Bibliography – LGBTQ Heritage in Virginia

This bibliography is a part of DHR’s Virginia LGBTQ Heritage project, a companion to our New Dominion Virginia Initiative (http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/NewDominion/index.htm). The majority of sources cited herein concern broad patterns associated with the history of LGBTQ persons in the United States and, more specifically, in Virginia. The types of sources provided include books, journal articles, chapters, encyclopedias, online collections, films and recordings, research repositories, tours, and timelines. The bibliography is a work in progress and will be periodically updated as additional information becomes available. When known, links to full-text materials published online are included in the bibliographic entry. Please report broken links to lena.mcdonald@dhr.virginia.gov.

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Books focused on Virginia

Burns, Brian. Lewis Ginter: Richmond’s Gilded Age Icon.


Articles and Chapters


Crompton, Lewis. “Homosexuals and the Death Penalty in Colonial America.” University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Faculty Publications - Department of English, Paper 60. 1976. [http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1061&context=englishfacpubs](http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1061&context=englishfacpubs)


Herring, Scott. "Out of the Closets, into the Woods: RFD, Country Women, and the Post Stonewall Emergence of Queer Anti-Urbanism." *American Quarterly* 59 (2007): 341 – 72. From the abstract: “the essay examines the visual cultures of rural-based queers that spoke volumes about the calcification of U.S. metronormativity over the course of the 1970s as RFD and Country Women together promoted "rural stylistics" dedicated to the
unsophisticated, the rustic, the anti-urbane, and the anti-cosmopolitan. Both of these journals exhibited complicated, sometimes flawed, gender and racial politics as they critiqued the Advocate's urbanity. Acknowledging their respective complexities, the essays reveals how a working-class "country journal for gay men everywhere" presented alternative aesthetic opportunities to dominant U.S. gay lifestyles via rural U.S. lesbian-separatism."

Holloway, Pippa. *Sexuality, Politics, Control in Virginia, 1920-1945*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006. From the publisher: “In the first half of the twentieth century, white elites who dominated Virginia politics sought to increase state control over African Americans and lower-class whites, whom they saw as oversexed and lacking sexual self-restraint. In order to reaffirm the existing political and social order, white politicians legalized eugenic sterilization, increased state efforts to control venereal disease and prostitution, cracked down on interracial marriage, and enacted statewide movie censorship. Providing a detailed picture of the interaction of sexuality, politics, and public policy, Pippa Holloway explores how these measures were passed and enforced.” Great primer about how public policy shaped sexuality in Virginia. Although the focus isn’t specifically on LGBT individuals, you’ll find ample information about the state’s attitudes toward ‘dangerous’ persons.

Howard, John. *Men Like That: A Southern Queer History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999. From the publisher: “We don’t usually associate thriving queer culture with rural America, but John Howard's unparalleled history of queer life in the South persuasively debunks the myth that same-sex desires can't find expression outside the big city. In fact, this book shows that the nominally conservative institutions of small-town life—home, church, school, and workplace—were the very sites where queer sexuality flourished. As Howard recounts the life stories of the ordinary and the famous, often in their own words, he also locates the material traces of queer sexuality in the landscape: from the farmhouse to the church social, from sports facilities to roadside rest areas.”


http://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Byrne_Leslie_1946-#start_entry

http://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Falwell_Jerry_1933-2007#start_entry


http://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Cornwell_Patricia_1956-#start_entry

http://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Lawes_Divine_Morall_and_Martiall#start_entry

Terry, Jennifer. An American Obsession: Science, Medicine, and the Place of Homosexuality in Modern Society. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999. From the publisher: “Drawing on original research from medical texts, psychiatric case histories, pioneering statistical surveys, first-person accounts, legal cases, sensationalist journalism, and legislative debates, Jennifer Terry has written a nuanced and textured history of how the century-old obsession with homosexuality is deeply tied to changing American anxieties about social and sexual order in the modern age.” This is useful primer on the “invention” of homosexuality from a medical perspective and a generous survey of laws and public policy with an excellent bibliography.
Weston, Kath. "Get Thee To a Big City: Sexual Imaginary and the Great Gay Migration." *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 2:3 (1995), 253-277. This is a really helpful article that unpacks some of the baggage related to rural LGBT history and articulates the challenges faced by those who study non-urban LGBT life and culture. Specifically, it pushes back against the idea that a migration from a rural place to urban area is necessary in order to be “authentically” gay.

**Academic Journals**


From the publisher: “Providing a much-needed forum for interdisciplinary discussion, *GLQ* publishes scholarship, criticism, and commentary in areas as diverse as law, science studies, religion, political science, and literary studies. Its aim is to offer queer perspectives on all issues touching on sex and sexuality.

In an effort to achieve the widest possible historical, geographic, and cultural scope, *GLQ* particularly seeks out new research into historical periods before the twentieth century, into non-Anglophone cultures, and into the experience of those who have been marginalized by race, ethnicity, age, social class, body morphology, or sexual practice. A notable feature is ‘The GLQ Archive,” a special section featuring previously unpublished or unavailable primary materials that may serve as sources for future work in lesbian and gay studies.”


