

Local History

Between Reb and Yank: A Civil War History of Northern Loudoun County, Virginia – Chamberlin, Taylor M. and John M. Souders

The Loudoun Valley provided a natural corridor for both Union and Confederate commanders, while its mountainous fringes were home to partisans, guerillas, deserters and smugglers. This detailed history examines conflicting loyalties in the farming communities, the peaceful Quakers caught in the middle, and the political underpinnings of Unionist Virginia.

The Burning Cow Question – Souders, John M. ed.

Tales from the Waterford Town Council from 1891-1909 with background, context, and commentary.

Crossing the Line: Civilian Trade & Travel Between Loudoun County, Virginia and Maryland During the Civil War – Chamberlin, Taylor M. and James D. Peshek

A look at border operations along the Potomac between Harpers Ferry and Point of Rocks from 1861-1865. Provides a detailed account of Loudouners struggles to re-establish their personal and commercial links to the North after the Confederates burned bridges connecting Virginia and Maryland. Features the ledger of Samuel Steer, a Waterford Quaker who served as a US Customs agent.

The Essence of a People

Portraits of African Americans who made a difference in Loudoun County, Virginia.

The Essence of a People II

African Americans who made their world anew in Loudoun County, Virginia, and beyond.

From Frontier to Suburbia: Loudoun County Virginia, One of America's Fastest Growing Counties – Poland, Charles P., Jr.

An illuminating narrative that sheds information on rural lifestyles, ordinaries, slavery, camp meetings, the Civil War, festivals, medicine, the temperance movement, rattle-bands, urbanization, and numerous other economic, social, and political developments in American history.

In the Watchfires: The Loudoun County Emancipation Association, 1890-1971 – Thompson, Elaine E.

Part memoir and part history, *In the Watchfires*, demonstrates how rural African Americans cultivated racial pride and civic activism that laid the groundwork for the civil rights movement.

In Their Own Words: Recollections of an Earlier Loudoun – Huntington, Sarah and Gale Waldron

Told through the words of 32 area personalities, the book is a collection of memories that paint pictures of small town living when the railroad, not Dulles Airport, was the center of transportation and when farming, harvests, and country stores were the way of life.

John Jay Janney's Virginia: An American Farm Lad's Life in the Early 19th Century – Janney, Werner L. and Asa Moore Janney, ed.

John Jay Janney was born in 1812, near Goose Creek in Loudoun County. He was the third generation of Janneys in Loudoun. At the age of 90, Janney put pen to paper and described life growing up in the 1800s, from life as a Quaker, to the games kids played, to the reaction of the adults to Nat Turner's rebellion.

Journey Through Time – Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library

A timeline of events affecting African Americans in Loudoun County, Virginia from 1619 to 2006.

Mount Gilead: History and Heritage – Ray, William C.

Describes the village of Mount Gilead, southwest of Leesburg. Covers the history from Indian times, through the land grants that formed the village and into the present. Discusses the houses from the 1800s that survive today. Includes photos, maps and historical records.

A Rock in a Weary Land, A Shelter in a Time of Storm – Souders, Bronwen C. and John M.

Describes the African American experience in Waterford, Virginia over three time periods: The First Century, After Emancipation, and the Last 100 Years.

A Story of Round Hill – Thomas, Ann Whitehead

This is the story of this small town from its beginnings to present day. Illustrated with maps and photos of the many historic buildings and homes, the book is a mixture of information extracted from county courthouse records, Round Hill Town Council minutes, excerpts from old newspaper articles, census records, church histories, gleanings from the Thomas Balch Library, extensive family records, and interviews with local people.

To Talk is Treason: Quakers of Waterford, Virginia on Life, Love, Death & War in the Southern Confederacy – Divine, John E. ed. w/ Bronwen C. Souders, & John M. Souders

Based on their diaries and correspondence, Waterford's remarkable Quakers are vividly brought to life again in these pages.

The Waterford News: An underground Union newspaper published by three Quaker maidens in Confederate Virginia 1864-1865

All 8 issues of the long-lost *Waterford News*. Together they provide a fascinating and moving account of the Civil War as it affected the lives in one corner of Virginia. The three brave editors, risking arrest or worse, leaven eyewitness accounts of hardship and horror with youthful wit and unabashed patriotism.

When Waterford & I Were Young – Divine, John E. w/ Bronwen and John Souders

John Divine looks back affectionately at the village of his youth. The town was a yeasty blend of farmers and merchants, blacksmiths and cobblers, freed slaves and Civil War veterans, sober Quakers and village drunks. Young John knew them all and loved their stories. He shares them here – warts and all – with warmth and wit.