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"The William & Mary Bray School Lab uncovers, documents, preserves, and share broadly the history and legacies of the Williamsburg Bray School (1760-1774) and its students."

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Greetings from the William & Mary Bray School Lab! We're very pleased to share our latest news with you!

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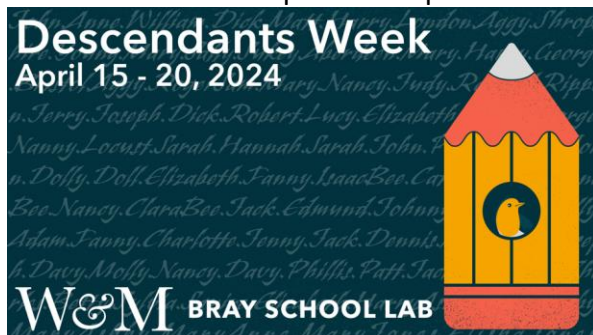
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Register Now for Descendants Week 2024

Events are free and open to the public.



Our third annual Descendants Week is next week!

[Learn about the week's events](#) and [register for free by clicking here](#).

All events are free and open to the public. Registration will close Monday, April 15, 2024.

Monday, April 15, 2024 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Williamsburg Bray School Descendants Virtual Town Hall

[Register for this event on Zoom](#)

An update on Williamsburg Bray School research, happenings in the W&M Bray School Lab, and a community discussion of strategies to help uncover the hidden histories of the Williamsburg Bray School students.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Williamsburg Bray School Walking Tour

Colonial Williamsburg Historic Area | Corner of Nassau and Francis Streets

The walking tour is at capacity and is no longer accepting registrations.

Friday, April 19, 2024 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Descendants Week Reception

W&M Bray School Lab/Strategic Cultural Partnerships

Join us at Travis House and Barrett House, at the corner of Francis and S. Henry Streets, for our annual Descendants Week reception and connect with other community members.

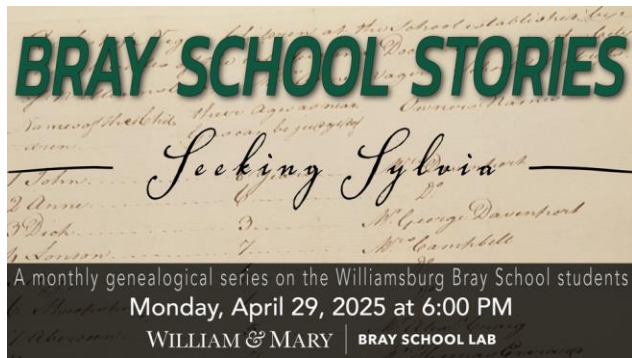
Saturday, April 20, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Family History Celebration

Bruton Heights School, 301 First Street, Williamsburg

Family history is exciting and so important! With something for learners of all ages, this family-friendly event will provide hands-on orientation to genealogy, oral history, and preservation practices, while continuing to share the Williamsburg Bray School story.

Bray School Stories: Seeking Sylvia | April 29, 2024



The event is free and open to all members of the public, but registration is required:

<https://go.wm.edu/gfFdnH>

The upcoming April edition of our monthly Zoom genealogy series *Bray School Stories: Finding the Bray School Students* will be held on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 6:00 PM – *Bray School Stories: Seeking Sylvia*. Led by W&M Bray School Lab Genealogist Elizabeth Drembus, *Seeking Sylvia* will focus on the search for Williamsburg Bray School scholar Sylvia – and elucidate the process of engaging in genealogical work at the same time.

A Reasonable Progress blog update: “Making the Crooked Places Straight”



[A Reasonable Progress](#) is the W&M Bray School Lab research blog and is regularly updated by members of our team with their research, insights, and thoughts on the process of engaging in this historical research. W&M student and Bray School Lab Student Thought Partner Olivia Blackshire [recently shared her experience undertaking this research](#), and her surprising road to studying religious education and its relationship to the Williamsburg Bray School.

From Our Partners:

When our partner organizations are presenting relevant public programming, we will let you know about it!

Williamsburg Institute: Cultivating a Legacy: Embracing Education Through the Lens of History



The Williamsburg Institute and The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at William & Mary, in partnership with The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, will present an immersive and informative evening program exploring the importance of education and critical thinking.

The program will feature Colonial Williamsburg Nation Builders Thomas Jefferson, portrayed by Kurt Smith, and George Wythe, portrayed by Robert Weathers, engaging in thought-provoking 18th-century discourse with present-day relevance. The presentation will be followed by an interactive Q&A.

The Williamsburg Institute is the newest collaboration between leaders of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and William & Mary. The Williamsburg Institute leverages Williamsburg's educational expertise to provide innovative leadership development opportunities rooted in history.

The event is free and open to the public. There is limited seating available. [Advance registration](#) is required.

Big Changes at the OI



After ten years at the helm of the *William and Mary Quarterly*, Joshua Piker is returning to full-time teaching duties at William & Mary—as well as taking on a new role at the Omohundro Institute (more below). Julia Gaffield will continue a three-year term as *WMQ* interim editor, serving two more years as head of the field's flagship journal.

[Read more about this change and others happening at the Omohundro Institute.](#)

As always, we are so happy to have you join us on this journey. We hope to see you at one of our many upcoming events!

Sincerely yours,

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