



QUEER HISTORY IN AMERICA: RECOMMENDED READINGS

Ferentinos, Susan. *Interpreting LGBT History at Museums & Historic Sites* (Lanham, MA: Rowman and Littlefield, 2015).

The go-to book for understanding how to discuss the history of queer people. Excellent historiography with a few case-studies of successful museum exhibit featuring LGBTQ history.

Benemann, William. *Male-male Intimacy in Early America: Beyond Romantic Friendships*. London: Routledge, 2014.

This book was invaluable in understanding the private life of Baron Friedrich von Steuben, as well as the tensions faced by gay men in the late 1700s.

Cleves, Rachel Hope. *Charity and Sylvia: a same-sex marriage in early America*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

This study focuses on two women from Vermont who lived together as wife and wife for forty years and whose family respected this union even after their deaths.

Blanton, DeAnne and Lauren Cook Wike. *They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War*. Stroud: Sutton, 2005.

This book is exactly what it says it is about. A fascinating read.

Griffin, Farah Jasmine ed. *Beloved sisters and loving friends: letters from Rebecca Primus of Royal Oak Maryland and Addie Brown of Hartford Connecticut, 1854-1868*. New York: Knopf, 1999.

These are the letters written between two African-American women who lived together but were separated when one went to open a school on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Hussey, Michael Joseph. "Do you know what it means when a man uses another man as a woman?": Sodomy, gender, class, and power in the United States Navy, 1890-1925." (PhD diss. University of Maryland, College Park, 2002).

This dissertation is a study of naval courts-martial trying sailors for sodomy – a thorough work, though only available at the Hornbake Library at the University of Maryland.

Shilts, Randy. *Conduct Unbecoming: Gays & Lesbians in the US Military*. New York: Macmillan, 2014.

This is the account of recent people who served in the armed forces in the era before and during Don't Ask Don't Tell.