



VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Story of Virginia

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 18, 2011

Jennifer Guild, Senior Officer for Public Relations and Marketing
(804) 342-9665, jguild@vahistorical.org

Virginia Historical Society Open Mondays Beginning February 2011

Richmond, VA—Last year the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) made the history museum and research library more accessible to visitors by offering free admission. This year the VHS is further expanding accessibility by opening on Mondays.

Beginning Monday, February 7, 2011, the Virginia Historical Society will be open seven days a week. The museum and shop operating hours will be Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The library will be open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free admission will continue throughout the year.

“Reopening on Mondays will allow visitors the maximum amount of time possible to see *An American Turning Point: The Civil War in Virginia*, a 3,000-square-foot show featuring more than 200 objects and 17 state-of-the-art audiovisual programs,” said VHS President and CEO Paul Levensgood.

An American Turning Point uses the experiences of Virginia’s men, women, and children to promote an understanding of those who struggled to survive the American Civil War.

“Their stories are revealed in the fabric of every uniform, the blade of every sword, the handle of every tool, the imagery of every drawing, the words of every letter, and the notes of every song,” said Levensgood.

The exhibition encourages visitors to consider how a single event, separated from us by 150 years, can influence and address the questions of today: what was gained, what was lost, what was undecided, and what is left for us to resolve? It is on display at the VHS from February 4 through December 30.

In addition to *An American Turning Point*, there are eight other Virginia history exhibitions on display at the VHS in 2011.

###

For more than 182 years, the **Virginia Historical Society** (VHS) has been connecting people to America’s past through the unparalleled story of Virginia. The VHS—a history museum and research library—features award-winning exhibitions that are entertaining and educational for visitors of all ages. The Society is the only museum with all of Virginia’s history under one roof—all centuries, all regions, and all topics are covered. Although designated the Official State Historical Society, the VHS is a privately funded non-profit organization that relies on contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations to sustain its operations. The VHS is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond’s Museum District. Admission is free. Museum hours are Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Library hours are Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information, call (804) 358-4901, visit www.vahistorical.org, or find the VHS on Facebook and Twitter.

Post Office Box 7311
Richmond, Virginia 23221
www.vahistorical.org

