

Leesburg Pathfinder



Thomas Balch Library focuses primarily on the history and genealogy of Leesburg, Loudoun County, and immediately adjacent counties. Our Pathfinders are designed to introduce users to a selection of materials relating to specific research topics. This Pathfinder is for people interested in the Town of Leesburg. These resources are a starting point, but the library holds many more resources on the Town of Leesburg. Materials identified span a variety of library's holding and include reference works, monographs, journals, and special collections materials,

such as manuscripts, visual collections, and oral histories. For additional resources, researchers are encouraged to consult the library's online catalog (<http://library.loudoun.gov/>), which it shares with the Loudoun County Public Libraries, Collection Guides for Archives and Manuscripts (www.leesburgva.gov/library/archives) and online indices to visual collections, maps, and newspapers.

Major Call Number Range(s) for browsing at Thomas Balch Library

929.375528 Genealogy, names, insignia – Genealogical Sources – Loudon County
975.528 History of North America-Virginia –Loudoun County

Books

Church History

282.75528 SCH Scheel, Eugene M. *A History of Saint John the Apostle Church, Leesburg, and the Catholic Faith in Loudon County, Virginia: 1878 centenary 1978.* 1978
283.75528 CRA Craighill, Peyton G. *A History of St. James' Episcopal Church, Leesburg, Virginia, 1734-1934.* 1935
285.755 LEE Leesburg Presbyterian Church. *The Leesburg Presbyterian Church: Leesburg, Virginia 1804.* 1979
287 FLI Flint, Roland B. *History of Methodism in Leesburg, Virginia 1766-1974.* 1974
704.94855 LUC Lucier, James P. *St. John's Madonna Returns to Leesburg.* 2009
921 Mercer Margaret Kelly, Frances K. *The Gifted One: A Brief Biography of Margaret Mercer 1791-1846, Educator, Emancipator, and Heaven's Advocate*

Yearbooks

373.75528 LEE Leesburg High School. *Leesburg High School Yearbook: Ketocin.* 1927-1954
373.75528 LOU Loudoun County High School. *Loudoun County High School Yearbook.* 1955-2004.
975.528 DOU Douglass High School. *Treasured Memories 1953. The Ram 1965.* 1991.

Architecture

387.7362 ARM Armstrong, Frank C. *Flight...Yesterday. Today...Tomorrow: Godfrey Field Leesburg Municipal Airport.* 1964.
711.4 HAR Hartzog, Lader and Richards *Physical Design Plan for the Leesburg Old and Historic District.* 1976.
711.4 HAR Hartzog, Lader and Richards. *Economic Survey and Analysis of the Leesburg Old and Historic District.* 1976.
723 LEW Lewis, John G., and Calder C. Loth. *Architectural Survey of the Original Nicholas Minor Section of Leesburg, Virginia.* 1972.
917.5528 REG Regan, Bob, and Wingard, Jeff. *The Names of Leesburg: Historic Origins of the Name's of the Town's Streets, Parks, Homes and More.* 2009.

- 975.5 COU Coughlan, Kathryn I. *Rokeby: A Page in History*. 1992.
 975.528 GIL Gildersleeve, Alice. *Thomas Balch Library: A Monument to the Father of International Arbitration*. 1992.
 975.528 MIL Miller, Kathryn A. *Leesburg Historic District: A Survey of the Nicholas Minor Section*

Genealogy

- 929.20975528 TAV Tavenner, Charles Blair. *Charles Blair Tavenner Collection : Genealogical notes on Loudoun Families volumes A-Z*. 24 volumes 19??
 929.375528 DUN Duncan, Patricia B. *Genealogical Abstracts from the Mirror 1880-1890 Loudoun County Virginia*. 2008. Additional volumes through 1919.
 929.50975528 FRA Frain, Elizabeth R. *Union Cemetery, Leesburg, Loudoun County, Virginia: Plats A & B, 1784-1995 and Union Cemetery, Leesburg, Loudoun County, Virginia: The Later Plots 1880-1995*. 1995-1997.
 929.50975528 IND *Index to Cemeteries of Loudoun County, Virginia*. 7 volumes.
 929.50975528 KOE Koenig, Jim. *They Were A Community of African-Americans in Leesburg, VA 1870-1990*. 2011

Touring Leesburg

- 917.5528 GIL Gillespie, Richard T. *"A Perfect Sneering Nest Of Rebels": Leesburg in the Civil War: A Guided Walking Tour of the Old Town*. 1998.
 917.5528 LEE Lee, Deborah A. *African American Heritage Trail, Leesburg, Virginia*. 2002.
 917.55 BAL Ballato, Josie. *Along Virginia's Route 15*. 2008.
 975.528 RAF Raflo, Frank. *A Walk Around Leesburg: A Walk through the Historic Town of Leesburg, Virginia*. 1978.
 975.528 SMI Smith, Kathryn Gettings. *Exploring Leesburg: Guide to History and Architecture*. 2003.
 975.528 STE Steadman, Melvin Lee. *Historic Leesburg, Virginia, A Walking Tour*. 1967.

