

*Come Commemorate a Watershed Event in American History  
as Experienced by Your Ancestors*

Sesquicentennial Commemoration of John Brown's Raid  
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

October 16-18, 2009

Walk in the footsteps of your ancestors as you experience three days of public education events focusing on the 36 hours of John Brown's Raid on Harpers Ferry 150 years ago. The weekend will include a full slate of music, drama, scholarship, living history, family & youth activities, and ranger conducted programs.

On Friday, October 16, 2009, you can follow the footsteps of John Brown and his men on this historic recreation of John Brown's procession from his headquarters in Washington County, Maryland to Harpers Ferry. On Saturday and Sunday October 17 & 18 take advantage of living history programs and demonstrations, programs and activities for families and youth, musical concerts, historical dramas, walking tours and lectures as it relates to this important American history.

A special Sunday, October 17, 2009, feature will be "The Walk of the Descendants". This commemorative walk will follow the footsteps of John Brown and his men during their raid on Harpers Ferry in October of 1859. The program, led by a park ranger, will follow the events as they unfolded during those fateful 36 hours one-hundred and fifty years ago. Descendants of townspeople, militia, marines, raiders and John Brown are invited to participate, where, at specific locations along the walk they will offer readings that relate to their ancestor's involvement and fate during the raid. At the conclusion of their reading, the participants will pause for a moment of silence and a carnation will be placed in their ancestor's memory. The walk will last approximately two-hours and is open to the public. For more information on the above programs or any other descendant events, please contact the John Brown Raid descendant liaison:

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