

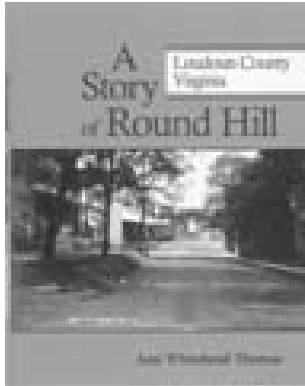
# THE BALCH COLUMN

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## BOOK SIGNING

### ROUND HILL, LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Ann Whitehead Thomas  
January 29, 2005 ■ 2-4 p.m.



Join Ann Whitehead Thomas, a native Virginian and resident of Round Hill, as she discusses and signs her new book, *Round Hill, Loudoun County, Virginia*. The book is the story of a small town from its beginnings to present day and is beautifully illustrated with maps and photos of many historic buildings and

homes. A mixture of courthouse records, Round Hill Town Council minutes, old newspaper articles, census records, church histories, family records, interviews with local people, and much more, the book will be available for purchase for \$20 or you may bring your own copy.

## A JOURNEY BY QUILT

### THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

Annie Hulén  
Saturday, February 12, 2005 ■ 1-3 p.m.

Annie Hulén, a collateral descendant of Meriwether Lewis, Past President of The Meriwether Society, Inc., and a member of the Ketocin DAR will talk about her family quilt that depicts the Lewis and Clark expedition. Each quilt block shows a different episode of the expedition beginning in Virginia and continuing through Missouri into the Dakotas and finally the end of the journey at Fort Clatsop. The entire quilt is handmade.

Come hear this fascinating story and see an amazing quilt! Please call to assure a seat for this outstanding and interesting talk. (No fee)



## LOUDOUN SCHOOLGIRL SAMPLER SURVEY

Betty Whiting Flemming  
Curator Emeritus of the Loudoun Museum  
Saturday, February 19, 2005 ■ 10-4 p.m.

Thomas Balch Library, Loudoun Museum, and Loudoun Sampler Guild are co-sponsoring a survey to record information on as many Loudoun schoolgirl embroideries as possible. Information gathered will be deposited in archives at Loudoun Museum and Thomas Balch Library and shared with the National Society of the Colonial Dames. Owners of Loudoun schoolgirl embroidered samplers are invited to bring their treasures for photographing and documenting. There is no fee for this service. Please schedule an appointment by calling Betty Flemming at 703 777-2947.

## CLERK'S OFFICE TOUR HISTORICAL RECORDS

John Fishback  
Monday, February 28, 2005 ■ 7-9 p.m.  
Meet at the Balch Library at 6:45 pm

John Fishback, Historic Records Manager for Loudoun County, will lead a tour of the Clerk's Office. He will discuss the extent of Loudoun County's record holdings, where to look for records of births, deaths, marriages, and deeds and how to use these records in research. Please meet at Thomas Balch Library at 6:45 pm. No one is permitted to enter restricted areas of the Clerk's Office after 7:00 pm, so we will leave the library, as a group, at 6:45 pm promptly. To register, please call 703 737-7195. (No fee)

## MANAGER'S MUSING



As year end approaches we often sit back and muse on the many and varied events of the passing year and pause to think where these experiences will take us in the future. Since the last *Balch Column*, many exciting programs and events have occurred at Thomas Balch Library – just four among these are: a book signing, the 2004 Loudoun History Awards, presentation of a painting to the library and a two part workshop on the War of 1812. On November 9, Thomas Balch Library hosted a book signing by James A. Morgan, III, for his recently published volume, *A Little Short of Boats: The Fights at Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry* (2004). This year on November 14, four Loudoun County residents, Rachel Yarnell Thompson, Peggy Sands Drummond, Carol Morris Dukes and Marty Hiatt, were recognized for their

contributions to the preservation and dissemination of Loudoun County history. On December 4, Katherine Summers, a local artist, teacher, musician and member of the Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc., presented a painting entitled "The Legacy: The Virginians... 'This Far by Faith'" to Thomas Balch Library in thanks and recognition for the important work librarians do for the community. The oil and acrylic painting, filled with bright colours and images, is on display in the Howard Clark Room of Thomas Balch Library. On December 18, we were privileged to host a two part program on James Monroe and the War of 1812. James P. Lucier, Sr., spoke on James Monroe's involvement in the war nobody really wanted and Craig Scott talked about the process of researching soldiers who fought in the War of 1812. A copy of Mr. Lucier's presentation is available for perusal at the Library. If you missed these outstanding programs be sure to check our spring offerings. From book signings to a presentation on prominent women and genealogical workshops there is a class or an event to interest anyone.

Among our many activities is the collection and preservation of printed, manuscript, photographic and genealogical documentation of Leesburg, Loudoun County and surrounding region. We actively seek and welcome donations of original business records, diaries, correspondence and photographs (with identification) to document the life, culture, and history of Leesburg and Loudoun County. These materials are carefully processed, described, catalogued in the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (accessible through Library of Congress website) and made available for research use. Photographic images are scanned and indexed. We also purchase, and accept by donation, published works that include information about Leesburg, Loudoun County, Civil War, War of 1812, Revolutionary War, and local and regional history and genealogy. The strength of our collections reflects the generosity of our many donors.

Thanks to all who have made this a successful year – our friends, patrons, donors, Library Advisory Commissioners, and Friends of Thomas Balch Library, Inc.