From the publisher: “RFD is a reader written journal for gay people which focuses on country living and encourages alternative lifestyles. We foster community building and networking, explore the diverse expressions of our sexuality, care for the environment, radical faerie consciousness, nature-centered spirituality, and share experiences of our lives.” Published since 1974.

The following journals are derived from a list at [http://www.sociology.vt.edu/wgs/LGBTQ_Resources/LGBT_publications/LGBT_Publications.html](http://www.sociology.vt.edu/wgs/LGBTQ_Resources/LGBT_publications/LGBT_Publications.html).


The purpose of *The International Gay & Lesbian Review (IGLR)* is to provide abstracts and reviews of books, both fiction and non-fiction, that relate to all aspects of lesbian, gay, homosexual, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, and sexual variance topics.

*Journal of GLBT Family Studies*

*The Journal of GLBT Family Studies* is the first journal to address the unique experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals in the context of the family. The journal publishes original research, as well as theoretical and review papers on topics exploring the impact of sexual orientation and gender identity on all aspects of family experience – including family structure, relationships, communication, therapy, and functioning.
Journal of LGBT Youth
The Journal of LGBT Youth is the interdisciplinary forum dedicated to improving the quality of life for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth.

Journal of Homosexuality
Internationally acclaimed, peer-reviewed, and devoted to publishing a wide variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship to foster a thorough understanding of the complexities, nuances, and the multifaceted aspects of sexuality and gender.

Journal of Lesbian Studies
The Journal of Lesbian Studies examines the cultural, historical, and interpersonal impact of the lesbian experience on society, keeping all readers – professional, academic, or general – informed and up-to-date on current findings, resources, and community concerns.

Encyclopedias and Broad Historical Overviews (generally available at various Virginia college and university libraries)


Faderman, Lillian. To Believe in Women: What Lesbians Have Done for America

Feinberg, Leslie. Transgender Warriors.


**Online Encyclopedias**


Rainbow Richmond: LGBTQ Historic of Richmond, VA - [http://outhistory.org/exhibits/show/rainbow-richmond](http://outhistory.org/exhibits/show/rainbow-richmond)
**Commemoration**


**Documentaries, Films, and Recordings**
Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin (83 minutes) Traces the life of Bayard Rustin, Martin Luther King, Jr.’s key advisor and dedicated civil rights activist.

Living With Pride: Ruth Ellis @ 100 (60 Minutes) Explores a century of LGBT history by documenting the life and times of Ruth Ellis, who, before her death in 2000, was the oldest living African-American lesbian.

“Out and About” special on Richmond Triangle Players.

Out of The Past (70 Minutes) 1998 film tracing the emergence of gays and lesbians in American history; GLSEN publishes a companion teacher’s guide


“The Rejected” is believed to be the first American TV documentary on homosexuality, released in 1961. The original film was lost for decades but has recently been rediscovered, digitized, and made available online. In the film, openly gay men talked about their lives and the oppression they faced. See Sam Harnett, “Archivists Recover ‘Lost’ 1961 TV Documentary on Homosexuality,” at [http://ww2.kqed.org/news/2015/06/09/archivists-recover-lost-1961-tv-documentary-on-homosexuality](http://ww2.kqed.org/news/2015/06/09/archivists-recover-lost-1961-tv-documentary-on-homosexuality); and


*Stonewall Uprising.* American Experience documentary. Based on *Stonewall: The Riots that Sparked the Gay Revolution,* by David Carter. Written by David Heilbroner. Directed by Kate Davis and David Heilbroner. Video, photos, interview, timeline, biographies, program transcript, and discussion guide are all available online. [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amexexperience/features/introduction/stonewall-intro](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amexexperience/features/introduction/stonewall-intro/)
Online Collections
COUNTRY QUEERS: A Multimedia Oral History Project Documenting the Diverse Experiences of Rural and Smalltown LGBTQI folks in the U.S.A.

From the website <countryqueers.org>: “Country Queers is a multi-media oral history project documenting diverse experiences of rural, small town, and country LGBTQI folks in the USA through audio recordings, transcriptions, and photographs.” The website features a few oral histories related to Virginia and is searchable.


Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History, see Syllabi for LGBT college classes - http://clgbthistory.org/resources/syllabi.

From their website: “The Committee on Lesbian and Gay History was founded in 1979 to promote the study of homosexuality in the past and present by facilitating communication among scholars in a variety of disciplines working on a variety of cultures. The name of the committee was changed to Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender History in January 2009. Since 1982, the Committee has been officially recognized as an affiliate of the American Historical Association and meets annually in conjunction with the AHA conference, where we sponsor sessions on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer history. One need not be a member of the AHA to join the Committee.” The CGLBT is a fantastic resource. The group is more active on their Facebook page, but also maintains a listserv and newsletter. Although the group is affiliated with the AHA, they maintain separate membership ($10) and several members are already involved in NPS LGBT heritage projects elsewhere in the country.


https://www.lib.umn.edu/scrbm/tretter


Repositories
National LGBT Museum (New York City) - https://nationallgbtmuseum.org/#/home/

ONE Archives at the USC Libraries, http://one.usc.edu/, the largest repository of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) materials in the world. Founded in 1952, ONE Archives currently houses over two million archival items including periodicals, books, film, video and audio recordings, photographs, artworks, organizational records, and personal papers. ONE Archives has been a part of the University of Southern California Libraries since 2010.


