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County Presents Stories of Prominent Black Families in Loudoun

The history of some of Loudoun County's prominent Black families is being told in an [online presentation](#) created by the Loudoun County Office of Mapping and Geographic Information. The Edds, Ewing and Nokes families, who owned farms in eastern Loudoun in the early 20th century, are featured in a web-based application that combines historic maps, text, photos and audio in an online "story map."

The story map is based on a presentation given at the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum that includes research from the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Historic Records Division as well as information gathered by the Black History Committee of the Thomas Balch Library. Also included are excerpts from a Thomas Balch Library oral history recorded in 2002 with Nokes descendant Carrie Nokes, who died in 2008 at the age of 95. In the interview, Ms. Nokes recalled what her life was like growing up in the community known as Nokes, which was named after her family.

To access the "Loudoun County History: The Edds, Ewing, and Nokes Families" presentation and other interactive mapping applications, visit loudoun.gov/historymaps.

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