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 On Saturday, June 26, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will offer visitors a day full of cultural events to celebrate Harpers Ferry's rich history. Plan to join us for historic dramatic presentations, informal meetings with authors, and an evening of jazz music.

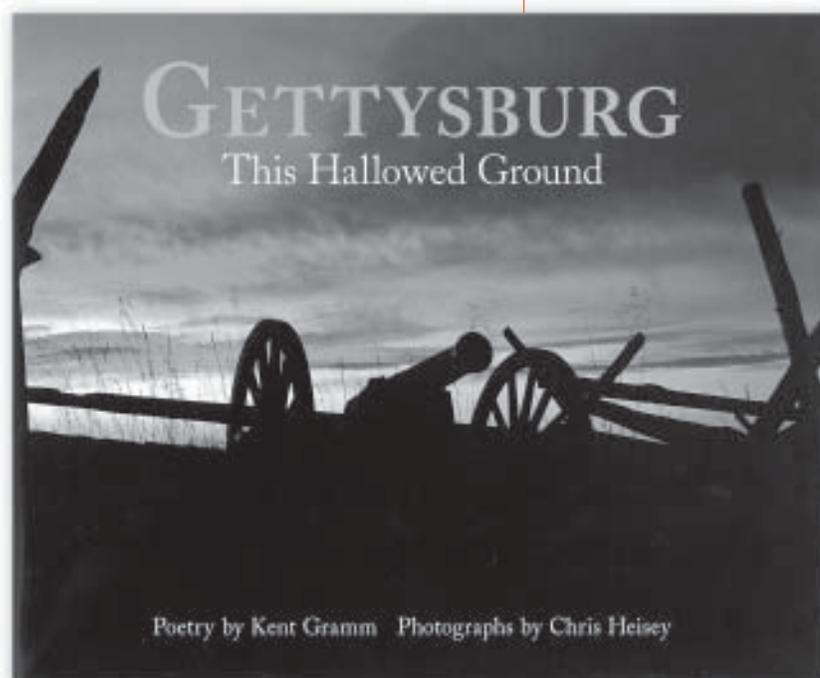
Actors Bill Barker and Bill Sommerfield will return to the park to portray George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, significant figures in Harpers Ferry's history. They will offer presentations at 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Lower Town.

Author Fest

The Harpers Ferry Historical Association will host visiting authors signing books on the green across from the Bookshop. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet these authors and discuss their works between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Featured at this year's author fest will be two ladies who have compiled historic photos which have been published in the *Images of America Series* by Arcadia Publications. Dolly Nasby has produced a book featuring an extensive collection of Harpers Ferry photos with captions, and Mary Rubin has published four books of vintage photos featuring the Hagerstown, MD area and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Three other authors explore the Civil War in their books. Dr. James Holland of Shepherdstown, WV and the Henry Kyd Douglas Camp, No. 199, Sons of Confederate Veterans, have published a new edition of *The Military Operations in Jefferson County, VA 1861-1865*. This work was originally published in 1911 by the United



Confederate Veterans, Jefferson County Camp No. 123 for the purpose of serving as a guide to the markers in the county that identified locations of skirmishes or battles. This new edition has a biographical sketch and vintage photographs of Col. Roger Preston Chew, who was responsible for the original edition of this publication. An index and a roster of the Henry Kyd Douglas Camp 199 from March 1900 have been added, and the foldout map has been retained.

Chris Heisey of Mechanicsburg, PA is a noted photographer of Civil War imagery. He began photographing Civil War battlefields in 1990, and his work has appeared in over 70 publications. He has earned several

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Gettysburg: This Hallowed Ground features Chris Heisey's evocative and stirring images of the battlefield landscape.

