

# The CHRONICLE

From Dance Master Billy Pierce's Bio to the History of Loudoun's Emancipation Association

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### New Video History Pays Tribute to Stanley Caulkins



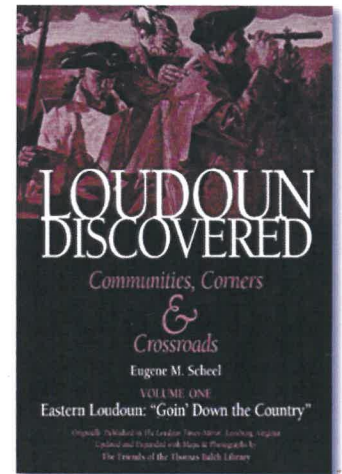
Stanley Caulkins with fellow Rotarians Ernie Carnevale, left, and Hugh Forsythe. Photo by Ron Rogos. Story on page 3.

### Kimball to Lead African American Genealogy Seminar



Loudoun History Award recipient Lori Kimball, above. For details on her August 3 program, see page 8.

Soon after the Friends was formed, the group began commissioning local historians to write books and develop guides that would capture Loudoun's unique heritage. You'll find synopses of the books on pages 4 and 5. We sell the books, as well as maps created by Eugene Scheel—renowned Waterford mapmaker and our annual event speaker—at the Library. You also can use the order form at [balchfriends.org](http://balchfriends.org) or here on page 7. Copy or clip it out and mail it to the address on the form with your check or debit/credit card information. Enjoy!



## Join the Friends and Speaker Eugene Scheel for Annual Fall Event on September 24



Thanks to the generosity of Friends board member Suzi Worsham and her husband, Travis, the Friends will hold its eighth annual fall event on Sunday, September 24 at Riverside on the Potomac, their beautiful home and event site (above). Historian Eugene Scheel will speak on "Little Known Facts About Loudoun County." Learn more on page 2.

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**Mark Your Calendar for the Friends Fall  
Event on Sunday, September 24**

**You are cordially invited to join the Friends of Thomas Balch  
Library for our 8th Annual Fall Event**

**Date: Sunday, September 24, 2017**

**Time: 4 – 7:30 PM     Price: \$95 per person**

**Place: Riverside on the Potomac, the historic home and event site  
of Friends patrons Suzi & Travis Worsham**



*Riverside on the Potomac*



*Travis and Suzi Worsham*

**Speaker: Eugene M. Scheel, renowned Loudoun historian and  
mapmaker**

**Topic: "Little Known Facts About Loudoun County"**



*Eugene Scheel and his Loudoun County map at Thomas Balch Library.*

Eugene Scheel has created more than 50 historical maps covering Virginia, other states, and foreign nations. He has authored nine books on Virginia history, including *The Civil War in Fauquier* and the Friends' five-volume series *Loudoun Discovered: Communities, Corners, and Crossroads* (see page 4).

Born in the Bronx, New York, Scheel has lived in the Piedmont of Virginia since 1965. He holds a bachelor's degree in geography from Clark University, a graduate degree in planning from the University of Virginia School of Architecture, and a graduate degree in American Literature from Georgetown University.



# Rotary and Friends Team Up to Create Compelling Video History of Leesburg's Premier Jeweler and Beloved Resident Stanley Caulkins

By Ronald A. Rust

Over the past few years, the Friends have video recorded and edited various Leesburg and Loudoun individuals for permanent preservation of their stories. Their stories are important, but even more important is the fact that we are capturing the stories in their own words. But because of limited funding, the Friends have typically recorded only one individual per year even though there are many people whose stories should be preserved.

This year, through special contributions, we were able to capture the comments of Stanley Caulkins, Leesburg's premier jeweler for over 60 years and beloved citizen. Funding was provided by the Rotary Club of Leesburg, of which Caulkins has been a long-time member, and various individuals who have long respected him and wished to preserve his memories. The Caulkins video, produced by The Lincoln Studios, is available for viewing at Thomas Balch Library. The Friends invites individuals and organizations interested in sponsoring such recordings to call the Friends at 540-579-2825 and leave a message for Don Cooper, board president. Our thanks to the Rotary Club of Leesburg and to the people who supported this initiative.



