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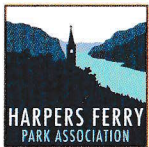
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75TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM
1944 - 2019





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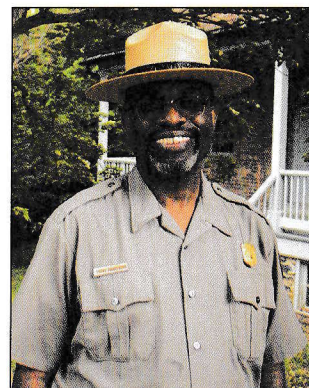
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Harpers Ferry National Monument entrance sign, October 1963. (NHF2388, Modern Photo Collection, Harpers Ferry NHP)

Welcome to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



H. Tyrone Brandyburg

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN CELEBRATING A milestone event in the history of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. June 30, 2019 marks the 75th anniversary of Harpers Ferry becoming part of the National Park System. On this date in 1944 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed an act establishing Harpers Ferry National Monument. Part of this act stated that this place “shall be a public national memorial commemorating historical events at or near Harpers Ferry.” And so after years of strategizing by local citizens, supporters, and Congressmen, portions of this town that had survived four years of Civil War and tremendous floods

throughout the decades, were saved for posterity as a national monument.

Over the last 75 years the employees at Harpers Ferry have upheld the National Park Service Organic Act “to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” As stewards of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park we work to ensure that this site remains a special place for you, your children, your grandchildren, and the generations that follow.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is one of over 400 units of the National Park System. Here the American stories of industry, transportation, Civil War, and civil rights are preserved. Here stunning landscapes remind us of the past while providing recreational opportunities in the present. Here you can connect with history and the natural environment within the same visit.

During the special event weekend which celebrates 75 years of this national park, we invite you to explore and learn, reflect and connect, and find your meaning of Harpers Ferry. Step back into 1944 at the living history tents, enjoy the music of different time periods during the event’s concerts, or listen as archeologists and historians talk about the importance of this place.

Thank you again for visiting YOUR national park at Harpers Ferry. We are so glad you decided to experience this anniversary with us!

– H. Tyrone Brandyburg, Superintendent

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Harpers Ferry: 1944 – 2019

1944

- **March** U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed bill authorizing establishment of Harpers Ferry National Monument. Congressman Jennings Randolph had introduced bill on Oct. 25, 1943.
- **June 30** President Franklin Roosevelt signed the bill.

1950

- **March** Tour and dinner meeting “revive” efforts to implement 1944 enabling legislation.

1951

- Maryland State Senate passed measure authorizing Board of Public Works to acquire property in Washington County to become part of Harpers Ferry National Monument.

1952

- West Virginia part of Harpers Ferry National Monument planned to consist of 515 acres. Dr. J. Walter Coleman of Gettysburg National Military Park named “Coordinating Superintendent.”

1953

- **July** West Virginia Governor Okey Patteson presented a deed for 400 acres to the National Park Service.

1954

- **September** John T. Willett became first “Permanent Park Commissioner.”

1955

- **September** Edwin Maxwell Dale appointed as first Superintendent of Harpers Ferry National Monument. Announced plans to improve walking trails and remove “buildings which have no historic value and are not attractive in appearance.” Noted need to resolve parking problem.

1956

- Restoration of the park’s oldest building, the Harper House, began.



Harper House before and after renovation. (NHF10, NHF1984, Modern Photo Collection, Harpers Ferry NHP)



West Virginia Senator Jennings Randolph, an enthusiastic proponent for Harpers Ferry National Monument, meets with Park Superintendent J.R. Prentice, newsmen and photographers at the Harpers Ferry train depot on September 25, 1965. (Photo by Bill Clark, NHF2811, Modern Photo Collection, Harpers-Ferry NHP)

1959

- During John Brown centennial year an estimated 600,000 people visited.

1960

- **April** Board of Trustees of Storer College thanked Senator Randolph for his legislative efforts in sale of Storer campus to Federal Govt.
- Thirty acres of Storer campus, including the John Brown Fort, are added to Harpers Ferry National Monument for development of a National Park Service training center.

1963

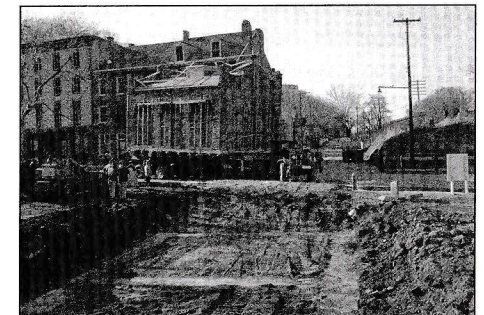
- The designation of the park is changed from Harpers Ferry National Monument to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and

763 acres of Maryland Heights are added to the park.

- Mather Training Center is dedicated on former Storer College campus.

1968

- John Brown Fort is moved from Storer College campus to Lower Town Harpers Ferry.



