

BALCH COLUMN

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News FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



(2016) received special recognition for their commemorative efforts in connection with Frederick Douglass Elementary School. For 2022, Susan Pemberton Webber was recognized for her many contributions to the advocacy and furtherance of history through participation in and support of Thomas Balch Library, Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, and membership in heritage organizations. Charles A. Johnston was recognized for his many contributions to educational outreach and the preservation and documentation of Leesburg and Loudoun County history.



This year we lost two long serving committed members of our Library community, Pauline Singletary (1930-2022) and Martha A. Schonberger (1961-2022). Pauline S. Singletary was the first Chair of the Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, serving in that capacity from 2000-2008 and was a recipient of a Loudoun History Award in 2005. Martha Schonberger served as a Commissioner on the Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission for 14 years, from 2002-2010 and again from 2017-2022. During those years she was Chair from 2004-07 and Vice Chair 2008 and again from 2019-2022. It was a privilege to have known and worked with them. They will be missed but their legacy lives on.

New staff at TBL since my last letter include Anna Carneal, Genealogy Associate and Madison (Maddie) Russell, Cataloger. Additionally, Michelle Champ, Sara Donovan, and Taylor Ruzinsky have joined the Library as part time reference staff. Helen Fonda Vettori joined us in January as a Library Assistant.

The Loudoun Library Foundation has generously awarded the Library a grant of \$4,900 to assist in processing the collection of the late Charles L. Waddell (1932-2022), who represented Loudoun and parts of Fairfax County in the Virginia State Senate for 26 years.

The Library continues to celebrate its centenary! Complimentary copies of *Thomas Balch Library 100 Years 1922-2022*, an illustrated booklet documenting the Library's rich heritage as seen through eyes of longtime supporters and library users, are available from the Library as well as commemorative bookmarks and wallet magnifiers. As a capstone to all the celebrations, during the month of May, the Library will be presenting an exhibit: Highlights of 100 Years of Collecting at Thomas Balch Library in the Margaret Mercer Room of the Library.

The Library is committed to providing open access to all its resources and is in the process of establishing its own catalog, separate from Loudoun County Public Library, converting from Dewey to Library of Congress classification system. This will enable us to provide a single point of access to all our holdings no matter the format. In the coming months we will be sharing our progress and providing training opportunities to understand our new catalog.

We thank you for your ongoing interest in and support of the Library's mission. As always, we at the library look forward to welcoming you when next you are able to visit the Library.

Alexandra S. Gressitt
Library Director



Although most Thomas Balch Library programs are presented in person, pre-registration for all events, virtual or in-person, is required: <https://tinyurl.com/TBLEvents>. Be sure to check the library website for the latest event information.

AFRICAN AMERICANS AND NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

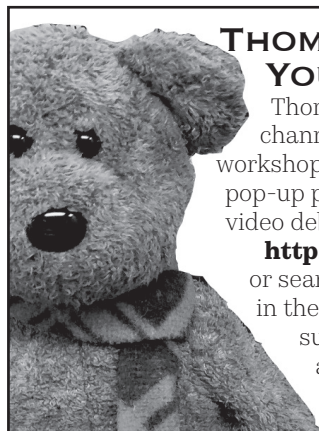
Sunday, 12 February 2023, 2PM

Charles Jameson



As of today, it is known that over 8,000 African Americans and Native Americans fought in the American Revolution. Some were free and some enslaved. Whether fighting for the British cause or for the American cause, African Americans and Native Americans were fighting for their Freedom. This talk is based on information extracted from the Daughters of the American Revolution's research on Forgotten Patriots and from other Revolutionary War resources.