Stanley Caulkins with fellow Rotarian and interviewer Valerie Beaudoin, left (photo by Ron Rogos). Caulkins in his World War II airman's garb, right.

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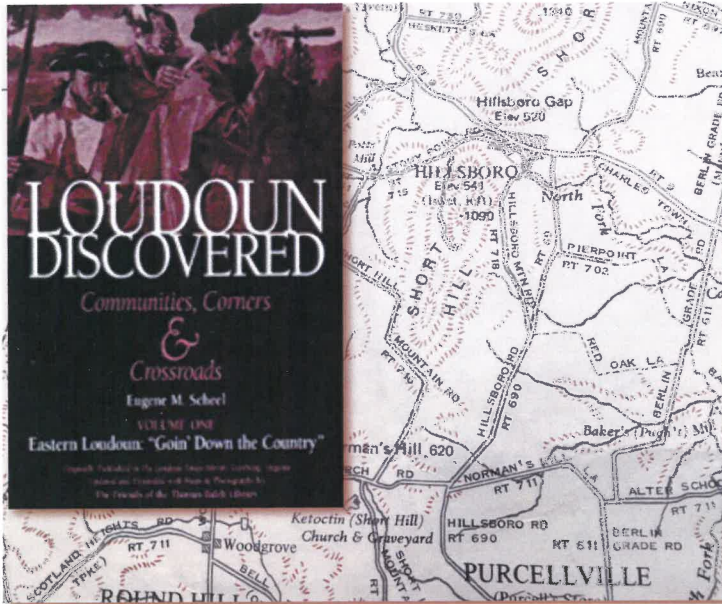
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# Friends Books & Maps Brim With Loudoun History

**Summer's here!** Whether you're headed to the beach or just to your back porch, be sure to tuck a Friends book under your arm. Or, explore Loudoun's historic villages, old mill sites, and meandering byways on maps created by Loudoun historian Eugene Scheel. To order your book or map now, just copy or clip the form on page 7 and send it to Friends of Thomas Balch Library, P.O. Box 2184, Leesburg, VA 20177 with your check or credit/debit card information. Thank you.



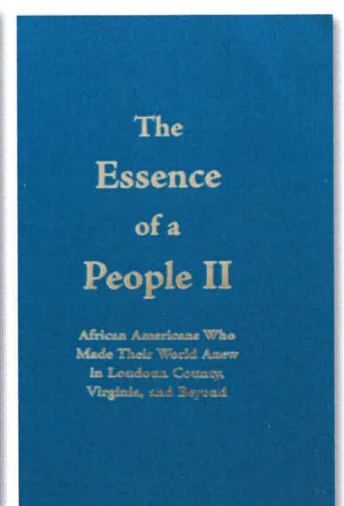
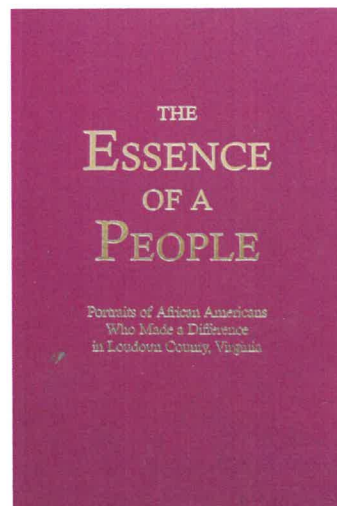
## **LOUDOUN DISCOVERED: Communities, Corners & Crossroads**

Some 40 years ago, Eugene Scheel, local historian and mapmaker, wrote a series of articles for the *Loudoun Times-Mirror* showcasing more than 100 Loudoun County communities. While the articles were archived at Thomas Balch Library, the Friends' organization decided to publish them in a form that would make them available to many more people. The stories were divided into five geographical volumes: 1: *Eastern Loudoun: Goin' Down the Country*, 2: *Leesburg and the Old Carolina Road*, 3: *The Hunt Country and Middleburg*, 4: *Quaker Country and the Loudoun Valley*, 5: *Waterford, the German Settlement and Between the Hills*. \$20 per volume, \$10 for Scheel's accompanying map, or \$100 five-volume set with map.

