



Office of Historic Alexandria

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Historic Alexandria

Mission: The Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA) preserves and shares Alexandria's past to enrich the present and inspire the future.

Vision: To infuse Alexandria's rich and complex history into the fabric of the community.

Values: Equity, Community, Collaboration

Museums



Friendship
Firehouse



The Lyceum



Alexandria
Black History
Museum



Alexandria
Archaeology



Fort Ward Museum
and Historic Site



Stabler-
Leadbeater
Apothecary
Museum



Gadsby's
Tavern
Museum

Freedom House Museum



Historic Sites



African American
Heritage Park



Union Station



Lloyd House



Watson Reading
Room



Contrabands and
Freedmen Cemetery



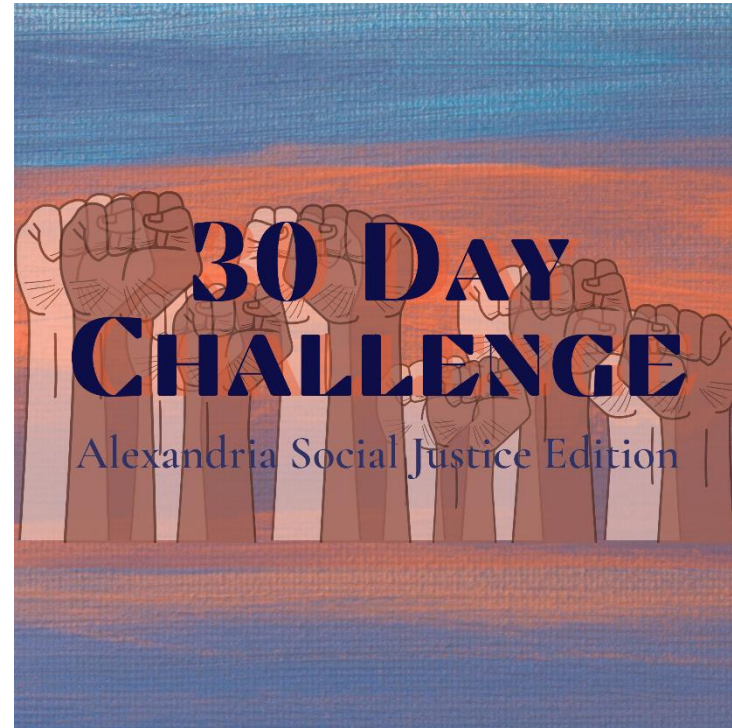
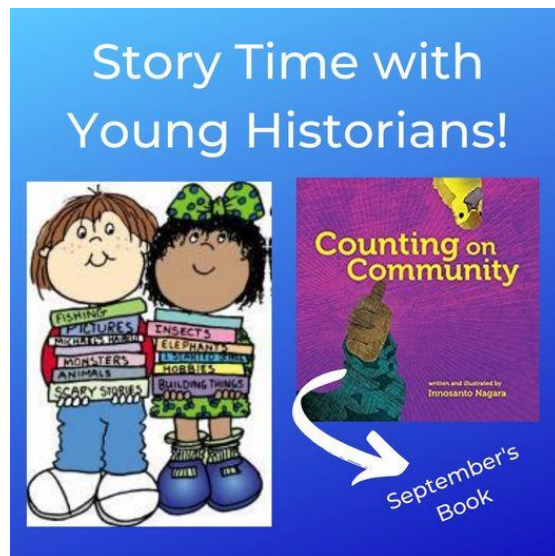
Murray-Dick-
Fawcett House

Moving to Virtual Format!