Charles Jameson, born in Culpeper VA, was educated in a segregated school system, graduating from George Washington Carver Regional High School in 1965 and from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1970 with a BS in Education. He served in Vietnam for 13 months, 1970-1971, with three units, including the 11th armored Cavalry first of the 5th Mechanized units on the DMZ, and finishing with the 101st Airborne on the Laotian Border. While deployed in Vietnam he earned the Purple Heart, three bronze Stars and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry - a unit citation. Following military service, he entered civilian life pursuing a career as Project Superintendent heavy highway and site development in Maryland and Virginia. Upon retirement, he joined Sons of the American Revolution which has been an enlightening and informative experience as he has learned a lot about his own lineage back to the Revolutionary War and the Culpeper Minutemen. Jameson served as President of the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter Virginia Society of Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) from 2020-2022 during which time the chapter was recognized as top a national medium sized chapter. Other honors include being named a Culpeper Colonel by Culpeper Board of Supervisors in 2017, receiving the 2022 NAACP Culpeper Branch 7058, Community Service and Activism Award, and winning the "Aging Together 5 Over 50" Culpeper County Award. He serves on the board of Culpeper History Museum, Carver 4 County Museum, George Washington Carver Agricultural Research Center and is Historian for the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR.



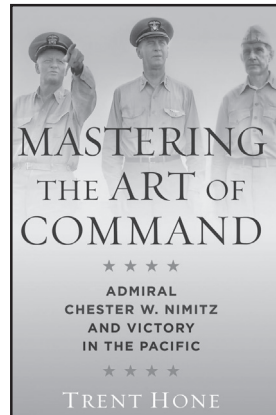
THOMAS BALCH LIBRARY YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Thomas Balch Library's YouTube channel hosts video content of our workshops, author talks, informative short pop-up programs, and Wallace the Bear's video debut. Find the library's channel at <https://tinyurl.com/VideoTBL> or search for "Thomas Balch Library" in the YouTube search bar. You may subscribe to our channel to access new content as it becomes available.

MASTERING THE ART OF COMMAND: ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ AND THE VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC

Sunday, 5 March 2023, 2PM

Trent Hone



Mastering the Art of Command is an examination of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's leadership during World War II. It describes how he used his talents to guide the Pacific Fleet following attacks on Pearl Harbor to win crucial victories against the Imperial Japan forces and seize the initiative in the Pacific. Once Nimitz's forces held the initiative, they maintained it through an offensive campaign of unparalleled speed overcoming Japanese defenses and creating conditions for victory.

Mastering the Art of Command explores how Nimitz used his leadership skills, command talents, and strategic acumen to achieve decisive results. Nimitz's "strategic artistry" is a pattern worthy of study and emulation, for today's military officers, civilian leaders, and managers in large organizations.

Trent Hone is an award-winning naval historian and Vice President of Solution Architecture with ICF International, based in Fairfax, Virginia. He is the author of *Learning War: The Evolution of Fighting Doctrine in the U.S. Navy, 1898-1945*, which explores how the US Navy developed learning mechanisms before World War II that accelerated victory during the conflict. His article, "U.S. Navy Surface Battle Doctrine and Victory in the Pacific" was awarded the US Naval War College's Edward S. Miller Prize and the Naval History and Heritage Command's Ernest M. Eller Prize. His essay, "Guadalcanal Proved Experimentation Works" earned second place in the 2017 Chief of Naval Operations Naval History Essay Contest.

THE ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, 22 March 2023, 10 AM-4 PM

Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt



This event is sponsored by

Friends of the Thomas Balch Library

Cost: members \$30; nonmembers \$40; at door \$60

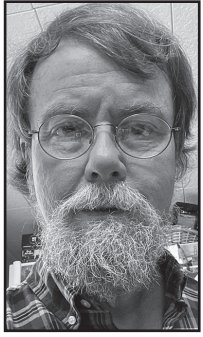
Join experts Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation for a full day of learning how to get the most out of Irish resources and records. Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years, you won't want to miss this workshop. Attendance is limited, advance registration is required. To view program topics and register visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/UlsterLecture>

