



Reliving History, Inc. exists to provide, enhance, and support educational programming at the Peter Burr House (ca. 1751, oldest wood-frame house in the state of West Virginia) and to stimulate increased interest in the historic period (1750-1800). This time frame reflects the period when the house was built and when its yeoman farm family represented a significant culture at the bedrock of American history. The result of the increased interest and accurate educational benefits will add to community interest in restoring and preserving this and other historic sites of the time.



We will blend historic experience with today's life styles. Our "reliving history" approach will create a historically accurate "presence" of a typical farm family and their culture and values as the 18th century meets the 21st century in the same area where the family once lived, loved, and worked. A cast of characters will be recruited and trained in 18th century life style, dressed in 18th century clothing, educated in history of both the Burr family and the local community, and will become a visible core for public relations and program delivery. They will become known in the community as the iconic Burr family.



They will view life from their cultural position, from their own eyes as they saw history in process. They will reflect values of middling-class early settlers who helped each other in order to survive in untamed new frontier. They will reflect the charitable outreach that would have been inherent of a family that helped start two Presbyterian Churches in the frontier soon after the Great Awakening.



Reliving History, Inc. will attempt to accomplish this goal as we:

- Build a local historic backdrop that will help to better define the historic house in context with lives that connected to it;
- Assist the local agency that owns the house by generating support (through educational programming) for restoration and preservation of the house in perpetuity;
- Endear the community to the house by weaving charitable service into programming to reflect cultural values of early settlers.



Reliving History, Inc. seeks to share the oldest surviving wood-frame house in West Virginia with the public in a meaningful way.

