

Earn Volunteer Hours with Making History

These instructions will help you earn volunteer or community service hours with the Library of Virginia's Making History project. Please follow the instructions carefully and contact us with any questions at makinghistory@virginiamemory.com.

1. Register for an account on From the Page: fromthepage.com/users/sign_up
2. Log in and navigate to the Library of Virginia collections on From the Page: fromthepage.com/lva
3. Select any collection on the LVA page. Select an item and click on a page to transcribe or index, depending on the collection. Use the "Pages that Need Transcription" button on the right-hand side. Refer to the Help tab for collection-specific instructions.
4. Save your work frequently! This helps demonstrate that you are active and reduces the chance of lost work.
5. Continue volunteering by indexing or transcribing Library of Virginia collections
6. Request your timesheet via email (makinghistory@virginiamemory.com), allowing at least 2–3 workdays (M–F, 9–5) for completion. Include your username in this request and any other recipients, such as teachers or supervisors.
7. Your timesheet will be emailed to you as a signed PDF showing your total volunteer time.
8. A letter of service can also be issued on Library of Virginia letterhead. If needed, please include this in your email request.

RULES

- We can only verify time recorded on the From The Page website or done under the direct supervision of an LVA staff member during one of our Making History events
- **We can only certify volunteer time spent on Library of Virginia collections.** Always check for the Library of Virginia logo on the collection page!
- Check that online or virtual volunteering will be accepted in advance.
- Time spent must reflect genuine effort to transcribe and index documents to the best of your ability. Merely refreshing a webpage for several hours does not qualify as volunteer service. **If your work does not reflect sincere effort, we reserve the right to not certify your volunteer time.**

Need help getting started? Join us for an in-person or virtual event: virginiamemory.com/makinghistory/events/

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Thank you for joining us in Making History!



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Virginia Untold: Deeds of Emancipation and Manumission (ALL)

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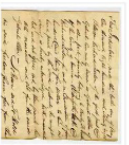
About




Virginia Untold provides digital access to records that document some of the lived experiences of enslaved and free Black people in the Library of Virginia's collections. Please help improve the discoverability of these sources by transcribing one of the project's many record types, deeds of emancipation and manumission.

Deeds of emancipation and manumission record an enslaver's intent to emancipate enslaved people from bondage. They include the name of the enslaver, the name of the enslaved person to be freed, the date of anticipated freedom, the date the manumission was proved or certified, and, sometimes a reason why the enslaver decided to emancipate the enslaved person. In a deed of manumission, an enslaver directly freed an enslaved person by manumission. In a deed of emancipation, an enslaved person could be freed after the enslaver's death by those executing a last will and testament. This collection also includes court orders that record the date or age when enslaved individuals were to be emancipated by deed as stipulated in an enslaver's will.

Works



Allen, Gabriel: Deed of Emancipation, Henrico County

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