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## Virginia Museum of History & Culture announces New Series of Free Livestream Virtual Banner Lectures

Richmond, VA — The Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) is pleased to announce a new series of free livestream virtual banner lectures that visitors can view online.

- Wednesday, April 22 at Noon - “A Fiendish Murder”: The Sad Saga of Charles and Susan Watkins, 1891

Historian John Long will examine the trial of Charles Watkins for the murder of his wife, which was marked by threats of lynching, a fugitive manhunt a disappearing witness, mistaken identities, claims of insanity, and a secret letter.

- Thursday, May 7 at Noon – Cabal! The Plot Against General Washington

Historian Mark Edward Lender examines clues found in original new research about the personalities and political maneuverings of those involved in the so-called “Conway Cabal” of patriot officers and politicians critical of George Washington’s leadership.

- Thursday, June 4 at Noon – City of Refuge: Freedom & Unfreedom in the Early Republic’s Great Dismal Swamp

Marcus Nevius traces the long-standing phenomenon of *petit marronage* (indefinite slave flight) as an act of black resistance at the Great Dismal Swamp’s earliest labor camp, Dismal Plantation, and in the broader early republican U.S.

Please visit to [VirginiaHistory.org/AtHome](http://VirginiaHistory.org/AtHome) to see these lectures. Visitors can also view more than 250 hours of recorded lectures in the museum’s Banner Lecture Archives, featuring world renowned authors and speakers discussing a variety of topics, including famous Virginians, notable events, business and industry, government and politics, popular culture, and more.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society — a private, non-profit organization established in 1831. The historical society is the oldest cultural organization in Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. For use in its state history museum and its renowned research library, the historical society cares for a collection of nearly nine million items representing the ever-evolving story of Virginia.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard in Richmond’s Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the research library. For more information call 804.340.1800, visit [VirginiaHistory.org](http://VirginiaHistory.org), or connect on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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