



November 2005 BRPA Annual  
 French & Indian War Seminar  
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 Jumonville History Seminar  
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November 4-5, 2005 - Wesley Hall

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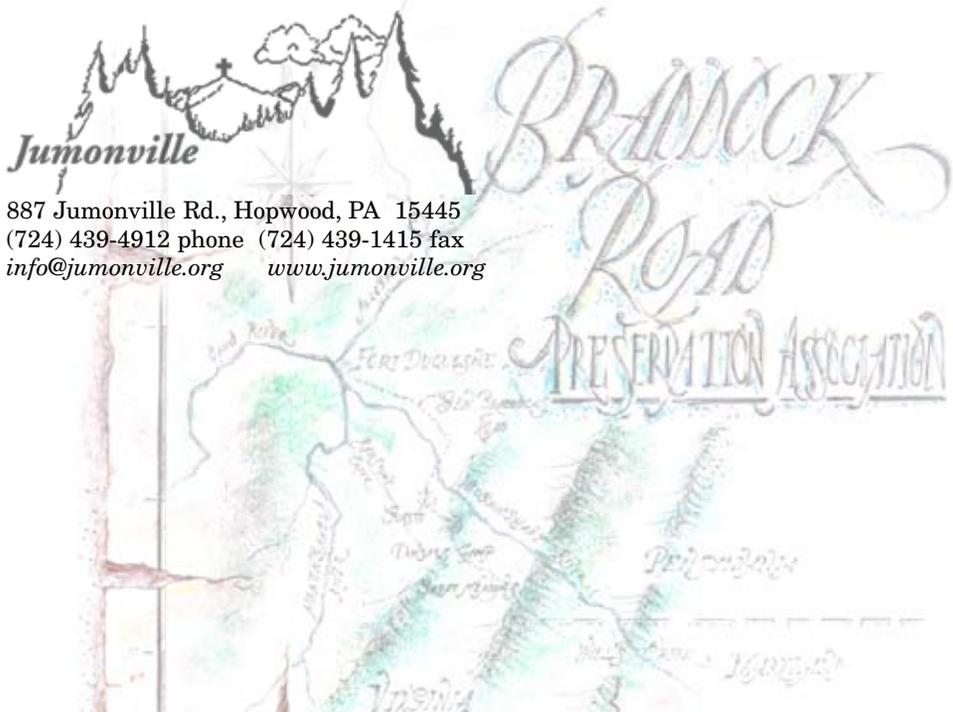
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- Please reserve \_\_\_ places for the basic seminar package @ \$45/person - Friday night- Saturday's seminars (please list additional attendees below)
  - Please reserve \_\_\_ student places for the basic seminar package @ \$15/person
  - Please reserve \_\_\_ places for lunch on Saturday @ \$6.50/person
  - I'm also making a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help with BRPA expenses.
- Additional Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the Jumonville office if you are in need of lodging for Friday evening.  
 Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my/our total fees. Make checks payable to: "Jumonville."



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## Celebrating the Season of Braddock with BRPA

**E**dward Braddock believed his legacy would be a British Ohio Country, which he sought to achieve by driving the French north into Canada. We all know the fate of Gen. Braddock, but after 250 years, scholars and history buffs are beginning to recognize Braddock's accomplishments more than his stunning defeat before the walls of Fort Duquesne.

We are now entering the "season of Braddock," a series of events commemorating a misunderstood leader and his underappreciated army who gathered along the eastern seaboard and then marched into the wilderness 250 years ago.

Key among these commemorations will be two events hosted by the Braddock Road Preservation Association (BRPA).



## Dunbar's Camp Commemoration - July 16-17, 2005



Bruce Egli,  
Vice President of BRPA

In conjunction with Fort Necessity National Battlefield, BRPA will sponsor a British encampment marking the 250th anniversary of Braddock's retreat to Dunbar's Camp on Saturday, July 16, on the grounds of Jumonville. The encampment, open from 10-5, will be free and open to the public. On Saturday evening at 7:00 in Wesley Hall, the BRPA will offer lectures on the significance of Dunbar's Camp, starting with Martin West, Director of Fort Ligonier, who will speak on "Artillery in the Braddock Expedition," followed by Bruce Egli, Vice-President of the BRPA, who will speak on "The Method of Encampments in the 18th Century British Army." The lectures will be free and open to the public, and vendors will be on hand with all sorts of history.

On Sunday morning, July 17, the BRPA will join with Fort Necessity in holding a joint memorial service at the Braddock Grave site. A short reenactment of the modest burial service for General Braddock will be followed by a memorial service at the Braddock monument. Throughout the day at Fort Necessity members of the Oneida Nation will perform artillery-firing demonstrations.

