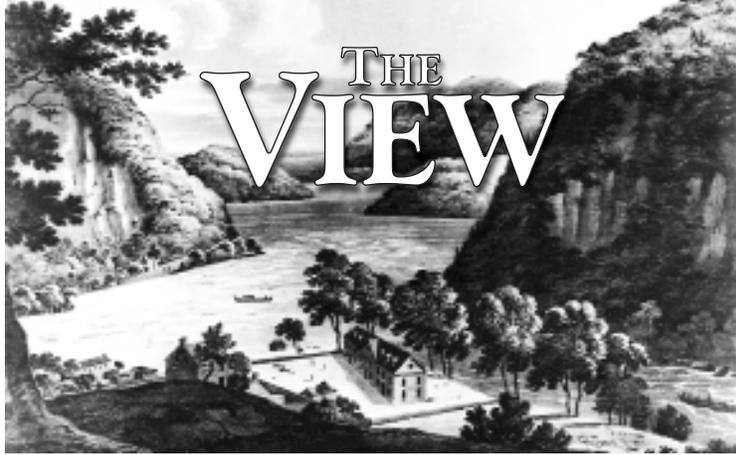


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Sixth Annual Author Fest

Autumn in Harpers Ferry brings fall color to the mountains, re-enactors to 1860 Election Day and authors to Harpers Ferry Historical Association's 6th Annual Author Fest. This year the Association will host the Fest on Saturday, October 12 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 p.m. Held in a tent on the green across from the Bookshop, this year's event will include book signings, drawings, and special sales.

The Fest will be preceded by a picnic brunch for visiting authors and Association members from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. It will be held on the plaza of the Interpretive Design Center overlooking the Shenandoah River. To make reservations for the Brunch, please mail the reservation form on Page 3 or call toll-free 1-800-821-5206 to purchase tickets. Members and their guests are invited to attend. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, October 10.

The following authors have been confirmed at this date:

Dr. Edward Steers, author of *Blood on the Moon: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*, was awarded The Lincoln Achievement Award 2001 from the Lincoln Group of New York for the best book on Lincoln for the year 2001. Since his retirement from a distinguished career in the field of bio-medical research, Dr. Steers has become a recognized Lincoln scholar. He has presented over sixty lectures, appeared on C-SPAN's Washington Journal and Book Notes, The Discovery Channel, Pennsylvania Public Television and the NBC-Today program. He is published in numerous journals and magazines and has led history tours for Civil War Round Tables, Lincoln Groups and the National Park Service.

In *Blood on the Moon*, Dr. Steers provides compelling evidence to overturn the

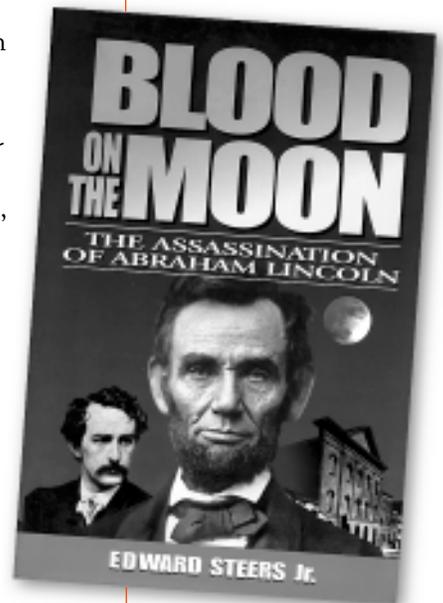
widely held assumption that Dr. Samuel Mudd was simply the victim of a vengeful government out to convict him for providing medical treatment to Booth after the assassination. Steers also documents why the military trial of the conspirators, considered by many illegal and lacking jurisdiction was accurately and legally conducted.

Dr. Steers is also the author of *The Escape and Capture of John Wilkes Booth*, *The Quotable Lincoln*, *Lincoln: A Pictorial History*, and *His Name is Still Mudd*. He lives in Berkeley Springs, WV with his wife. *Appearing 12:00-5:00.*

Author **Larry Maier**, a practicing attorney in Ephrata, PA, is a graduate of Bucknell University and the Temple University Law School. He is a longtime student of the Civil War and has published two books detailing the history of two Pennsylvania regiments. His first book, *Rough and Regular*, is a history of Philadelphia's 119th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, also known as the "Gray Reserves." This regiment fought in every major battle of the Army of the Potomac including Third Winchester and Shenandoah Valley under "rough" circumstances they had to endure on a "regular basis."