John Brown's Fort is moved. (NHF3155, Modern Photo Collection, Harpers Ferry NHP)



President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalyn Carter with historian Shelby Foote inside John Brown's Fort in 1978. (NHF3775C, Modern Photo Collection, Harpers Ferry NHP)

1970

- National Park Service established the Interpretive Design Center on the former Storer College grounds.

1973

- Youth Conservation Corps program began, involving local students and teachers in conservation projects.
- Living History commenced with exhibits and park rangers in period clothing.

1974

- West Virginia Senators Randolph and Byrd spearheaded legislation to expand park's area to 2,000 acres. The same bill authorized development of satellite parking area outside of the historic district.

1975

- The park's superintendent reported auto congestion was "destroying the park and eliminating any meaningful visitor experience."

1978

- President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalyn Carter visited Harpers Ferry NHP with historian Shelby Foote.

1979

- **May** An electrical fire caused heavy damage to the visitor center in the Stage Coach Inn.
- **November** Harpers Ferry Historic District named to the National Register of Historic Places.

1980

- The NPS authorized to expand boundaries to include Short Hill Mountain in Virginia.

1981

- The National Park Service purchased 370 acres from the Nature Conservancy on Short Hill Mountain in Virginia to protect the historic and scenic viewshed.
- The park also added land along the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers shorelines.
- Storer College Exhibit opened in Lower Town.

1982

- Eight-year \$6.5 million renovation of town block across from Arsenal Square completed.



Senator and Mrs. Robert C. Byrd with Superintendent Donald Campbell at the 1982 dedication of the new John Brown Museum. (NHF3950H, Modern Photo Collection, Harpers Ferry NHP)

1985

- Plans for satellite parking project began—new access road and park-

ing for 1,000 cars planned.

- Pedestrian footbridge completed over Potomac River to connect Lower Town with C&O Canal and Maryland Heights.
- Appalachian Trail rerouted past Jefferson Rock and through the Lower Town.
- Disastrous flood—worst in park history—water reached height of 30.1 feet on November 6.

1986

- First Lady Nancy Reagan visited Harpers Ferry NHP twice.

1988

- The park and community conducted study to identify threatened historic properties, such as Schoolhouse Ridge, adjacent to the park.

1990

- Visitor Center parking and shuttle bus operation began.

1991

- **August** "Philip Frankel & Co." Clothing Store and "How to read an old building" exhibits opened on Shenandoah Street.
- Burton Jewelry Store exhibit opened on High Street.

1992

- Conservation Fund purchased and donated Spur Battery on Maryland Heights to Harpers Ferry NHP.
- Civil War Trust purchased 56 acres of Schoolhouse Battlefield slated for development.



Aerial view of the September 8, 1996 flood showing inundation of the Lower Town Historic District. (NPS Photo by Terry Adams)

1992

- **February** Black Voices exhibit opened on High Street.

1993

- **April** Blacksmith Shop completed.
- **May** Virginius Island footbridge from Hamilton Street completed.

1994

- **July 2** John Brown Museum and Industry Museum opened on Shenandoah Street.

1996

- Two floods occurred this year—on January 21, a flood of 29.4 feet and on September 8, a flood of 29.8 feet.

1998

- **April 22** President Bill Clinton and VP Al Gore visit Harpers Ferry on Earth Day. They repaired a piece of the AT near Jefferson Rock, and planted phlox along the hillside to help prevent erosion.
- **June 16** Donation by Civil War Preservation Trust of the Union Skirmish Line.



President Clinton and Vice President Gore at The Point. (NPS Photo by Todd Bolton)

2001

- **September 5** Acquisition of CSX properties (Armory Grounds, John Brown Fort Site, and Harpers Ferry Train Station).

2002

- **June** Annual Don Redman concerts began.
- **December 30** Acquisition of Murphy-Chambers Farm.

2003

- **March** Lewis & Clark Bicentennial event in Harpers Ferry; opening of the Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry Museum.

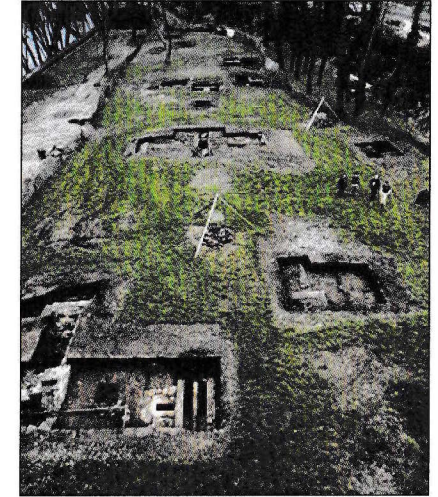


Dedication of the Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry exhibit on Potomac Street. (NPS Photo by David T. Gilbert)

- **June 22** Donation by Civil War Preservation Trust of 56 acres on Schoolhouse Ridge North.

2004

- **September 24** Congress passed and the president signed into law the “Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2004.”



Armory Grounds undergoing archeological excavation. (NPS Photo)

2005

- Archeological investigation of the Lower Armory Grounds began.
- **June 29** Acquisition of Perry Orchard portion of Schoolhouse Ridge South.

