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James Holmberg Lecture on the Lewis and Clark Expedition

The Harpers Ferry Historical Association invites you to attend a slide show and lecture by Lewis and Clark scholar James J. Holmberg on Saturday March 29, 2003 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Mather Training Center on Filmore Street. Harpers Ferry was selected by the West Virginia Humanities Council as one of the venues to commemorate West Virginia's role in the Lewis and Clark expedition, and is sponsoring Mr. Holmberg's visit.

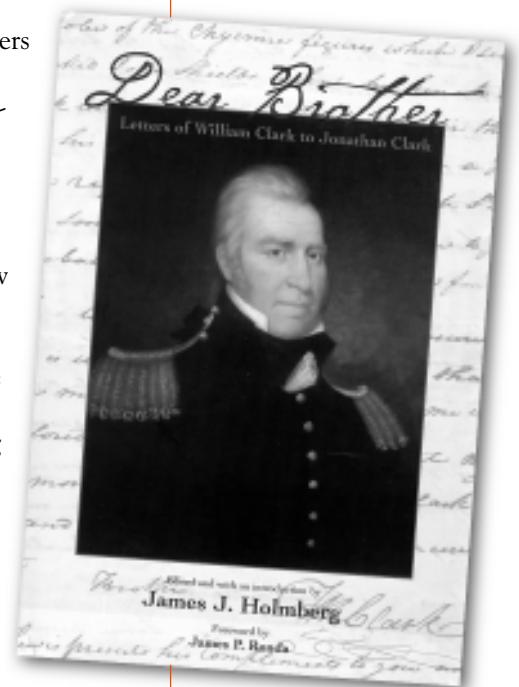
Holmberg is the Curator of Special Collections at The Filson Historical Society in Louisville, Kentucky. The Filson, established in 1884, is Kentucky's oldest privately supported historical society. Its Lewis and Clark collection includes six William Clark letters and one Meriwether Lewis letter along with notes, other letters, and reports relating to the expedition. The museum also houses a collection of some of the earliest publications recording the adventure, and other artifacts including a horn from a bighorn sheep which was collected on the journey, and a portrait of William Clark in his militia general's uniform.

These letters have been edited and compiled by Mr. Holmberg into the publication *Dear Brother: Letters of William Clark to Jonathan Clark*, published in association with Yale University Press. In this collection of 54 letters written to his older brother, Jonathan, and to other family members William Clark tells of the expedition, his experiences as Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Louisiana Territory, and Meriwether Lewis' death. Also revealed are insights into Clark's relationship with York, his slave who accompanied him on

the expedition. Six of these letters were written during the trip.

Mr. Holmberg has also written an epilogue to *In Search of York: The Slave Who Went to the Pacific with Lewis and Clark* (revised edition). In this book he uses Clark's letters to reveal new information about York's life, and his relationship with his master upon his return from the expedition.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Holmberg to our area. His slide presentation and lecture will be followed by a reception, and music by Daniel Slosberg portraying Pierre Cruzatte. The program is free to the public, but space is limited. **Please call (304) 535-6881 (local) and 1-800-821-5206 (toll-free) for reservations.**



Supplied For Survival: A Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Event

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park invites you to participate in a three-day Lewis & Clark Bicentennial commemoration the weekend of March 28, 29 and 30. The weekend will feature music, drama, award winning scholars, and living history programs. Highlighting the three-day event will be the opening of a new permanent exhibit "Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry."

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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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This exhibit will tell the story of the role played by the U. S. Armory and Arsenal in Lewis' preparation for his journey. The exhibit features original artwork by Keith Rocco along with reproductions of the many supplies Lewis obtained at Harpers Ferry. Included are powder horns, rifle and musket locks, repair tools, pipe tomahawks and a collapsible iron boat frame. The exhibit will open at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday followed by a reception.