Leather & Steel tells the story of the 12th Pennsylvania Cavalry, a hard-luck regiment embroiled with internal strife. Also known as the Hussars, they lost half their regiment at Antietam and were shattered by Jubal Early's 1864 campaign. They fought a nerve-racking guerilla war with Harry Gilmor and John S. Mosby. Scheduled to be in print in time for the Author Fest is Mr. Maier's

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The picture which appears on our newsletter's nameplate, dating from 1803, is one of the oldest prints of Harpers Ferry. Twenty years earlier, in 1783, Thomas Jefferson had declared that this view was "worth a voyage across the Atlantic."

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third book, *Gateway to Gettysburg: Second Battle of Winchester*. *Appearing 12:00-3:00.*

Ron Smith is a photographer specializing in panoramic scenes of historic places. He is the owner and founder of the company "Picturing America" which creates framed and matted prints of various sizes depicting scenes from national parks, battlefields and national monuments. He will be featuring photos of Harpers Ferry from Maryland and Bolivar Heights, as well as river views. Also, available will be scenes from Antietam and Gettysburg Battlefields. *Appearing 12:00-5:00.*

An author of books for young people, **Kathleen Kudlinski**, is Harpers Ferry's Artist-in-Residence for fall 2002. She will be researching a historical novel of the War Between the States to be published by Houghton Mifflin. A native of Philadelphia and a current resident of Connecticut, Ms. Kudlinski is the author of twenty books, a teacher and an award-winning newspaper columnist with the *New Haven Register*. The "Naturalist," a series of natural history essays written and illustrated by Kathleen, has appeared weekly for more than a dozen years. She also leads a long-running regional Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' Critique Group.

Her most recent biographies include *Rosa Parks*, *Young Rebel* and *Harriet Tubman*, *Freedom's Trailblazer*, both published by Simon and Schuster. Scheduled for publication in 2003 are *Sojourner Truth*, *Voice of Freedom* and *Franklin Delano Roosevelt*. Kathleen lives with her husband on the shore of a deep, wild pond in Guilford, CT. *Appearing 3:00-5:00.*

Paul Elliott, author of *60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Washington D.C.* works as a writer and editor, and plays primarily as a social and solo hiker. He has

been leading hikes year-round in the Washington metro area and beyond since 1990, most recently for the Sierra Club and Appalachian Mountain Club. His forte is getting people with a taste for adventure to sample the pleasures and surprises of the area's remarkable array of hiking opportunities.

60 Hikes blows the lid off the myth that you can't have a great hike close to home. The District of Columbia and its environs may be an ever-expanding metropolis, but there are still plenty of super hiking options, including short hikes, long hikes, hikes for kids, urban hikes, rural hikes, wildlife hikes, historic hikes, and many others.

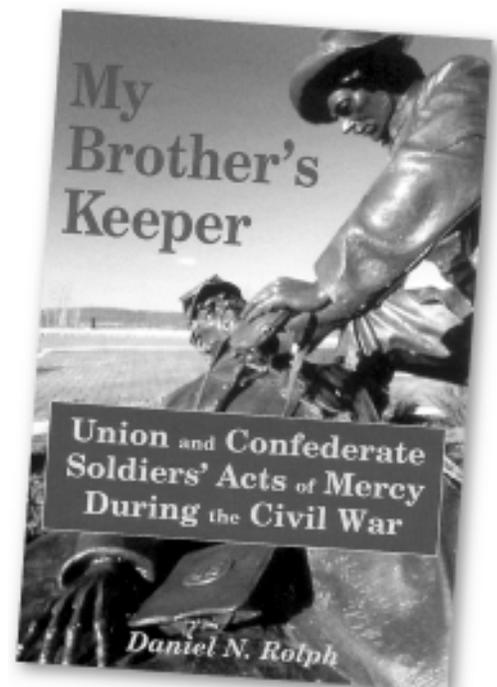
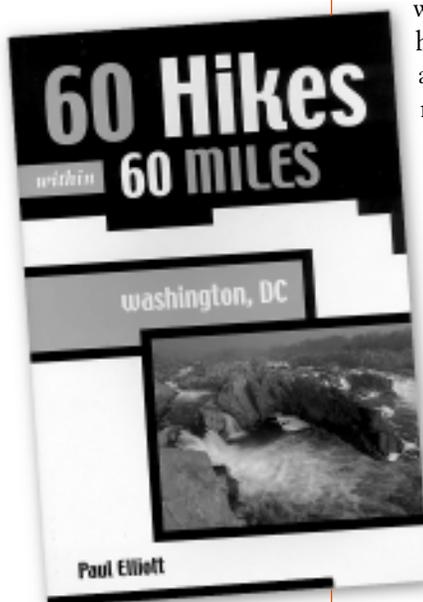
Whether you live in Washington or the surrounding area, this book provides you with the

information you need to choose the perfect day hike, including maps, directions, trail lengths, hiking times and a wealth of other details. *Appearing 1:00-5:00.*

