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## **The Fate of the Revolution**

Nov 05 2022 The history of the 1788 Virginia Ratification Convention explores the Constitutional debates that decided the nation's fate and still resonate today. In May 1788, elected delegates from every county in Virginia gathered in Richmond where they would either accept or reject the highly controversial United States Constitution. The

rest of the country kept an anxious vigil, keenly aware that without Virginia—the young Republic's largest and most populous state—the Constitution was doomed. In The Fate of the Revolution, Lorri Glover explains why Virginia's wrangling over ratification led to such heated political debate. Virginians were roughly split in their opinions, as were the delegates they elected. Patrick Henry, for

example, the greatest orator of the age, opposed James Madison, the intellectual force behind the Constitution. The two sides were so evenly matched that in the last days of the convention, the savviest political observers still couldn't predict the outcome. Mining an incredible wealth of sources, including letters, pamphlets, newspaper articles, and transcripts, Glover brings these political discussions to life,

exploring the constitutional questions that echo across American history.

**The Virginians II** Feb 02 2020 William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863) was a British author and novelist mostly known for his satirical works such as "Vanity Fair" that showed an ironic representation of the British society of those times. "The Virginians" is a historical novel, a sequel to "The History of Henry Esmond, Esq" loosely linked to "The History of Pendennis." It tells the story of Henry Esmond's twin grandsons, George and Henry Warrington. Henry's romantic connection with an older woman makes him join the

British army and fight under the command of General Wolfe during the capture of Quebec. During the American War of Independence, he takes the revolutionary side. This event forces George, who is also a British officer, to resign rather than go into battle against his brother.

Jefferson and the Virginians Mar 29 2022 In Jefferson and the Virginians, renowned scholar Peter S. Onuf examines the ways in which Thomas Jefferson and his fellow Virginians—George Washington, James Madison, and Patrick Henry—both conceptualized their home state from a political and cultural perspective, and

understood its position in the new American union. The conversations Onuf reconstructs offer glimpses into the struggle to define Virginia—and America—within the context of the upheaval of the Revolutionary War. Onuf also demonstrates why Jefferson's identity as a Virginian obscures more than it illuminates about his ideology and career. Onuf contends that Jefferson and his interlocutors sought to define Virginia's character as a self-constituted commonwealth and to determine the state's place in the American union during an era of constitutional change and political polarization. Thus, the outcome of the American

Revolution led to ongoing controversies over the identity of Virginians and Americans as a “people” or “peoples”; over Virginia’s boundaries and jurisdiction within the union; and over the system of government in Virginia and for the states collectively. Each debate required a balanced consideration of corporate identity and collective interests, which inevitably raised broader questions about the character of the Articles of Confederation and the newly formed federal union. Onuf’s well-researched study reveals how this indeterminacy demanded definition and, likewise, how the need for definition prompted further

controversy. [The Virginia Dynasty](#) Aug 10 2020 A vivid account of leadership focusing on the first four Virginia presidents-- George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe--from the bestselling historian and author of James Madison. From a small expanse of land on the North American continent came four of the nation's first five presidents--a geographic dynasty whose members led a revolution, created a nation, and ultimately changed the world. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe were born, grew to manhood, and made their homes within a

sixty-mile circle east of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Friends and rivals, they led in securing independence, hammering out the United States Constitution, and building a working republic. Acting together, they doubled the territory of the United States. From their disputes came American political parties and the weaponizing of newspapers, the media of the day. In this elegantly conceived and insightful new book from bestselling author Lynne Cheney, the four Virginians are not marble icons but vital figures deeply intent on building a nation where citizens could be free. Focusing on the intersecting roles these

men played as warriors, intellectuals, and statesmen, Cheney takes us back to an exhilarating time when the Enlightenment opened new vistas for humankind. But even as the Virginians advanced liberty, equality, and human possibility, they held people in slavery and were slaveholders when they died. Lives built on slavery were incompatible with a free and just society; their actions contradicted the very ideals they espoused. They managed nonetheless to pass down those ideals, and they became powerful weapons for ending slavery. They inspired Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass and today undergird the freest nation on earth.

Taking full measure of strengths and failures in the personal as well as the political lives of the men at the center of this book, Cheney offers a concise and original exploration of how the United States came to be.

