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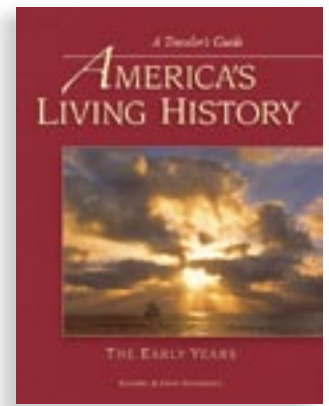
A Traveler's Guide

America's Living History—The Early Years

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WHAT IS HAPPENING TO AMERICA'S HISTORY?

In a nation focused on the “latest” and “greatest,” can the remains of our past survive modern advances? The answer may surprise you. Not only has much of America's history been saved, but much also has been dramatically rebuilt.

Several cities have torn down dozens of buildings and even rerouted roadways just to bring back to life a key part of their heritage – such as Tryon Palace in New Bern, North Carolina; Fort Stanwix in Rome, New York; and Derby Wharf in Salem, Massachusetts. Others have changed plans for new public works, like a sewage treatment plant that would have hidden SunWatch Indian Village in Dayton, Ohio.

In addition, history-minded citizens have recaptured portions of the past discovered during construction projects. Old Fort Madison, for example, was found under a parking area at the Sheaffer Pen Company and rebuilt nearby in Fort Madison, Iowa. In Anchorage, Alaska, Native Peoples have re-created portions of ancient villages to educate their children and the general public. In California, a non-sectarian civic-minded foundation has protected and restored a series of Spanish missions. And, of course, the National Park system has re-created a vast array of sites nationwide. America's love of history is a powerful force.

As the just-released guidebook *America's Living History—The Early Years* so graphically portrays, you can easily witness first-hand much that can only be imagined through books, lectures, museums and films. It showcases 300 premier destinations that have their roots in America's most formative years – the time before the 1840s westward movement. And it categorizes them by chapters in our history: America's Native Peoples, European Colonization, Religious and Secular Groups, Road to Independence, Our New Nation and Opening the West.

Here you will see Jamestown, Plimoth Plantation and Williamsburg plus a wealth of other important places where the world of our ancestors comes back to life through interpretive programs. It's an exceptional collection – enough to keep you exploring for a lifetime – with historical perspectives, sidebar features, tourist information, regional travel maps and 500 color photographs. Autographed copies are available direct from Red Corral Publishing via the website www.AmericasLivingHistory.com

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