Dr. Daniel N. Rolph, author of *My Brother's Keeper: Union and Confederate Soldiers' Acts of Mercy During the Civil War* has written a book like no other. He tells of the kindness and respect soldiers from opposing sides showed to one another as they



Kathleen Kudlinski



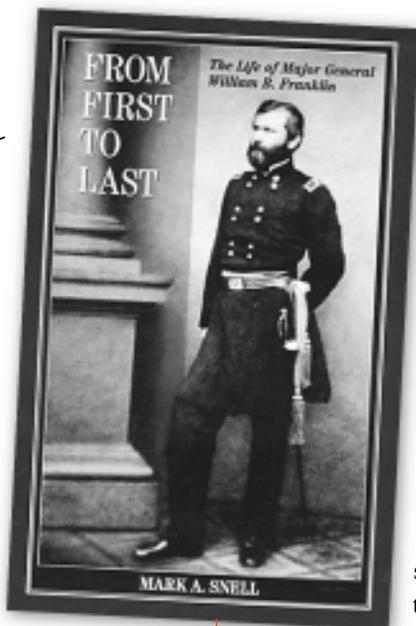
rescued their wounded enemies, or comforted them as they died. The book also describes instances of fraternization between battles, and camaraderie after the war. The book quotes extensively from diaries, letters, and regimental histories and newspapers of the period. Karen Rae Mehaffey in her review states “Where other historians have seen military tactics and a focus on leadership, Rolph recognizes the virtue in ordinary men during extraordinary times, and seeks to document the good in men, even during carnage.”

Dr. Rolph, a native of Kentucky with a family history steeped in legends and folklore, now lives in Flourtown, PA and teaches at area colleges. For his dissertation at the University of Pennsylvania he wrote his first book, *To Shoot, Burn and Hang: Folk History from a Kentucky Mountain Family Community*, incorporating stories heard as a child. *Appearing 12:00-5:00.*

Dr. Mark A. Snell is a retired U. S. Army officer and currently serves as Director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War at Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, WV. He is a former assistant professor of the United States Military Academy West Point, NY.

His most recent book, published by Fordham University Press, is a complete life story of one of the most controversial, yet least well known generals of the Civil War. In *From First to Last: The Life of William B. Franklin*, Dr. Snell tells the story of the number one graduate of the West Point class of 1843. William Buel Franklin served in the U. S. Army’s Corps of Topographical Engineers and contributed greatly to the building of the nation’s internal improvements, including construction of the U. S. Capitol’s dome and extension from 1859-1861.

He ascended rapidly in rank and command authority, to leadership of the Sixth Corps of the Army of the Potomac on the Peninsula and during the Maryland Cam-



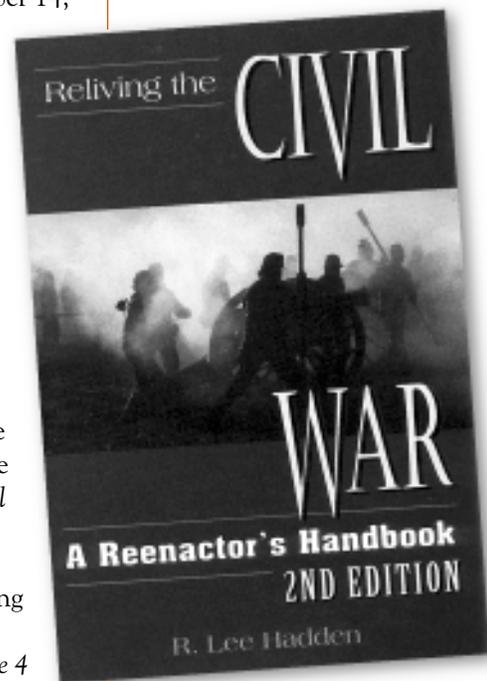
paign to command of the Left Grand Division. Unjustly blamed for the Union Army’s defeat, he continued to receive the wrath of the Lincoln administration, but went on to a successful post-war career as VP and General Manager of Colt’s Firearms Company in Hartford Connecticut.

