

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



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The Harpers Ferry Provost Marshal

The Provost Marshal or military sheriff controlled mail, food, shelter, and citizen interaction. Everyone living in this border town must have a pass. Charlie Moulton, a Provost clerk, wrote to his sister, "What would you think...if you had to get a pass...if you wanted to go over to see [your friend]?"