. Southern College, Petersburg. Commencement Snapshots. Includes photographs of members of the graduating class of 1934 from this women's junior college. Purchased through the Battle Abbey Council Fund.


70. Woods, George Bryant. Essays, Sketches and Stories: Selected from the Writings of George Bryant Woods: With a Biographical Memoir. Boston, 1873. Includes letters dated 3 and 5 April 1865 describing the author’s observations on the Union Army’s occupation of Petersburg and Richmond. Purchased through the Elis Olsson Memorial Foundation Fund.


Like a Virginia Creeper: (I’ll Creep Back to You): Song Fox Trot . . . “Sung by The Famous Four in the Kelso Brothers’ Tivoli Revue,” by Hugh Wade. Published in 1927.
Museum Objects


2. Diploma awarded to Bertie Lee Hamlette (Jeffress) from the Thyne Institute, May 18, 1923, Chase City, Virginia. Gift of her five children: Joy Jeffress Franklin, Fay Jeffress Davis, Mildred Jeffress Berry, Bertie Jeffress Powell, and Conway A. Jeffress, Jr.


8. Empire chair, early 1800s, used at the Executive Mansion in Richmond by the family of Gov. William Mann (1910–1914). Gift of Frederick B. Wayne, Richmond.

A card, 1941, with Nenette and Rin-tin-tin wool figures.
9. Sofa, c.1845–1855, from the Conway family of Mount Scion, the home of President James Madison’s mother. Attributed to Green Brothers of Alexandria. Gift of Helen H. Reed, Great Falls.

10. Large black and white photograph “Home Portrait” of Minnie Eagle Askew (Mrs. James Brasington Askew) and her daughter, Elizabeth (Beth) Engle Askew taken on 8 April 1946 by Dementi Studio with accompanying 8 x 10 photograph showing the above portrait on display in one of the Grace Street windows of Miller & Rhoads prior to Mother’s Day, 1946. Gift of Elizabeth Engle Askew, Nellysford.

11. Autographed photograph inscribed to the VHS from astronaut Leland D. Melvin during his visit to the VHS on 4 April 2008. Gift of Leland D. Melvin.

12. Photograph of the baseball team of Company I, 4th Virginia Regiment, United States Volunteers (from Franklin, Southampton County), Spanish-American War, probably 1898; one photograph of Company D (the Peninsula Guards), 4th Virginia Volunteer Regiment, United States Volunteers “Off to the Front May 20th 1898”; one felt football letter, Chester High School, 1939. Purchase. Elis Olsson Memorial Foundation Fund.


14. Bamboo cane with gold handle and one gold pocket watch, both given to Nelson Hill Hotchkiss in gratitude for trips he organized and led in the South for northern editors in 1871 and of southern editors to the North in 1872. Gift of Henry Stuart Hotchkiss, Washington, D.C.

15. Daguerreotype of Frederick William Hanewinckel, one daguerreotype of an unidentified woman (possibly Mrs. Frederick William Hanewinckel), and one hand colored ambrotype of Bishop Thomas Atkinson’s son, Thomas IV. Gift of Mrs. Joseph Bryan III, Monkton, Maryland.

16. Unmarked silver goblet inscribed “Capt.G. D. McIntosh [should be D. G.]/from/The Members of Co. B/1st Regt. S.C. Vols./July 3rd/1861.” Probably the goblet was bought in Richmond and presented to McIntosh at the disbandment of the regiment with the end of the soldiers’ ninety-day enlistments. Gift of Mrs. Joseph Bryan, III, Monkton, Maryland.


