



November 2008 BRPA Annual  
 French & Indian War Seminar  
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 Jumonville History Seminar  
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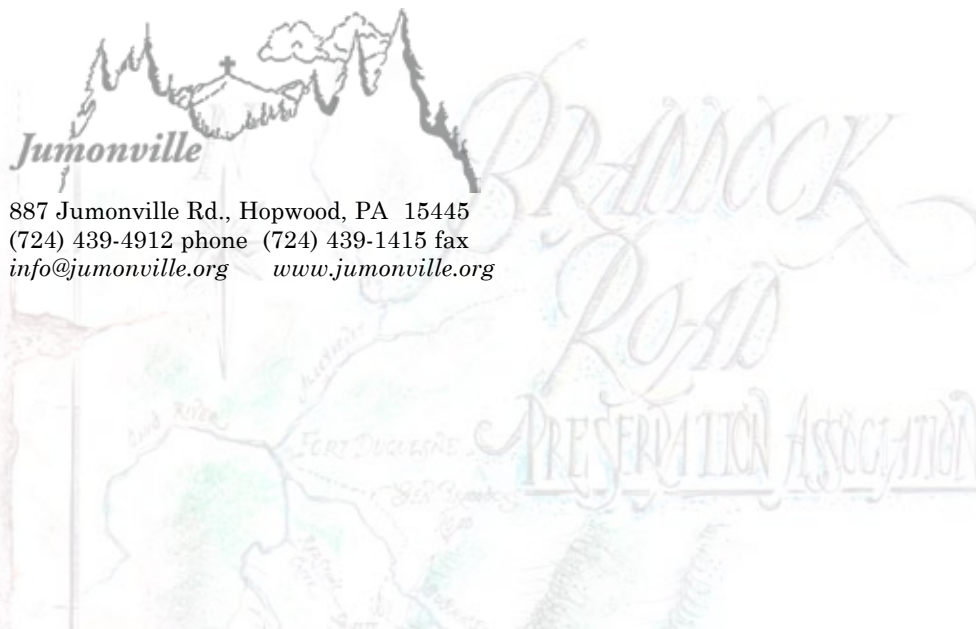
- Please reserve \_\_\_ places for the seminar.  
 \_\_\_ reservations @ \$55/person (includes Friday program and/or Saturday)  
 \_\_\_ reservations @ \$20/student (includes Friday night and/or Saturday)

\*Please contact the Jumonville office if you are in need of lodging for Friday evening.

- I would like to make \_\_\_ reservations for Saturday lunch. (\$7.50/person)
- Please reserve \_\_\_ 2009 BRPA calendar(s) for me. \$10/calendar is enclosed.
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- Please reserve \_\_\_ 2007 BRPA calendar(s) for me. \$5/calendar is enclosed.
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- Please reserve \_\_\_ BRPA lapel pin(s) for me. \$6/pin is enclosed.
- Please reserve \_\_\_ BRPA Polo shirts(s) for me. \$30/shirt is enclosed.
- Please reserve \_\_\_ BRPA briefcase(s) for me. \$30/briefcase is enclosed.
- I'm also making a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help with BRPA expenses.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my/our total fees.

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## Remembering the Forbes Campaign

A quarter of a Millennium ago, a British army cut its way west across Pennsylvania, over brutal terrain, fighting increasingly hostile weather. The army led by Gen. John Forbes and Col. Henry Bouquet had one target in mind: the French Fort Duquesne. The 2008 Braddock Road Preservation Association seminar honors the heroism and ingenuity of the Forbes Campaign with an impressive roster of partnering organizations, international historians, and diverse events.

**The 2008 seminar will offer exciting events at 3 locations.** It begins at 5:00 p.m. on Halloween Night, **October 31, at Fort Necessity National Battlefield**, with the unveiling of a bill of sale for George Washington's 1778 purchase of the Great Meadows. The National Park Service and the National Road Heritage Corridor will co-host, in collaboration with BRPA, to honor donors who made the acquisition of the bill of sale possible. Professor Theodore J. Crackel, editor of The Papers of George Washington at the University of Virginia, will offer brief remarks, and the event will conclude at 6:30.



Lady Joan Reid

**The Friday evening reception then commences at Jumonville, in Wesley Hall, at 7:00** with light refreshments and a welcome by the BRPA board and a first

look at the displays of vendors selling rare books, art, and artifacts. The highlight of Friday's session will be the triumphal return of Lady Joan Reid, historian of the Benjamin Franklin House in London, who will address the seminar on the topic, "Franklin's Contribution to the French and Indian War," including his brush with Gen. Edward Braddock and his defense of the Pennsylvania frontier after Braddock's Defeat. Friday's session concludes at 9:00 p.m.