*American Slavery, American Freedom* May 19 2021

"Thoughtful, suggestive and highly readable."—New York Times Book Review In the American Revolution, Virginians were the most eloquent spokesmen for freedom and quality. George Washington led the Americans in battle against British oppression. Thomas Jefferson led them in declaring independence. Virginians

drafted not only the Declaration but also the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; they were elected to the presidency of the United States under that Constitution for thirty-two of the first thirty-six years of its existence. They were all slaveholders. In the new preface Edmund S. Morgan writes: "Human relations among us still suffer from the former enslavement of a large portion of our predecessors. The freedom of the free, the growth of freedom experienced in the American Revolution depended more than we like to admit on the enslavement of more than 20 percent of us at that time. How republican freedom came to be

supported, at least in large part, by its opposite, slavery, is the subject of this book.

*American Slavery, American Freedom* is a study of the tragic contradiction at the core of America. Morgan finds the keys to this central paradox, "the marriage of slavery and freedom," in the people and the politics of the state that was both the birthplace of the Revolution and the largest slaveholding state in the country.

*Wellspring of Liberty* Jul 21 2021 Before the American Revolution, no colony more assiduously protected its established church or more severely persecuted religious dissenters than Virginia. Both

its politics and religion were dominated by an Anglican establishment, and dissenters from the established Church of England were subject to numerous legal infirmities and serious persecution. By 1786, no state more fully protected religious freedom. This profound transformation, as John A. Ragosta shows in this book, arose not from a new-found cultural tolerance. Rather, as the Revolution approached, Virginia's political establishment needed the support of the religious dissenters, primarily Presbyterians and Baptists, for the mobilization effort. Dissenters seized this opportunity to insist on

freedom of religion in return for their mobilization. Their demands led to a complex and extended negotiation in which the religious establishment slowly and grudgingly offered just enough reforms to maintain the crucial support of the dissenters. After the war, when dissenters' support was no longer needed, the establishment leaders sought to recapture control, but found they had seriously miscalculated: wartime negotiations had politicized the dissenters. As a result dissenters' demands for the separation of church and state triumphed over the establishment's efforts and Jefferson's Statute for

Establishing Religious Freedom was adopted. Historians and the Supreme Court have repeatedly noted that the foundation of the First Amendment's protection of religious liberty lies in Virginia's struggle, turning primarily to Jefferson and Madison to understand this. In *Wellspring of Liberty*, John A. Ragosta argues that Virginia's religious dissenters played a seminal, and previously underappreciated, role in the development of the First Amendment and in the meaning of religious freedom as we understand it today. **Virginians Reborn** Oct 31 2019 Ultimately, the book chronicles a dual process of

rebirth, as Virginians simultaneously formed a republic and became evangelical Christians. Winner of the Walker Cowen Memorial prize for an outstanding work of scholarship in eighteenth-century studies [The Baylors of Newmarket](#) Feb 13 2021 Scholars and arm-chair historians of eighteenth-century America will take great pleasure in reading this exceptionally well-researched slice of colonial history. In *The Baylors of Newmarket*, author Thomas Katheder has meticulously researched one of the wealthiest and most socially prominent yet least known families in colonial Virginia. Drawing on mostly

unpublished sources, including British and French archives and Virginia court documents, *The Baylors of Newmarket* is the fascinating and tragic story of Col. John Baylor III and his son John IV, including Col. Baylor's relentless pursuit of equine perfection and his son's delusional quest for the perfect Virginia mansion. *The Baylors of Newmarket* places the family in the larger context of a pre-Revolutionary Anglo-Virginian elite that sought to emulate the British gentry in culture, education, books and reading, dress, furnishings, and behavior. After the Revolution, the Baylors struggled to maintain what was becoming an increasingly outmoded

lifestyle. This extensively referenced history also describes in rich detail the library begun by Col. Baylor III and expanded by his son John IV within the context of a strong book culture among the pre-Revolutionary Virginia gentry that has been largely underappreciated by scholars.