24. Eighty-three pieces of Virginia silver: serving spoon marked “Myers and Janke” for Solomon Myers and Alfred Janke; serving spoon marked “M. L. Grettier” for Michael Grettier; serving spoon marked “N. Hale” and “Richmond”; sugar tongs marked “H. Hyman RHD” in a serrated rectangle for Henry Hyman; serving spoon marked “Lewis Hyman RD” in a rectangle for Lewis Hyman; berry spoon marked “Chas. Gennet” and a “horse head and chevron” for Charles Gennet, Jr.; teaspoon marked “Warrock” for William Warrock; mustard ladle marked “J. Jackson” for Joseph Jackson; serving spoon marked “E Sullivan” for Enoch Sullivan; footed salver marked “Mitchell & Tyler,” Richmond; sugar
sifter marked “Mitchell & Tyler”; sugar tongs marked “Mitchell & Tyler”; luncheon, salad, or dessert fork marked “Mitchell & Tyler”; dinner fork marked “Mitchell & Tyler”; dessert spoon marked “Mitchell & Tyler”; teaspoon marked “John H. Tyler & Co.”; serving spoon marked “Mitchell & Tyler”; gravy ladle marked “Mitchell & Tyler”; salt spoon marked “John H. Tyler & Co.”; master butter knife marked “Mitchell & Tyler”; sugar tongs marked “W&GR” for brothers William and George Richardson, Richmond; sugar tongs marked “Freeman” for Joseph M. Freeman; master butter knife marked “Sterling” and “C. F. Greenwood & Bro.” for Charles F. Greenwood; serving spoon marked “Minton & Meyer” and “Norfolk” for Joseph B. Minton and Gotlieb A. Mayer; dessert spoon marked “C. Branda” and “Norfolk” for Charles Branda; serving spoon marked “J. Andrews” for Jeremiah Andrews; sauce ladle marked “J. Clarico” for Joseph Clarico, Norfolk; serving spoon marked “J. Clarico” for Joseph Clarico; teaspoon marked “C. Davidson” in a rectangle for Charles Davidson; teaspoon marked “J.O.” for John Oglier; punch ladle marked twice “L. Pagaud” for Lewis Pagaud; creamer marked “I. Adam” for John Adam, Alexandria; sugar tongs marked “IA” for either James Adam or John Adam; beaker marked “JA” for James Adam; sugar spoon marked “W. W. Adam” for William Wallace Adam; teaspoon marked “B. Barton” for Benjamin Barton, Jr., Alexandria; cream ladle marked “C. A. Burnett” for Charles A. Burnett; dessert spoon marked “A. Lynn” for Adam Lynn; serving spoon marked “J. Gaither” for John Gaither; teaspoon marked “J. B. Greene” for Josiah B. Greene or (Green); sugar tongs marked “S. Toomer,” Portsmouth; serving spoon marked “JG” for James Gaskins of Portsmouth; punch ladle marked twice “I. G” for James Geddy (1731-1807) of Williamsburg and Petersburg; serving spoon marked “Nowlan & Young” for Thomas Nowlan and J.T. Young; serving spoon marked “Bennett & Thomas” for John Bennett and Ebenezer Thomas; salt spoon marked “Lumsden and Short” for Charles Lumsden with Short; dessert spoon marked “AW” in a rectangle for Andrew White; teaspoon marked “J. Withers” for John Withers; egg spoon marked “J. B. Cooke” for John B. Cooke; two serving spoons marked “T. W. Bell” for Thomas W. Bell; gravy ladle marked “I. Duffel” for James Duffel; serving spoon marked “Silverthorn & Clift” for Henry Silverthorn and Josiah Clift; teaspoon marked “Brown” for Edward Brown; sugar tongs marked “Watson” with eagles for Joseph H. Watson; teaspoon marked “J. W. Watson” with a star for Joseph H. Watson; mustard ladle marked “J. Mytinger” for Jacob Mytinger; teaspoon marked “B. Moss” with an “eagle” for Barnett Moss; teaspoon marked “Campbell” and “Polk” in serrated rectangle for Thomas Boyle Campbell and Robert Isaac Watts Polk; teaspoon marked “TP” for Thomas Purse; dessert spoon marked “Wm. Cox Fredg” with an eagle; dessert spoon marked “W. J. Moon”, “coin”, and “horse and chevron” for William J. Moon, a retailer; tea spoon marked “S. Roberts” for Samuel Roberts; two teaspoons marked “J. P” for John Patterson; Lexington serving spoon marked “Wright” for James B. Wright; Harrisonburg teaspoon marked “J. W. Bear” for Jehu W. Bear; Harrisonburg serving spoon marked “G. O. Conrad” for George O. Conrad, the retailer, and “W & H” for Wood & Hughes, the NYC manufacturer; Danville serving spoon marked “Paxton” for John W. Paxton; Fincastle serving spoon marked “Jno. Welch” for John Welch; Williamsburg Candle snuffer marked “deM” for William L. DeMatteo who was the master silversmith during the mid-20th century for Colonial Williamsburg; Mecklenburg County teaspoon marked John Wincler, Jr.; Wheeling teaspoon marked “J. Bishop” and “Wheeling”; Wheeling teaspoon marked “Stocking” for Philo W. Stocking; Martinsburg teaspoon marked “Y&B” in script and in a rectangle for the partnership of Young & Bockius; Charles Town serving spoon marked “S. Young” for Samuel Young; Charles Town teaspoon marked “S. Young” for Samuel Young; Shepherdstown serving spoon marked “M. S. Brown & Co.” for Martin S. Brown; Shepherdstown serving spoon marked “E. J. Posey” for Frederick J. Posey; Shepherdstown serving spoon marked “I. B. Woltz” with an eagle for John Woltz; Shepherdstown knife marked “J. F. Posey”, “coin” with a chevron and horse head for Frederick J. Posey; Harpers Ferry serving spoon marked “M. Melhorn” for Michael Melhorn; Jefferson County teaspoon marked “Jef Co. Agl. Soy.” as the makers mark for Jefferson County Agricultural Society; also one china tea bowl and saucer, mid-1700s. Gift of James H. Willcox, Jr., Hopewell.


