

THE BALCH COLUMN

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE DURING WWII PART 2

Saturday, February 7, 2004
 Snow Date: Saturday, February 14, 2004
 Thomas Balch Library
 2 - 4 pm
 Downstairs Meeting Room

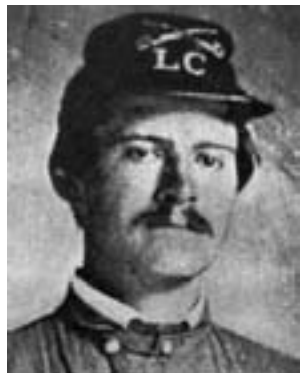
The Friends of the Thomas Balch Library presents a roundtable discussion featuring a panel of African-American WWII veterans from Loudoun County. They will be sharing memories, experiences and thoughts.



THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIER – NORTH AND SOUTH

Wednesday, March 3, 2004
 Thomas Balch Library
 7 - 9 pm

Keith Young, noted Civil War historian, will discuss the origins of Confederate and Union soldiers, characteristics they shared, why they fought and kept fighting, and their feelings about the war afterwards.



SAVING MONTICELLO

The Levy Family's Epic Quest to Rescue the House that Jefferson Built

Sunday, March 7, 2004
 Thomas Balch Library
 1 - 3 pm

Marc Leepson, author, lecturer, academic, and frequent TV guest, vividly presents an account of the turbulent saga of this fabled estate. Mr. Leepson will also be happy to autograph copies of his book after the presentation.



ANCESTRYPLUS

Tuesday, March 16, 2004
 7 - 8 pm
 Please pre-register 1 week prior to presentation.

LaVonne Markham will demonstrate the use of the online program, AncestryPlus, using the Thomas Balch subscription. The site contains census records, the Social Security Death Index, family trees, the Civil War Pension Index, and other vital records. As our resident expert, she will share her tips for navigation as well as printing.

NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR



We welcome our new Library Director, Alexandra Gressitt. Alexandra comes to us from the Library of Virginia where she was Archives Research Services Director. Her background includes several prestigious positions. She was Curator of Manuscripts at the Indiana Historical Society, Assistant University Archivist at the University of Southern Mississippi and Archivist for the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Ms. Gressitt has a MA in History from the University of Washington, Seattle and a MA in Archival Administration from North Carolina State University. Her

plans for the Thomas Balch Library include acquiring materials that will reflect the growing cultural diversity of our community and working towards automating procedures in the library. She looks forward to working not only with Balch's staff, but also the community at large.



Warner Family Reunion, 1936

BASIC GENEALOGY

Saturday, April 3, 2004
 9 - 3 pm
 In the Library

\$30.00 fee. Please register and pay 1 week prior to the class.

Bring a bag lunch and beverage and join Mary Fishback, author, staff member, and genealogist, for her Basic Genealogy course. Spend the day and learn how to research your family history. Starting with a tour of library resources, you will learn how to organize your papers and charts, how to use census records, military and war records, birth, death, and marriage records, land records and much more. Lots of fun and plenty of helpful handouts.

DONATIONS AND GIFTS IN KIND

With heartfelt thanks, we acknowledge many wonderful people and organizations for their generosity and apologize for anyone we may have missed.

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| Anonymous | Wanda & Raymond Kirkpatrick | Charles Roberts |
| Audrey Bergner | Alice Lapham | Wynne Saffer |
| Katherine Blair | Leisure World | Barbara Sharp |
| Henry Brylawsky | Loudoun Restoration & Preservation Society | Leland Stanford |
| William Carroll | The Mahans | The Stapletons |
| Jane Chrismer | Meadow Glen of Leesburg | Loretta Taylor |
| Junel Davidson | National Association of Retired Federal Workers | 35th Battalion |
| Mercedes B. Eyssell | Claire Nolan | Diane Trinter |
| Girl Scout Troop 458 | John Obrien | Willis Van Devanter |
| Roger Givens | Eloise Osler | Wednesday Women's Serenity Group |
| Handley Library | L. F. Overfield | Harrison Williams |
| Elliott Lee Harper | Pulte Homes | Women's Club of Loudoun |
| Agnes Harrison | | R. Keith Young |
| Susan Hutchinson | | |
| Mary Alcie Keital | | |