Among the many scholars in attendance will be Dr. Gary Moulton whose 20-year adventure in editing the Lewis and Clark Journals has culminated in the collection of 13 volumes published by the University of Nebraska Press. He will be participating on a panel discussion with Dr. Merritt Roe Smith, Dr. Daniel Thorp, Barbara Fifer, Ken Karsmizki, James Holmberg, and Bill Barker on Sunday, March 30. This group, moderated by Dr. Jerry Thomas, will explore the role of Harpers Ferry in the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The weekend will also feature dramatic presentations with Hasan Davis portraying



York, Dick Cheatham as Meriwether Lewis, and Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson. There will be children's programs, musical presentations typical of the Federal period, and book signings throughout the event.

Another highlight of the event will be the arrival of the National Park traveling exhibit, *Corps of Discovery II*.

This mobile exhibit will bring the story of the Lewis & Clark Expedition to over a million visitors across the United States.

This exhibit, consisting of two tents with interpretive displays and a performance tent—the Tent of Many Voices—provides space for live demonstrations, lectures, cultural presentations and audio-visual showings. It will be available to

Harpers Ferry visitors from March 28-April 18 on the green across from the Bookshop. From Harpers Ferry, this exhibit will travel across the American heartland to the Pacific Ocean from 2003-2006.

For a complete schedule of events for the weekend, visit www.nps.gov/hafellewis.

Above: 1807 portrait of Meriwether Lewis by Charles Wilson Peale (Independence National Historical Park).

Books by Featured Authors

The authors of the following publications will be available during the Lewis & Clark commemoration to personalize their books.

Barbara Fifer:

Along the Trail with Lewis and Clark, Historical Highlights, \$19.95 pb
Day-by-Day with Lewis and Clark 1804-1806, \$12.95 calendar format
Going Along with Lewis and Clark (for children) \$11.95 pb

James J. Holmberg:

Dear Brother: Letters of William Clark to Jonathan Clark, \$35.00 hb
In Search of York: The Slave Who Went to the

Pacific with Lewis and Clark, (epilogue) \$29.95 pb

Gary Moulton:

Lewis & Clark Journals: An American Epic of Discovery, (abridged version) \$29.95 hb
Lewis & Clark Journals, Volumes 2-8, \$149.95 pb set

Daniel B. Thorp:

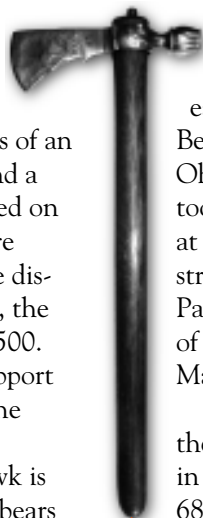
Lewis & Clark: An American Journey, \$12.98 hb

A new Lewis & Clark Commemorative Shop opens in the Lower Town on March 28. See page 6 for details.

Win a Lewis & Clark Replica Pipe Tomahawk and Throwing Knife

In commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, the Harpers Ferry Historical Association is sponsoring a raffle featuring replicas of an early American Pipe Tomahawk and a hand-forged Knife of the type carried on the expedition. Both of the tools are mounted on a beautiful curly maple display. Retail value of the tomahawk, the throwing knife and the display is \$500. All proceeds from the raffle will support education programs sponsored by the Association.

The hand-forged pipe tomahawk is crafted from an old rifle barrel and bears the stamp "US." The blade of the "hawk" measures 7½ inches and the head is a functional pipe. The 19-inch handle is made of hand-rubbed ash. The throwing knife is 13 inches in length. The hand-forged blade stamped "US" measures 8 inches long. Both tools are replicas of the type once considered a necessity on the American frontier.



Artist and blacksmith Bill Keeler crafts tools that offer a glimpse of the early American pioneering community at Beaver Bill Forging Works in Hamilton, Ohio. You can see pictures of Keeler's tools and historic replicas on his website at www.beaverbill.com. Keeler will demonstrate making a pipe tomahawk during the Park's 200th Anniversary Commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition on March 28-30, 2003.

Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Park Bookshop on Shenandoah Street in Harpers Ferry or by calling (304) 535-6881. Tickets are \$5.00 each or three tickets for \$10.00. The drawing will be held on Sunday, March 30, 2003. You do not have to be present to win.



Yesterday, I shot my guns and examined the several articles which had been manufactured for me at this place; they appear to be well executed.

