



Levy Stewardship Recounted

A book recounting the compelling story of the family that owned and protected Thomas Jefferson's home for nearly nine decades is the newest title in the Monticello Monograph Series.



The Levy Family and Monticello, 1834-1923: Saving Thomas Jefferson's House by Melvin I. Urofsky details the eventful Levy stewardship of Monticello, which began with its purchase by Commodore Uriah P. Levy eight years after Jefferson's death. The story continues through the seizure of the house by the Confederacy during the Civil War, a lengthy ownership dispute, a period of "desolation and ruin," the restoration efforts of Uriah's nephew Jefferson Monroe Levy, numerous attempts to have the federal government take over the property, and the 1923 sale to the newly formed

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation.

Urofsky is professor of history and public policy at Virginia Commonwealth University. He is the author of *Louis D. Brandeis and the Progressive Tradition* and *Felix Frankfurter: Judicial Restraint and Individual Liberties*, and has written or edited more than two dozen other books.

Urofsky delivered a talk on the Levy stewardship of Monticello at the International Center for Jefferson Studies on Oct. 2 and signed copies of his new book at the Madison Avenue Bookshop in New York City on Oct. 10.

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