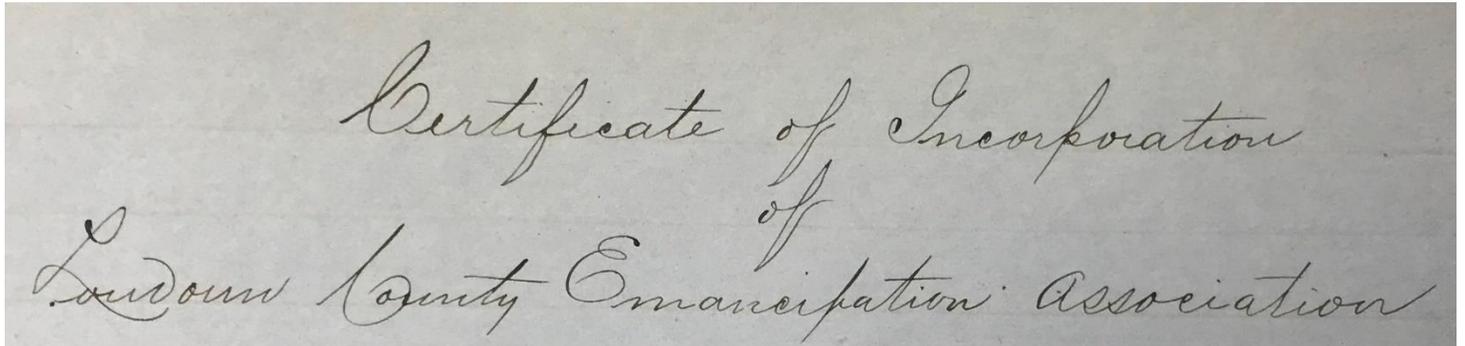


Loudoun County Emancipation Association

The Association was organized in Hamilton in 1890 to commemorate the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation of Sept. 22, 1862. The organization formally incorporated with this charter at the courthouse in 1906. There was an annual celebration, conventions, pageants, revivals, and school activities held on the Emancipation grounds. The Association was formally dissolved in 1973.

Loudoun County Emancipation Association's Certificate of Incorporation, 1906



In the Watchfires: The Loudoun County Emancipation Association, 1890-1971 written by the late, Elaine Thompson, a Loudoun native, descendant of the Trammell and Clark families, and member of the Black History Committee of the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library.

