

Student protest in Farmville, Prince Edward County, during the fight to desegregate schools, July 1963. Richmond Times-Dispatch

DETERMINED

THE 400-YEAR STRUGGLE FOR BLACK EQUALITY

Determined: The 400-Year Struggle for Black Equality is a touring exhibition organized by the Virginia Museum of History & Culture.

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF
HISTORY & CULTURE

In 2020, the coronavirus pandemic and the upsurge of social justice protests highlighted the systemic racism that afflicts our society. The roots of racial inequities stretch back to 1619, to the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in Virginia and the beginnings of race-based oppression and discrimination in America.

Across the ensuing 400 years, Black people and their allies have fought for freedom, equal justice, and access to opportunities. They have overcoming excruciating conditions and have made remarkable achievements, yet progress has been hindered by setbacks and persistent racism.

This exhibition traces four centuries of Black history in Virginia through stories of extraordinary individuals who struggled for equality and, in the process, profoundly shaped the nature of American society and the meaning of our collective ideals.

Their stories help us to understand the origins of today's problems and to reckon with the painful legacies of slavery, segregation, and white supremacy. These determined individuals also inspire us to create a better future.



Key Facts

RENTAL FEE

\$100

SPACE REQUIREMENTS

750
SQUARE FEET
for comfortable
viewing on all sides

FORMAT

Ten (10)
double-sided
pull-up banner units

TRANSPORTATION

The exhibitor is responsible for transportation costs.

The VMHC will coordinate all transportation logistics.

SUPPORT MATERIALS

Site support notebook, press release with link to publicity images

IDEAL VENUES

Libraries, schools, community centers, museums

AVAILABILITY

Six-week loan period, inclusive of shipping.

SHIPPING INFO

Each banner stand comes with a padded carry bag.


Total: Two (2) Boxes
39" L x 12" H x 6" D
Weight: 15 lbs

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Hard panel version for *Determined* is also available for booking. Please inquire through email for further information regarding the exhibition.

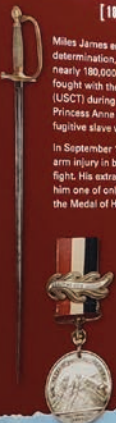


MILES JAMES

[1829-1871]

Miles James embodied the courage, determination, and sacrifice of the nearly 180,000 Black soldiers who fought with the U.S. Colored Troops (USCT) during the Civil War. From Princess Anne County, he was likely a fugitive slave when he enlisted.

In September 1864, James sustained an arm injury in battle, but continued to fight. His extraordinary heroism made him one of only 25 Black recipients of the Medal of Honor from the Civil War.



CIVIL WAR

[1861-1865]

In 1861, the secessionist movement that had been simmering in the U.S. since the 1850s erupted into war. As the heart of the Confederacy's capital, Virginia was at the center of the conflict and the primary theater of war.

For Black Americans, the war was a war for freedom. At the same time, 4,000,000 people were enslaved. Little history makes the mass of slavery in America.

THE UNITED STATES DURING THE CIVIL WAR