CIVIL WAR WALKING TOUR OF LEESBURG

Richard Treat Gillespie

Saturday, 25 March 2023, 10AM



With its key geographic location just two miles from the Potomac Frontier that divided the Confederate and United States, Leesburg was bound to see a good deal of the Civil War. A Walking Tour of Civil War Leesburg with Rich Gillespie will examine the surviving Civil War townscape and watch the War develop and engulf the county seat of Loudoun. In a circuit of the historic district, the emphasis will be on what the 1,500 residents of the town would have seen at various places and what they would have

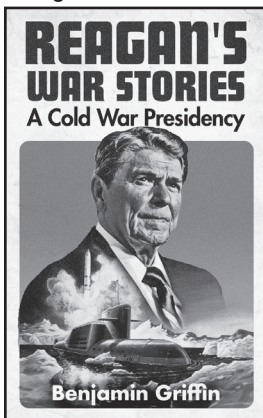
experienced during 1861-65. The two-hour chronological tour will provide ample spots to sit for the weary and will paint vibrant historic portraits to keep people enthralled. Included in the tour will be three skirmish sites, outside stops at two churches, the courthouse lawn, "the best street in town," Harrison Hall where General Lee stayed, and the Episcopal cemetery.

Richard Treat Gillespie, former Executive Director for Northern Virginia's Mosby Heritage Area (now known as Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area Association), is a founding member of Loudoun's Civil War Sesquicentennial Steering Committee. Before joining the Mosby Heritage Area Association in 2004, he taught US History and Economics for 30 years at Loudoun Valley High School in Purcellville, VA. A graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, he is a strong believer in melding the classroom, the community, and historic sites through heritage education. The tour leaves from Thomas Balch Library parking lot at 10AM. *Note: This tour requires good walking shoes.*

REAGAN'S WAR STORIES

Sunday, 2 April 2023, 2PM

Benjamin Griffin



Reagan's War Stories examines the relationship between Ronald Reagan, the public, and popular culture. From an overview of Reagan's youth and the pulp fiction he consumed, we get a sense of the future president's good/evil outlook. Carrying that over into Reagan's reading and choices as president, Griffin situates narrative at the center of Reagan's political formation and leadership providing a compelling account of both Reagan's life, his presidency, and a lens into non-traditional strategy formulation. Reagan treated fictional portrayals

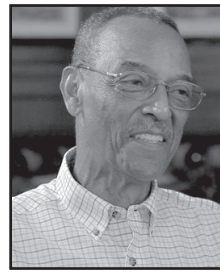
seriously, believing they shaped public views and offered valid ways to think through geo-political issues. Showing how Reagan used narrative as both a consumer and a communicator, Griffin notes Reagan identified with certain stories and how they shaped him as a political leader influencing his approach to complex issues. When handled deftly, incorporating fiction created a common language across the administration and provided a way to convey messages to the masses in a memorable fashion.

Benjamin Griffin is a US Army officer who earned his PhD in history from the University of Texas. He teaches in the Department of History at the United States Military Academy and resides at West Point with his family.

LEESBURG TOUR

James P. Roberts

Saturday, 6 May 2023, 9-12PM



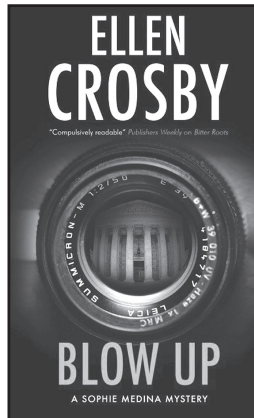
James Roberts, a native of Leesburg, former member of Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission, 2008 recipient of a Loudoun History Award, and recognized in 2011 by Loudoun Laurels, will lead a walking tour of Leesburg. The tour is an insider's commentary of local people, places, and points of interest both in and around Leesburg. Particular detail is paid to how Leesburg has grown and evolved

through the years architecturally, economically, and racially. Factual, historical, and anecdotal information is intertwined and presented in storytelling fashion as only someone who lived through it and thoughtfully observed it, can do. This unique tour will leave from Thomas Balch Library parking lot at 9AM. *Note: This tour requires good walking shoes.*