27. Three oil on canvas portraits from the Westover/Brandon portrait collection: William Fitzhugh painted by John Hesselius; Charles Boyle, 4th Earl of Orrery painted by Charles Bridges; Sir Charles Wager (artist unknown). Gift of Augusta Harrison Dunstan from the estate of her mother, Mrs. George Evelyn Harrison.

29. Photographic print by H. C. Mann that shows Red Cross volunteers in a work room at Smith & Welton department store in Norfolk during World War I. Gift of Sarah V. Stanley, Baltimore, Maryland.

30. Two signs from J. P. Crowder’s Deli, Richmond. Gift of Christine W. Banks, Richmond.

31. Pair of andirons, crude and probably locally made, recovered from the overseer’s house at “Edmundsbury,” the Edmund Pendleton plantation near Sparta, Caroline County. Probably late eighteenth or early nineteenth century; One oil lamp that clips onto a miner’s cap. No provenance. Gift of Herbert R. Collins, Milford.

32. Accordion, English manufacture, purchased by Rev. William Harris of Bedford County and given to Sarah C. (Harris) Agee. Gift of James Burch, St. Louis, Missouri.

33. Tintype photograph of two baseball players wearing ‘G-Ville’ (Gordonsville) uniform, c. 1870; ‘Base Ball Game’ broadside (Millwood/Berryville vs. Winchester), c. 1890–1895; photo postcard of the USS Virginia baseball team at Guantanamo Bay, 1912; color postcard of a baseball game at the Naval Operating Base, Hampton, c. WWI; score book of games held at Byrd Park kept by Oscar B. Eddleton, 1949; baseball programs from Virginia professional teams, 1963–1998; 1945 scorecard and 1950s card of Virginia native Granville ‘Granny’ Hamner, Philadelphia Phillies; vintage baseball cards of Virginia players as professionals; Richmond Braves baseball cards from final 2008 season. Purchase. Elis Olsson Memorial Foundation Fund and James H. Willcox, Jr. Fund.

34. Ceramic pitcher decorated in bas-relief with the death of Col. Elmer Ellsworth; One watercolor portrait of J. E. B. Stuart; One Prattware pot lid decorated with an illustration of Prince Albert, the Prince of Wales, visiting Washington’s tomb. Purchase. Elis Olsson Memorial Foundation Fund.

