

The next stop on the trip was the John Marshall House. Built in 1790 by the man who was known as the “Great Chief Justice” of the U.S. Supreme Court, the home is in the heart of Richmond’s Court End district. The John Marshall House has been administered by Preservation Virginia since 1913. JMM staff were given a personal tour by Site Coordinator Bobbie LeViness and guide Judy Hudgins.

After lunch the tour resumed at the Virginia Executive Mansion. James Monroe was serving his last term as governor when he signed legislation to build this residence of the Commonwealth’s chief executives. Though he never lived there, his portrait did go on an extended visit during the mansion’s bicentennial in 2013.

The final stop on the itinerary was the Virginia Capitol. Head tour guide Mark Greenough led a lively presentation that included many Monroe-related stories, and even a Gari Melchers reference! (A statue of Monroe is included in the capitol’s rotunda, part of a collection of busts of Virginia-born presidents. Gari Melchers advised on the project, insuring that the busts were similar in style and proportion.) This tour, like all of the other experiences of the day, gave JMM staff members a deeper understanding of James Monroe’s ties to Richmond.



*JMM staff tour the John Marshall House with Site Coordinator Bobbie LeViness.*



*Mariett Eggleston conducts a tour of the Virginia Executive Mansion for JMM staff.*



*Head Tour Guide Mark Greenough discusses the Monroe bust in the rotunda of the Virginia Capitol.*