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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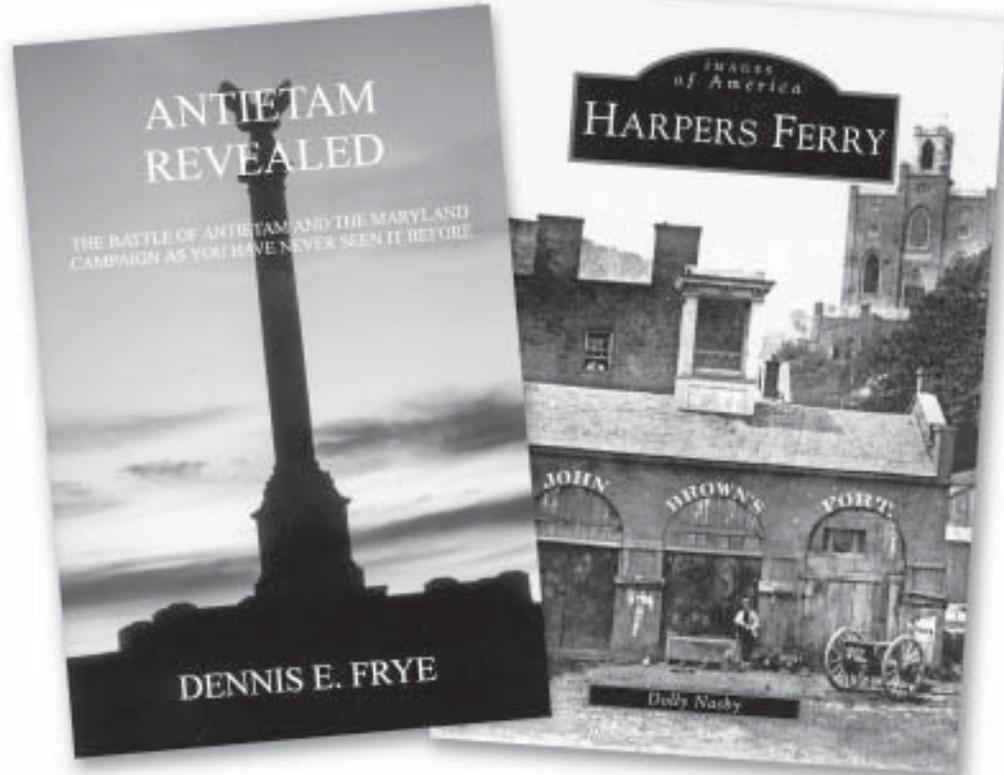
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merit citations and recently was awarded Photo of the Century Award. In his full-color photo book, *Gettysburg: This Hallowed Ground*, Chris' evocative and stirring images of the battlefield landscape and sculptured monuments are complemented by the poems of noted Civil War author, Dr. Kent Gramm. This beautifully illustrated book is a tribute to the soldiers who gave their lives at Gettysburg nearly 150 years ago. In addition

to his book, Chris' 2005 Gettysburg Calendar will be featured.

Dennis Frye's new book *Antietam Revealed: The Battle of Antietam and the Maryland Campaign As You Have Never Seen It Before*, will also be featured at the fest. This book is composed of 1,865 facts about the Battle of Antietam, arranged chronologically, with each telling its own tale. The book is illustrated with over 30 photos and maps. The reader will find much that is new and surprising in these details.

Don Redman Heritage Awards and Concert

In the evening on Saturday, June 26, the Harpers Ferry Historical Association will join the park in sponsoring the Third Annual Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert. This year's event features legendary jazz trumpeter Clark Terry and bassist Cleveland Eaton. The concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the lawn behind the Mather Training Center, on the campus of Storer College.

This campus was once the home to Donald Matthew Redman, one of the school's most successful graduates. Of all the students of Storer College during its illustrious eighty-eight year history, no one had an

impact on the world of music like Don Redman.

Don Redman was born in Piedmont, West Virginia on July 29, 1900. He began playing trumpet at age three and by the age of sixteen he came to Harpers Ferry to study music at Storer College. Graduating in 1920, Don Redman's talent for jazz music was instantly recognized. He became known as "The Little Giant of Jazz," and the first great arranger in jazz history. Until his death in 1964, Don Redman continued to have a profound influence on the evolution, direction and development of this uniquely American art form.

Jazz music is one of America's greatest cultural achievements. This concert celebrates Storer College's finest musical mind by highlighting jazz both as an historical and a living American treasure. Mark your calendar to join us to listen to the music of these jazz legends.

Featured musician Clark Terry, sometimes called "the happiest sound in jazz," gained his early experience playing trumpet in the St. Louis jazz scene in the 1940s and joined a Navy Band during World War II. His years playing with Count Basie and Duke Ellington in the 1940s and 50s established him as a world-class jazz artist. Clark later appeared regularly on the Tonight Show with the NBC-TV Orchestra. He was inducted into the National Endowment of



the Arts Jazz Hall of Fame in 1991.

Cleveland Eaton, born in Fairfield, Alabama began playing the piano at age five. At age 15 his music teacher introduced him to the string bass, and after earning his Bachelor's degree in music, he moved to Chicago and joined the Ike Cole Trio. He was a member of the Ramsey Lewis Trio for ten years. Through years of performing Cleve became a consummate bassist, producer, composer, publisher, arranger, and head of his own recording company in Birmingham. His incredible performances with a variety of bands, including the Count Basie Orchestra, have earned him a recognized place in the world of jazz. Since 1985 he has toured with his own group, Cleve Eaton and Co.