[The Causes which Produced the Virginia of the Revolutionary Period](#) Jun 27 2019

[The Soldiery of West Virginia, in the French and Indian War, Lord Dunmore's War](#) Mar 05 2020

**The Grandees of Government** Jan 27 2022

From the formation of the first institutions of representative

government and the use of slavery in the seventeenth century through the American Revolution, the Civil War, the civil rights movement, and into the twenty-first century, Virginia's history has been marked by obstacles to democratic change. In *The Grandees of Government*, Brent Tarter offers an extended commentary based in primary sources on how these undemocratic institutions and ideas arose, and how they were both perpetuated and challenged. Although much literature on American republicanism focuses on the writings of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, among others, Tarter reveals how their

writings were in reality an expression of federalism, not of republican government. Within Virginia, Jefferson, Madison, and others such as John Taylor of Caroline and their contemporaries governed in ways that directly contradicted their statements about representative—and limited—government. Even the democratic rhetoric of the American Revolution worked surprisingly little immediate change in the political practices, institutions, and culture of Virginia. The counterrevolution of the 1880s culminated in the Constitution of 1902 that disfranchised the remainder of African Americans. Virginians who

could vote reversed the democratic reforms embodied in the constitutions of 1851, 1864, and 1869, so that the antidemocratic Byrd organization could dominate Virginia's public life for the first two-thirds of the twentieth century. Offering a thorough reevaluation of the interrelationship between the words and actions of Virginia's political leaders, *The Grandees of Government* provides an entirely new interpretation of Virginia's political history. *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War* Sep 22 2021 Includes a listing of Virginia militia units and the actions in which they were engaged, abstracts of the pension

applications of several hundred militia pensioners, lists of militia officers appointed by the various counties and a list of 1835 pensioners with militia service. M0266HB - \$29.00 **The Great Virginia Triumvirate** Aug 22 2021 As the largest, oldest, and wealthiest of the original thirteen colonies, Virginia played a central role in the fight for independence and as a state in the new republic. This importance is reflected in the number of Virginians who filled key national leadership positions. Three remarkable Virginians stand out in their service to the new nation: George Washington as commander in chief during the

Revolutionary War, Thomas Jefferson as the philosophic voice of the country, and James Madison as the chief architect of the nation's new constitutional system. In *The Great Virginia Triumvirate*, John Kaminski presents a series of biographical portraits that bring these three men remarkably to life for the modern reader. The passage of time, coupled with the veneration so often surrounding historical figures, has obscured the subtleties and complexities of the founding fathers' characters. To cut through this fog of myth, Kaminski relies on the words of the three Virginians themselves, sharing with us a

trio of eloquent, and often candid, voices. (Jefferson once told John Adams that he had not written a history of his times because that history was to be found in his correspondence, where he could be especially direct and honest.) Kaminski also turns to the people who personally knew the three great Virginians—their friends, family, acquaintances, and enemies. Through their public and private writings, as well as the observations of their contemporaries, the subjects' distinctive qualities as individuals can be glimpsed with depth and immediacy. Taken from letters, speeches, diaries, and memoirs, the

quotations and vignettes included here shed light on the actual person behind each public image. George Washington offering a bowl of hot tea at night to a guest at Mount Vernon who has a cold; Thomas Jefferson extending condolences to John Adams on the death of his wife, Abigail; and James Madison bequeathing the silver-hilted walking cane, left him by Jefferson, in turn to the third president's grandson, Thomas Jefferson Randolph—such moments reveal personality and character in a way that no official act ever could. "Much is known to one which is not known to the other," Jefferson wrote, "and no one knows

everything." The cumulative effect of many voices, however, can create a portrait of invaluable insight.

**The Politics of War** Aug 02 2022 War often unites a society behind a common cause, but the notion of diverse populations all rallying together to fight on the same side disguises the complex social forces that come into play in the midst of perceived unity. Michael A. McDonnell uses the Revolution in Virginia to examine the political and social struggles of a revolutionary society at war with itself as much as with Great Britain. McDonnell documents the numerous contests within Virginia over

mobilizing for war--struggles between ordinary Virginians and patriot leaders, between the lower and middle classes, and between blacks and whites. From these conflicts emerged a republican polity rife with racial and class tensions. Looking at the Revolution in Virginia from the bottom up, *The Politics of War* demonstrates how contests over waging war in turn shaped society and the emerging new political settlement. With its insights into the mobilization of popular support, the exposure of social rifts, and the inversion of power relations, McDonnell's analysis is relevant to any society at war.