Snell’s study of Franklin is evenly balanced, correctly pointing out Franklin’s flaws and lapses of judgment—such as the battle of Crampton’s Gap on September 14, 1862—but giving

him credit where he received none in the past. Snell provides readers with a complete picture of Franklin: brilliant engineer, doting husband, respected businessman, and controversial Union general. *Appearing 12:00-5:00.*

Author **R. Lee Hadden** will alternate between the Author’s tent and participating as a volunteer reenactor in the Park’s 1860 Election Day activities on October 12. Will he be “going by the book”? You will have to check out *his* book *Reliving the Civil War: A Reenactor’s Handbook, 2nd edition*, to find out. This edition has new information on civilian reenacting (especially concerning women and

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Picnic Brunch Reservation Form

To make reservations for the October 12 Picnic Brunch, please complete and mail this form or call toll-free 1-800-821-5206 to purchase tickets. Members and their guests are invited to attend. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, October 10.

Name _____

Address _____

Number Attending _____ x \$12.50 each = Total Enclosed _____

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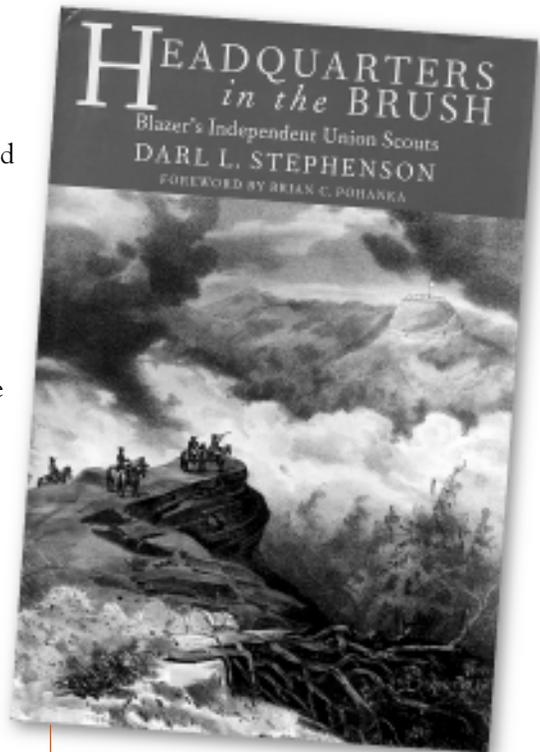
children), a revised bibliography, and updated addresses of sutlers, organizations, and magazines. Also included are expanded discussions regarding “virtual regiments,” “hard-core” authenticity, and women in the ranks.

Lee Hadden, a reenactor since 1979, has served in six units, Union and Confederate, and is currently involved in the 4th North Carolina, the 24th Michigan, the 26th North Carolina, and the 19th Maine. *Appearing as schedule permits.*

Darl Stephenson will return to Harpers Ferry to discuss his book *Headquarters in the Brush, Blazer’s Independent Union Scouts*.

This 352-page book published by Ohio University Press is the story of a group of scouts and sharpshooters, headed by Capt. Richard Blazer of the 91st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Sent to fight bushwhackers in the mountains of West Virginia, they were so successful that they were ordered to fight Mosby and his raiders in the Shenandoah Valley. Stephenson brings a balanced interpretation to these escapades.

Mr. Stephenson is retired from active duty in the U. S. Air Force as an officer



engaged in tactical and strategic air operations, and from the Defense Intelligence Agency as a Middle East intelligence agent. In recent years, he has spent time researching private genealogies focusing on military and pension records of early American wars. *Appearing 12:00-5:00.*

Harpers Ferry Websites

Harpers Ferry Historical Association
www.HarpersFerryHistory.org

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
www.nps.gov/hafe

Donation to the Civil War Preservation Trust

At its 2002 Annual Membership Meeting on July 27, the Association presented a check for \$806.00 to the Civil War Preservation Trust. The Trust has been conducting a fundraising campaign to preserve property, adjacent to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, that has been threatened by development. These 232 acres were significant in the September 1862 Siege of Harpers Ferry. The donated amount represents the purchase of an acre of land when combined with a variety of matching funds obtained by the Trust.