A LITTLE SHORT OF BOATS: THE FIGHT AT BALL'S BLUFF AND EDWARDS FERRY

Author, Jim Morgan
 Wednesday, April 7, 2004
 Thomas Balch Library
 7 – 9 pm

Jim Morgan will discuss his new book about Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry. Jim became a guide at Ball's Bluff in 2000 when the original guide group was formed. As he became more involved in the tours, he had questions and concerns regarding information they were using. He began digging into original sources, being the Civil War buff that he is, and, thus, his new book! Jim hopes to have his book with him and will be happy to autograph copies for you.

NORTHERN NECK LAND GRANTS A SECOND LOOK



Sunday,
 April 18, 2004
 Thomas Balch Library
 1 – 3 pm

Back by popular demand, Wynne Saffer, local author and historian, will discuss the history of and how to locate land grants of the Northern Neck Proprietary. Mr. Saffer will show you how to use resources available in the Balch Library.

USING FAMILYSEARCH

Two part class:
 Tuesday, April 20, 2004 and Wednesday, April 21, 2004
 7 – 9 pm both nights
 Thomas Balch Library
 \$10.00 fee. Please register and pay 1 week prior to class.

Jinx Hartung will present a 2 part class for the layperson using FamilySearch. Classes will include how to use the library catalog, how to search for your ancestors, and how to use the glossary of foreign and domestic terms. Plenty of time for questions will be included. Plan to come both nights – this is a 2 part class.

PHOTO ID PARTY

Thursday, April 22, 2004
 Purcellville Library
 10 – 12 am

The Thomas Balch Library needs your help! Please come to the Purcellville Library and spend an hour or two helping us identify pictures of Loudoun people and places from the 30's, 40's, and 50's. A door prize will be given to the first person at the ID Party to identify "unidentified male."



Unidentified Male

THE QUAKER GIRL IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA, HER LIFE AND HER NEEDLEWORK

Betty Elizabeth Flemming
 Sunday, May 16, 2004
 1 – 3 pm

Betty Flemming, needlework lecturer and author, founder of the Loudoun Sampler Guild, responsible for "Threads of History", a sampler exhibition and symposium now considered the first major exhibit of Southern samplers, and curator emeritus of the Loudoun Museum, will present a look at the life of a Quaker girl as depicted by her needlework. Mrs. Flemming has kindly offered to give preservation and/or conservation advice on your needlework treasures at the end of her presentation. Please, one item per person.



CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

2nd Tuesday of the month
 7:30 pm
 Thomas Balch Library
 For information: 540 822-4480 or allnoles@aol.com

- Feb 10: Loudoun County Civil War Resources – Mary Fishback
- Mar 9: Mine Run Campaign – Frank Walker
- Apr 13: Railroads in the Eastern Theater – Ron Beavers
- May 11: Reconstruction in Loudoun County – Charles Poland
- Jun 8: A Fresh Look at Ball's Bluff – Jim Morgan

NEW ON THE BOOK SHELF

Southern State of Andersonville Prison by R. Stevenson
Library of Congress Civil War Desk Reference
The Doane Family, Vol. I & II
Bermuda Settlers of the 17th Century by Julia Mercer
Recollections of Hamilton
Jefferson County, Virginia, 1814-1824, Personal Property
Tax Lists by Patricia Duncan

\$5.00 per item appraised, with all fees being donated by Mr. Vandevanter to the Thomas Balch Library for preservation and conservation of archival materials.
 Bring your treasures - let Mr. Vandevanter, noted appraiser of books and works of art, tell you what that special book, print, or object is worth. Or just come and observe the wonderful things that people bring for appraisal - you never know what might turn up! Mr. Vandevanter was the chief buyer for the Paul Mellon collection for 20 years and acting curator of Graphic Arts at Princeton University in the late 50's.
 Cash or check only.

Our Now Famous Event!!
 Sunday, March 28, 2004
 1 – 4 pm
 Willis Vandevanter

APPRAISAL FAIR

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