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DATE: Wednesday, October 25, 2017

PLACE: The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA

TIME: 7:30 PM

SPEAKER: J. Lance Mallamo, Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria

Lecture: *Lost Alexandria*



Adam Lynn House—518-520 King St.
built in 1811 and demolished in 1969
Courtesy of the Library of Congress

Best known for his work as a historian, sadly documenting many of the Washington area's most significant architectural losses, Dr. James Goode pursued similar research on Alexandria during the 1970s. He gathered dozens of photographs and bits of information about many Alexandria buildings that had been demolished over time, and his intent was to include this material in his landmark book *Capital Losses: A Cultural History of Washington's Destroyed Buildings* (1979). While the section on Alexandria eventually had to be cut, Dr. Goode saved his collection of prints and notes and donated them to the City of Alexandria.

J. Lance Mallamo, Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA), will highlight some of these buildings in an illustrated lecture at The Lyceum on Wednesday, October 25th. AHS members may recall that last



November, Mr. Mallamo gave a lecture—inside the vault at Ivy Hill Cemetery—on the development of embalming practices during the Civil War. Prior to coming to Alexandria, he was the Executive Director of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum on Long Island. Mr. Mallamo has a bachelor's degree in history from the State University of New York at Stony Brook as well as a master's degree in urban planning from Hunter College of the City University of New York. He is retiring from OHA at the end of November.

Doors open at 7:00 PM. The program is free for Alexandria Historical Society members; there is a nominal fee of \$5 for non-members. A membership table on-site will give attendees the opportunity to join the Society on the evening of the lecture. There is street parking nearby as well parking garages within a few blocks.

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Upcoming AHS Events

November 18th: *From Slavery to Freedom Bus Tour—10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (rain or shine)*

This special African American history tour begins at Mount Vernon with a special viewing of the “**Lives Bound Together**” exhibit on slavery at George Washington’s plantation, conducted by exhibit curators. Afterwards, visitors will walk to **Mount Vernon’s Slave Cemetery** for a site talk by archaeologists. Following lunch guests will board a bus for a visit to **Gum Springs**, a historic African American community not far from Mount Vernon, and then on to Alexandria’s **Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial**, burial ground for over 1,700 contrabands (escaped slaves). The tour will conclude at Mount Vernon at 4:00 PM. The tour has extended periods of walking over uneven terrain and shuttle transport around Mount Vernon is available for those with mobility concerns. A box lunch and bus transport is included in the ticket price (\$50). Additional details will be emailed to participants as the event date draws closer. To register, please visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/EventPurchase.aspx>.

March 28th: *William Ramsay and Business in Eighteenth-Century Alexandria Lecture—7:30 PM*

Dr. Nancy Davis, curator at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, will discuss Alexandria merchant, William Ramsay, and eighteenth-century business in Alexandria. The lecture will take place at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. The program is free for Alexandria Historical Society members; there is a nominal fee of \$5 for non-members. Doors open at 7:00 PM.

Other History-Related Events

October 28th: *Ghostly Tales at Carlyle House Historic Park—7:00 to 10:00 PM*

Join storytellers from Alexandria's **Footsteps to the Past** on the front lawn of Carlyle House for ghostly tales of Alexandria's past. The fee is \$5 per person. S'mores kits will be available for purchase. No registration is required. The Carlyle House Historic Park is located at 121 North Fairfax Street in Alexandria. For more information, please email Carlyle@NVRPA.org.

November 11th: *This Tide of Wounded, The Lee-Fendall House as Civil War Hospital—2:00 PM*

This special tour of the museum and grounds highlights the Lee-Fendall House’s role as a hospital during the Civil War. Highlights include themes addressed in the PBS series **Mercy Street**, including nursing, soldiers, civilians, medical practices and free people of color. The tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are \$8 in advance through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com), or \$10 the day of the program. Tour space is limited, so the purchase of tickets in advance is highly recommended. The Lee-Fendall House is located at 614 Oronoco Street.

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The purpose of the Society shall be to promote an active interest in American history and particularly in the history of Alexandria and of Virginia.

The Society is organized exclusively for educational purposes.

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