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Clark Terry (left) and Cleveland Eaton.

Plans Begin for Centennial Commemoration of Niagara Movement

In 2006, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the gathering of the Niagara Movement, the first major civil rights organization of the 20th century. Founded in 1905 by Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, this group was the forerunner to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The group's 1906 meeting, the first on American soil, was held on the campus of Storer College, now part of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

In August 2006, the Park along with the Jefferson County Chapter of the NAACP and the Harpers Ferry Historical Association will host the centennial celebration of this event. It will be held on the same campus that hosted the Niagarites one hundred years ago, and will encompass three separate components—public commemorative events, an academic symposium, and the development of the Niagara Movement Educator's Guide. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Annual Meeting

The Association will hold its annual meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 at Mather Training Center. A covered-dish picnic will follow at 5:00 p.m. on the plaza adjacent to the center. Plan to come and spend the day, meet featured authors who will also be invited to our picnic, and join us for the Don Redman Jazz Heritage Concert on the lawn following the picnic.

Reservations are required to help us prepare for serving. This is a covered dish picnic, so plan to bring your favorite item to share. Meat and drinks will be provided. If you prefer not to bring a dish, please plan to contribute \$5.00 to help defray costs. **Dead-**

line for reservations: Wednesday, June 23.

Call at 304-535-6881, or e-mail us at hfha@earthlink.net. We enjoy the opportunity to meet our members, so please plan to join us on June 26th.

Association News

The Association would like to thank all of you who have renewed your membership at our new levels. Many of you have even upgraded your memberships to a higher level and we are grateful for your support. We also thank all of you who have donated funds to aid us in our mission.

The Association bid farewell to Association Coordinator Matt Graves, who has

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Membership Application

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

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

- \$25 Armory Worker** – Basic membership for a family household. Benefits include a newsletter subscription, a 15% discount on all bookshop purchases, a lapel pin, and invitations to annual meeting and events.
- \$25 Sarah Jane Foster** – An alternative basic membership for educators. Benefits include the above plus open house for teachers and discounts on programs for teachers.
- \$45 Millwright** – For those members who are frequent visitors to the park. Benefits are the same as Armory Worker category plus a 12-month Harpers Ferry Park entrance pass.
- \$100 Master Armorer** – A supporting membership category. Includes all benefits of the Millwright category plus a “My Home Towne” replica of the John G. Wilson Building (bookshop), member recognition in our newsletter and at our annual meeting, and a special tour.
- \$250 Paymaster** – For businesses, vendors or family donors who wish to contribute to the Association’s mission. Benefits include 15% discount on all bookshop purchases; a newsletter subscription; lapel pin; invitations to annual meetings, events, and association-sponsored education programs; a 12-month park pass; “My Home Towne” replica; recognition in newsletter and at annual meeting; special tour; and additional membership card.
- \$500 Armory Superintendent** – For supporters (individual and corporate) who wish to perpetuate Association and Park education programs. Benefits include 15% discount on all bookshop purchases, a newsletter subscription, lapel pins, invitations to annual meeting, events, and education programs, “My Home Towne” replica, recognition in the newsletter and at annual meeting, special tour, a National Park pass (for use in all parks) for individuals, and a display plaque for businesses.

- I am not interested in receiving member benefits, but I would like to make a contribution in the amount of _____ to aid the mission of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association.

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taken a position at Glacier National Park. We welcome to the position an old friend, Dennis Frye. Dennis returned to the Park in April as Chief of Interpretation and Cultural Resource Management—and in that position serves as our liaison with the park.

The Association thanks member and volunteer Michele South of Charles Town, WV for helping out in the Bookshop on Sundays this winter. We welcome Debbie Suiter from Southport, NC who is our summer seasonal employee. She has worked in many other cooperating associations throughout the country, and her husband Chris is volunteering with the Park.

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Carl Degen, former chief of audiovisual arts for the National Park Service at Harpers Ferry Center. Under Carl's direction, the media unit gained international recognition as the most cre-

ative and effective in the federal government. He had more than 200 audiovisual production credits, including several Cine, Golden Eagles, and many national and international film awards.

Carl was instrumental in the formative years of the Association when the distribution program for films created at Harpers Ferry Center was being established. A steadfast charter member of our Association, Carl faithfully helped us meet our quota at early annual meetings. Carl was a good friend to all cooperating associations, often volunteering his services at APPL conferences.