The seminar continues **Saturday morning, November 1**, with registration opening at 8:00 a.m. in **Wesley Hall**, with coffee and donuts for a quick wake-up. Dr. Walter Powell, president of BRPA, will offer introductory remarks followed by the keynote address of another seminar veteran, Dr. Stephen Brumwell of the Netherlands, will speak on the topic "The British Army in the Forbes Campaign." An expert on 18th Century history and an engaging speaker, Dr. Brumwell is the author of "Redcoats: The British Soldier and War in the Americas, 1755-1763" (Cambridge University Press, 2002), "White Devil: a True Story of War, Savagery, and Vengeance in Colonial America" (Da Capo Press, 2005), and "Paths of Glory: The Life and Death of General James Wolfe" (McGill-Queens University Press, 2006).



*Dr. Stephen Brumwell*

Following a 9:45 break, the seminar will resume with a presentation entitled, "General John Forbes" by Dr. John Oliphant, author of "Peace and War on the Anglo-Cherokee Frontier 1756-63" (Louisiana State University Press, 2001). Dr. Oliphant will detail the life of the fascinating Forbes, including his struggle with failing health that would claim his life soon after the capture of Fort Duquesne.

A morning jam-packed with history continues at 11:15 with a return appearance by Douglas R. Cubbison, Command Historian, U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division. Mr. Cubbison will address the seminar on "Grant's Defeat," the disastrous September 1758 battle before the gates of Fort Duquesne that seemed to spell the doom of the entire Forbes Expedition.

At 12:15, BRPA will hold a brief meeting before lunch, **and at this point the seminar adjourns for individual travel to the Fort Ligonier Museum**, where we will reconvene with a welcome and opening remarks by Martin West, Director of Fort Ligonier, followed by a tour of the facility.

At 4:45 p.m. historian Burton Kummerow, consultant on the newly released "Pennsylvania's Forbes Trail: Gateways and Getaways Along the Legendary Route from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh" (Taylor Trade Publishing,

## BRPA Items For Sale



In addition to the successful sales of the 2007 and 2008 BRPA calendars a 2009 calendar is also in production and should be available at the seminar. The board is also offering some special items that will be for sale at this year's seminar and eventually through the BRPA website. Take your pick of the beautiful BRPA lapel pins, Polo shirts, briefcase, or handsome travel mugs. All sales will benefit the work of the BRPA.



## Braddock Road Signage Project Continues

Our striking Braddock Road signs which were designed by BRPA board member Robert Adamovich are still available for sale for only \$125. There is also an option of having the signs personalized. Additional information is available regarding ordering signs by checking out the BRPA website at [www.braddockroadpa.org](http://www.braddockroadpa.org) or by contacting the Jumonville office at (724) 439-4912.



## Timeline of the Campaign of General John Forbes

### 1758

March—Gen. John Forbes, in New York, is ordered to lead a campaign to capture French Fort Duquesne.

April 10—Col. George Washington writes to Gen. John Stanwix seeking a recommendation to Gen. Forbes.

May 16—British officers confer in Pennsylvania.

Late May—In Philadelphia, Gen. Forbes orders the first troops west.

June 10—Col. James Burd camps at Fort Loudoun.

June 24—Col. Henry Bouquet, second in command of the Forbes expedition, reaches Raystown with 800 men.

June 30—Gen. Forbes leaves Philadelphia.

July 4—Gen. Forbes reaches Carlisle.

August 10—Col. Bouquet orders Major James Grant to build a road west from Raystown to Loyalhanna Creek.

August 21—Ensign Charles Rohr chooses the location for the supply base along Loyalhanna Creek that would become Fort Ligonier.

August 23—Col. Bouquet orders Col. Burd from Raystown to Loyalhanna.

August 29—Pick-and-shovel work begins above Loyalhanna Creek by troops under the command of Col. James Burd.

September 7—Col. Bouquet arrives at Loyalhanna.

September 9—The command of Major James Grant leaves Fort Ligonier in a sortie against Fort Duquesne.

September 14—Grant's command is routed in an attempted attack on Fort Duquesne.

October 12—A French and Indian force attacks Fort Ligonier and is driven off.

November 11—Forbes holds a council of war, and it is decided to suspend the campaign for the winter.

November 12—Late in the day, George Washington's Virginians attack and overwhelm a French camp. In the confusion, Virginians attack Virginians, killing 14 and wounding 26. However, a French prisoner tells of dire conditions at Fort Duquesne.

November 24—British road cutters hear explosions, and Fort Duquesne is said to be on fire.

November 25—The forces of Forbes' army capture the remnants of Fort Duquesne, which Forbes renames Pittsburgh in honor of William Pitt, Prime Minister of Great Britain.