[Seven Virginians](#) Apr 29 2022

"The culmination of a lifetime of erudition by one of America's leading historians, *Seven Virginians* is a narrative history and synthesis of the major scholarship on the period between 1750 and 1830 that examines the place of seven major Virginians before, during, and after the American Revolution: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, George Mason, Patrick Henry, and John Marshall. With refreshing candor regarding the problems of the Revolutionary generation, the author charts Virginia's central role in the nation's early years and the beginnings of the commonwealth's political

decline in the early nineteenth century"--

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the command of General Wolfe during the capture of Quebec. During the American War of Independence, he takes the revolutionary side. This event forces George, who is also a British officer, to resign rather than go into battle against his brother.

*Virginia's American Revolution*  
Jul 01 2022 Virginia's American Revolution follows the Virginia revolutionaries from their decision for independence on May 15, 1776, through the following 60 years--when the last of them finally passed from the scene. To their surprise, the decision to break with Great Britain entailed reconsideration of virtually all of their major political and

social institutions, from the established church, their aristocratic state government, and feudal land tenures to slavery and their federal relations with the other American states. Some of these issues, such as the place of the Church of England in the newly republican Virginia, received quick resolutions; others, such as the nature of the relationship between the elite and other men, were not so easily decided. All of them were considered against the backdrop of Virginia's decline from preeminence in the Revolution and early Republic to the position of just another state in the age of Jackson. By following Virginia's American

Revolution from start to finish, this account shows why so many revolutionaries in the Old Dominion died doubting that their great struggle had been worth the effort.

### **The Revolution in Virginia, 1775-1783** Nov 24 2021

Unsurpassed as a single-volume history, John E. Selby's masterpiece analyzes the political, administrative, and military history of Virginia during the American Revolution. Stressing the contributions, in both men and material, that the state made to the new nation's war effort, Shelby shows how Virginia's leaders responded to the need to expand the state's administration and mobilize its

people for war while at the same time looking westward to the vast territory beyond the Appalachians. Now available for the first time in paperback and with a new foreword by the historian Don Higginbotham, this classic is a must-read for anyone interested in the origins of our nation.

### **The Fate of the Revolution**

Dec 02 2019 In *The Fate of the Revolution*, Lorri Glover explains why Virginia's wrangling over ratification led to such heated political debate. Beginning in 1787, when they first learned about the radical new government design, Virginians had argued about the proposed Constitution's meaning and merits. The

convention delegates, who numbered among the most respected and experienced patriots in Revolutionary America, were roughly split in their opinions. Patrick Henry, for example, the greatest orator of the age, opposed James Madison, the intellectual force behind the Constitution. The two sides were so evenly matched that in the last days of the convention, the savviest political observers still could not confidently predict the outcome.

### **Race and Liberty in the New**

**Nation** May 31 2022 "By examining how ordinary Virginia citizens grappled with the vexing problem of slavery in a society dedicated to

universal liberty, Eva Sheppard Wolf broadens our understanding of such important concepts as freedom, slavery, emancipation, and race in the early years of the American republic. She frames her study around the moment between slavery and liberty - emancipation - shedding new light on the complicated relations between whites and blacks in a slave society." "Wolf argues that during the post-Revolutionary period, white Virginians understood both liberty and slavery to be racial concepts more than political ideas. Through an in-depth analysis of archival records, particularly those dealing with manumission between 1782

and 1806, she reveals how these entrenched beliefs shaped both thought and behavior. In spite of qualms about slavery, white Virginians repeatedly demonstrated their unwillingness to abolish the institution." "The manumission law of 1782 eased restrictions on individual emancipation and made possible the liberation of thousands, but Wolf discovers that far fewer slaves were freed in Virginia than previously thought. Those who were emancipated posed a disturbing social, political, and even moral problem in the minds of whites. Where would ex-slaves fit in a society that could not conceive of black liberty? As Wolf points out,

even those few white Virginians who proffered emancipation plans always suggested sending freed slaves to some other place. Nat Turner's rebellion in 1831 led to a public debate over ending slavery, after which discussions of emancipation in the Old Dominion largely disappeared as the eastern slaveholding elite tightened its grip on political power in the state." "This well-informed and carefully crafted book outlines important and heretofore unexamined changes in whites' views of blacks and liberty in the new nation. By linking the Revolutionary and antebellum eras, it shows how white attitudes hardened during the

half-century that followed the declaration that "all men are created equal."--BOOK JACKET.

