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Historical Society Exhibits Rare Documents in Celebrating Black History Month

The Fluvanna County Historical Society is celebrating Black History Month by making available to the public a display of some of its rarest documents relating to the history of Fluvanna's black community. The exhibit is housed at Maggie's House, the Society's headquarters in Palmyra, and will be on display during the months of February and March.

"The Society has made a concerted effort to collect documents, photos and records relating to black history, and we are holding this exhibit to celebrate the success of that effort," said Society president Marvin Moss. "Until recently, our documentary record of black families and institutions was very incomplete, and with a renewed effort and the cooperation of the NAACP and the churches those gaps in our collection are being filled."

On display, you will find a stunning collection of 1930s photos taken by the late Paul Spraggs showing the African-American schools and the Rosenwald Schools in Fluvanna, including a photo of the S.C. Abrams High School from the 1930s, and the New State Plan Cloverdale and Shiloh Rosenwald Schools in the County. The earliest documents displayed are: *Lists of Free Negroes and Mulattos within the County of Fluvanna, dated 1801, 1802, 1848 and 1850*. Also included in the exhibit are artifacts from the Society's museum collection and books and articles relating to the Fluvanna African-American community.

The Historical Society is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00 pm and can be viewed by special appointment by calling Historical Society Executive Director, Judy Mickelson at 589-7910.