## **Two-Volume Set Introduces African Americans Who Shaped the History and Character of Loudoun County**

***THE ESSENCE OF A PEOPLE I: Portraits of African Americans Who Made a Difference in Loudoun County, Virginia*** is the first publication of the Friends' Black History Committee, evolving from the committee's outreach to the Loudoun County community to solicit nominations for the naming of a Thomas Balch Library room in honor of an African American. After considerable deliberation, Howard W. Clark, Sr., of Hamilton, was selected, but the committee concluded that the other 20 some nominees also deserved to be honored. To that purpose, *The Essence of a People* was published in 2001 with additional material, including family stories, and photographs. To provide perspective, a brief essay on African Americans in Loudoun County is included. \$15.

The second volume in the series—***THE ESSENCE OF A PEOPLE II: African Americans Who Made***



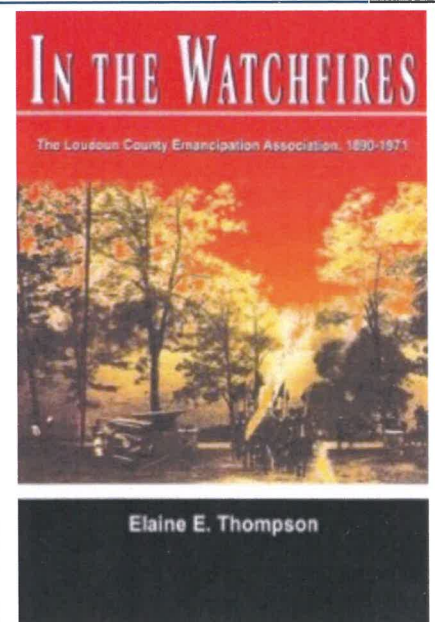
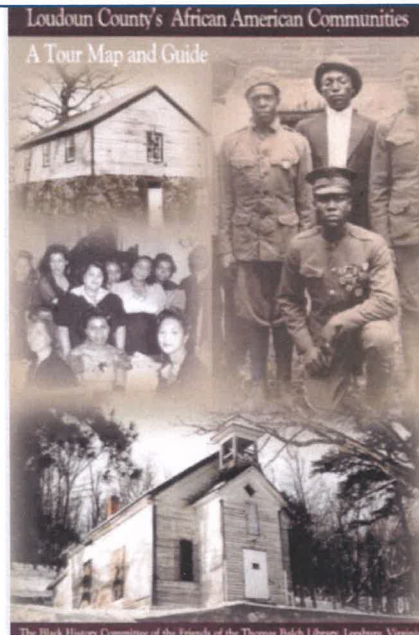
***Their World Anew in Loudoun County, Virginia, and Beyond***—profiles 16 largely unacknowledged or forgotten individuals who made singular contributions to the County's history. Among them are Charles Fenton Simms, the largest private benefactor of Loudoun Hospital, and Daniel Dangerfield, Loudoun's most famous fugitive slave. Published October 2002. \$15.



# Titles That Explore Loudoun's Rich Black Heritage

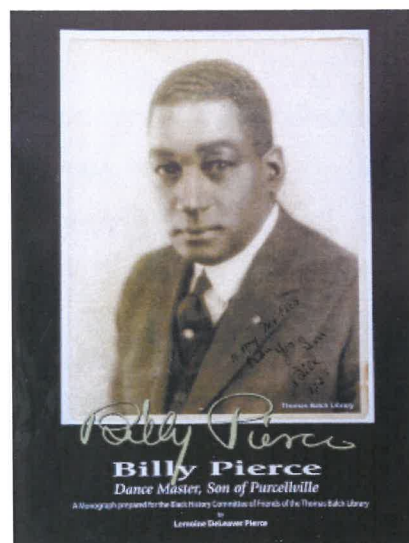
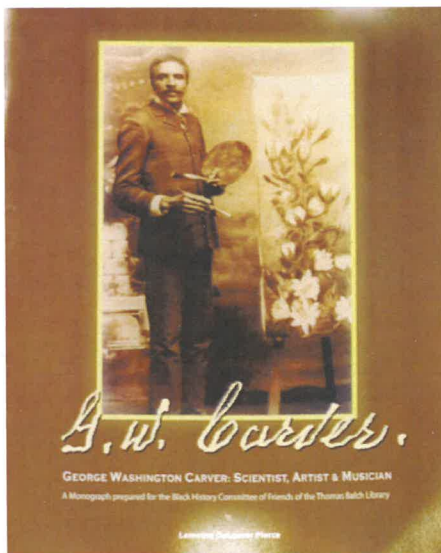
## ***LOUDOUN COUNTY'S AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES: A Tour Map and Guide***

