



Proudly Presents:

## *“In the Spirit of the People”*

James Monroe's 1817 Presidential Tour  
of the Northern States

The last president of the revolutionary generation, James Monroe won the nation's highest office in 1816 and 1820. Shortly after his first inauguration, he toured the Northern States to inspect the national defense system, which had proved inadequate during the War of 1812. The ensuing four months of intense travel, parades, speeches, and dinners revealed relaxing partisan politics as well as a nation enthusiastic to meet its president and support the “union & republican institutions.”

Although two more presidential tours followed (Chesapeake Bay states in 1818 and the Southern states in 1819), their legacy was mixed. The Panic of 1819 slowed down the improvements in the coastal fortifications system, slavery continued to erode the union, and party divisions flared again. However, presidential tours became a staple of the political culture, demonstrating the power of direct dialogue with the constituents

James Monroe, John Neve, 1822  
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# Saturdays & Sundays from October 21 to November 5

Noon to 4 pm  
Exhibit Fee \$5

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to see this wonderful exhibit  
and our other exhibit featuring  
**“The Pioneer Iron Industry  
of Fayette County”**

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seeing you there!*