

**Collection  
VC 0019**

**James P. Roberts Photograph Collection  
2003-**

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Beth Schuster  
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**Thomas Balch Library  
208 W. Market Street  
Leesburg, VA 20176**

## **USER INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 204 photographs

COLLECTION DATES: 2003-

PROVENANCE: James P. Roberts, Leesburg, VA

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: Collection open for research

USE RESTRICTIONS: Visual materials may require special handling.

REPRODUCTION RIGHTS: Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from Thomas Balch Library.

CITE AS: James P. Roberts Photograph Collection, 2003- (VC 0019), Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, VA.

ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: PastPerfect catalogue records

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: Black History Committee Oral History Project, M012;  
Thomas Balch Library Vertical Files -- Schools

ACCESSION NUMBERS: 2007.0116, 2007.0179, 2007.0178, 2008.0078,  
2008.0081, 2003.0043, 2008.0153, 2009.0060, 2009.0167, 2009.0136,  
2009.0167, 2010.0254

NOTES: This is an open collection.  
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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Avocational photographer James P. Roberts is a life-time Loudoun County, Virginia resident. Born and raised in segregated Leesburg, he graduated from Douglass High School. He served in the U.S. Navy for five years before returning to Loudoun County to raise his family.

Roberts organized the first African American Boy Scout troop in Middleburg, which later became the first integrated troop. He was also the first African American awarded Middleburg's Fireman of the Year award and co-founded the Windy Hill Foundation. Roberts served on the Middleburg Town Council in 1980 and on the Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission since 2001.

In addition to his volunteer activities, Roberts is actively involved in preserving Loudoun County history. He regularly leads a walking tour exploring local people, places and points of interest both in and around Leesburg. He shares his first-hand knowledge of how Leesburg has grown and evolved through the years architecturally, economically, and racially. In recognition of his contributions, Roberts was a Loudoun History Award recipient in 2008.

### SOURCES:

History Awards Nomination, 2008, Town of Leesburg Records, Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission (RG08), Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, VA.

James P. Roberts, interview with Beth Schuster, 18 September 2009.

James P. Roberts Photograph Collection (VC 0019), Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, VA.

Thomas Balch Library, Town of Leesburg,  
[www.leesburgva.gov/ThomasBalchLibrary](http://www.leesburgva.gov/ThomasBalchLibrary), accessed 17 September 2009

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The 204 4"x6" color photographs in this collection primarily document Loudoun County Public School buildings from the fall of 2007 through the fall of 2009.

## CONTAINER LIST

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