2006

- Harpers Ferry Train Station rehabilitation completed.
- **August 17-20** Niagara Movement Centennial Event.

2009

- **February 2** Rebecca Harriett became superintendent.
- **February** The park and Harpers Ferry Middle School partner in an eight-year service learning project.
- **June 18** Acquisition of 176 acres of Schoolhouse Ridge North.
- **October** The park hosted an event commemorating the 150th anniversary of John Brown’s Raid.



Living history volunteers commemorate John Brown's Raid. (NPS Photo by Marsha Wassel)

2012

- The park hosted an event commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Harpers Ferry.

2013

- **June** The park began hosting annual Naturalization ceremonies.
- **December 20** Acquisition of Bolivar Heights properties from the Civil War Preservation Trust.

2015

- Peregrine falcons returned to the Maryland Heights cliffs and can still be seen at the location.

2016

- The park hosted numerous events to celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service.
- **June 8** The park hosted a coin launch ceremony with the United

States Mint for the America the Beautiful Quarter that features John Brown's Fort.

2017

- **February 27** H. Tyrone Brandyburg became superintendent.
- **October** The park hosted an event commemorating the 150th anniversary of the opening of Storer College.

2018

- **December 5** Donation by American Battlefield Trust of Allstadt House & Ordinary.

2019

- The park celebrates 75 years as a unit of the National Park System.
- The park begins a trash free initiative.

75th Anniversary Schedule

Ongoing Programs

For all event and program locations, please refer to the map on pages 14-15 in the center of this booklet.

Harpers Ferry Park Association Sales Tent

Friday, 4 pm-9 pm; Saturday, 10am-9 pm; Sunday, 12pm-5 pm

Get your limited edition Harpers Ferry NHP 75th Anniversary commemorative items and books and CDs of the weekend's presenters! Purchases at the HPPA tent support programs and events at Harpers Ferry NHP.

Meriwether Lewis Museum

Saturday and Sunday, 11 am-4 pm

Stop by the museum and meet Lewis & Clark Heritage Trail Foundation volunteers. Discover the little-known yet important role Harpers Ferry played in the Corps of Discovery Expedition.

Resource Management Tent: "Through the Decades"

Saturday, 10 am-5 pm; Sunday, 11 am-5 pm

Enjoy a variety of displays highlighting the park through the decades, including a display of then-and-now photos from the park archives, a look at park brochures through the years, and a map display documenting the expansion of the park from its inception until today. A three dimensional model of Harpers Ferry as it appeared in 1859 will also be on display.

Family & Youth Discovery Tent

Saturday, 10am-5 pm; Sunday, 11am-5pm

Have fun and learn about 1944, Harpers Ferry, and Smokey Bear! This tent features many family and youth activities suitable for all ages.

Victory Garden

Plant seeds for the start of your own victory garden! Learn why US citizens during World War II grew their own fruits and vegetables at home.

Rationing

It's 1944 and there is a shortage of food. Victory gardens help to feed families but some foods, such as sugar, coffee, cheese, and meat, are limited. How will you make your rations last?

Sew Smokey Bear

Smokey Bear also turns 75 this year! Make your own paper Smokey Bear to take home as a souvenir.

Smokey Bear Meet & Greet

Meet Smokey Bear and wish him a Happy 75th Birthday! Stop by the Family & Youth Tent to have your photo taken with Smokey.

