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Stratford Hall partners with 70 premier historic destinations in Virginia to launch first-of-its-kind statewide tourism journey in celebration of America's 250th

Stratford, Virginia (November 13, 2025) – Stratford Hall Historic Preserve is featured as a destination in the newly launched [Virginia 250 Passport](#). This collaborative, statewide initiative — organized by the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC), Colonial Williamsburg, George Washington's Mount Vernon, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation (JYF) and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello — encourages Virginians and visitors to commemorate America's 250th by engaging with the Commonwealth's foremost historic sites and museums. The project is supported by the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) and the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC).

Passports [are available free of charge](#) at signature sites — VMHC, Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, Monticello and the JYF's Jamestown Settlement and American Revolution Museum at Yorktown — as well as at the VA250 Mobile Museum, select VA250 events and all 12 Virginia Welcome Centers, each located at gateways along interstate highways. A total of 250,000 copies will be distributed.

"This statewide partnership between some of the finest history institutions in the nation is an example of how, when we work together, we can create engaging, meaningful experiences for our fellow Virginians," said Rita McClenny, president and CEO of the Virginia Tourism Corporation. "We encourage you to pick up your passport while supplies last and spend a year with us traveling around our great Commonwealth."

The Virginia 250 Passport serves as a travel guide, discount book and keepsake. The 64-page commemorative booklet features descriptions of the 70 participating museums and historic sites across five regions of the Commonwealth: Central Virginia, Northern Virginia, Shenandoah Valley, Southwestern Virginia and Tidewater.

Governor Glenn Youngkin [published a video announcement for the program](#).

"America's 250th anniversary is a once in a lifetime opportunity to come together, reflect on our shared past, and recommit ourselves to the continued progress of our nation. And

there is no better place to do this than right here in the Commonwealth of Virginia," said Jamie Bosket, president & CEO of the VMHC.

Travelers can collect unique stamps while visiting each passport site. Once they have secured a stamp in their passport, they can receive up to a 15% discount at future participating locations that charge admission. Collecting at least five stamps makes them eligible to enter the prize drawing. Prizes will be drawn in December 2026 and include yearlong museum memberships and cash awards up to \$2,500.

"Stratford Hall looks forward to welcoming visitors exploring Virginia's revolutionary history over the next year. As home to Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, the only two brothers to sign the *Declaration of Independence*, Stratford Hall is a centering point for both first-time and returning visitors who are ready to engage with the founding principles of our democracy," said Karen Daly, Stratford Hall's President. "Our self-guided audio tours *Band of Brothers: The Lee Men of Stratford Hall* and *Leading Ladies: The Lee Women of Stratford Hall* are just a few of the many ways visitors can experience the wealth of history contained in the c. 1738 Great House."

The Virginia Department of Education will be partnering with superintendents across the Commonwealth to ensure that schools and teachers are aware of the passport and are sharing it with students and families statewide.

"The Virginia 250 Passport is a wonderful tool that can be used both inside and outside the classroom to inspire curiosity, learning and civic pride as it makes history come alive across the Commonwealth," said Aimee Rogstad Guidera, Virginia secretary of education. "By exploring the people and places that shaped our nation, young Virginians and their families can connect more deeply with our shared story and gain a greater appreciation for the ideals that continue to define the Commonwealth and our country."

The Virginia 250 Passport program runs from Nov. 11, 2025, to Dec. 31, 2026. More information, including sweepstakes rules, is available at VirginiaHistory.org/250Passport.

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About Stratford Hall Historic Preserve

Stratford Hall Historic Preserve, a National Historic Landmark in Westmoreland County, Virginia, brings together people from around the world to experience 1,800 acres of natural and human history, preserved and presented so that they can all learn from the courageous struggles of their ancestors, taking inspiration both from what they endured

and what they accomplished. With the approach of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, now is a significant time to elevate the stories of the people who lived and labored here, including two signers of the Declaration of Independence, revolutionaries, and the Africans and African Americans who shaped the history of Stratford Hall. Learn more at www.stratfordhall.org.