

The VIRGINIA CANALS AND NAVIGATIONS SOCIETY announces our  
2012 CANAL CONFERENCE

in

**Covington – Clifton Forge, VA, May 4 - 6, 2012**

**“Make easy the Way”**



celebrating the

## **Bicentennial of Chief Justice John Marshall’s Pioneering Survey**

*From the James to the Kanawha River... An Epic Voyage Over the Alleghanies...*

“A great step forward toward fulfilling George Washington's dream of a firm commercial link tying together the eastern states with the frontier.”



Covington C&O Depot  
Photo by Philip deVos

### **VC&NS Weekend Event You Won’t Want to Miss:**

➤ **Banquet and meetings** hosted by the **Alleghany Historical Society** in their fine restored Covington C&O Depot - historical museum. Exhibits include James River Co. drawings on loan from the C&O Historical Archives.

➤ **Clifton Forge - Magic in the Mountains Festival** on Main St.

➤ **VC&NS display** at the **C&O Mountain Heritage Festival**

➤ **Watch period re-enactors** perform an “1812 Survey” demonstration.

➤ **View the National Geographic movie** of Joe Ayers and Batteau Columbia.



First Covington Depot  
Photo by Philip deVos

➤ **Enjoy the premier viewing of filmmaker, Jon Averill’s multimedia presentation on the Marshall Survey.**

➤ **Tour Covington** – founded in 1818 by Dr. James Merry as the upper port on James/Jackson’s River at the beginning of the JR&K Turnpike.

➤ **Explore the Midland Trail** - a scenic and informative tour to familiarize us with the terrain through which the Kanawha Turnpike was built by the canal company.

#### **➤ Nearby features include**

❖ **Humpback Bridge** – built for the canal company’s JR & K Turnpike

❖ **Merry’s Stand** – Dr Merry’s home near site of Merry’s warehouse

❖ **Covington Batteau Landing**

❖ **C&O Museum** in Clifton Forge

(just 12 miles away)

and more...



Humpback Bridge  
Photo by Philip deVos



C & O Railway Museum - Photo by Philip deVos

Be sure to purchase *Upper James Atlas*, by William Trout to prepare for this engaging weekend event.

★ **VISIT THE VC&NS WEBSITE** [www.vacanals.org](http://www.vacanals.org) **FOR UPDATES & MORE INFO.** ★

VC&NS is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to Virginia’s rich canal and river history, preservation and parks.