Alexandra S. Gressitt  
12/20/04

## ARTIST DONATES PAINTING TO THOMAS BALCH LIBRARY

Artist Katherine Summers, a Purcellville native, retired Loudoun teacher, and member of the Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc., presented Thomas Balch Library with a painting entitled "The Legacy: The Virginians... 'This Far by Faith.'" The painting, done in brightly colored oil and acrylic, depicts images related to Loudoun County's African American history. Ms Summers associates with the painting's theme of passing on legacies to new generations with a 19th century quilt she received from her grandmother. The painting is on view in the Howard Clark room until its installation later in the year.



## DONATIONS AND GIFTS IN KIND

Heartfelt thanks to the many individuals, organizations, and volunteers who so kindly donated materials and services. It is with the addition of generous gifts such as these that our collection continues to grow.

## NOTABLE WOMEN IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S PAST

Sandra Treadway

Wednesday, April 6, 2005 ■ 7-9 p.m.



Sandra Treadway, deputy director of The Library of Virginia, editor of the Library's ongoing multivolume *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* from 1983-1993, and editor of the *Common Wealth: Treasures from the Collections of the Library of Virginia*, Dr. Treadway will talk about a number of women from the colonial period through the twentieth century from the greater Leesburg area

discovered during the course of research at The Library of Virginia for their *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* project. She will discuss each woman as an individual and then discuss ways in which our understanding of Virginia's past looks different when we factor in contributions, activities and experiences of women in the wider historical narrative.

Please call to assure seating at this popular talk. (No fee)

## BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Jinx Hartung

Saturday, April 9, 2005 ■ 10-12 noon

Jinx Hartung has an unusual name and unusual ancestors who have led her on a merry chase for over 25 years. It seems her ancestors never owned property, never attended a local church, never kept records in the local courthouse, never had a will and most died without issue.



And, you think you have research problems! Ms Hartung will give tips on names, locality research, organization of papers, and other things that help you trap your ancestor in time and space. Register at 703 737-7915 (No fee)

## INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY

Jinx Hartung

Saturday, May 14, 2005 ■ 10-12 noon

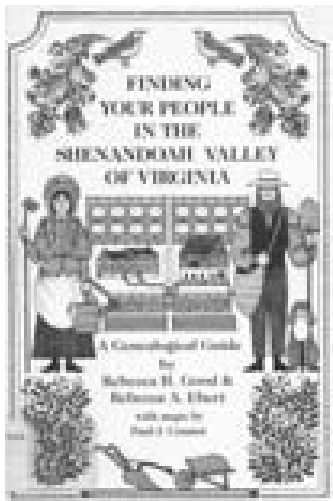
Jinx Hartung follows her Beginning Genealogy course with Intermediate Genealogy. She will emphasize specific record research covering birth, marriage and death records, wills and probate, land records, taxation, and more. This is a chance to ask questions and get help on some of your problem research areas. According to Ms Hartung one must have a sense of humor to pursue this hobby. Register at 703 737-7195 (No fee)

## GERMANS IN THE LOWER SHENANDOAH VALLEY

Rebecca Ebert

Saturday, May 14, 2005 ■ 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Rebecca Ebert, Certified Archivist, has served as Archives Librarian of The Handley Library and the Winchester Frederick County Historical Society since 1979. She has co-authored 2 books: *Finding Your People in the Shenandoah Valley and Frederick County, Virginia: From the Frontier to the Future*. Ms Ebert will provide an overview of the early German settlements in Frederick and surrounding counties, including information on research facilities and resources to aid genealogists. There will be plenty of time for questions. Please call to reserve a space. (No fee)



## CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Loudoun County history during the Civil War period.

For information: 540 822-4480

January - Tom McMahon, the Battle of Williamsburg

February - Third Annual Member's Meeting (four members will speak on topics to be chosen by them.)

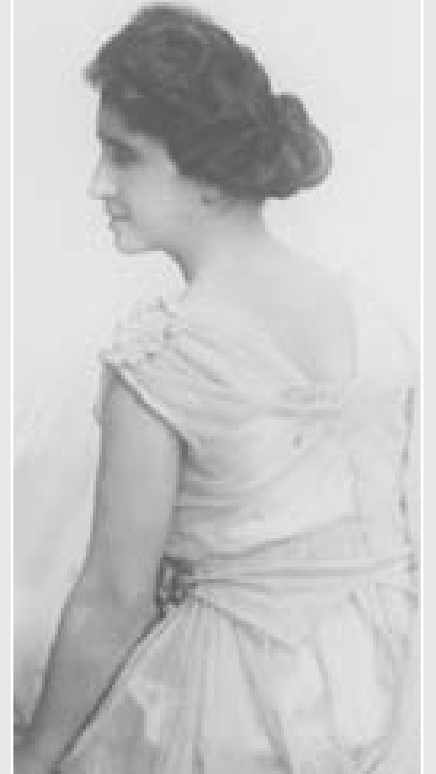
March - Chuck Muro, Battle of Chantilly

April - Kevin Levin, the Battle of the Crater

May - Charles Jacobs, US Navy officers who joined the Confederacy

June - Andy Talkov, All About Pamplin Park

## CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE PHOTOGRAPHS?



Can you identify either of these photographs? The library has received a collection of photographs, predominately formal portraits, documenting Purcellville personalities. If you are able to identify these, perhaps you may be able to help with others. Please call the library with any information. 703 737-7195

Our thanks go out to the many knowledgeable people who identified the photograph in our last issue of the Balch Column!

## CORRECTION

Correction to *The Thomas Balch Chronicle*, the newsletter of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the date of February 10, 2005, for the premiere of the commissioned video *Looking Back at Leesburg with Wilson Townsend, Jr.* at the Tally-Ho Theatre, is incorrect. **The premiere has been postponed due to technical problems until spring 2005.**

WINTER/SPRING 2005 CLASSES AND EVENTS

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