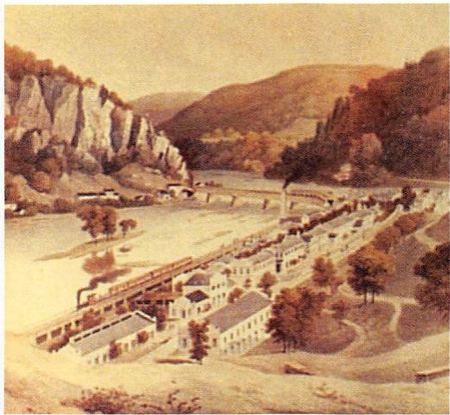


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United States Armory & Arsenal at Harpers Ferry

Authorized: 1794

Opened: 1802

George Washington selected Harpers Ferry as the site of a national armory. American soldiers used muskets and rifles produced here in the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Civil War. The factory buildings were destroyed in June, 1861, as the Civil War positioned the armory on the border between North and South.