He was an active theater volunteer and directed many productions at the Old Opera House in Charles Town, WV. In 1987, Carl moved to the Annapolis area where he became an avid sailor. He is survived by his wife Paula. We all extend our sympathy to Paula and the Degen family.

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2004 Schedule of Events

Call 304-535-6298 for more information about these park events.

June 19 – U. S. Army Military Band Concert. “Pershings Own” will perform at the Cavalier Heights Visitor Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free of charge.

June 26 – “They Passed This Way.” From George Washington through Don Redman, many significant Americans have passed through Harpers Ferry and contributed to its rich history. The park will present a full day of drama and music highlighting the diverse history of Harpers Ferry. Special programs include author book signings, presentations by Bill Sommerfield as George Washington and Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson, and the Don Redman Heritage Concert featuring Clark Terry and Cleveland Eaton.

July 3-4 – “America’s Picnic: Celebrating The Glorious Fourth.” The park will present a special living history program portraying the turbulent years at mid century and how the 4th was celebrated in America. On July 3rd, visitors are invited to experience the patriotic passion of a traditional hometown band concert with the Wildcat Regiment Band, the Regimental Band of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

July 31-August 1 – “Giving Aid and Comfort: Medical and Relief Work during the Civil War.” Living history volunteers and staff will portray the medical and relief efforts that provided aid and comfort to the thousands of soldiers fighting during the American Civil War.

August 7-8 – “I Will Follow Them to the Death: Sheridan’s Soldiers 1864.” This program presents Harpers Ferry as the staging area for Union Gen. Philip Sheridan’s Shenandoah Campaign during the summer of 1864. Members of the reactivated living history group 11th New Jersey will demonstrate Union army garrison duties such as guard, mount parade, searching and arresting spies and deserters, processing prisoners of war, searching citizens, and maintaining military security in a occupied enemy town. Costumed volunteers and staff will interpret civilian life under harsh military rule.

August 14-15 – Niagara Anniversary Tours: “The Battle We Wage.” Join park rangers for special programs commemorating the 98th anniversary of the 1906 Niagara Movement Conference held on the campus of Storer College at Harpers Ferry.



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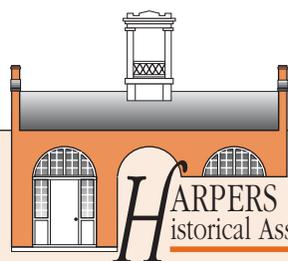
The Harpers Ferry Historical Association operates the National Park Bookshop in Lower Town Harpers Ferry. Profits from sales are returned to the park to support interpretive and educational programs to enhance your visit.

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@earthlink.net

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August 21-22 – “Rally For Virginia 1861: From Citizens to Soldiers.” The Southern Grays, a reactivated living history group, will portray a camp of mustering Virginia State Troops during the opening moments in the Civil War when citizens became soldiers and state militia became part of the Confederate army. Although the federal armory at Harpers Ferry had been destroyed in April, the town remained a strategic military staging area for the nucleus of the growing confederate forces.

September 4 – U. S. Marine Military Band Concert. “Free Country” will perform at the Cavalier Heights Visitor Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free of charge.

September 11-12 – “The Siege and Capture of Harpers Ferry 1862.” This program will include interpretation of the Battle of Harpers Ferry and the surrender of the Union garrison to southern forces under General “Stonewall” Jackson. The Stonewall Bridgade, volunteer living history group, will depict the soldiers that captured the garrison and will demonstrate a military encampment and civilian response to the surrender.

October 9 – “Election Day 1860.” Activities focus on the political contest that elected Abraham Lincoln. Political rallies, speeches and debates, a militia muster, local temperance rally, and a grand parade portray pre-war Harpers Ferry.

November 6-7 – “Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862.” This program will interpret the Battle of Harpers Ferry and the surrender of the Union garrison to southern forces under General “Stonewall” Jackson and includes artillery firing demonstrations.

December 11-12 – “Prospects of Peace: A Soldiers Prayer.” Visitors are invited to join this special program focusing on Yuletide 1864 when Harpers Ferry soldiers attempted to create their own version of Christmas on the battle front while recalling happier ones at home. With Abraham Lincoln re-elected, the nation was looking forward to a new year, the conclusion of war, prospects of peace, and freedom for 4 million enslaved African Americans. Programs and activities will feature local citizens and soldiers preparing for the Yuletide, a Civil War style Santa Claus dispersing presents to the soldiers, a Victorian Cotillion, Yuletide confections, and special guided walking tours.

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