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Featured Artifact

Louisiana Purchase Treaty Bas-Relief

Created by Austrian-born American sculptor Karl Bitter (December 6, 1867 - April 9, 1915), this bas-relief is a scale model of a temporary panel displayed during the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair (dubbed the "Louisiana Purchase Exposition"). It depicts American diplomats James Monroe (standing at left) and Robert Livingston (seated), and French treasurer Francis Barbe-Marbois, signing the Louisiana Purchase Treaty on May 4, 1803. The model also served as a template for a larger bronze sculpture which now resides at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City. Housed for years in a conference room in George Washington Hall on the UMW campus, the bas-relief returned to the James Monroe Museum in 2015 after a carefully-choreographed moving process. It is now on display in the "Monroes in Paris" gallery.

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Upcoming Events



Fri, 1 July: First Friday History Trivia Night.

Trivia, cash bar, light refreshments, & 50/50 raffle. 6-8 p.m. Free.

Mon-Tue, 11-12 July: Major Monroe's History Camp.

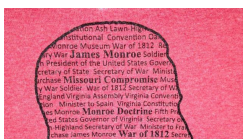
Two-day, hands on history camp for children ages 7-12. 9 a.m. to noon. \$45/\$35 JMM per camper.

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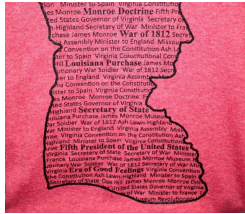
When your friends and family are visiting this summer, make sure to bring them by The James Monroe Museum for souvenirs of their trip to historic Fredericksburg!



For keeping drinks cool on their journeys, we have **JMM travel mugs** (\$11.95). Also available is the **JMM t-shirt** in a wide range of colors and sizes (\$14.00-\$16.00). If you haven't yet picked up your **JMo car magnet** (\$5.00), come on by and get one for yourself and for your out-of-town guests. For those visitors who enjoy cross stitching, we have a variety of kits exclusive to the Museum, including one for creating a replica of a purse (\$20.00) from our collection which was owned by Elizabeth Monroe. The Museum building is featured on another kit (\$7.50), and we also carry one for a James Monroe Museum cross stitch bookmark (\$11.00)

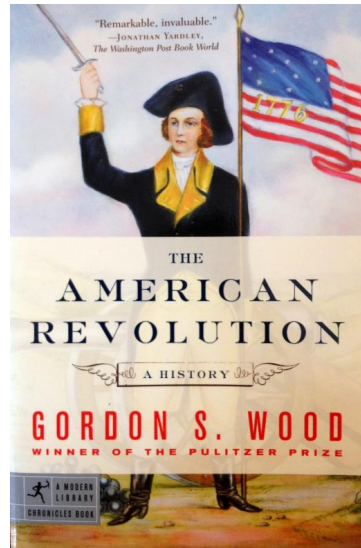
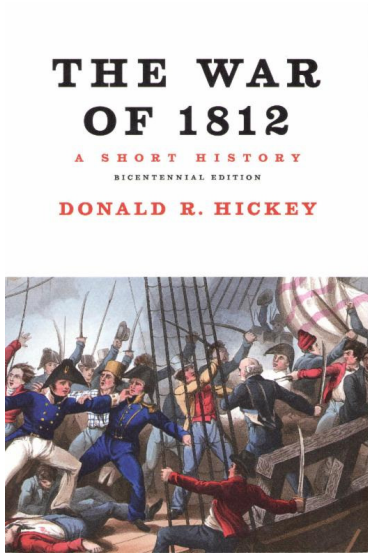


With Independence Day around the corner, you can find several titles in the Store that deal with our nation's early struggles.



The American Revolution: A History (\$15.00) by Pulitzer Prize winning author Gordon S. Wood, provides an excellent overview of the Revolution and the events leading up to the conflict. If your interest focuses more on the War of 1812, we have several books on the subject by one of our

past James Monroe Lecturers, Dr. Donald Hickey: ***187 Things You Should Know About the War of 1812*** (\$15.00), ***The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict*** (\$24.95), and ***The War of 1812: A Short History*** (\$20.00).



We look forward to seeing you at the Store and wish you safe summer travels!

A Fond Farewell

June 30 marked the retirement of Richard V. Hurley as the ninth president of the University of Mary Washington. The James Monroe Museum, along with the rest of the University community, is grateful for President Hurley's steady leadership and advocacy of liberal arts education. We also extend our thanks and warm wishes to Rose Hurley, who complemented her husband's service as a gracious and engaging first lady of UMW.



By state statute, the president of UMW is a member of the Museum's advisory body, the Board of Regents. Earlier this year, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

**James Monroe Museum Board of Regents
Commending Richard V. Hurley upon his Retirement as
President of the University of Mary Washington**

April 13, 2016

WHEREAS, Richard V. Hurley, a native of the great state of New Jersey, served his country faithfully in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurley earned a bachelor of science in environmental studies from Richard Stockton College; received a master of arts in public administration from Central Michigan University; and also holds certificates and diplomas from the University of Kentucky and Harvard University; and,

WHEREAS, during a career in higher education spanning three decades, Mr. Hurley held positions of increasing responsibility at Richard Stockton State College, Pomona, NJ; Vermont State Colleges, Waterbury, VT; Community Colleges of Vermont, Montpelier, VT; American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Washington, DC; and Longwood College, Farmville, VA; and,

WHEREAS, beginning in 2000, Mr. Hurley served the University of Mary Washington for a decade in various positions, including executive vice president and chief financial officer, and acting president; and,

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2010, Mr. Hurley became the ninth President of the University of Mary Washington, and embarked on an ambitious period of growth in University facilities that included acquisition and development of the Eagle Village Complex; renovation of Monroe Hall and Woodard Hall; construction of the Anderson Center, the University Center, and the Information Technology Convergence Center, the last of which was named in his honor; and,

WHEREAS, among many academic accomplishments during Mr. Hurley's presidency, the University of Mary Washington became a recognized leader in digital history instruction and created an interdisciplinary museum studies minor that complements degree programs in historic preservation, history, and other subjects; and,

WHEREAS, beyond campus, Mr. Hurley served as chair of the board of directors of the Rappahannock United Way; on the boards of the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and Fredericksburg Regional Alliance; formed the UMW Center for Economic Development; established the Town and Gown Committee to strengthen the University's relationships with the community; and in February, 2015 received the Chamber's Prince B. Woodard Leadership Award, annually presented to an individual who has provided a lifetime of service to the Fredericksburg region; and,

WHEREAS, through his service on the Board of Regents of the James Monroe Museum and in other ways, Mr. Hurley has been a steadfast supporter of the Museum's mission to preserve and interpret the legacy of President James Monroe; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurley will retire as President of the University of Mary Washington effective July 1, 2016, prompting Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe to declare, "President Hurley's unwavering leadership, thoughtful approach, and dedication to engagement at all levels will be sorely missed."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Regents of the James Monroe Law Office - Museum and Memorial Library at its meeting on April 13, 2016, that the Board expresses to Richard V. Hurley its appreciation and gratitude for his service as President of the University of Mary Washington and as a member of the Board, and extends best wishes to President Hurley, his wife Rose, and their family on the occasion of his retirement.

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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.



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