35. Three oil on canvas portraits: Ira Thomas Hurt, age 5; Phoebe Carter by B. M. Ewing, June 1836; James Carter by B. M. Ewing, June 1836. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Louthan, McLean.


38. Adding machine with stand; one poster from the Federal Deposit Insurance Company; one card from the Richmond Bank and Trust Company. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rush Loving, Jr., in memory of John E. Norvell, Jr.


40. Album containing photographs of Old Laburnum by Heustis Cook and individual photographs by Cooke and others; photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryan, their driver, Archer, and horses King Pippin and Lady Gray, c. 1901; photograph of Mrs. Joseph Bryan, Archer, possibly Lewis Ginter, and others posed in front of a Piedmont railroad car; photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryan and sons, 1892. Purchase. Frank E. Byram Memorial Fund.


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Exhibitions

Temporary Exhibitions

Sites and Stories: African American History in Virginia
Heads and Tales: Portraits of Outstanding Virginians
Moonshining in the Blue Ridge
A Creative Dynasty: Four Generations of Virginia Women
Photography in Virginia

Long-Term Exhibitions

The Story of Virginia, an American Experience

With support for The Floyd Dewey Gottwald Permanent Exhibition of Virginia History from Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr. • Nancy and Bruce Gottwald • Gottwald Foundation • Dr. and Mrs. William M. Gottwald • Lindsay and Brenton S. Halsey • Fort James Corporation • Ethyl Corporation • Albemarle Corporation • Marietta McNeill Morgan & Samuel Tate Morgan, Jr. Foundation

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The War Horse (outdoor sculpture)

Gift of Paul Mellon

Four Seasons of the Confederacy: Murals by Charles Hoffbauer
Making the Confederate Murals: Studies by Charles Hoffbauer
Arming the Confederacy: The Maryland-Steuart Collection
The Virginia Manufactory of Arms
Solving History's Mysteries: The History Discovery Lab (Department of Historic Resources)
Silver in Virginia

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Lectures

Stuart G. Christian, Jr., Trustees Lecture

J. Harvie Wilkinson, Jr., Lecture

Alexander W. Weddell Trustees Lecture

Banner Lecture Series

Dean King, “Skeletons of the Zahara,” 24 January 2008
Christopher Einolf, “George Thomas: Virginian for the Union,” 6 March 2008
Joseph Glatthaar, General Lee’s Army: From Victory to Collapse,” 21 March 2008

GALLERY TALKS

James C. Kelly, “Curator’s Favorites from The Story of Virginia on its 10th Anniversary,” 18 June 2008

Awards

Wyndham B. Blanton Scholarship • Excellence in scholarship by a high school student in 2008
Olga Korostelina, W. T. Woodson High School, Fairfax County

William M. E. Rachal Award • Best overall article in the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography in 2008
Caroline E. Janney, “One of the Best Loved, North and South: The Appropriation of National Reconciliation by LaSalle Correll Pickett” vol. 116, no. 4

C. Coleman McGehee Award • Best article by a graduate student in the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography in 2007–8

Richard Slatten Award • Excellence in Virginia biography in 2008

President’s Awards for Excellence • Outstanding service by VHS staff in 2008
Jennifer M. Guild, media relations specialist
L. Paige Newman, assistant archivist
Katherine S. Wilkins, reference librarian

Lora Robins Award • Leadership, foresight, and generosity in collecting the evidence of Virginia’s history in 2008
William R. Berkley

Howson W. Cole Award • Long and dedicated service
Lawrence I. Steed, Virginia House

Patricia Rodman and Martin Kirwan King Volunteer of the Year Award • Outstanding service in 2008
Ethel Mezger, Education Department

Research Fellows (and topics)

James Alsop, McMaster University • research on Dr. Gustavus R. B. Horner and the development of naval medicine, 1826–1868
Friederike Baer, Temple University • research on Baroness Friederike Riedesel and the living conditions of captured German and British troops in Virginia during the Revolutionary War.
Kevin Barksdale, Marshall University • research on the Appalachian backcountry and the interactions that occurred across the region between Amerindian groups