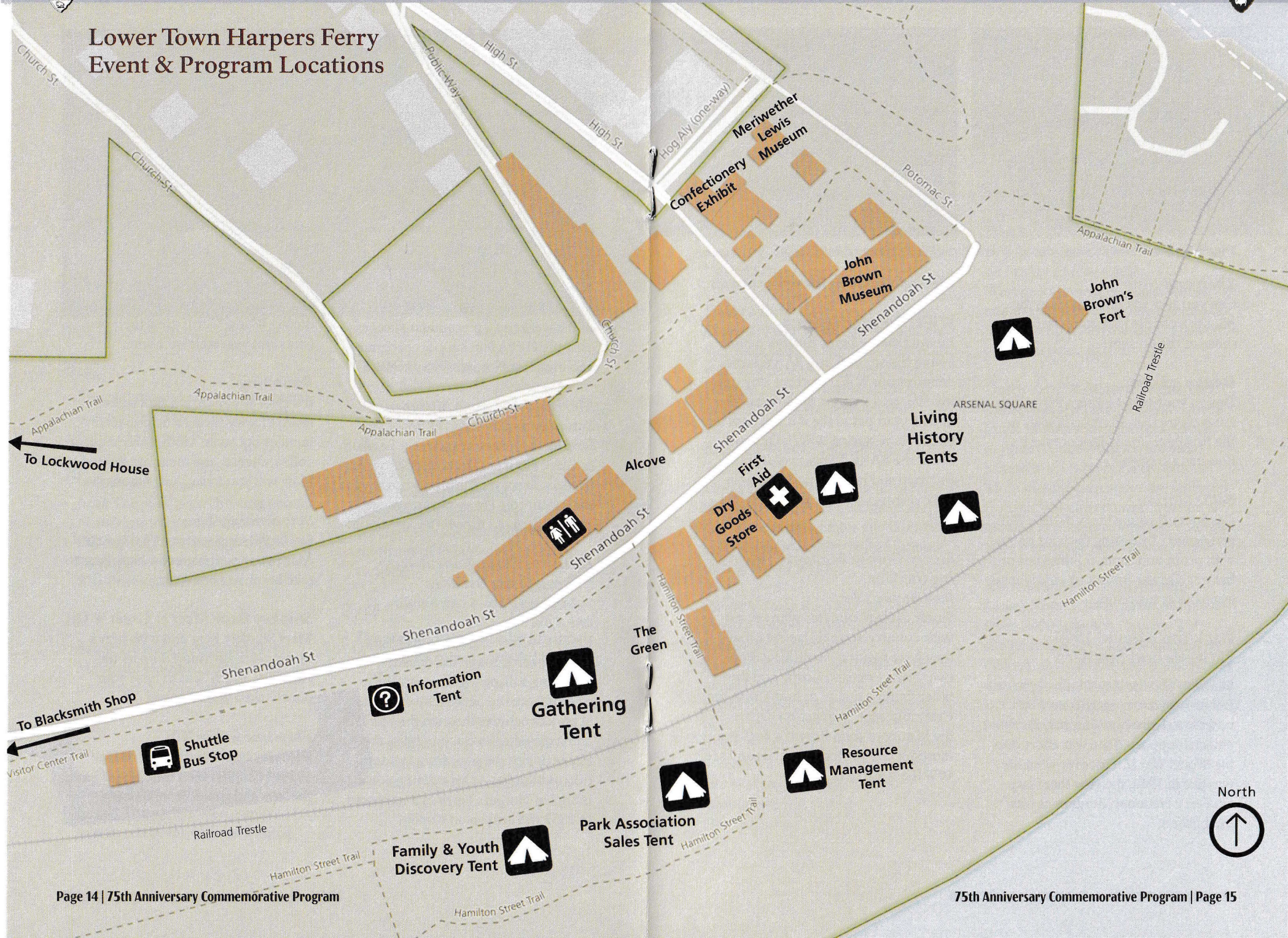
Playtime in the '40s

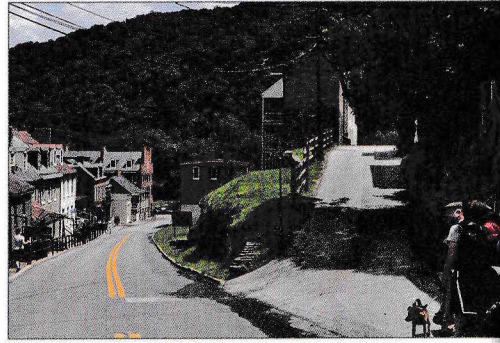
Discover how the children of the 1940s occupied their time. Experience the toys and games from that era.

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Lower Town Harpers Ferry Event & Program Locations





Then and Now: View looking down High Street, c.1870 (left) and on July 6, 2015.

Then and Now

Can you spot the differences in the photos from the past compared to those of the present?

Design a Logo

Design your own Harpers Ferry 75th anniversary logo to be on display in the Family & Youth Tent or take it home as a souvenir.

Selfie Station

Celebrate Harpers Ferry NHP's 75th anniversary by posing for your photo with props and signs. A limited number of giveaway instant photos will be available as souvenirs.

Back the Attack! 1944 Citizens and Soldiers

Saturday and Sunday, 11 am–4 pm. Join living history rangers and volunteers to learn how Harpers Ferry citizens supported the war effort during World War II. Discover what life was like in 1944, the year that Harpers Ferry National Monument was established.

1944-related living history activities:

WWII Dogs for Defense

Living History Tents, Arsenal Square
Living history staff and BARK Rangers demonstrate WWII wartime dog training efforts to support the troops. Join in with your pet to see if it can pass the test to serve during WWII. Or learn about the BARK Ranger volunteer program and how participants help park visitors and their pets enjoy the park.

Storer College Students Supporting the War

John Brown's Fort
Storer College students who served their country, soon discovered that they were fighting World War II on two fronts – one in Europe and the other fighting racism at home with Jim Crow and legal segregation. Discover the history of John Brown's Fort as a museum on the Storer campus and see WWII era artifacts.

The Road to Resistance

John Brown's Fort

Around the time the park was established more and more people visited Harpers Ferry by automobiles. African American travelers and tourists utilized the 1944 Green Book, called then the "Negro Motorist Handbook," to find safe and welcome lodging, food, and gas. Discover more about the travel experience of the Jim Crow era, when segregation was legal in the United States.

D-Day Tent

Living History Tents, Arsenal Square
Step back to 1944 Harpers Ferry. Start your visit here to better understand Harpers Ferry during World War II and to place D-Day into context.

Ready – Join U.S. Marines. Land. Sea. Air.