*The Virginians* May 07 2020 "A sequel to *Henry Esmond*, the novel is set, as is much of its precursor, chiefly in colonial Virginia. *The Virginians* follows the life of the family and descendants of Henry Esmond of Castlewood, Virginia. Although Esmond's grandsons take opposing positions during the American Revolution, they reconcile after the war, Harry becoming owner of the family's Virginia estates and George of the land and property in England."--Encyclopedia Britannica.

[The Colony of Virginia](#) Oct 24

2021 This volume introduces readers to the beginnings of colonial Virginia, which was home to the first successful British settlement in North America. The narrative begins with the hardships and eventual success of the Jamestown settlement. Readers will learn about the crop that saved the colony, the rise of plantations, and early democracy in the Virginia House of Burgesses. Information-rich text paired with corresponding images highlight Virginia's role in the American Revolution, and draw attention to important Virginians such as Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry. This volume was researched

and written to support national and state social studies curricula while supporting comprehension through accompanying primary sources, biographies, and maps.

### **The King's Own Virginians**

Nov 12 2020 William Watson lives in a world in which the American Revolution failed. Thirty years later, North America is split into British, French, Spanish, and Russian colonies. Now, William is dishonored. Unmasked as an embezzler, nearly penniless and without a job, he sees no alternative but to join the British Army. He enlists in the King's Own Virginians, the regiment of American riflemen formed to eject the French

from New Orleans and St. Louis. Before they can fight the French, the Virginians must cross a thousand miles of roadless wilderness. The Virginians expel the French from North America, but William's adventures and misadventures have only begun. He survives the war, but battle is only one of the hardships he faces. His personal account of the day-to-day travail of British Army life, and the camaraderie that made it bearable, is the heart of his story. He is a survivor, and ultimately his fortitude pays off.

[Virginians at Home](#) Mar 17 2021 First published in 1952, this is historian Edmund S.

Morgan's second book on family life in the American colonies. An informative, well-researched and well written book, Morgan sketches the day-to-day life of colonial Virginians. From the planters of the Tidewater to the Scotch-Irish and German farmers in the Shenandoah Valley, he explores such matters as childhood, marriage, servants and slaves, homes, and holidays in the complex society of eighteenth-century Virginia. An entertaining and enlightening book that allows the reader to glimpse into the world of 18th Century family life.

[The Little Red Hen](#) Jun 07 2020  
Forenklet udgave af historien i

to tekst og billedversioner i bogen, med indtaling af historien på cd-delen, og historien som tegnefilm på dvd-delen.

### **The Pursuit of Happiness**

Apr 17 2021 Examines the changes in the family life, social relations, and spiritual beliefs of Virginians from the early eighteenth century to 1830

### **Establishing Religious**

**Freedom** Apr 05 2020 The significance of the Virginia Statute for Establishing Religious Freedom goes far beyond the borders of the Old Dominion. Its influence ultimately extended to the Supreme Court's interpretation of the separation of church and

state. In his latest book, Thomas Buckley tells the story of the statute, beginning with its background in the struggles of the colonial dissenters against an oppressive Church of England. When the Revolution forced the issue of religious liberty, Thomas Jefferson drafted his statute and James Madison guided its passage through the state legislature. Displacing an established church by instituting religious freedom, the Virginia statute provided the most substantial guarantees of religious liberty of any state in the new nation. The statute's implementation, however, proved to be problematic. Faced with a

mandate for strict separation of church and state--and in an atmosphere of sweeping evangelical Christianity-- Virginians clashed over numerous issues, including the legal ownership of church property, the incorporation of churches and religious groups, Sabbath observance, protection for religious groups, Bible reading in school, and divorce laws. Such debates pitted churches against one another and engaged Virginia's legal system for a century and a half. Fascinating history in itself, the effort to implement Jefferson's statute has even broader significance in its anticipation of the conflict that would occupy the whole country after

the Supreme Court nationalized the religion clause of the First Amendment in the 1940s.

