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Clerk of the Circuit Court Celebrates Black History Month

Clerk of the Circuit Court Gary M. Clemens is celebrating Black History month with the release of a new brochure entitled, *The African-American History at the Loudoun County Courthouse*. This brochure provides information and images that portray the struggles of Loudoun's African-American community from the time of enslavement, post-Civil War reconstruction, the era of segregation/Jim Crow and the battles for integrated schools and equality.

The brochure concept and design was developed by the Historic Records Division in the Clerk's Office in partnership with the Black History Committee of the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library. The teams involved in this collaborative effort researched numerous court records among the Clerk's collections for legal cases, information pertaining to key individuals and significant events that impacted the lives of African-Americans in Loudoun County, Virginia and the United States. "My extraordinary team of deputy clerks along with our history partners have done a fabulous job creating this unique brochure that succinctly tells a story of our valuable African American history," noted Clerk Clemens. "To truly appreciate this incredibly valuable history, come visit our small historic records museum located in my office in downtown Leesburg."

Five thousand (5,000) brochures are being distributed to the Thomas Balch Library, Loudoun County public libraries, local government agencies, Visit Loudoun, the Chamber of Commerce, Loudoun County Public Schools, and various historical organizations. If you are interested in helping the Clerk's Office with distribution of these brochures, please contact the historic records division at circuitclerk@loudoun.gov.

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