BLOW UP

Sunday, 7 May 2023, 2PM

Ellen Crosby



In *Blow Up* the third Sophie Medina mystery (following *Multiple Exposure* in 2015 and *Ghost Image* in 2016) international photojournalist Sophie Medina and her old school friend Father Jack O'Hara are out for a run on Capitol Hill when they find the body of Associate Supreme Court Justice Everett Townsend lying in an alley, barely alive. When Townsend dies in the ER, his death has repercussions for Sophie after her friend, Javi Aguilera, is murdered. This murder and a dark secret with potential of having a devastating impact

on the nation's highest court heighten the sense of urgency as Sophie searches looking for evidence before everything blows up in her face.

Ellen Crosby is the author of 16 books: 3 mysteries featuring photojournalist Sophie Medina, 12 in the Virginia wine country mystery series, and *Moscow Nights*, a standalone. Her books have been nominated for the Mary Higgins Clark Award and the Library of Virginia People's Choice Award; *The Riesling Retribution* won the 2009 Gourmand World Cookbook Award for Best US Wine Literature Book. Previously she worked as a freelance reporter for *The Washington Post*, Moscow correspondent for ABC Radio News, and as an economist at the US Senate. After living overseas for many years, Crosby, who has an undergraduate degree in political science from Catholic University and a master's in international affairs from The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, now lives in the DC suburbs of northern Virginia with her husband.

SEASON TICKET PROGRAM REGISTRATION

To reserve a seat in all of Thomas Balch Library's upcoming classes and programs at one time, sign up for a season ticket.

Visit our event registration page

(<https://tinyurl.com/TBLEvents>)

and select "Season Ticket" in the drop-down box. Fill out the rest of the form with your contact data. Information about each program will be sent to your inbox when it is available.

**Ulster Historical Foundation Genealogical Seminar
requires separate registration.**



CLERK'S OFFICE TOUR, LOUDOUN COUNTY COURTHOUSE HISTORIC RECORDS

Eric S. Larson

Wednesday, 17 May 2023, 2-4PM

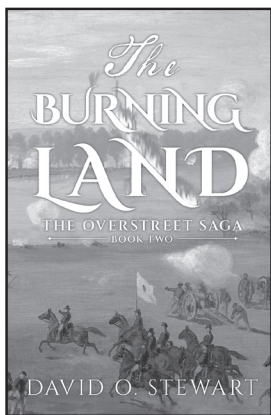
Meet in the parking lot of Thomas Balch Library by 1:45PM. Eric S. Larson, Historic Records Manager for the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will lead a tour of the Clerk's Office and the Historic Court Building. He will discuss the extent of Loudoun County's records holdings, where to look for records of births, deaths, marriages, and deeds, and how to use these records in research. You will need to pass through security so the group will leave the library promptly at 1:45PM.

Reminder: Cell phones and cameras are not allowed in the Court House.

THE BURNING LAND!

David O. Stewart

Sunday, 21 May 2023, 2PM



The Burning Land! is book two in Stewart's fictional Overstreet Saga which takes the reader back in time to tell uniquely American stories—full of adventure, excitement, heartbreak, and a tapestry of richly developed characters. This book follows the love of Henry Overstreet of the Twentieth Maine Regiment through Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and the

battles of 1864 and of Katie Nash of Maine whom Overstreet marries on the Fourth of July 1864 while on a two week leave. Their lives are upended by the tragedies of the American Civil War and then of their westward migration to Chicago, both inflict excruciating trials and loss.

After many years as a trial and appellate lawyer, David O. Stewart became a bestselling writer of history and historical fiction. His first novel, *The Lincoln Deception*, about the John Wilkes Booth conspiracy, was called the best historical novel of 2013 by Bloomberg View. Sequels include *The Paris Deception*, set at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919, and *The Babe Ruth Deception*, which follows Babe's first two years with the Yankees. Stewart's histories explore the writing of the Constitution, the gifts of James Madison, the western expedition and treason trial of Aaron Burr, and the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson. In February 2021, Dutton published Stewart's *George Washington: The Political Rise of America's Founding Father*.