This full-color, illustrated, 24-page booklet with map takes you on a trip through Loudoun County's rich black history. Beginning largely in the post-emancipation period, African Americans built homes, schools, churches, fraternal lodges, and businesses throughout the County. Some communities have died out while others have remained vital; many buildings survive despite changes in the landscape. A narrative introduction and brief descriptions of 44 settlements and neighborhoods are enhanced by 32 illustrations and a fold-out map marked with communities, churches and schools. Published May 2004. \$5



## ***IN THE WATCHFIRES: The Loudoun County Emancipation Association, 1890-1971***

The late Elaine E. Thompson presents a well-documented and informed interpretation of the Loudoun County Emancipation Association that contributes not only to local history but also to African American and U.S. history. Emancipation Day celebrations come to life in its pages and illuminate the community that created them. The celebrations chapter and the epilogue, written in the first person, are rich and evocative. The biographical directory pays tribute to many men and women whose civic contributions might otherwise go unrecognized. Illustrations, maps, and photographs enhance the book. Published June 2005. \$20.



## **Billy Pierce of Purcellville & George Washington Carver**

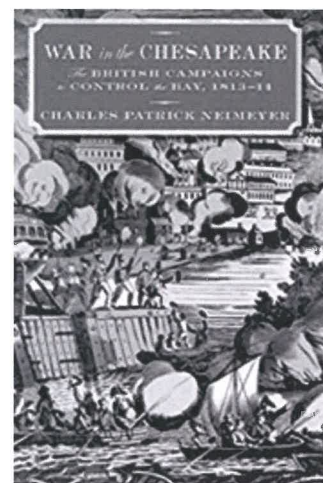
In *George Washington Carver: Scientist, Artist & Musician*, the late scholar and author Lemoine DeLeaver Pierce explores the little known artistic talents of Dr. Carver. In *Billy Pierce: Dance Master, Son of Purcellville*, she captured the life of her father-in-law, who was born to truck farmers in Purcellville. Educated at Storer College and Howard University, Billy Pierce became a journalist and reported on the Harlem Renaissance for the *Chicago Defender*. He went on to own the world's largest stage dance studio known for catering to Broadway stars. He's credited with creating the "Black Bottom" national dance craze. Both books are published by the Friends' Black History Committee. Carver, \$10; Pierce, \$15.

## **Anniversary Lecture Series & Journey Through Time**

The Friends also offers DVDs of the Library's lecture series for Loudoun's and Leesburg's 250th anniversaries. \$15 each. *Journey Through Time* is a timeline of events affecting African Americans in Loudoun. \$5.

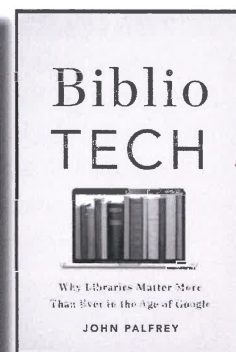
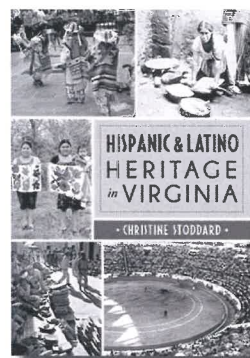
## Discover These Newly Cataloged Books at Thomas Balch Library

- *Washington's Southern Tour, 1791* by Archibald Henderson
- *The U.S. Life-Saving Service: Heroes, Rescues, and Architecture of the Early Coast Guard* by Ralph C Shanks, Wick York; Lisa Woo Shanks
- *Some Jackson Families of Loudoun County, Virginia* by John Wesley Jackson, & Mary Hough
- *Purcellville: a Journey From a Wilderness to a Rural Town 1940 to 1970, Vol. III* by John Kelly Barrett
- ***War in the Chesapeake: the British Campaigns to Control the Bay, 1813-14*** by Charles Patrick Neimeyer
- *Washington and Old Dominion Railway, Rules and Regulations for the Government of Employees of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway*
- *Slave Country: American Expansion and the Origins of the Deep South* by Adam Rothman
- *1812: War with America* by Jon Latimer
- *A Case of Black and White: Northern Volunteers and the Southern Freedom Summers, 1964-1965* by Mary Aickin Rothschild
- *My Somerset County Heritage* by Clyde Irvin Coughenour, Jr.