Living History Tents, Arsenal Square
Step up to a 1944 United States Marine Corps recruitment table and discover more about recruiting and enlistment during World War II.

Stretch Your Rations! A Food Preservation Demonstration

Roeder's Confectionery
Join a cooking school home economist of the National Livestock and Meat Board to learn about food preservation. It was of vital interest to every home-maker in the 1940s to learn how to make rationing points go further and how to cook meat to the best advantage.

Iron Scrap: Recycling the Weapons of War at Viener and Sons

Blacksmith Shop
Demolished tanks, trucks, and guns from overseas were shipped to different parts of the United States and remelted for new weapons of war. Learn how the local company of Viener and Sons was a part of this effort.

Pinch a Penny

Dry Goods Store (This is also offered on Friday 11 am–4 pm)
Wartime rationing on sugar, wheat, and meat forced shoppers to make do with less. Step into the store, and see what you could afford.

Don't Tear It Down! Preserve It!

Living History Tents, Arsenal Square
In the 1940s there were local efforts to preserve buildings for the establishment of Harpers Ferry National Monument. Learn about the Jefferson County, WV citizens who were on a mission to preserve buildings and land to be part of the new national park.

We Have a Victory Garden

Living History Tents, Arsenal Square
Over 1,000 Jefferson County, WV citizens planted vegetable gardens in their yards to help relieve the food and manpower shortage during World War II. Check out the types of plants and seeds used in victory gardens in 1944.



Friday, June 28

“Stones, Rivers & Trains”

11 am–noon, 1 pm–2 pm, Alcove
Listen to the live music of Tim Lancaster, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park’s Artist-in-Residence from summer 2016. Experience how the Harpers Ferry story influenced Tim’s songwriting.

Fiddlin’ Dave and Morgan

11 am–5 pm, Lower Town
Find folk artists Dave Van Deveter and Morgan Morrison in the park throughout the day, blending the sounds of fiddle, octave mandolin, and banjo.

Harpers Ferry: The Eye of the Hurricane

2 pm–3 pm, The Green
Years before he became one of HFPA’s Certified Tour Guides, Jim Prentice was already fully involved “behind the scenes,” growing up in the park as the superintendent’s son during the 1960s. Join Jim for this special walk through history and personal recollection.

Opening Ceremony

5 pm–6:30 pm, Gathering Tent
Kick off this special anniversary weekend with opening remarks by Tyrone Brandyburg (Superintendent, Harpers Ferry NHP), Robert G. Stanton (Member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and Former Director, National Park Service), Joy M. Oakes (Senior Regional Director, National Parks Conservation Association), Rebecca Harriett (former

superintendent, Harpers Ferry NHP), and others.

Swing Band Concert with the Howard Burns Orchestra

7 pm–9 pm, Gathering Tent
Step back in time to 1944 when the world was at war and Harpers Ferry National Monument was born. Swing music filled the USO dance halls and brought welcome relief to soldiers overseas and those on the homefront. Vintage attire and dancing encouraged!

Saturday, June 29

Urban Artistry: Dance and Dialogue

10 am–4 pm, Living History Tents
This internationally recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the performance and preservation of art forms inspired by the urban experience will engage visi-



Urban Artistry dance workshop with Maren Cummings.

tors with the history of Harpers Ferry through various forms of dance.

Empower and Imperil: Rivers, Industry and Floods at Harpers Ferry

10 am–11 am, Gathering Tent
Professor of Legal Studies at the University of Central Florida, James Beckman discusses how the natural landscape of Harpers Ferry was a blessing and curse to this small village—allowing an industrial boom but also bringing devastation time and again.

19th Century Virginian Island Tour

11:15 am–12:30 pm, The Green
Author David Gilbert (*A Walker’s Guide to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia; Waterpower: Mills, Factories, Machines, and Floods at Harpers Ferry*) takes visitors past the ruins of factories and dwellings, discussing how the island—now consumed by nature—was once a thriving industrial and residential tract.

Ruth and the Green Book 1 pm–1:45 pm, Family & Youth Discovery Tent

Award-winning author and playwright Calvin Ramsey reads from his critically-acclaimed children’s book *Ruth and the Green Book*, relating the history of the Green Book, a guidebook listing places that welcomed African Americans traveling across the

United States in the era of Jim Crow and segregation.

Health, Sanitation, Archeology, and Newspapers: A Look at Harpers Ferry’s “Trying Climate” During the 19th Century

2 pm–3 pm, Gathering Tent
Former park archeologist Dr. Eric Larsen leads a walking tour through the Lower Town of Harpers Ferry from curbside to backyards. The tour will revisit significant sites where archeological digs revealed 19th century living and sanitary conditions, as well as social and class habits.