From the finding aid: “During its heyday, the Shamrock Bar in Bluefield, West Virginia was a gathering place for gays and lesbians. The photographer reported in March 2003 before donating this collection, that Miss Helen Compton, proprietor of the Shamrock, had died and the establishment had been closed. Carol Burch-Brown is Professor of Art and Humanities at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, and is a photographer, painter, and musician. Photographer and co-author with David Rigsbee, Trailers, University Press of Virginia, 1996.” Although its subject is located in West Virginia, the Shamrock Bar collection is an unprecedented look at working-class, blue-collar Appalachian gay bar. Its scope is similar to that of the 2006 documentary film Small Town Gay Bar and provides really good insight into how communities of LGBT individuals self-create in “unlikely” places.

Archival collection: The Queer Appalachia Oral History Project at the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky.
From the website: “The Queer Appalachia Oral History Project captures the diverse stories of gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual, and questioning individuals who grew up, and/or currently live in the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) designated Central Appalachian Region, especially Eastern Kentucky. The stories collected depict the conditions of growing up queer in Appalachia, starting with the 1960s onward. Interviews include a diverse group of subjects, including medical doctors, accomplished authors, journalists, hairdressers, public health professionals and artists. Topics covered include violence and discrimination, religion, rural to urban migration, health (including HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, mental health), sexual activity, education/career choices, public health, and art and humanities.” This is obviously a cross-regional project but is a stand-out resource as it is digitized and examines many themes and issues related to rural LGBT life.

Society of America Archives, Lesbian and Gay Archives Roundtable, Guide to Sources in North American - http://www2.archivists.org/groups/lesbian-and-gay-archives-roundtable-lagar/lavender-legacies-guide (unfortunately, Virginia is not on this list)
https://www.lib.umn.edu/scrbm/tretter

University of Victoria, Special Collections.  http://www.uvic.ca/library/

The Valentine Richmond History Center, Richmond, Virginia.  http://thevalentine.org/

Virginia Commonwealth University, VCU Libraries, Special Collections.  
http://www.library.vcu.edu/research/special-collections/university-archives/  
Guy Kinman, Jr. box includes flyers and newspaper clippings about gay men in the military.

Richmond Lesbian and Gay Pride Coalition box includes flyers and Gayellow Pages.

Pope Gregory box includes photographs, copies of The Voice newsletter, publications, and newspaper clippings.

Carl Archacki box includes newspaper clippings, photographs from multiple years of March on Washington and fundraising events such as the Human Rights Campaign, flyers for the annual mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Gay Alliance of Students box includes court documents, magazine and newspaper clippings, photographs, and fundraising events such as ChaCha Palace.

ROSMY box includes published news, memorabilia, and posters.

Fan Free Clinic box includes photographs, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia.

2008 Grant from Gay Community Center of Richmond creates  
2010 Partnered with the Gay Community Center of Richmond to establish the Guy Kinman Research Award

Virginia State University, VSU Special Collections and Archives, Lavender Legacies collection.  
https://vsuarchives.wordpress.com/.

**LGBTQ Studies, Gender Studies, and Related Programs at Virginia Colleges and Universities**  
George Mason University,  http://wmst.gmu.edu/  
James Madison University,  http://www.jmu.edu/womenstudies/  
Longwood University,  http://www.longwood.edu/wgs/
LGBTQ News and Advocacy
LGBTQ Nation - http://www.lgbtqnation.com/

Our Own Community Press. 1976-1998. Published by Our Own, Inc., Norfolk, VA. Old Dominion University, Special Collections, HQ75.O76 1977-78.

LGBTQ History Month, Pride Month, and National Coming Out Day
Numerous online exhibits and articles – best approach is a Google search to find them.

Historical Tours
http://www.richmondisout.com/blog/take-a-ride-on-the-lgbt-history-bus

Hampton Roads PRIDEFest – includes a History Trail - http://www.hamptonroadspride.org/pridefest/


Timelines
LGBT History Timeline - http://www.ucc.org/lgbt/lgbt-history-timeline.html - posted by the United Church of Christ, Adapted from the Safe Schools Coalition’s “A Living Memory LGBT History Timeline”

Living Memory LGBT History Timeline - http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/LivingMemory-lgbHistoryTimeline.pdf - posted by the Safe Schools Coalition, adapted from a document by
Loree Cook-Daniels of FORGE (For Ourselves: Reworking Gender Expression) http://www.forge-forward.org/ and TAN (The Transgender Aging Network) http://www.forge-forward.org/tan/. The original document is Living Memory LGBT Timeline: Current Elders Would Have Been This Old When These Events Happened…

Ohio University History Timeline - http://www.ohio.edu/lgbt/resources/history.cfm (worldwide; not comprehensive)

Unitarian Universalist LGBT History Timeline - http://www.uua.org/lgbtq/history/20962.shtml (nationwide, focused on UUC events)