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**FREDERICKSBURG AREA MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER TO HOST  
THE VIRGINIA SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION AND THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA'S  
CIVIL WAR 150<sup>TH</sup> LEGACY PROJECT**

*Fredericksburg, VA* - 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 between 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 website and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission website.

CW 150 Legacy project staff will be visiting the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This event will take place from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm in the Museum's Catherine W. Jones McKann Center. Appointments are currently being made and are strongly encouraged. A limited number of walk-ins will be accommodated, as scheduling allows.

The CW 150 Legacy project is a multi-year initiative to locate, digitize and provide world-wide access to the private documentary heritage of the Civil War era located throughout Virginia. This project provides individuals an opportunity to have their historic letters, diaries and other collections scanned to preserve the valuable intellectual content.

For additional information on this project, please visit the Museum's website, [www.famcc.org](http://www.famcc.org), or contact Sara Poore, Director of Education and Public Programming at [spoore@famcc.org](mailto:spoore@famcc.org). To schedule an appointment to have your documents digitized, contact Heidi Krofft, Special Events Coordinator, at [hkrofft@famcc.org](mailto:hkrofft@famcc.org) or 540-371-3037 ext. 141.

The mission of the Fredericksburg Area Museum & Cultural Center is to collect, interpret and present the history and culture of the Fredericksburg region and community.

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