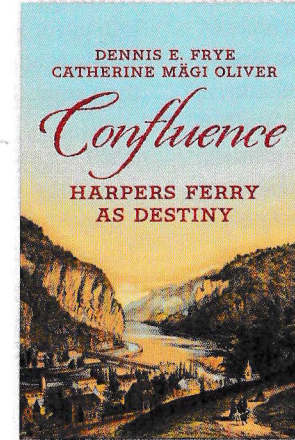
Confluence: Harpers Ferry as Destiny 3:30pm–4 pm, Gathering Tent

One place. Countless stories. Celebrate the unveiling of HFPA’s newest publication with authors Dennis Frye, retired Chief Historian of Harpers Ferry NHP, and

Catherine Mägi Oliver of the Harpers Ferry Park Association. *Confluence* reflects on the multitude of passionate characters and potent forces drawn to Harpers Ferry over the centuries, indelibly shaping the town and, in many cases, the nation.

Writing Harpers Ferry 4 pm–5 pm, Gathering Tent

Professor, author, and prolific speaker Jonathan Noyalas moderates a discussion about the inspiration and process of researching and writing



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2019 Don Redman Jazz Heritage Awards honorees Jon Faddis and Gary Bartz.

about this unique place. Panelists: **David Gilbert**, *A Walker's Guide to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and Waterpower: Mills, Factories, Machines & Floods at Harpers Ferry*; **James Beckman**, *Harpers Ferry Postcard Book, "To Emancipate the Mind and Soul": Storer College 1867-1955* (contributor); **Dr. Merritt Roe Smith**, *Harpers Ferry Armory and the New Technology*; **Kathleen Ernst**, *Night Riders of Harper Ferry*.

Keynote Address:

Why Harpers Ferry?

5 pm-6 pm, Gathering Tent

Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley, Professor of History at New Mexico State University and retired National Park Service Chief Historian, discusses key events in America's struggle for freedom and equality that happened at Harpers Ferry and why they are significant today.

Reception and Book Signing

6 pm-7 pm, Harpers Ferry Park Association Sales Tent

Join us for light refreshments while the speakers and presenters of the day sign their respective books.

18th Annual Don Redman Jazz Heritage Awards & Concert

7 pm-9 pm, Gathering Tent

This concert commemorates Don Redman, the internationally acclaimed and influential 1920 graduate of Storer College, and honors living legends of jazz who embody Redman's commitment to service and education. The concert features performances by 2019 honorees Gary Bartz and Jon Faddis, the Howard Burns Quartet, and the 2019 Don Redman Next Generation Jazz Scholars.



Sunday, June 30

Alumni Panel Discussion

11 am-12:30 pm, Gathering Tent

Jefferson County historian Doug Perks joins fellow former park rangers to discuss the unforgettable moments they experienced while wearing the green and gray at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

Ruth and the Green Book

11:30 am-12:15 pm, Family & Youth Discovery Tent

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Marching as to War: On the Homefront

1 pm-2 pm, Gathering Tent

The Indiana Brass Band, a nonprofit organization committed to the preservation of period instruments and study of Civil War-era brass bands, returns to Harpers Ferry as a citizen band boosting morale and enlistment during wartime.



1857 lithograph of Virginius Island. (HF-687, Historic Photo Collection, Harpers Ferry NHP)

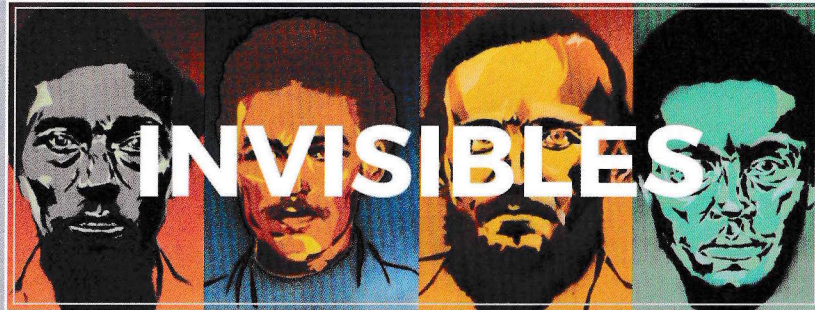


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Keynote Address: Confluence: Harpers Ferry as Destiny
3:45 pm-4:45 pm, Gathering Tent
Author and recently retired Chief Historian Dennis Frye weaves a tale of drama, trauma, and romance that led to the birth of a national park.

1944 anniversary and birthday cupcakes!
5 pm, Gathering Tent
Join us in wishing happy birthday to Harpers Ferry NHP, Smokey Bear, other 1944 birthdays, and other June 30th birthdays.

"Back to Harpers Ferry"
5 pm-6 pm, Gathering Tent
Join us for a musical performance by Magpie, the folk duo featuring Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino. The award-winning recording artists, singers, songwriters, musical historians, playwrights, actors and social activists, return to Harpers Ferry where their music tells the stories of John Brown, Harpers Ferry, and the mountains and rivers that surround the historic town.



Opening of Artist-in-Residence Exhibition "Invisibles"
John Brown Museum, Second Floor | Open to the public 9 am-6 pm | Informal discussion with artist 11 am-4 pm Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30.