Audrey Bonnet, Université Paris • research on the different ways the Jamestown celebrations have been organized as well as the invention of myths and traditions, the function of collective memory and popular culture, and the role and influence of symbols

Elizabeth Crosman, University of Delaware • research on the evolution of Methodist lay assertiveness by examining the separation of the Republican Methodists begun by James O’Kelly, evangelist Lorenzo Dow’s controversial career, and the struggle for lay representation led by Nicholas Snethen

Jessica Dallow, University of Alabama at Birmingham • research on sporting artist Edward Troye and his patrons, including William Ransom Johnson and John Minor Botts

James Davis, State University of New York at Fredonia • research on music in the daily life of soldiers and civilians during winter quarters of 1863–64 in central Virginia

Patricia Davis, University of California, San Diego • research on the various media involved in the construction of an emergent black southern identity centered on collective memories of slavery and the Civil War

James Denham, Florida Southern College • research on William P. Duval, a Virginia native who served as territorial governor of Florida from 1822 to 1834

Carol Emberton, University at Buffalo • research on how Virginia’s Readjuster Party used the issue of corporal punishment, particularly the abolition of the whipping post, to galvanize a progressive, biracial coalition that made Virginia unique in Reconstruction politics

Lynette Garrett, American University • research on Confederate nationalism

Hilary Green, University of North Carolina • research on African American education during Reconstruction

Catherine Kerrison, Villanova University • research on Martha Jefferson Randolph, Maria Jefferson Eppes, and Harriet Hemings, the three daughters of Thomas Jefferson

Gabriel Klehr, Johns Hopkins University • research on the conversion of slaves to evangelical forms of Christianity from roughly 1770 to 1830

Michael Krivdo, Texas A & M University • research on the 1862 battle of Drewry’s Bluff

Barbaranne Liakos, University of Iowa • research on American paintings and prints of Civil War battle scenes produced from 1869 through 1894, and in particular, those by John Adams Elder, an artist from Fredericksburg

Jenny Masur, National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom • for research on runaway slaves and northern Virginia slaveholding families and plantations

Sarah McLennan, College of William and Mary • research on the Jamestown 350th Anniversary Celebration in 1957

Elizabeth Monroe, Indiana University • research on William Wirt, U.S. Attorney General, 1817–29, and his early career as a lawyer

Megan Nelson, California State University, Fullerton • research on how the ruins of war challenged fundamental aspects of nationalism from 1861 to 1865 and in the years after the conflict

C. Scott Nesbit, University of Virginia • research on the ideas of public forgiveness and reconciliation during Reconstruction

Yvette Piggush, Florida International University • research on American social romanticism, 1790–1840

Justin Pope, George Washington University • research on slave insurrections, conspiracies, and religious movements between 1729 and 1742

Matthew Rhoades, West Texas A&M University • research on Alexander Spotswood and the fiscal-military state in Virginia during the years 1710–22
Laura Sandy, University of Reading • research on plantation overseers, with particular regard to the part they played in slave management during the American Revolution

Rachel Shapiro, University of Virginia • research on the influence of community life in Washington, D.C., on the course of American political events leading up to the Civil War, 1846–1862

Faren Siminoff, Nassau Community College, New York City • research on James Robert Lee, a free man of color who became an Adventist preacher in Long Island

Chad Vanderford, University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa • research on St. George Tucker, his sons, Henry and Beverley Tucker, and his grandson, John Randolph Tucker

Annette Varcoe, Binghamton University • research on women’s involvement in benevolent work during and after the Civil War

Todd Wahlstrom, University of California, Santa Barbara • research on the economic and social history behind southern migration to Mexico after the Civil War

Jennifer Weber, University of Kansas • research on the effect of the draft on both the United States and the Confederate States populations

Jonathan Wells, University of North Carolina at Charlotte • research on the emergence and evolution of middle-class southerners in the post–Civil War period

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