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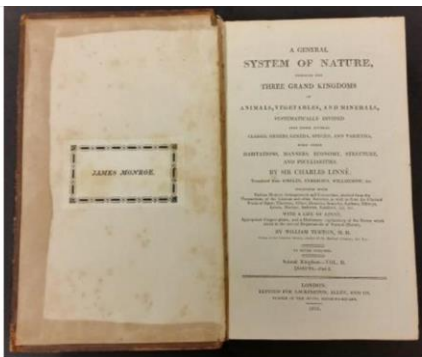
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### Rare Books Acquisition



We are pleased to announce the acquisition of two rare books originally belonging to James Monroe - Volumes I and II of *A General System of Nature* by Sir Charles Linne, published in 1806. Not only were these books in James Monroe's personal library, but they each contain his

book plate as well. Acquired from Patrick Kelley of Purcellville, VA, we are thrilled to add these extraordinary books to our collection.

### Special Presidents' Day Screening of Monroe Hill Documentary

On Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Day) the Museum will host the Fredericksburg screening of *Monroe Hill*, a documentary by award-winning filmmaker Eduardo Montes-Bradley. The film traces the roots and historical context of James Monroe's first home in Albemarle County, and its transformation over a period of three decades until becoming the site of the University of Virginia in 1817. *Monroe Hill* premiered during the 28th annual Virginia Film Festival in Charlottesville on November 6, 2015 to a sold-out audience and received an enthusiastic reception.



**MONROEHILL**

### What's In Store?

From all of us at The James Monroe Museum, we wish you a happy and peaceful New Year!



What else would we chose to kick the new year off with as our featured book, but our very own *Let's Visit James Monroe!* (\$15.00). It is a children's picture book custom-made for the museum, featuring artifacts from our collection and James Monroe himself! It makes a wonderful souvenir of your visit to the Museum, or can serve as a great way to introduce our fifth President, and former Fredericksburg resident, to the little ones in your life. In the

spring, look for a book signing and workshop with author/illustrator [Julia Livi](#)! Above and to the right are examples of the wonderful illustrations that help tell the story of Grandma Mac, Jessica, and Carl's visit to the James Monroe Museum.

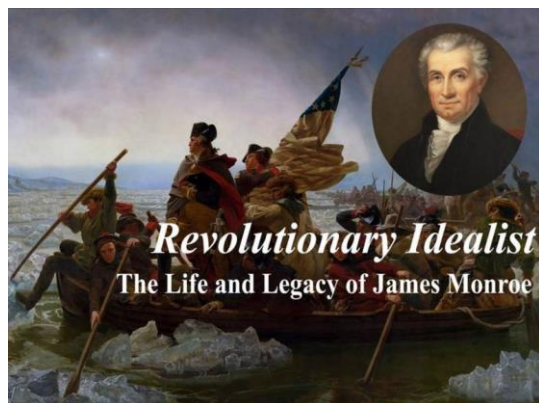


The Store has many books for all ages that relate to Museum's mission of sharing the life and legacy of James Monroe. Consider picking one up for your cozy reading time during the cold winter months. For those seeking an in-depth biography we have James Monroe: *The Quest for National Identity* (\$21.95), by Harry Ammon. You will also find *James Monroe: An Illustrated History*, by Daniel Preston of the Papers of James Monroe. It's currently on sale for only \$10.00! For a closer look at specific periods of Monroe's life consider *The Presidency of James Monroe 1817-1825* (\$3.95), also by Daniel Preston, or *The Making of a Revolutionary* (\$4.95), by Meghan C. Budinger, former Assistant Director and Curator of the James Monroe Museum. For a younger audience we have *Discover James Monroe* (\$3.95), an activity book featuring a variety of puzzles, a maze, and a family tree page!



We look forward to seeing you in the James Monroe Museum Store!

## On the Road with James Monroe



JMM Director Scott Harris has two upcoming PowerPoint lectures on our man J-Mo:

**Sunday, January 24, 2:00 PM:** "Revolutionary Idealist: The Life and Legacy of James Monroe." York Hall (Old Courthouse Building), 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. This is part of the York County Historical Committee's lecture series. Open to the public free of charge.

**Thursday, February 25, 7:00 PM:** "Revolutionary Warrior: The Military Legacy of James Monroe." Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Open to the public free of charge.

We hope to see you there!

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