History of Leesburg

- 925.528 SCH Scheel, Eugene. *Loudoun Discovered: Volume 2, Leesburg and the Old Carolina Road*. 2002.
 973.731 MOR Morgan, James, III. *A Little Short of Boats: The Fights at Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21-22, 1861: A History and Tour Guide*. 2004.
 975.5 TOW *The Town of Leesburg in Virginia: The Middle Century 1858-1958, as Reported from Official Town Minute Books*. [The Lamplighter]. 1976.
 975.528 BAL Balicki, Joseph & Owen II, Walton H. *Documentation of Eight Civil War Forts and Earthworks in the Vicinity of Leesburg, Virginia*. 2002.
 975.528 FIS Fishback, Mary. *Images of America: Leesburg*. 2003.
 975.528 GLI Mason, F. E., Harrison, M.F. and Edwards, L.R. *Glimpses of Leesburg: A Colorful Sketch*. 193-?
 975.528 HEA Head, James William. *History and Comprehensive Description of Loudoun County, Virginia*. 1908.
 975.528 MCD McDonald, Annie Laurie. *Leesburg*. 2011
 975.528 PHI Phillips, John T. *Historian's Guide to Loudoun County, Virginia. Colonial Laws from 1757-1766*. 1996.
 975.528 POL Poland, Charles P., Jr. *From Frontier To Suburbia: Loudoun County, Virginia: One Of America's Fastest Growing Counties*. 2005.
 975.528 POL Poland, Charles P., Jr. *The Thomas Balch Library Mural: A Loudon County Story*. 2002
 975.528 RAF Raflo, Frank. *Leesburg Lore: As Remembered by Frank Raflo*

Diaries, Letters and Memoirs

- 921 CALDWELL Glaser, William. *The Life and Diary of Samuel B. T. Caldwell: A Study in*

SAMUEL B. T. *Early Nineteenth-Century America*. 2008.
 921 O'CONNOR O'Connor, Nancy Harrison. *Lady of the Dancing Wax*. 1976.
 929.1 RUST *Copy of Diary of Mrs. Armistead T.M. Rust (Ida Lee): From February 15, 1916 to August 20, 1920*.
 929.75528 LACK *Copy of diary of Miss Mary E. Lack: November 24, 1861 to November 11, 1862*.
 975.528 BIR Birkby, Samuel. *Samuel Birkby's Commomplace Book*. 1974.

Government and Organizational Records

Microfilm Leesburg Presbyterian Session Minutes and Register. 1904-1938.
 Microfilm Town of Leesburg Minutes, 1813-1982
 Microfilm/Rust Town of Leesburg Records 1813-Present
 Archive
 Microfilm Leesburg Town Council Ordinances/Laws 1813-1824 (Reel A)
 Microfilm Leesburg Town Council Ordinances/Laws 1813-1832 (Reel B)

Newspapers and Periodicals

Microfilm *Democratic Mirror* (1857-1861)
 Microfilm *Genius of Liberty* (1817-1820)
 Microfilm *Loudoun Mirror* (1908-1931)
 Microfilm *Loudoun Telephone* (1881-1896)
 Microfilm *Loudoun Times* (1917-1922)
 Microfilm *Loudoun Whig* (1848-1849)
 Microfilm *The Mirror* (1865-1902)
 Microfilm *Washingtonian* (1810-1811, 1829-1907)
 Microfilm *Washingtonian Mirror* (1903-1907)
 Microfilm & Rust *Loudoun Times-Mirror* (1925-2010)
 Archive
 Rust Archive *Leesburg Today* (1989-current)

975.528 LOU Historical Society of Loudoun County, Virginia. *Bulletin of the Loudoun County Historical Society, Inc.*

Audio - Visual

CD 975.528 LEE National Public Radio. *Leesburg, Thirty Years After Desegregation*. 1984
 DVD 921 DAVIS Tarter, Brent. *An Evening at Morven Park the Life of Westmoreland Davis*. 2009.
 WESTMORELAND
 DVD 973. 7115 THR Breyer, Richard. *300 Miles to Freedom*. 2011.
 DVD 975.528 LOO Black History Committee and The Friends of the Thomas Balch Library. *Looking Back at Leesburg with Wilson Townsend, Jr*. 2005.
 DVD 975.528 TOW Ernst & Young. *The Town of Leesburg, VA*. 1985.

