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Author's Book Talk:

Jude Pfister on *America Writes Its History, 1650-1850*

1 pm, August 23, 2014

Morristown, NJ – Visit Morristown National Historical Park (NHP) at 1 pm on Saturday, August 23, 2014, for a book talk and signing presented by Morristown NHP's Chief of Cultural Resources, Dr. Jude M. Pfister. His new book, *America Writes Its History, 1650-1850: The Formation of a National Narrative*, is an introduction to the development of history as a written art form and academic discipline during America's most crucial and impressionable period. Dr. Pfister will present an overview of his book which addresses the subject of writing American history over two crucial centuries, 1650-1850. During that time writers, not yet historians as we think of the term, sought to determine and fashion the guiding narrative of the unfolding American drama as played out against great upheavals in the social, economic, and political realms of colonial and Revolutionary America.

The talk and signing will be in the park's Washington's Headquarters Museum, 30 Washington Place, Morristown, New Jersey. Admission to the book talk is free. There is a \$4 admission charge for those who wish to go on a tour of Washington's Headquarters at the Ford Mansion.

America Writes Its History, 1650-1850 will be for sale in the museum's gift shop. All proceeds from the sale of the book benefit Morristown National Historical Park and the park's private partner, the Washington Association of New Jersey.

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