– Meriwether Lewis
July 8, 1803

April 4th Blues Heritage Concert

On Friday, April 4th at 8:00 p.m., the Harpers Ferry Historical Association and the Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP will present "An Evening With Blues Legend Eddie Burns" at the Quality Inn (formerly the Cliffside Inn) on Route 340 in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Born in Belzoni, Mississippi in 1928 where he grew up listening to blues in his grandfather's juke joint, Burns was strongly influenced by the music of Tommy McClennan, Memphis Minnie and Sonny Boy Williamson. He moved to Detroit at the age of twenty and cut his first record there in 1948. The following year Burns began performing and recording with John Lee Hooker. This relationship developed into a life-long friendship until Hooker's recent death.

Burns has continued to tour and record throughout the years. His 2002 release on Delmark Records contains fifteen songs

including twelve of his own originals. His maintenance of blues tradition, while contributing new compositions and effects on guitar and harmonica makes Eddie Burns a key bearer of the living blues tradition. At age 75 he is now the last of Detroit's postwar legends still living and playing.

Burns will be backed by Stack-O-Blues led by Pete Lancaster. Lancaster will also open the show with a solo set.

Advance tickets are available for adults at \$12.00, and students and children at \$10.00 from the Association. To purchase tickets please call 304-535-6881 (*local*) or 1-800-821-5206 (*toll-free*). All tickets at the door will be \$15.00.

Proceeds from this concert will support public education and interpretation of African-American history at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and specifically the Niagara Centennial events scheduled for 2006.

List of Inventory Acquired by Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry

- 15 Rifles
- 24 Pipe tomahawks
- 36 Pipe tomahawks for "Indian Presents"
- 24 Large knives
- 15 Powderhorns and pouches
- 15 Pairs of bullet molds
- 15 Wipers or gun worms
- 15 Ball screws
- 15 Gun slings
- Extra parts of locks
- Tools for repairing arms
- 40 Fish gigs with a single barb point
- Collapsible iron boat frame
- 1 Small grindstone

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Harpers Ferry Websites

Harpers Ferry Historical Association
www.HarpersFerryHistory.org

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

The Harpers Ferry Historical Association has scheduled a variety of interesting programs for its 2003 Education Adventures. These programs are supported by the West Virginia Humanities Council and are free and open to the public. Please call (304) 535-6881 to register for these programs to ensure adequate seating.

American Quilt History
Fawn Valentine
Saturday, April 12 (2:00 p.m.)
Mather Training Center

Through the centuries American quiltmaking illustrates women's responsibility to family and community. This presentation will focus the lens of material culture on American quilts, specifically physical components, cultural influences, and philosophical interpretation. Ms. Valentine will also do a "quilt reading" following her slide lecture. Members of the audience are invited to bring their older quilts for Ms. Valentine's examination and explication as to date of manufacture, stylistic influences, and tips for care and preservation. Each quilt will be displayed to the audience and Ms. Valentine will talk about each quilt in turn. There will be an opportunity following the program for the speaker to personalize copies of her publication *West Virginia Quilts and Quiltmakers: Echoes from the Hills*.

The Capture, Trial and Execution of Shields Green and John A. Copeland
Jefferson County Black History
Preservation Society
Saturday, May TBA (2:00 p.m.)
Storer College Chapel (Curtis Freewill Baptist Church).

Shields Green and John A. Copeland were two of the five Black men who accompanied John Brown when he attacked Harpers Ferry in 1859. The Society will highlight what happened to these two men as a result of their participation in John Brown's Raid. Organized in August 2000, the Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society was formed to research, collect and publish

the history of the Black community in Jefferson County, WV. Officers are President James Taylor, Vice President Nathaniel Downing, Sr., Secretary James Tolbert, and Treasurer George Rutherford.