News about Collections & Exhibits

LORD LOUDOUN

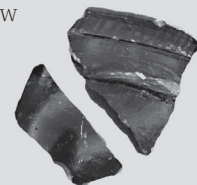


At the Friends of Thomas Balch Library 100th Anniversary event on 9 September 2022, Brown and Margaret Morton presented the library with the gift of an engraving of John Campbell, 4th Earl of Loudoun (1705-1782). Son of Hugh Campbell, Third Earl of Loudoun (1684-1731) and Lady Margaret Dalrymple (1677-1777), John Campbell gained peerage as Earl of Loudoun upon his father's death in 1731. Entering military service, Campbell raised a regiment of highlanders to fight against the Jacobite Rebellion in 1745, winning the favor of King George II. In 1756, Campbell was appointed captain-general and governor-in-chief of the province of Virginia, and shortly after, became commander-in-chief of the British troops in America. Although he was unpopular among many of the American colonists and never set foot in Virginia, Loudoun County was named in his honor in 1757.

The mezzotint engraving donated by the Mortons presents Campbell as "Capt. General, & Governour in Chief, of his Majesty's Forces, in North America; and One of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland" and was created by Charles Spooner (1720-1767) after a 1747 portrait by Allan Ramsay (1713-1784). The engraving will be on view at the library beginning in Spring 2023.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARTIFACTS FROM SYCOLIN POTTERY A SPECIAL EVENT



In July 2021, Thomas Balch Library received a collection of between 350-500 ceramic fragments collected at the Sycolin Pottery site located just outside of Leesburg. Discovered in 2004, the Sycolin site at one time hosted two kilns used in the production of redware and stoneware ceramic vessels by potters from the Gardner and Duncan families of Loudoun County. Following acquisition of these materials, library staff consulted with Loudoun County Archaeologist Steve Thompson and with Kelly Arford-Horne, Research Archaeologist at The Germanna Foundation, concerning best practices for the long-term preservation of these fragments. Both archeologists recommended creating a photographic catalog of the collection for research use to enable ease of access and to preserve the original fragments. Once created and made available to researchers, the catalog will also enable the library to offer programming centered on preservation of archaeological remains in Loudoun and to expand our growing collection of resources related to decorative arts and craftsmen in 18th and 19th century Loudoun. In 2021, Loudoun Library Foundation grant funding was received to support cataloging the collection. You can help too! Join us in Thomas Balch Library's meeting room on **Saturday, 4 March at 11AM** to learn about documenting artifacts from archaeological excavations and try your hand at cataloging a unique piece of Loudoun County's history.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE!

Do you have a favorite item in Thomas Balch Library's Collection? In celebration of the library's Centenary Year, an exhibit highlighting 100 years of collecting at Thomas Balch Library will be held in the Mercer Room in May 2023. Curator of Manuscripts and Archives Laura Christiansen is seeking input about items that stand out above the rest. Is there a document that you can't stop telling people about, an unforgettable photograph you love, or a book or other resource that solved your most frustrating research questions? This is your chance to share your appreciation. Send your suggestions to Laura Christiansen lchristiansen@leesburgva.gov or 703/737-7195.

Researching History and Genealogy at Thomas Balch Library

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AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

Thursday, 2 February 2023, 10AM

Lori Kimball, a member of the Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, co-researcher of the Enslaved Community of President James Monroe, and researcher of the enslaved community at Oatlands, will discuss resources available at Thomas Balch Library and the Loudoun County Courthouse and use of online resources. **Steve Hammond**, a 7th generation member of the Syphax family of Washington, DC: a line moved by force to New Orleans and then by choice to Denver, will share his efforts to make the field more relatable and relevant to the public at large, particularly as interest in and access to DNA/ancestry/genealogy data becomes more available.