The Association raised the funds for this donation by designating revenues from the sale of T-shirts and mousepads for the preservation of School House Ridge. The image depicted on these items features an 1862 map of the Bolivar Heights and

School House Ridge battlefields. This map was reproduced from an original found in the September 18, 1862 issue of *The New York Times*.

At the Board of Directors meeting following the presentation, it was decided that funds from the sale of t-shirts will continue to be donated for the purpose of battlefield preservation. Summer sales of these items now enable the Association to donate funds to preserve a second acre.

Thanks to all members and visitors who have supported this project through their purchases. You have helped to save a bit of history. For more information about the Civil War Preservation Trust and their activities, visit their website at www.civilwar.org.

Election Day 1860



Electors for presidential candidates march down High Street with local militiamen during Election Day 1860 event at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.



Visit Harpers Ferry National Historical Park on Saturday, October 12, to participate in the special living history event, Election Day 1860. Step back in time and learn more about the candidates and the issues of a critical political contest of the past. What candidate will you vote for? What issues interest you? Slavery? Manifest Destiny? States Rights? Women's Rights? This unique 19th century historical portrayal explores the turbulent times and issues facing the American electorate on the eve of the American Civil War. Over 150 living history volunteers will help to create the political atmosphere of a previous century.

Throughout the day local electors will be stumping for their candidates with political debates, speeches and rallies. A grand militia muster and parade, a militia competition and a local temperance gathering are some of the more spirited activities.

The Northern perspective including abolitionist music and fair booths will be presented under the big top tent. Families with children are encouraged to stop by the Orientation Tent to pick up a free discovery packet that will help the voters of the future learn about an election of the past. Featured again this year will be a 12-piece 19th century brass band and a working 1853 Fire Pumping Engine. Come see the sights of Harpers Ferry long ago, listen to the political issues of the time and cast your ballot!

Election Day 1860 Schedule

Saturday, October 12, 2002

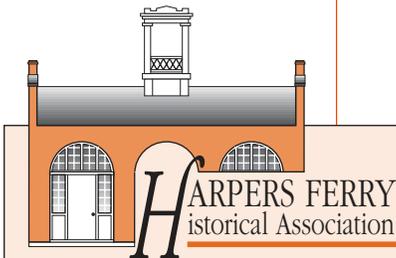
12:00-5:00	Author Fest
12:00 Noon	"Defenders of Freedom" A Grand Militia & Parade Period Exhibits Open
12:30 p.m.	Northern Perspective Performance
1:00 p.m.	Polls and Campaign Headquarters open to the public "A Divided Nation Goes to the Polls" Take a compelling journey through the lives of the town's 1860 inhabitants
2:00 p.m.	Election Day Speeches: Andrew Kennedy, Elector for Candidate Bell; Alfred Barbour, Elector for Candidate Stephen Douglas; Thomas Isbell, Elector for Candidate John Breckinridge
2:30 p.m.	"The Four Little Pigs," A Political Skit for children of all ages
3:00 p.m.	Militia Competition
3:30 p.m.	"Keep the Wet Vote Away," Sons of Temperance Rally
4:00 p.m.	Northern Perspective Performance
4:30 p.m.	Polls and Campaign Headquarters close Grand Militia Muster, Parade, and Flag presentation
4:45 p.m.	"The People Have Spoken" Election Results
5:15 p.m.	"A Salute to the Grand Republic". Please join us for ceremonial toasts and Election Day Cake

The Harpers Ferry Historical Association operates the National Park Bookshop in Lower Town Harpers Ferry. Profits from sales are returned to the park to support interpretive and educational programs to enhance your visit.

You are invited to join this unique organization and be a part of Harpers Ferry's special family. For more information call (304) 535-6881 or send e-mail to: hfha@intrepid.net

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Park to Host Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Program

Supplied For Survival: Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry – A Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration

When: Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30, 2003

Where: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

What: The weekend will feature the formal opening of the new Meriwether Lewis exhibit building, a keynote address by a

prominent historian, a panel discussion, music, dramatic presentations featuring Thomas Jefferson and Meriwether Lewis, and a variety of living history activities and ranger conducted programs.

Also, curriculum-based education programs for local schools (2/24 - 2/28/2003), and the National Park Service Corps of Discovery traveling exhibit.

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Membership Application

- I wish to join the Harpers Ferry Historical Association (*new member*)
 I wish to renew my membership (*renewal*)

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Please enroll me in the following member category (*check one*):

- \$10 Basic Member** – (includes *The View* newsletter and a 15% discount on all items sold in the Park Bookshop).
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