Experience a series of portraits commemorating 24 of the men and women who actively supported John Brown's 1859 raid on the US Armory at Harpers Ferry, featuring live discussion with the park's 2018 Artist-in-Residence, Peter Cizmadia. Cizmadia seeks to encourage viewers to consider the motivations and background of all these individuals, and consider what drove each of them to risk so much in the fight against slavery.



75th Anniversary Presenters

James Beckman, J.D., LL.M. is currently a Professor of Legal Studies at the University of Central Florida and loves reading and writing about Harpers Ferry in his spare time. He was an artist-in-residence at the Park in 2001 and has written several articles on John Brown, Storer College, and Jefferson County history, and the book *Harpers Ferry*. He is also a Harpers Ferry Certified Park Guide.

Howard Burns has degrees from Howard University and the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels, Belgium. He is a faculty member at Frederick Community College where he teaches music. Since 2016, he has been instructing high school students in the annual Don Redman Next Generation Jazz Academy. The Howard Burns Quartet and Howard Burns Orchestra are frequent guests at Harpers Ferry, playing most recently at the 2018 Don Redman Jazz Heritage Awards and Concert, and the Storer College 150th Commemoration.

Kathleen Ernst has worked as an education specialist, speaker, curator, and won an Emmy during her role

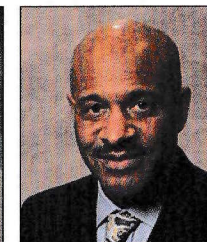
as script writer and project director for educational public television. Her published books include *Night Riders of Harpers Ferry*, *Bravest Girl in Sharpsburg*, and *Too Afraid to Cry: Maryland Civilians in the Antietam Campaign*. She has also published numerous children's titles with the American Girl series.

David Van Deventer and Morgan Morrison (Fiddlin' Dave and Morgan) have been blending the sounds of the fiddle, octave-mandolin and banjo for almost 30 years. The couple have toured China, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Baltics playing and singing their unique mixture of originals and Old-Time fiddle tunes/ world music.

Dennis E. Frye retired after serving 20 years as Chief Historian at Harpers Ferry NHP and 12 years as a supervisory park ranger. He is the author of 11 books and 103 articles, and has been published in every major Civil War periodical. His *Harpers Ferry Under Fire* won acclaim and a national book-of-the-year award. Dennis has appeared in numerous network and television documentaries as a historian



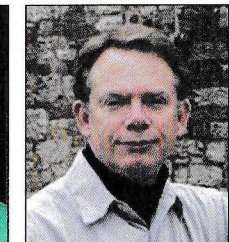
James Beckman



Howard Burns



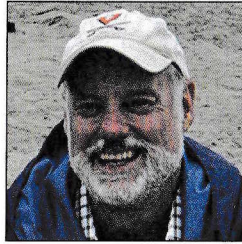
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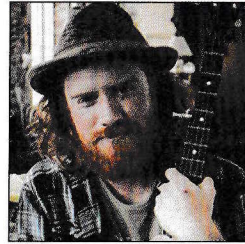
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scholar, and he helped produce three Emmy-award shows on the subjects of John Brown, the Battle of Antietam and Maryland in the Civil War.

David T. Gilbert received a B.A. in History from the University of Virginia in 1975. He is the author of *Civil War Battlefields: Walking the Trails of History, A Walker's Guide to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia and Waterpower: Mills, Factories, Machines, and Floods at Harpers Ferry, 1762-1991*. He is a charter member of the Harpers Ferry Park Association, and has served several terms on its Board of Directors.

The Indiana Brass Band, led by Bruno Pino, portrays brass bands of the mid-19th century. The band is dedicated to exploring the American Brass Band movement and performing the music on original instruments. They've also performed in Harpers

Ferry on several occasions, including the park's 50th Anniversary, as the Wildcat Regiment Band.

Tim Lancaster is an American-Folk musician born and raised in Central Florida, now residing in Huntington, WV. From a young age, the art of storytelling became of a most important interest, and as soon as he was able, he began travelling the regions of the country, collecting tales that are apparent in his songs. As an artist-in-residence at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in the summer of 2016, Tim used the stories of Harpers Ferry to create "Stones, Rivers & Trains."

Dr. Eric Larsen is the current archeologist at the Germanna Foundation. He received a B.A. in History and Anthropology at American University and a Ph.D. in Anthropology and Archaeology at the State University



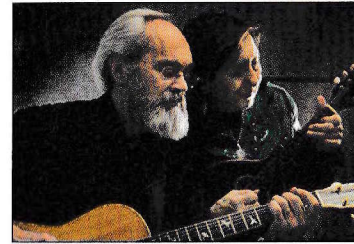
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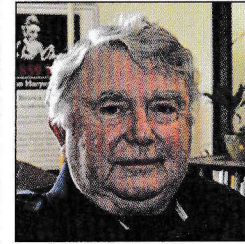
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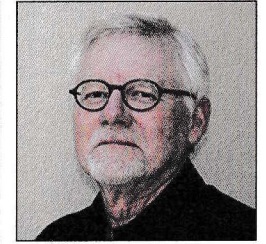
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Greg Artzner & Terry Leonino



Doug Perks



Dr. Dwight T. Pitcaithley

of New York at Buffalo. His archeological discoveries in the 1980s and 1990s shed light on Harpers Ferry's social and economic past, its people and practices, and their methods for dealing with 19th century health and sanitary conditions.