December 3—Forbes leaves Pittsburgh and begins the journey to Philadelphia.

### 1759

March 11—Gen. John Forbes dies in Philadelphia. He is interred at Christ Church.

2008), will speak on the history of the Forbes Road and its significance in American history.

Saturday's schedule concludes with a 5:30 p.m. reception at Fort Ligonier.

**Make your reservations now for this incredible two-day event!**

The 2008 conference is a joint venture between BRPA, Fort Necessity, and Fort Ligonier, and is being funded in part by a grant from the French and Indian War 250, Inc.

**Dr. David Dean Dixon,  
Professor of History at Slippery Rock University  
1954-2008**

David Dean Dixon, 53, of 228 Currie Road, Slippery Rock, Worth Township, died at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, 2008, of an apparent heart attack while bicycling in Virginia.

Born in Ashland, Ky., July 20, 1954, he was the son of Warren E. Dixon and Gladys Fields.

Mr. Dixon was a 1972 Graduate of Slippery Rock High School; in 1976, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education from Slippery Rock University; in 1983 he earned a master of arts in history from SRU, and he received a doctorate in American history from Kent State University in 1991. He was professor of history at SRU from 1999 until the present and was the curator of the Old Stone House.

He received the President's Award for Outstanding Scholarship at SRU in 2006. In 1998, 2000 and 2002, he was the Commonwealth Speaker for Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

Before his career in education, he was an iron worker for Local 3 in Pittsburgh.

He was an author of a number of articles and book reviews and was the author of several books, including "Hero of Beecher Island." He won the Spur Award for the best biography from the Western Writers of America in 1994. Mr. Dixon was a Catholic.

Surviving are his wife, Amy Christine McKain Dixon, whom he married June 12, 1999; a daughter, Heather I. Banks and her husband, Nathaniel, of Slippery Rock; a grandson, Christopher Banks; and a brother, Warren E. Dixon Jr. of Slippery Rock.

The BRPA is making a contribution to the David Dixon Scholarship Fund that has been established at Slippery Rock University.



## 20th Annual 2008 Jumonville French & Indian War Seminar

### Fri., Oct. 31, 2008 @ Fort Necessity

5:00 PM Pre Seminar Event from 5:00 - 6:30 at Fort Necessity. This event will feature the unveiling of the Washington "Bill of Sale" and a short presentation by the new editor of the Washington Papers.

### Fri., Oct. 31, 2008 @ Wesley Hall - Jumonville

7:00 PM Refreshments & Welcoming remarks  
Keynote address "Franklin's Contribution to the French & Indian War" by Lady Joan Reid, Historian, Benjamin Franklin House in London

### Sat., Nov. 1, 2008 @ Wesley Hall - Jumonville

8:00 AM Registration - Coffee and Donuts  
8:30 AM Introductory Remarks  
8:45 AM "The British Army in the Forbes Campaign" by British author and historian Dr. Stephen Brumwell.  
9:45 AM Break  
10:00 AM "General John Forbes" by British author and historian Dr. John Oliphant.  
11:00 AM Break  
11:15 AM "Grant's Defeat" by Douglas Cubbison, Command Historian, U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division.  
12:15 AM Annual Meeting and remarks  
12:30 PM Lunch at Jumonville or on your own

### Seminar adjourns to Fort Ligonier Museum

3:00 PM Welcome and opening remarks by Director, Martin West  
Tour of Fort Ligonier  
4:45 PM "The Forbes Road" by author and historian Burton Kummerow, consultant on the book "Pennsylvania's Forbes Trail."  
5:30 PM Reception with refreshments  
Seminar concludes



2007 seminar speakers and BRPA board members gather at Fort Necessity after last year's seminar



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### Statement of Purpose

The Braddock Road Preservation Association is an advisory organization that seeks to research, develop, interpret and promote the French and Indian War history of Jumonville, Dunbar Camp, and the Braddock Road. A secondary purpose is to research, develop, interpret and promote the history of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphans' School. The Association functions in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors of *Jumonville, Inc.*

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### our annual seminar...

The Braddock Road Preservation Association was formed in 1989 as the Jumonville Preservation Association. Its first meeting was attended by a few interested history buffs, and has grown in size every year since then. The annual French and Indian War seminar at Jumonville, held the first Friday and Saturday of November, is now the largest such annual gathering in Pennsylvania and one of the largest in the country. It features:

- Guest speakers, including some of the top historians and museum directors in the field.
- Slide shows, music presentations, and in 2000 the premiere of a major documentary film.
- Exhibits of period artifacts.
- Displays by antiquarian book and rare print dealers.
- Participation by the National Park Service.

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