

THE SLATTEN LECTURES PAST SPEAKERS

The FVSA brings top genealogical speakers to the Library of Virginia each year to share their expertise and provide insights into research methodology. Many of the speakers use the rich resources of the Library in their research, making the annual Slatten Lectures of broad interest to anyone with genealogical roots in Virginia.

In the spring of the year, the FVSA sponsors "Straight to the Source," a program that features discussions of additions to the research collections, new projects that are underway, in-depth looks at frequently used resources, and innovative research uses of archival records. Now well into its third decade, these presentations are the longest-running series of public programming at the Library of Virginia focused on the archival collection.

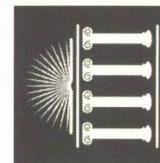
The FVSA has worked diligently in the past to supplement the resources at the Library and enhance its already well-deserved reputation as a major research institution. Microfilm copies of military records of Virginians, microfilm copies of early county court records from surrounding states, and copies of published local histories and indexes to useful sources have all been added to the Library's collections through the support of the Friends.

Archives News brings members notices and reviews of programs, along with articles about unusual discoveries from the archival collection.

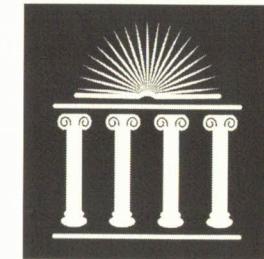
Join with the Friends in these efforts. As Richard Slatten, first president of the Friends, said, "History is too fragile to be left to chance; only dedicated support can preserve it."

Listed below are the scholars who have addressed us under the sponsorship of Kathleen Littlejohn Slatten's series *The Richard Slatten Lectures*.

2000	Lloyd Bockstruck	2013	John Philip Colletta
2001	John Phillip Colletta	2014	Pamela Boyer Sayre
2002	Christine Rose	2015	Victor S. "Vic" Dunn
2003	Elizabeth Shown Mills	2016	Barbara Vines Little
2004	Sandra Hargreaves Lueking	2017	Dr. Michael D. Lacopo
2005	Michael John Neill	2018	J. Mark Lowe
2006	Lloyd Bockstruck	2019	Michael L. Strauss
2007	Thomas W. Jones	2021	Victor S. "Vic" Dunn
2008	Patricia Law Hatcher	2022	Rebecca Whitman Koford
2009	Richard Sayre	2023	Judy G. Russell
2010	Claire Mire Bettag	2024	Craig R. Scott
2011	Elizabeth Shown Mills		
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FEATURING



**BARBARA VINES LITTLE,
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

**LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA
800 EAST BROAD STREET
RICHMOND, VA 23219**

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The Friends of the Virginia State Archives present the annual Richard Slatten Lecture as part of its annual meeting to be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA, with registration commencing at 8:30 AM. Our speaker will be Barbara Vines Little, professional genealogist, national lecturer, editor, and former president of the National Genealogical Society and Virginia Genealogical Society. She will deliver four lectures drawing on her many years of research using the resources at the Library of Virginia and other institutions. She has been the editor of the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* for the Virginia Genealogical Society since 1996. She is a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society, the Virginia Genealogical Society, and the Genealogical Society of Utah. She served as an instructor and coordinator at Samford's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and is one of the foremost genealogical lecturers in the country on women, legal research, land platting, and Virginia genealogical research. Her next book, *A Researcher's Guide to Virginia's Historical Records*, is scheduled for publication this fall.

The first session of the day will discuss "The Much-Married Mary and Other Virginia Women: How to Find Them." Finding women in Virginia records is difficult, but if you know where to look, there is often information about them. Where are women most likely to appear and what information do the records contain? Are there clues to find additional information? What is the best way to tell their stories?

The second session is "Getting the Most Out of Wills and Other Probate Records." Looking beyond the will to other records created in the probate process can often provide useful genealogical information. And, of course, there are often hidden clues in the wills themselves. Might an estate account help you establish the church the deceased ancestor attended?

The Friends were introduced to the amusing Granny Possum when Little last spoke at the Slatten Lecture. The final session of the day tells us that "Granny Possum's Still Learning—What You Might Not Know About the Latest in Virginia Research." Digitization, every-word search, indexing, online access to records from major research institutions such as the Virginia Museum of History and Culture, Duke University, the University of North Carolina, and other resources demonstrate that there's a lot of Virginia resources out there to be discovered in new ways.

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8:30 AM	Registration
9:15 AM	Welcome
9:30 AM	The Much-Married Mary and Other Virginia Women: How to Find Them
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	Getting the Most Out of Wills and Other Probate Records
11:45 AM	Annual Meeting of the Friends
12:00 NOON	Lunch
1:00 PM	Taxes, Why They Can Be Our Next Best Friend
2:00 PM	Break
2:15 PM	Granny Possum's Still Learning—What You Might Not Know About the Latest in Virginia Research
3:15 PM	Questions and Discussion

This lecture is supported by the Richard Slatten Endowment of the Friends of the Virginia State Archives through the Community Foundation for a Greater Richmond.

REGISTRATION

Please complete, detach, and return by November 3, 2025, with check made payable to:

Friends of the Virginia State Archives
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Address _____

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Registration Fees:

FVSA member	\$40
Non-member	\$55
Join FVSA, attend as member	\$75
Total enclosed	\$_____

NOTES:

Pre-registration is highly recommended. Registrations will be received at the door, but lunch cannot be guaranteed.

Lunch and beverage are included in registration fee.

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