Spring Wildflowers at Harpers Ferry
Barbara & Victor Medina
Saturday, May 10 (10:00 a.m.)
Allies for Freedom Exhibit (2nd floor of John Brown Exhibit)

Barbara and Victor Medina are a husband and wife team who have spent several decades rambling through the meadows, woods and bogs in search of wildflowers. Their searches have taken them from well-known national parks to small ecological gems off the beaten path. Members of the Maryland Native Plant Society, the Sierra Club, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and the Nature Conservancy, they have photographed and catalogued more than 800 wildflowers. They will present a slide program emphasizing spring wildflowers that can be found in the vicinity of Harpers Ferry. The highlight of their program will be a walk along the C&O Canal towpath where the Medina's will locate and identify wildflowers. Participation in both the lecture and the wildflower walk are limited—call early to register. There will also be an opportunity to have the Medina's sign copies of their *Central Appalachian Wildflower* guide.

Virginia's Iron Horses at War: 1861-1865
Dr. Stephen Potter
Saturday, September 13 (2:00 p.m.)
Mather Training Center

As the chief battleground of the Civil War, Virginia's railroads played a prominent role in the conflict. The Old Dominion was the scene of a number of railroad "firsts" such as the first military action against a troop train, the first tactical use of a railroad during a major battle, and the first railroad constructed for military purposes. Using period images, artifacts, and unpublished paper ephemera, Dr. Potter's lively presentation puts you in the cab of an American

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1995 Teacher Institute participants take a lunch break on Maryland Heights. Photo by David T. Gilbert.

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Sign Up Today for a Teacher Institute!

The Association is offering two educational opportunities in June 2003. The *2nd Annual Teacher Institute: Power of Place* will be held June 16-20.

The focus of the week's training will be "**Harpers Ferry and Civil War**" and will highlight lesser-known areas of the park and their importance in Civil War history. This workshop is open to all interested secondary school educators, and space is limited. Please call Doug Perks at (304) 535-6881 to register.

A Teacher Workshop "**Paint the Town**" will be offered June 23-27. This workshop will feature hands-on activities for teachers K-12 creating opportunities for the use of art to teach history. The instructor will be Louise Minks of North Leverett, Mass. Ms. Minks was a 2002 Artist-In-Residence in Harpers Ferry, and presents workshops in various mediums throughout the United States. Registration fee for this workshop will be \$250.00. To register, call Doug Perks at (304) 535-6881.

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4-4-0 locomotive as he portrays trains running for the Blue and the Gray. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for the audience to have Dr. Potter personalize his publications.

John Brown: The Legend Revisited
Dr. Merrill D. Peterson
Saturday, October TBA (2:00 p.m.)
Mather Training Center

Merrill D. Peterson, Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Virginia, is the editor of the Library of America edition

of the writings of Thomas Jefferson and author of numerous books, including *Lincoln in American Memory* and *The Jefferson Image in the American Mind*. Peterson gives us Brown in his own day, but he also shows how the abolitionist warrior's image, celebrated in art, literature, and journalism, has shed some of the infamy conferred by "Bleeding Kansas" to become a symbol of American idealism and fervor to activists along the political spectrum. Dr. Peterson will be available for a booksigning following his presentation.

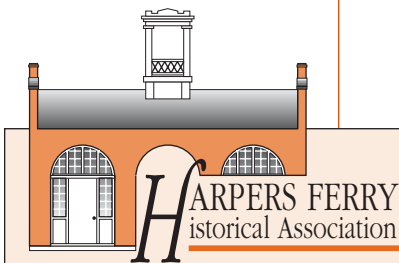
The Harpers Ferry Historical Association operates the National Park Bookshop in Lower Town Harpers Ferry. Profits from sales are returned to the park to support interpretive and educational programs to enhance your visit.

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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New Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemorative Shop to Open in Lower Town

To learn more about the Lewis & Clark Expedition and its legacy, the participants and their adventures and discoveries, plan to visit the new commemorative shop on High Street near the Stone Steps in Lower Town Harpers Ferry. This Association shop will highlight Lewis & Clark history by featuring many publications for adults and children, maps and posters, music, videos/

DVDs, games and theme-related reproductions. The Association has produced a variety of commemorative items including special issues of posters, T-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, lapel pins, and postal cachets.

The new shop opens on March 28 during the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial commemoration.

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Membership Application

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

I'm already a member (*note my new address*)

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

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