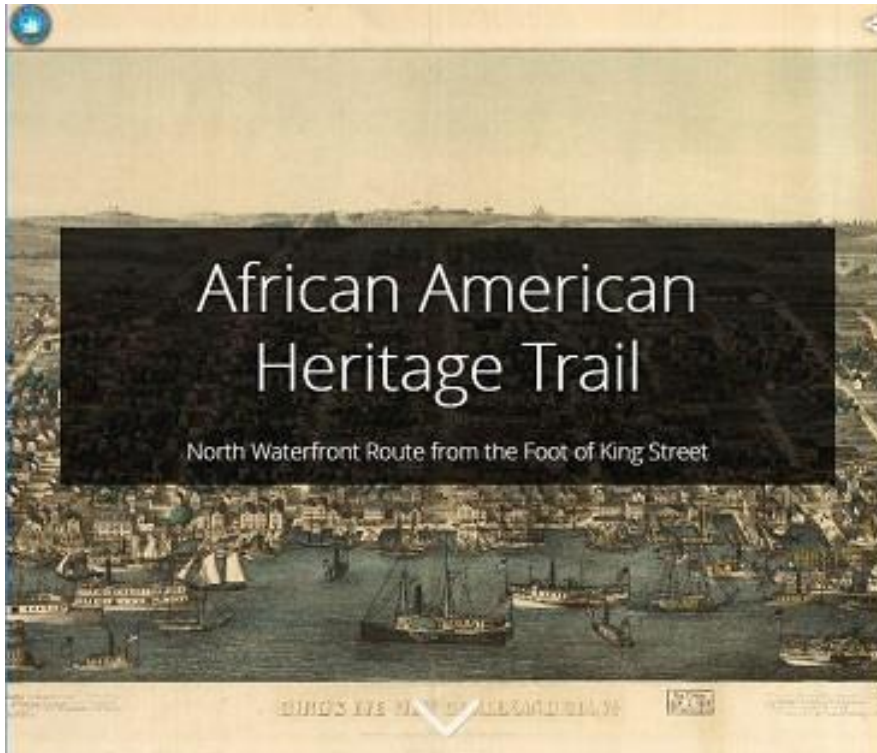
Digital Engagement

- K-12 Learning
- Adult Learning
- Scouts and Group Programming



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Walking Tours



- Tour of sites
- African American history
- Civil War hospitals
- War of 1812 sites
- And more!

Reopening Museums



Alexandria Archaeology is proud to join Gadsby's Tavern Museum and Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum in reopening to the public on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

New Exhibits

Alexandria History Museum At The Lyceum



Online Exhibits

Collecting History “in the making!”

Chronicling the Pandemic: Alexandria’s Story

- Your original writings
- Your original drawings/artwork
- Your original photographs
- Your original short videos
- Photographs of objects, for consideration for acquisition



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The Legacy of George Floyd: Documenting Alexandria’s Response

- Your original writings
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Goals for FY21 and FY22 Strategic Plan (FY20-FY25)

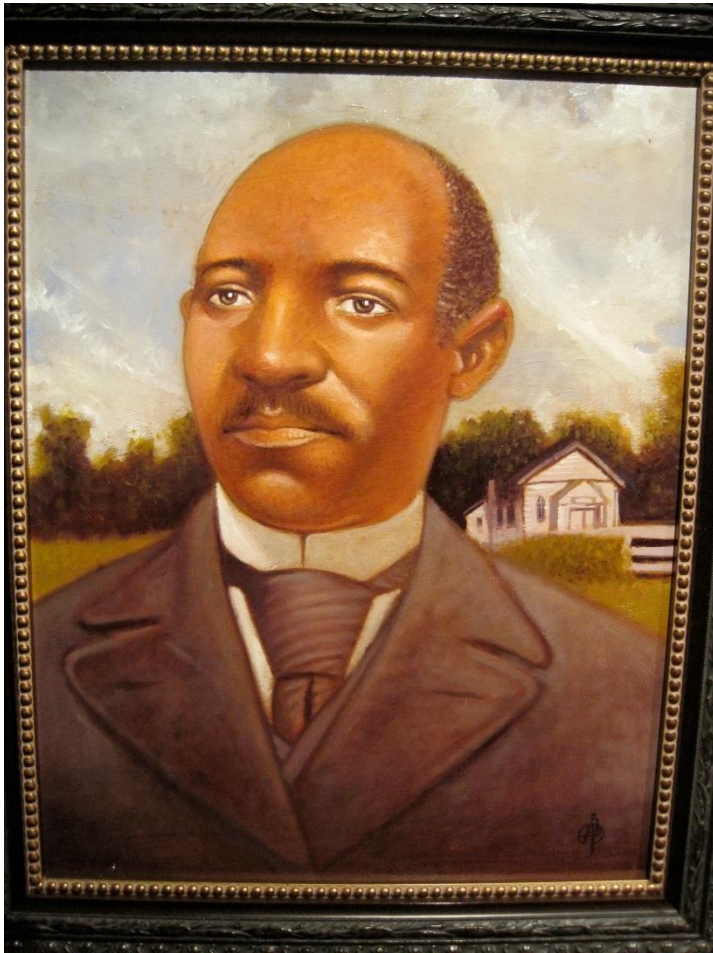
- Embrace the diversity of our community, both past and present
- Instill a sense of place
- Use history to spark curiosity and reflections
- Uphold and advance OHA as a resource for local history, historic preservation, and museum management

Freedom House Museum

- Preservation and Interpretation of Freedom House



Freedom House Museum



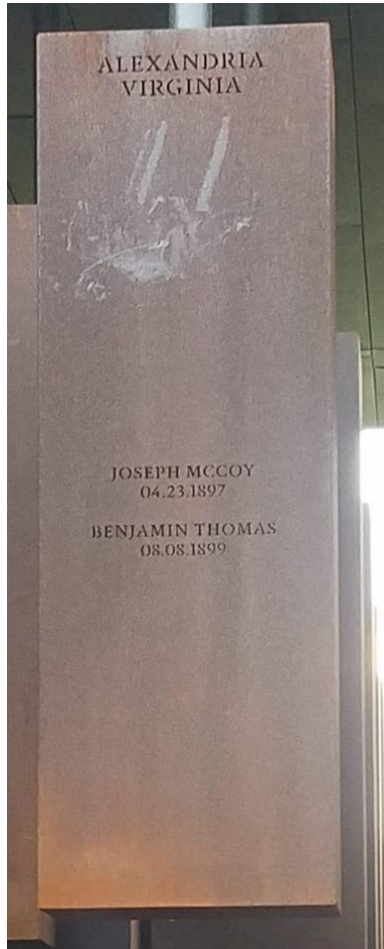
- Plan to reopen in the Spring
- Temporary exhibits
- Continue research
- Begin community engagement