Forced Founders Feb 25 2022

In this provocative reinterpretation of one of the best-known events in American history, Woody Holton shows that when Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and other elite Virginians joined their peers from other colonies in declaring independence from Britain, they acted partly in response to grassroots rebellions against their own rule. The Virginia gentry's efforts to shape London's imperial policy were thwarted by British merchants and by a coalition of Indian nations. In

1774, elite Virginians suspended trade with Britain in order to pressure Parliament and, at the same time, to save restive Virginia debtors from a terrible recession. The boycott and the growing imperial conflict led to rebellions by enslaved Virginians, Indians, and tobacco farmers. By the spring of 1776 the gentry believed the only way to regain control of the common people was to take Virginia out of the British Empire. Forced Founders uses the new social history to shed light on a classic political question: why did the owners of vast plantations, viewed by many of their contemporaries as aristocrats, start a revolution?

As Holton's fast-paced narrative unfolds, the old story of patriot versus loyalist becomes decidedly more complex.

**Williamsburg** Oct 12 2020

Visitors to Colonial

Williamsburg will recognize the settings of this fictional history--the Capitol, Governor's Palace, Courthouse, and Raleigh Tavern. Also familiar are the historical characters, Washington, Jefferson, Samuel Adams, and Patrick Henry. At the forefront of the drama are two fictional characters, Kathryn Sheridan, a "prodigiously handsome widow," who arrives in Williamsburg with a secret mission, to spy on the colony's

governor. She meets James Leslie, a Boston merchant and militia captain allied with the incendiary Massachusetts Sons of Liberty. He is in Williamsburg to encourage opposition to the Crown. Sheridan and Leslie are drawn to each other, but are repelled by their political differences. She is a staunch loyalist; he is a rebel. Their love-hate relationship is carried, in this blend of history and fiction, through the tumultuous years just before the War for Independence, as Virginians lead the colony to its fateful clash with Britain. *Virginia's Western Visions* Jan 15 2021 "Once all the world was Virginia"--an exaggerated

truism to be sure, but in the early eighteenth century, there seemed no limit on the Old Dominion's possibility for growth, particularly in the eyes of the state's Tidewater elite. Wealthy tobacco barons monopolized thousands of acres along Virginia's frontier, and early leadership, including William Byrd, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington, saw the generous possibilities in the expanse of lands to their west. In 1705 Virginia planter and historian Robert Beverly confidently foresaw the day when Virginia's settlements would reach "the California Sea." In *Virginia's Western Visions*, L. Scott Philyaw examines the

often tumultuous history of Virginia's westward expansion. Land, the foundation to tobacco cultivation and slavery, obsessed early Virginians. Land acquisition was also a necessary step in dispossessing Virginia's native inhabitants, replacing them with Europeans and Africans. The relationship between Virginia's Tidewater elite and the hinterland was never simple, however. The backcountry's economic potential was undeniable, as was the possibility for colonization; but elites feared the threat of Native American nations, and the western border was consistently a source of unrest. For many English colonists, the inland

wilderness was terrifying, and Philyaw argues that attitudes toward the different peoples of the frontier--Native Americans, French Catholic villagers, and German and Ulster-Scot immigrants--shed light on the cultural and ethnic assumptions of the architects of the American republic. By the early nineteenth century, the optimism of the Revolutionary generation had faded. New western states competed with Virginia for markets, settlers, and investments, and wealthy planters began abandoning the Old Dominion, taking their portable slave wealth with them. As the War of Independence came to an end,

an independent Virginia actually began losing territory; the war-weary and impoverished state could no longer control the western lands its leadership had worked so tirelessly to acquire. Leaders now turned to the new national government to accomplish their aims of creating a series of western states that would share Virginia's interests. They failed, and in the antebellum era Virginia's elite more often allied with states to the south rather than those that were once part of the Old Dominion. From the earliest settlement of the area, Virginians wrestled with both the political and cultural meaning of "Virginia." By examining the changing

attitudes toward the early West, Virginia's Western Visions offers a fascinating glimpse into the dreams of the Old Dominion's early leaders, the challenges that faced them, and their vision for Virginia's future. L. Scott Philyaw is associate professor of history at Western Carolina University. He is a contributor to *After the Backcountry: Rural Life in the Great Valley of Virginia, 1800-1900*, and his articles and reviews have appeared in the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, the *Journal of the Early Republic*, and others.

