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Howdy.

It's been a while. I've added several new names to the Postcard List since the last time I sent one. If this is your first, then Welcome. You're in good company.

Denise and I are on a road trip, and on our way to our destination, we stopped in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Denise had visited before but it was my first time.

The town is situated on the banks of the Potomac River, and was the site of a ferry established by Robert Harper in 1761, hence the name.

There are many significant historical events that took place here. One of them was John Browns Raid – where John led a group of twenty-two abolitionists in raiding the US Army Arsenal at Harpers Ferry in 1859. The goal was to use the weapons to initiate a slave uprising in the South. In the end, the raiders were captured or killed, and John Brown was tried, convicted and hanged for treason against the State of Virginia. But the event was a starting point for the Civil War.

Earlier, Meriwether Lewis (of Lewis & Clark fame) oversaw the construction of the collapsible, iron-framed, skin covered boats at Harpers Ferry, which were used during the expedition.

And it must have been a shipping crossroads – a major river, railroad, and canal system all converge in Harpers Ferry.

Attached are some of the sights. Highly recommended, and to be sure, Denise & I are going to return and spend more time in the area.

Cheers,
D&G.

Gary C. Worrell