DIGITAL HISTORY

Thursday, 2 March 2023, 10AM: Virtual only; recorded for posting to YouTube

What new digital tools are available to help access and understand historic documents and data? **Stephanie Seal Walters, PhD**, former Senior Library Associate at Thomas Balch Library, will introduce the digital side of historical research and explore different digital humanities' methodologies that are accessible and friendly to all users. Dr. Walters taught digital humanities courses at both George Mason University and the University of Southern Mississippi. She currently works in Education Technology as a Customer Enablement Manager at SchoolStatus.

RESEARCHING COURT RECORDS

Thursday, 6 April 2023, 10AM

Jeanette Irby, retired Loudoun County Circuit Court Judge and former Leesburg Town Attorney will discuss how to use court records and other resources for data that are frequently overlooked in genealogical and historical research. Irby will demonstrate how to mine court records for clues that can be used to collect information for genealogical research. Examples of these records include real estate records, chancery suits, estates, and indexes. Jeanette Irby has researched land records dating from the 1700s and participated in genealogical seminars sponsored by the Warrenton Court House Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of which she is past Regent. Irby currently serves as secretary of District VI of the Virginia DAR Chapters. She holds a BS from Central Michigan University and a JD from Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing, MI.

MAPPING IN LOUDOUN COUNTY

Thursday, 4 May 2023, 10AM

Kristin Brown, Director, Loudoun County Office of Mapping and Geographic Information.

RESEARCHING USING NORTHERN NECK LAND GRANTS

Thursday, 1 June 2023, 10AM

Life-long Loudoun resident **Wynne Saffer** will discuss the history of land grants of the Northern Neck Proprietary and how to locate the grants using resources available at Thomas Balch Library. Saffer has completed numerous local research projects, mapped the county by land ownership in 1860, and written several books about Loudoun's history, including Loudoun Votes 1867-1966, A Civil War Legacy and Mount Zion Cemetery, Aldie, Virginia. Saffer is a recipient of the Thomas Balch Library's Loudoun History Award.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LEESBURG

Thursday, 3 August 2023, 10AM

Join **Betsy Arnett** for an illustrated journey through nearly three centuries of Leesburg history. Currently a Senior Management Analyst with the Town Manager's Office, Betsy has worked for the Town of Leesburg for more than 20 years and holds a master's degree in Public History from the University of South Carolina.

GENEALOGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: USING DNA TO AID YOUR PAPER RESEARCH

Thursday, 7 September 2023, 10AM



Using DNA testing for genealogical research has become as common as using a census record. Like a census record, it can tell the researcher some information, lead to further questions, or even leave you completely confused by the results. If you are considering taking a DNA test for genealogy or have already taken one, this presentation is for you! We will cover the type of tests on the market, what they can tell you, how to use them with your genealogical research, and more.

Shannon Combs-Bennett (QG, MSc, PLCGS) is an award-winning author and genealogical researcher based in Northern Virginia. She lectures and writes on various topics, from genealogical methodology to genetic genealogy. Shannon holds a BS in Biology with an emphasis in genetics and an MSc in Genealogical, Heraldic, and Paleographic Studies. She also earned her Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies from the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. Currently, Shannon is a doctoral student in History and Genealogical Studies at the University of Strathclyde.

Exhibits 2023

MARGARET MERCER ROOM

January 2023:

Temple Hall – Curated by Paul McCray for Northern Virginia Parks

February 2023:

Black History Month
Black History Committee,
Friends of the Thomas Balch Library

March 2023:

Student Artwork from
Tuscarora High School

April 2023:

Student Artwork from
Simpson Middle School

May 2023:

Highlights of 100 Years of Collecting at
Thomas Balch Library

June 2023:

Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit
Court Exhibit, Historic Records Division

July-August 2023:

John Creamer – Loudoun County
Civil War Artifacts

September 2023:

Virginia Piedmont Heritage
Area Association Exhibit

October 2023:

Loudoun County Public Schools
Student Artwork

November-December 2023:

Thomas Balch Library, Selections from
the Rust Archives

LOWER-LEVEL MEETING ROOM

January-March 2023:

Photography – Heather Lynn Overheu

April-June 2023:

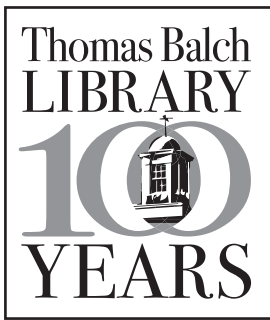
Visions from my Soul
Art by Gertrude Ashton Evans.