- VIDEO 282 OLD Old Stone Church Foundation. *The Old Stone Church Site: The First Methodist-Owned Property In America*. 1995
- VIDEO 921 MOORE Thomas Balch Library. *The Past is Present a Profile of Dr. Claude Moore*. 1988.
- VIDEO 975.528 ON Channel 3 Loudon TV. *On This Ground*. 2000.

Manuscripts and Archives

Please consult the appropriate *Collection Guide* and submit a *Collection Request Form* to request an item.

- M 008 Student Oral History Collection
- M 012 Black History Committee Oral History Project
- M 013 African American Architectural Surveys of Loudoun County
- M 014 Thomas Balch Library Oral History Project
- M 016 Leesburg Architectural Surveys 1971-2001
- M 022 Lewis/Edwards Survey Files from Virginia Department of Historic Resources
- M 026 Loudoun County Oral History Project
- M 044 Leesburg Garden Club
- M 049 The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital
- M 050 Family Bible Records, ca.1750- 1970
- M 062 Old Stone Methodist Church
- M 075 Leesburg Civil War Collection
- M 080 Frederick Douglass Elementary School Living History
- SC 0004 Diaries of Samuel B.T. Caldwell
- SC 0020 Westmoreland Davis Political Collection
- SC 0029 Colonial Leesburg, Inc. Collection, ca. 1949-1956
- SC 0034 Leesburg Municipal Currency (“Dog Money”)
- SC 0036 Westmoreland Davis Memorabilia
- SC0048 General Lee’s Visit to Leesburg
- OMB 007 Leesburg Civil Rights Posters
- BV 005 Norris and Sons Account Book

Maps

- Map Drawer 1, Folder 2 *Gray's New Map of Leesburg Loudoun County Va. Drawn from special surveys*. 1878.
- Map Drawer 1, Folder 2 Leesburg, VA Air Photo Map. 1969
- Map Drawer 1, Folder 4 *Architectural Significance Map of Leesburg*. 1976.
- Map Drawer 1, Folder 5 Hough, John. *Plan of Leesburg*. 1759
- Map Drawer 1, Folder 5 Vandeventer, C.O. *1757 Map of Leesburg*. 1926.
- Map Drawer 1, Folders 10-12 Town of Leesburg street maps. 1964, 1970, 1973, 1987, 2003
- Map Drawer 1, Folders 6-9 *Sanborn Maps of Leesburg, Virginia*. 1894, 1899, 1903, 1908
- Map Drawer 3, Folder 2 Scheel, Eugene. *Map of Loudoun County, Virginia*.

Map Drawer 3, Folder 8 Vandeventer, C.D. *Patents between Leesburg and Lucketts Virginia*. 1930.

Rust Archive, Box 2A, Folder 20 USGS Plain Maps. United States Geological Survey. *Leesburg Quadrangle*. 1952.

Vertical Files

Drawer 1 African American History – *See Index*
Drawer 1 Leesburg – History: Leesburg History
Drawer 1 Leesburg – Architecture: Various Leesburg Architecture
Drawer 1 Leesburg – Elected Officials: Elected Officials in Leesburg
Drawer 2 Public Schools: Public Schools in Loudon
Church files *See Index*
Ephemera *See Index*
Unpublished Papers *See Index*

Visual Collections

Please consult the appropriate *Collection Guide* and submit a *Collection Request Form* to request an item.

VC RG022 Planning, Zoning & Development Department Visual Records of Historic Sites, 1990 – 2004
VC 0003 Winslow Williams Photograph Collection, ca. 1945-1970
VC 0004 Historical Postcards Collection, 1900-2008
VC 0007 Fran Poston Photograph Collection, 2003
VC 0008 Russell Gregg Photograph Collection, ca. 1930-1945 (*no collection guide; see Visual Collections Indices*)
VC 0016 Mary & John Fishback Photograph Collection, ca. 1970-2009 (*no collection guide; see Visual Collections Indices*)

Electronic Resources

<http://sanborn.umi.com/> Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867-1970 (Virginia only, available onsite)
www.leesburgva.gov Town of Leesburg website
www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/cemetery/default.aspx Loudoun Cemetery Database

For additional resources, researchers are encouraged to consult the library's online catalog (<http://library.loudoun.gov/>), Collection Guides for Archives and Manuscripts (www.leesburgva.com/services/library/online/specialcollections), and online indices to visual collections, maps, and newspapers.

Suggested Library of Congress Subject Headings for further Searching

Historic sites -- Virginia -- Leesburg.
Leesburg (Va.) -- History
Loudoun County (Va.) -- Genealogy

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