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.

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/memorial.htm for updates on the monument and biographical information on the finalists.

**Finalists Pre-Emancipation**

- Mary Elizabeth Bowser
- Henry “Box” Brown
- Anthony Burns
- William Harvey Carney
- John Dabney
- Gabriel
- James Lafayet
- Dred Scott
- Nat Turner
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FINALISTS 1866 - 1970

Dr. Virgie M. Binford
James Wesley Douglas Bland
John Andrew Bowler
Rosa L. Dixon Bowser
Lucy Goode Brooks
Evelyn Thomas Butts
Peter Jacob Carter
Jennie Serepta Dean
James Farmer
Rev. Dr. Curtis West Harris
Andrew Heidelberg
Dorothy Irene Height
Rev. John Jasper
Charles Spurgeon Johnson
John Mercer Langston
Mildred Loving
John Mitchell Jr.
Lucy F. Simms
Gregory Hayes Swanson
Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker
Dr. James Edward Maceo West

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