### July 9, 2005 at Braddock's Field

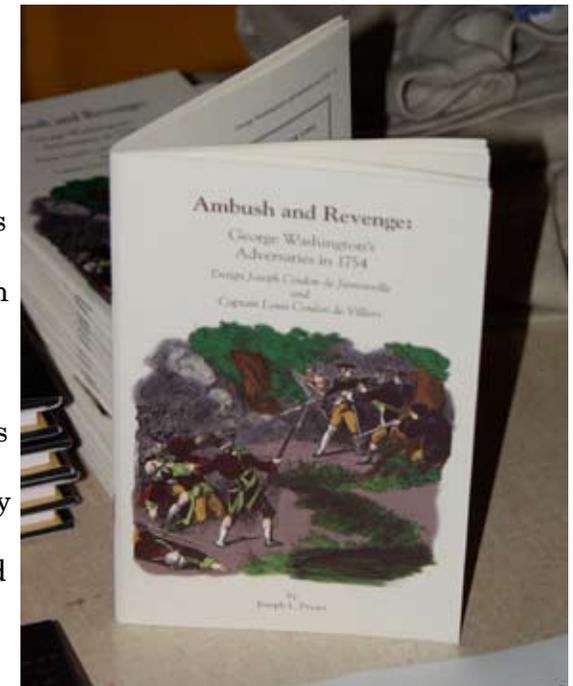
The official commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Battle of the Monongahela (Braddock's Defeat) will be held on the actual battlefield in North Braddock, Pennsylvania on Saturday, July 9th, 2005. The morning program will feature Professor Paul Kopperman, author of *Braddock at the Monongahela*, Burton Kummerow on the Famous Alumni of the Braddock Expedition, Martin West on Washington and Braddock and Walter Powell on the Aftermath of Braddock's Defeat. Planned events also include reenactors, living historians, an officers' dinner, viewing of the original manuscript featured in George Washington Remembers and Major General Braddock's original April 15, 1755 letter to Sir William Johnson, as well as an 18th century film festival. Bruce Egli is coordinating all reenactor events for the official program. Phone (412) 261-7536 or email [messner@attbi.com](mailto:messner@attbi.com).

Universite de Nancy, France, in 1950; and New York University in 1965. He taught in France and later taught high school foreign language, English, and social studies in two high schools in New York. In the 1960s and 1970s, he taught and held administration positions at Hofstra University and Dowling College, both in New York.

In 1977 Peyser began translating French documents for the Niles Historical Commission relating to Fort St. Joseph. The documents led to the publication of *Letters from France: The Upper Country 1686-1783*. His work continued over the years and he later found a map in the National Archives of France that located the fort. The fort location was highly disputed. This find prompted archaeologists from Western Michigan University to search the east bank of the St. Joseph River, where the remains of the fort were located and documented. The site continues to be excavated.

Peyser also researched several other translation projects relating to the French experience in the Great Lake Region. Two volumes of documents were translated by Peyser: *Jacque Legardeur de Saint-Pierre: Officer, Gentleman, Entrepreneur and On the Eve of the Conquest: The Chevalier de Raymond's Critique of New France in 1754*. At the time of his death, a third volume titled *Edge of Empire: Michilimackinac, 1671-1761* was being prepared for publication.

In addition to teaching and administrative duties at IU South Bend, he left another indelible mark on the campus. He, along with his wife, Julia, believed in global equality. Following his retirement, they established two scholarships at IU South Bend—one for graduate students and the other for undergraduates to study abroad. He is survived by his wife, Julia; a daughter, Jan Peyser-Gleason; a son, Randy Peyser; three grandchildren, Lisa Stamm, Ben Peyser and Jason Stamm; and a sister, Jeanne Kaunitz.



## A Note from Walt Powell, President of the BRPA

I am very sorry to report to the members and friends of the BRPA that Dr. Joseph L. Peyser, Professor Emeritus of French and Education at Indiana University South Bend, died on January 1, 2005. He was 79. As many of you will recall, Dr. Peyser was a featured speaker at our 1997 and 1998 seminars and generously donated his time and efforts to publish on our behalf the booklet, *Ambush and Revenge: George Washington's Adversaries in 1754—Ensign Joseph Coulon de Jumonville and Captain Louis Coulon de Villiers*. Dr. Peyser was regarded as one of the foremost scholars of French colonial history in the United States, and his seminal work in translating thousands of 18th century documents hidden in French and Canadian archives will benefit scholars for decades to come. At the time of his death, Dr. Peyser was completing the third volume of his translations, *Edge of Empire: Michilimackinac, 1671-1761*. His two previous works were *Jacque Legardeur de Saint-Pierre: Officer, Gentleman, Entrepreneur and On the Eve of Conquest: The Chevalier de Raymond's Critique of New France in 1754* (Michigan State University Press, 1997). Though his health prevented him from coming to our 250th anniversary event recreating the skirmish at Jumonville Glen last spring, he continued to express strong interest and support for the goals of the BRPA. Dr. Peyser is survived by his wife Julie; a daughter, Jan Peyser-Gleason; a son, Randy Peyser; and three grandchildren.

**Joseph L. Peyser, Ph.D.**

*(From Indiana University, January 31, 2005)*

The late Joseph L. Peyser, Indiana University South Bend Professor Emeritus of French and education, and local expert on Fort St. Joseph, Niles, will be remembered at a memorial celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, in Room 225, Student Activities Center, IU South Bend. Professor Peyser, 79, died Jan. 1, in South Bend. He retired from the university in 1994. The memorial will bring local historians, IU South Bend faculty, colleagues from across the country, family and friends to the campus to celebrate his life and his varied interests.