Alexandria Community Remembrance Project



- Public meetings
- Committees
- Remembrance of Benjamin Thomas
- Remembrance of Joseph McCoy
- Research Team
- Descendant Outreach

Alexandria Community Remembrance Project



- Remembrance
- Mark the locations of the lynching sites
- Mark associated sites
- Soil Collection
- Pilgrimage
- "Claim" pillar

Fort Ward Interpretive Plan Implementation

FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN — FORT WARD MUSEUM & HISTORIC SITE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VA



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Waterfront History



Interpreting Our Community



Collaboration with ACPS



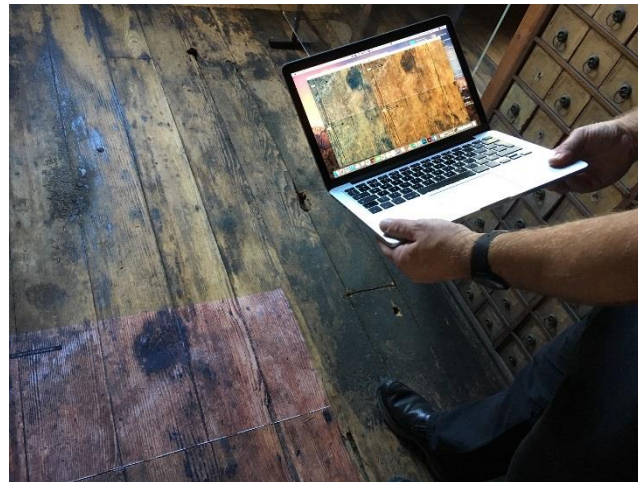
Online lessons:

Transportation History of Alexandria (grade 2)

Photographs as Primary Sources (grades 2 to 4)

Commitment to Preservation

- Buildings
- Collections
- Cemeteries
- Stories



Oral History Program

- [Read Transcriptions](#)
- [About Alexandria Legacies](#)
- [What is Oral History?](#)
- [Alexandria Legacies & Living Legends Collaboration](#)
- [Immigrant Alexandria: Past, Present and Future](#)
- [Participate: Share Your Memories of Alexandria](#)
- [Participate: Volunteer with Alexandria Legacies](#)

RELATED CONTENT

- [Historic Alexandria](#)

Read Transcriptions

Read transcriptions of more than 80 interviews conducted with long-time City residents by the Alexandria Legacies Program. Oral Histories are indexed by name, neighborhood and subject. Subjects include The African American Community, Immigration, Education, Potomac Yard, Living Legends of Alexandria, Historic Preservation, Civic Leaders, etc.

Moreover, oral history recognizes that everyone's and anyone's memories, reflections and past experiences are important and contribute to the historical record.

- [Names Index: Oral History Summaries](#)
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About Alexandria Legacies

Alexandria Legacies, the Alexandria Oral History Program, was developed through the City of Alexandria's Office of Historic Alexandria in the early 1980s. Since then, the City of Alexandria, through the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, the Lyceum and the Alexandria Black History Museum has collected oral histories of long-time Alexandria residents. The Oral history program was expanded in 2005, and volunteers are actively conducting interviews and



Driving Tourism to Alexandria

1. Explore 8 Key Sites on a Self-Guided Driving Tour





Boards & Commissions

- ***Alexandria Archaeological Commission*** – Provides guidance on cultural resource management.
- ***Alexandria Historical Restoration & Preservation Commission*** – accepts open space and interior and façade easements in historic districts. There are now 60 easements on properties in Alexandria. Commission members are appointed by the State and the City.
- ***Historic Alexandria Resources Commission*** – generally advises Council on a wide variety of historical subjects.
- ***Public Records Advisory Commission*** – advises staff and Council on records management and archival collections.
- ***George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee*** – coordinates activities to promote Washington's connection to Alexandria
- ***Sister Cities*** – Three committees covering cultural partnerships with the cities of Caen, Dundee, and Helsingborg.

Friends Groups

- Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society
- Friends of Alexandria Archaeology
- Friends of Fort Ward
- Mortar and Pestle Society
- Friendship Firehouse Veterans Association

Historic Alexandria Volunteers

- More than 200 volunteers support OHA
- Donate more than 17,000 hours annually
- Value of \$525,000



Questions?