**The Internal Enemy** Sep 10  
2020 Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for History Finalist for the National Book Award

Finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize "Impressively researched and beautifully crafted...a brilliant account of slavery in Virginia during and after the Revolution." —Mark M. Smith, *Wall Street Journal*

Frederick Douglass recalled that slaves living along Chesapeake Bay longingly viewed sailing ships as "freedom's swift-winged angels." In 1813 those angels appeared in the bay as British warships coming to punish the Americans for declaring war on the empire. Over many nights, hundreds of slaves paddled out to the warships seeking protection for their families from the ravages of slavery. The runaways pressured the

British admirals into becoming liberators. As guides, pilots, sailors, and marines, the former slaves used their intimate knowledge of the countryside to transform the war. They enabled the British to escalate their onshore attacks and to capture and burn Washington, D.C. Tidewater masters had long dreaded their slaves as "an internal enemy." By mobilizing that enemy, the war ignited the deepest fears of Chesapeake slaveholders. It also alienated Virginians from a national government that had neglected their defense. Instead they turned south, their interests aligning more and more with their section. In 1820 Thomas

Jefferson observed of sectionalism: "Like a firebell in the night [it] awakened and filled me with terror. I considered it at once the knell of the union." The notes of alarm in Jefferson's comment speak of the fear aroused by the recent crisis over slavery in his home state. His vision of a cataclysm to come proved prescient. Jefferson's startling observation registered a turn in the nation's course, a pivot from the national purpose of the founding toward the threat of disunion. Drawn from new sources, Alan Taylor's riveting narrative re-creates the events that inspired black Virginians, haunted slaveholders, and set the nation on a new and

dangerous course.  
*Founders as Fathers* Jan 03 2020 Explores the family life of the Founding Fathers, providing intimate portraits of the households of such revolutionaries as George Mason, Patrick Henry, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison.

**"I Tremble for My Country"**  
Jul 09 2020 Hatzenbuehler argues that Jefferson, though celebrated as a nationalist, is best understood as a member of the Virginia gentry who viewed the nation through the lens of his native "country," the Commonwealth of Virginia. Throughout his life, Jefferson was torn between his participation in a privileged

order and his periodic dissent from the order's ways. In taking Virginians to task for their failure to improve Virginia society, he masked his own reluctance to make fundamental changes in his life. The zenith of Jefferson's criticism came in Notes on the State of Virginia, where he chided his fellow Virginians for failing to take advantage of the opportunities that independence from Great Britain promised--including writing a new state constitution, establishing religious freedom, educating all of the state's youth, farming grains instead of planting tobacco, and abolishing slavery. The height of his

withdrawal from the commitment to the change he advocated came after his presidency, when he allowed his gentry culture to ensnare him. The author also investigates specific issues of contention in the Jefferson literature, among them Jefferson's reliance on the writings of early Virginian writers and George Mason in drafting Summary View of the Rights of British America and the Declaration of Independence, the influence of the great French Encyclopédie on his composition of Notes on the State of Virginia, his authorship of the Kentucky Resolutions, his unfulfilled revolution as president, and the

timing of the creation of the University of Virginia. Carefully drawing on Jefferson's voluminous correspondence, Hatzenbuehler does not shy away from the Founding Father's failings but finds much to admire.

### **Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution**

Oct 04 2022

*Virginia Navy in the Revolution, The* Jul 29 2019

The Virginia Navy, led by Commodore James Barron, raised more than fifty vessels to aid the fight against the British Empire. The ships kept open vital trade passages to the West Indies that allowed for goods and supplies to reach American shores despite

English blockades. Barron defended his birthplace at the Battle of Hampton, suffered near-destruction at the hands of Benedict Arnold and supported the French navy in the decisive victory at Yorktown. Author James Tormey reveals these stories and more in a maritime adventure through the history of the Virginia Navy in the Revolutionary era.

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