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Loudoun Clerk of Circuit Court Offers Black History Program

The Loudoun Clerk of the Circuit Court is hosting a Black History Month Program that will highlight many of the county's records containing information about enslaved individuals in Loudoun County. "Records of Loudoun's Enslaved Community, 1757-1865," will be held Saturday, March 2, 2024, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., at the historic Charles Hamilton Houston Courthouse, located at the intersection of King and Market Streets in downtown Leesburg.

The exhibition will include wills, deeds of trust, judgements, bill of sales and other historic records documenting some of the names and experiences of Loudoun's enslaved community. The Black History Committee of the Friends of Thomas Balch Library, Morven Park and Oatlands will be joining the Clerk and his historic records team to highlight other resources and projects focused on Loudoun's enslaved individuals.

"I am pleased to offer this educational program as we celebrate Black History in Loudoun County," said Clerk of the Circuit Court Gary M. Clemens. "I am also honored that some of our historic preservation and interpretation partners are joining us and sharing information from their collections."

This free event is open to the public.

For more information, contact the Clerk of Circuit Court's Historic Records Division at 703-737-8775 or via email at <u>clerks-archives@loudoun.gov</u>.

More information about the historic records maintained by the Clerk's office is online at loudoun.gov/ClerkArchives.