At IU South Bend, Peyser was a full professor of French having joined the university in 1973 as Dean of Faculties and Chairman of Department of Foreign Languages. Peyser served in the Navy during World War II and in the Naval Reserve until 1959. He received degrees from Duke University in 1947; Columbia University in 1949;

## Campaigning With BRPA

Long time board members sometimes can be heard to say, "It sure doesn't seem like 17 years!" What started as a small meeting of enthusiasts at Jumonville in 1989 has grown to be Pennsylvania's longest running colonial-era history seminar. Each year between 100 and 250 people convene at Jumonville for the seminar. In that time, we have seen the dedication of historical markers, tours of historic places, brushes with famous authors and historians, and even the sneak preview of a feature film!

Where is BRPA going next? You can help us decide! Donations to the BRPA are tax deductible and a great way to help preserve some of the most historic ground in America. We also always welcome volunteers for various projects and a few good men and women each year to serve on the board of directors and help fulfill our mission of preserving the site of Dunbar's Camp, the Braddock Road trace, and other significant French and Indian War sites. Please contact Walt Powell through Jumonville (724) 439-4912 to make a donation, volunteer, or have your name entered into consideration for the board of the Braddock Road Preservation Association.



### Jumonville French & Indian War Seminar #17

*November 4-5, 2005*

July's unique events honoring Gen. Braddock are just the beginning. The 17<sup>th</sup> annual French & Indian War Seminar at Jumonville, November 4-5, 2005, will begin at 7 p.m. Friday evening, November 4, with a reception featuring light food and beverages. This is your chance to meet French & Indian War scholars and enthusiasts, and beat everyone else to the best books and other rare materials offered by dealers.

BRPA has in recent years given the Friday evening slot more prominence through feature presentations. This year Dean Shostak of Colonial Williamsburg will kick off the seminar at 7:00. Dean is a noted performer of the “Glass Armonica”—the musical glasses invented by Benjamin Franklin. He has performed on National Public Radio, NBC’s *Nightside*, BBC’s *Good Morning Television*, and *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood*. In a recent review of Dean Shostak’s performance, the *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal* noted, “Shostak bowls over concert goers,” and the *Washington Post* observed, “The pure tones of the armonica resonate right through you.” Dean Shostak will set the tone for the 2005 seminar—in more ways than one.

Saturday registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and then at 9:00 Stephen Brumwell makes an encore appearance at the seminar to deliver a keynote address. Dr. Brumwell is the author of *Redcoats: The British Soldier and War in the Americas, 1755-1763* (Cambridge University Press, 2002) and a forthcoming book on British General James Wolfe. His current book, *White Devil: a True Story of War, Savagery, and Vengeance in Colonial America* (Da Capo Press, 2005), has earned overwhelmingly positive reviews and is zooming up the charts. *White Devil* chronicles the French & Indian War career of Robert Rogers and Rogers’ Rangers, but also sets Rogers’ exploits amidst a broad tableau spanning the entire conflict. His vivid style grabs you and doesn’t let go. Brumwell is a former newspaper journalist and lecturer in Modern History at the University of Leeds and now works as a freelance writer. He is the author of scholarly articles and co-author of *The Cassell Companion to 18th Century British History* (Cassell, 2001), and he can be seen in the documentaries *When the Forest Ran Red* and *George Washington’s First War*.



Following Stephen Brumwell will be Douglas R. Cubbison, the Cultural Resources Manager at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Mr. Cubbison, an historian and veteran of the United States Army, will speak on “I Just Want My Pay—Colonial Coinage in the British Army During the French & Indian War.” At the conclusion of this presentation, Dr. Walter Powell, President of the BRPA, will offer updates on the latest from French & Indian country.

Following lunch, the BRPA will ask attendees to vote on officers nominated to serve on the board of directors in 2006. Then the presentations resume with Christian Cameron, author of the widely acclaimed novel, *Washington and Caesar* (Delacorte Press, 2003). Cameron, a popular speaker at the May 2004 seminar, will reprise his talk on “Petite Guerre—Warfare on the Frontier in the 18th Century.” The final speaker will be Dr. David Dixon, Professor of History at Slippery Rock University, whose presentation will be based on his new book, *Never Come to Peace Again: Pontiac’s Uprising and the Fate of the British Empire in North America* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2005).

Always present at the BRPA seminar are vendors with the art of Robert Griffing, John Buxton, Andrew Knez, Robert Adamovich, and others, as well as DVDs, books, and 18<sup>th</sup> century wares. Another returning attraction will be the silent auction featuring items of interest to F&I enthusiasts, with auction proceeds benefiting BRPA initiatives.

Whether you are a scholar or a history buff, we invite you to join us for these two important weekends: the July commemoration at Dunbar’s Camp and Braddock’s Grave, and the November seminar—the Commonwealth’s largest annual French & Indian War event.