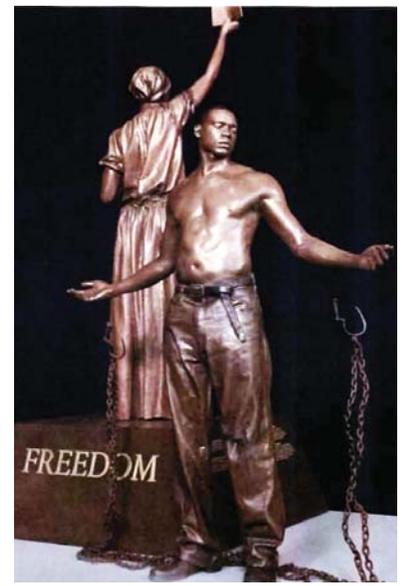


As part of its commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and abolition of slavery in the United States, the Virginia Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission will construct the Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument on Brown's Island in Richmond, dedicated to the contributions of African-American Virginians in the centuries-long fight for freedom.

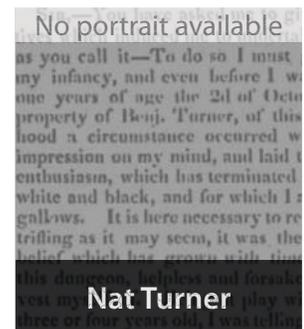
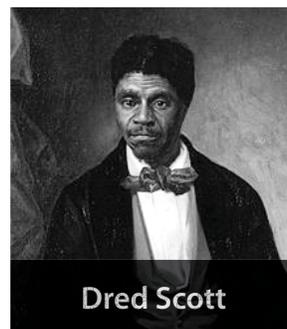
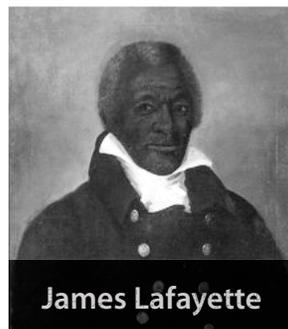
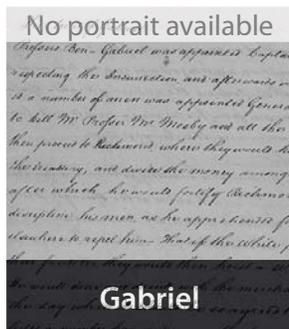
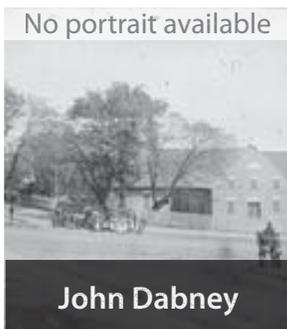
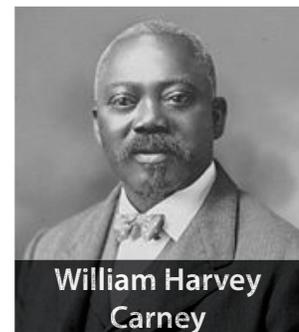
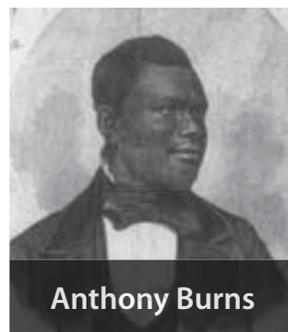
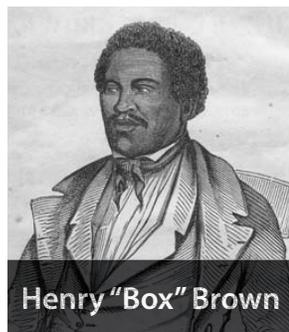
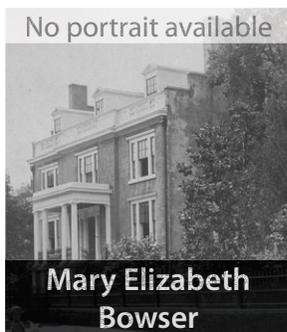


EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION & FREEDOM MONUMENT

Images and biographical information on the monument's base will honor eight African-American Virginians whose lives were dedicated to emancipation and freedom — four individuals from the period before Emancipation through 1865 and four who continued to work for freedom after from 1866 to 1970. Thirty finalists have been selected for inclusion.

Visit MLKCOMMISSION.DLS.VIRGINIA.GOV/LINCOLN/MONUMENT.HTML for updates on the monument and biographical information on the finalists.

FINALISTS PRE-EMANCIPATION





Dr. Virgie
M. Binford



James Wesley
Douglas Bland



John Andrew
Bowler

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FINALISTS 1866 - 1970



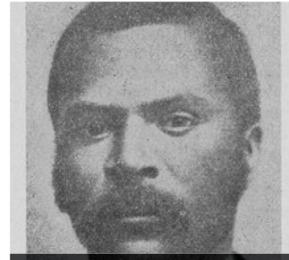
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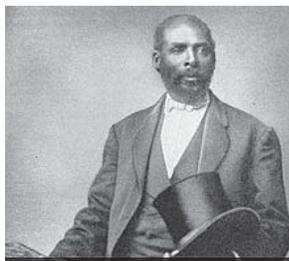
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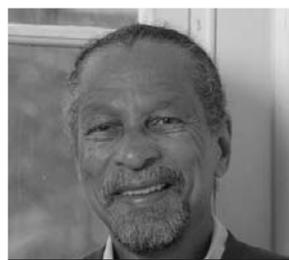
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Gregory Hayes
Swanson



Rev. Wyatt Tee
Walker



Dr. James Edward
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