July-September 2023:

Mike and Anne Marie Chirieleison

Oct.-Dec. 2023:

Art by Sabina Puppo



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Winter/Spring/Summer 2023 Lectures and Events

Other Activities

AT THOMAS BALCH LIBRARY

Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission sponsors the annual Loudoun History Awards. It meets at the library the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM. The public is always welcome. Visit their webpage at: <https://tinyurl.com/e9vac4pf>

Thomas Balch Library Endowment Foundation a 501c3 established in 2015 to receive, maintain, and administer assets in perpetuity to support programs and outreach services of the Thomas Balch Library. It meets the third Tuesday of alternate months commencing January. Visit their webpage at: <https://tinyurl.com/xu55dx6w>

Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc. a 501c3 organized to provide support for Thomas Balch Library, meets at the library every other month, sponsors an annual fundraiser, and publishes a quarterly newsletter *The Chronicle*. For more information, call 540/579-2825 or visit www.balchfriends.org.

Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc. meets at the library the first Saturday of every month at 10AM. The public is always welcome. For more information, visit www.balchfriends.org or call 540/579-2825.

Loudoun County Civil War Round Table meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM except January and February. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Loudoun County's history during the American Civil War. Guests are welcome to attend two meetings without charge. Annual family dues are \$25. For further information visit: <http://lccwrt.wordpress.com>

The Virginia Forum will hold its 2023 annual conference, in-person, at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV, 16-18 March 2023. The Virginia Forum, an interdisciplinary conference, offers an opportunity for scholars, teachers, writers, museum curators, historic site interpreters, archivists, librarians, and all those interested in Virginia history and culture to share their knowledge, research, and experiences. Additional information, including previous conference programs, is available online at www.virginiaforum.org.





THE ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION LECTURE TOUR - MARCH 22, 2023

Join experts Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation for a full day of learning to get the most out of Irish resources and records. Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years, you won't want to miss this workshop!

Presented by Friends of the Thomas Balch Library



Fintan Mullan



Gillian Hunt

REGISTRATION:

In advance: \$30.00 for members of the Friends of Thomas Balch Library

\$40.00 for non-members

At the door: \$60.00

Morning Sessions (10am – 12:30pm)

- Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research
- Using Printed Resources for Irish Family History: Newspapers, Street Directories, Ordnance Survey Memoirs and British Parliamentary Papers on Ireland
- Irish Poor Law and Local Government Records: Board of Guardians, Workhouse Registers and Grand Jury Records, etc.

- Lunch on your own -

Afternoon sessions (1:30 – 4pm)

- Using Irish Wills and Testamentary Records: A Hugely Valuable Resource for Irish Family History
- Worked Examples of Successful Irish Searches – based on Ulster Historical Foundation Research Files
- Solving Your Brick Walls – Q&A.

Number attending: _____

Name (s) _____

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Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

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Registration fee payment: Check payable to Friends of the Thomas Balch Library

Credit card [Visa or Mastercard *only*] fill out information below:

Name on Card: _____ Amount: _____ CVV _____

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Please include mailing address and phone number of card holder above.

Mail or deliver your registration to: **Thomas Balch Library, 208 West Market St. Leesburg, VA 20176**

Attendance is limited to 65 – advance registration is encouraged to ensure a spot. Lunch not included in registration. For registration information or questions contact 703-737-7195 or balchlib@leesburgva.gov.