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THE CIVIL WAR 150 LEGACY PROJECT VISITS ORANGE

Goal is to Digitize Civil-War Era Documents for Research Purposes

Orange County, VA – The Civil War Legacy Project is coming to Orange County and will give citizens the opportunity to have their historic letters, diaries and other collections scanned to preserve their valuable intellectual content.

The Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the Library of Virginia have partnered to create a state-wide online collection of original Civil War manuscripts that still remain in private hands. The Civil War 150 Legacy Project: *Document Digitization and Access* focuses on manuscript materials created during the period 1859-1867 that reflect social, political, military, business and religious life in Virginia during the period of the Civil War and the early period of Reconstruction. Citizens are encouraged to bring original family materials to be scanned and included in the Project. Scanned materials will be made available on the web via the Library of Virginia web site and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission web site.

The Civil War 150 Legacy Project staff will be visiting Orange County on July 18, 2013. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Orange County Public Library System at 146A Madison Road, Orange, VA. Appointments are encouraged and a limited number of walk-ins will be accommodated, as scheduling allows. Anyone bringing an item to scan must own the item to be able to provide copyright clearance.

To see the treasures already made available, visit the project website at: <http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/cw150>. For more information, please contact Katie Hill, Library Director, at (540) 672-3811.

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