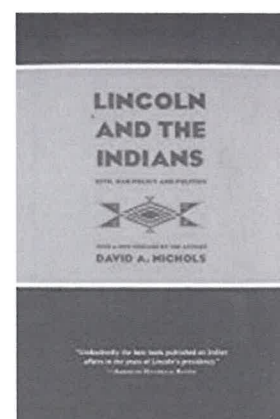


*War on the Chesapeake is one of the many thought-provoking books cataloged by Thomas Balch Library staff from June 2016 – May 2017.*

- ***BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google*** by John Palfrey
- *William Cabell Rives: a Country to Serve* by Barclay Rives
- *Palatine Menmonite Census Lists, 1664-1793* by Hermann, Gertrud Guth, J. Lemar and Lois Ann Mast
- *Falls Church Area Community Directory* (multiple dates)
- *Leesburg Directory 1991-1992*
- *Sterling Area Directory* (multiple dates)
- *Hispanic & Latino Heritage in Virginia* by Christine Stoddard
- *War's Cost: The Hite's Civil War* by Eugene DeFriest Bétit
- *Preserving Family Recipes: How to Save and Celebrate Your Food Traditions* by Valerie J. Frey
- *Presidential Libraries Holdings Relating to Prisoners of War and Missing in Action* by Dale C. Mayer
- *Guns of the Civil War* by Dennis Adler



- ***Lincoln and the Indians: Civil War Policy and Politics*** by David A. Nichols
- *Map Guide to German Parish Registers: Free City of Hamburg* by Kevan M. Hansen
- *Annie's Journal* by Annie Matilda Jones
- *Montgomery County Families: A Collection of Genealogies of Early Families of Montgomery County, Maryland* by William N. Hurley, Jr.
- *Pioneers Who Walked Across America* by Leona M. Sauser
- *Randolph-Macon Academy: A Proud Heritage, A Promising Future* by Eunice Karnes Knight
- *North Carolina in the American Revolution* by Eric G. Grundset
- *A Carter Family's Saga: Pennsylvania, Virginia and Westward, 1682-2015* by James L. Carter
- *Remembering John Hanson: The First Lincoln* by Peter H. Michael
- *"L'Evolution de l'arbitrage international... Extrait de la 'Revue de droit international et de legislation comparee,' etc."* by Thomas Willing Balch
- *Slave and Free on Virginia's Eastern Shore* by Kirk Mariner
- *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine T. Bettinger



*"Lincoln and the Indians has stood the test of time and offers this generation of readers a valuable interpretation of the U.S. government's Indian policies—and sometimes the lack thereof—during the Civil War era." — James M. McPherson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Battle Cry of Freedom*



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## Summer 2017 Programs & Exhibits

### Programs and Events

**African American Genealogy Research Seminar by Lori Kimball** –August 3, 10 AM - 12 PM

Under the direction of Lori Kimball, learn how to conduct historical or genealogical research using the resources available at Thomas Balch Library. Discussion will also touch on resources available at the Loudoun County Courthouse in Leesburg. Lori Kimball is a member of the Black History Committee of the Friends of Thomas Balch Library and co-researcher of the Enslaved Community of President James Monroe. Kimball is a recipient of the Thomas Balch Library's Loudoun History Award.

*Please register in advance at the Library's website (see opposite column) and click Event Registration in the menu.*

### Tours and Exhibits

#### **Margaret Mercer Room Exhibits**

**Civil War Artifacts from Loudoun County**  
curated by John Creamer –July 1 - August 31

**St. Louis, Virginia Revisted** curated by Lois Connolly–September 1 - 30

#### **Lower Level Meeting Room Exhibit**

**Remembering Moments in Ashburn, Virginia** by Luvenia Taylor–July 1 - September 30

*Programs are held in the downstairs meeting room and are free unless otherwise noted. For updated news on programs, tours, and exhibits, please visit the Friends' website at [balchfriends.org](http://www.balchfriends.org) or the Library's website at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/government/departments/thomas-balch-library/library-events>*