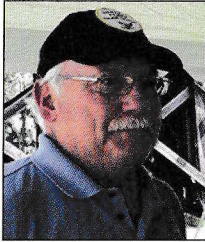
Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner (Magpie) have brought their unique sound and remarkable versatility to audiences everywhere since 1973, featuring traditional and vintage Americana to contemporary and stirring original compositions. They composed *Take Me Back to Harpers Ferry* for the park's 50th anniversary. They will present *Sword of the Spirit*, a one-act play based upon the life and letters of John and Mary Brown at the Charles Town Old Opera House on November 2, 2019—the 160th anniversary of Brown's sentencing.

Jonathan Noyalas is the Director of the McCormick Civil War Institute at Shenandoah University. He is the author or editor of eleven books including *Civil War Legacy in the Shenandoah: Remembrance, Reunion, and Reconciliation*. Jonathan also wrote more than 100 articles, chapters, essays, and reviews for a variety

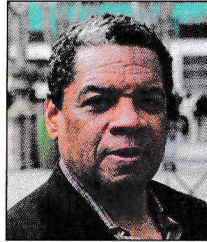
of publications including *Civil War History*, *Civil War Times*, *America's Civil War*, *Hallowed Ground*, *Civil War Monitor*, *Blue & Gray*, and *Civil War News*. He has consulted for a variety of public history projects with organizations including National Park Service, American Battlefield Trust, and Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation.

Doug Perks is a frequent lecturer on the history of Jefferson County, a contributing author to *The Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society*, writes the column "Mr. Jefferson's County" in the Jefferson County Historical Society newsletter *The Guardian*, and contributes the weekly column "This Week in History" to the *Spirit of Jefferson* newspaper. Doug is also a Harpers Ferry Certified Park Guide and was a seasonal park ranger 1970-1979 and 1981-1985.

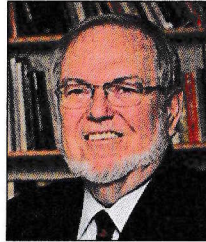
Dr. Dwight T. Pitcaithley retired from the National Park Service in June 2005 after serving as Chief Historian for ten years. During his thirty-year career with the NPS, he served in Santa Fe, Boston, and Washington, DC where he focused on issues relating to historic preservation and the inter-



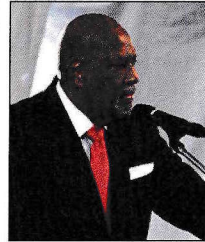
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Calvin A. Ramsey



Dr. Merritt Roe Smith



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pretation of historic sites. He holds a Ph.D. in history from Texas Tech University and has served as president of the National Council on Public History and the George Wright Society. His most recent publications include *The U.S. Constitution and Secession: A Documentary Anthology of Slavery and White Supremacy* (2018); *The Antiquities Act: A Century of American Archaeology, Historic Preservation, and Nature Conservation*, co-editor (2006); and chapters in *Becoming Historians* (2009), *Slavery and Public History: The Tough Stuff of American Memory* (2006), *Preserving Western History* (2005), and *Public History and the Environment* (2004).

James Prentice is a true child of the National Park Service. He was born in Perry's Victory National Monument, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and grew up in parks in Washington, DC, Hopewell Furnace, PA, and Harpers Ferry, where his father was superintendent. Jim is a Certified Park Guide and volunteer at Harpers Ferry NHP.

Calvin Alexander Ramsey is a playwright, author, photographer and visual artist. His first work, *The Green Book*, a two-act play about the difficul-

ties African Americans faced while traveling during the Jim Crow era, was based on his research on *The Negro Motorist Green Book*. His first children's book, *Ruth and the Green Book*, has won numerous awards including the Jane Addams Peace Award for Children's Literature

Dr. Merritt Roe Smith is Cutten Professor of the History of Technology at MIT and a member of the Institute's Program in Science, Technology and Society, History Faculty, and Center for International Studies. He is the author or editor of seven books, the most recent being *Reconceptualizing the Industrial Revolution* (MIT Press, 2010). He is currently working on a book about technology and its implications during the American Civil War. His book *Harpers Ferry Armory and the New Technology* (Cornell UP, 1977) was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in History.

Robert G. Stanton began his career in 1962 as a park ranger at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. He has held key management and executive positions at the National Park Service, including Park Management Assistant, Park Superintendent, Deputy



Regional Director, Regional Director, Assistant Director, Associate Director, and Director. Co-founder of the African American Experience Fund of the National Park Foundation, he has been nationally recognized through numerous awards and citations for outstanding public service and leadership in conservation, historic preservation, and youth programs, and has

been awarded five honorary doctoral degrees. Before his appointment as a member on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Stanton helped foster the joint ACHP-NPS-Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership initiative "Of the Student, By the Student, For the Student" service learning project at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

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