

NEWS RELEASE

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FREDERICKSBURG'S JAMES MONROE MUSEUM TO BE FEATURED ON PBS' *HISTORY DETECTIVES* MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008, AT 9 P.M.

Fredericksburg, Va – James Monroe, our nation's fifth president, brought many things to the City of Fredericksburg, from his law practice in the 1780s all the way down to the *History Detectives* in 2008! The James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library will be featured in an upcoming broadcast of the popular PBS show on Monday, September 15, 2008, at 9 p.m., on WETA Channel 26.

Professor Daniel Preston, the Editor of the University of Mary Washington's Papers of James Monroe project, was interviewed at the museum, located on 908 Charles Street in downtown Fredericksburg, about a letter believed to have been written by James Monroe himself. Gwen Wright, a professor of architecture and one of the Detectives, spoke with Dr. Preston for the segment. The Detectives had coffee at Hyperion Espresso on William Street and ordered in lunch from the Caroline Street Cafe while they were in town!

The James Monroe Museum, open since 1927, is both a Virginia Historic Landmark and a National Historic Landmark. Administered by the University of Mary Washington, the museum is open daily, except for major holidays, with an admission charge.

For more information, call the museum at 540/654-1043. For re-broadcast information, visit the *History Detectives* website at <http://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/>.

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