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MONROEHILL

The James Monroe Museum is pleased to present a free screening of a new documentary film, "Monroe Hill," by acclaimed filmmaker Eduardo Montes-Bradley. Funded by an award from the Jefferson Trust, "Monroe Hill" 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 the laying of the cornerstone at the University of Virginia on October 6, 1817. Among contributors to the film are Dan Preston, editor of the Papers of James Monroe; Sara Bon-Harper, executive director of Ash Lawn-Highland; and James Monroe Museum director Scott Harris.

The screening is Monday, February 15, 2016 (President's Day) at 7:00 PM in the Digital Auditorium of the Hurley Convergence Center, University of Mary Washington main campus. POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED and a reception will follow the screening. Parking spaces will be reserved in the Faculty/Staff lot next to the Jepson Science Center ([Click here to Enlarge Map](#))

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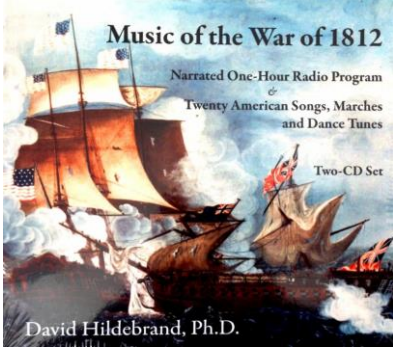
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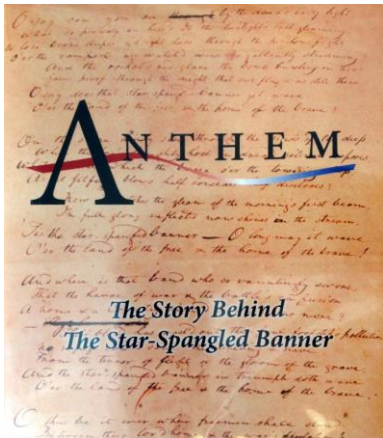
What's In Store?

We hope you came through the "Blizzard of 2016" safely. We have been dug out here at the James Monroe Museum, so come on by for a visit!



There are two exciting new items in the James Monroe Museum Store. The first is a two-CD set titled *The Music of the War of 1812* (\$15.00) Disc A features

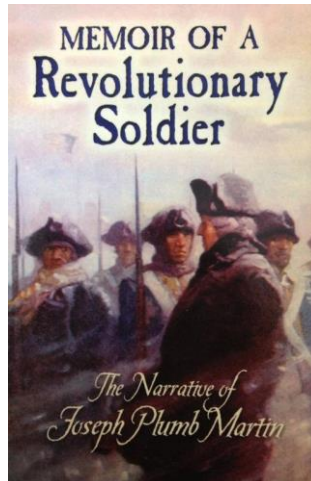
Broadside to Anthem, a one-hour public radio program which takes the listener on a journey through the War of 1812, using narration, and songs and lyrics of the era. Disc B features a total of 20 songs, including "The Star Spangled Banner." Our national anthem is the focus of the other new item in our store.



Anthem: The Story Behind the Star Spangled Banner (\$20.00) is a one-hour documentary that shares the story of the birth of our beloved anthem. It features musical performances, and interviews with historians, and also explores the part music and patriotism played in the War of 1812. Both the CD and DVD feature David and Ginger Hildebrand of the Colonial Music Institute. David and Ginger were our featured musicians at the *Music for Mr. Monroe* concert in

December.

Our featured book for February is ***Memoir of a Revolutionary Soldier: The Narrative of Joseph Plumb Martin*** (\$6.95). It is a fascinating, first-person account of the Revolutionary War told with detail, and often wit, from the perspective of an average soldier. It describes the hardships of the life of a soldier, including the harsh winter spent at Valley Forge, and the very real losses of war. The hard life of the soldier is balanced with stories of diversions such as hunting and fishing. A review from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* states that the narrative is "one of the best firsthand accounts of war as seen by a private soldier." Pick up a copy today!



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

Exhibit Preview for Friends of the Museum



Camilla Hoes Pope
1928 - 2015

The James Monroe Museum is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit, "In Loving Memory," which features artifacts donated by the late Camilla Hoes Pope, wife of museum co-founder Laurence Gouverneur Hoes. Please join us for the preview reception on March 24 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Friends of the Museum are encouraged to bring guests. Please rsvp by March 17, 2016.

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The James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, located in historic downtown Fredericksburg, Virginia, is the largest repository in the country for artifacts and documents related to the fifth president of the United States. The museum was first opened in 1927 by Monroe descendants as a place to house their own personal collections, which had been handed down through generations of the family. Eventually, the museum and its extensive collections were turned over to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the museum is now administered by the University of Mary Washington.

The museum belongs to the American Association of Museums, the American Association for State and Local History, and the Virginia Association of Museums. It is also on the National Register of Historic Places and is a National Historic Landmark.

