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The photographs in this report were taken on March 17 at the time I accompanied Assistant Regional Director E. M. Lisle to Harpers Ferry where we met Assistant Director Conrad L. Wirth and Assistant Chief Historian Herbert E. Kahler. Subsequently we attended a dinner at Harpers Ferry which was attended by Governor Patteson, Congressman Staggers, and approximately 130 other people from nearby communities in West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to promote establishment of Harpers Ferry National Historic Site.

These pictures were snapped very hurriedly in the course of a brief visit to part of the proposed park area. There was no time to make a selection of views to report on particular areas of interest.

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1. View across Shenandoah River where it joins Potomac at Harpers Ferry.



2. View from Harpers Ferry -- B&O railroad station across Potomac River to Maryland.



3. View in Harpers Ferry from B&O railroad station.



4. Foundation outline of arsenal and engine house where John Brown was captured, Harpers Ferry. This is B&O railroad property. View is from the railroad station.



5. Engine house in which John Brown was captured. It is now on the campus of Storer College (Negro co-educational), Harpers Ferry.



6. Marble marker commemorating John Brown on the engine house.



7. Side view of engine house.



8. Corner view of engine house.



9. Main building of Storer College. Left to right are Assistant Regional Director E. M. Lisle, Assistant Director Conrad L. Wirth, Assistant Chief Historian Herbert E. Kahler behind Mr. Wirth.



10. Street scene at church where dinner was given in honor of Governor Patteson and Congressman Staggers on March 17 in connection with the meeting to promote establishment of Harpers Ferry National Historic Site.



11. Road along crest of Bolivar Heights. This is a knife-edge ridge with several houses on either side of it. The farther tip overlooks the Potomac River. This area is proposed as part of Harpers Ferry National Historic Site.



12. View of residential developments, Bolivar Heights, in area proposed for Harpers Ferry National Historic Site.



13. View from Bolivar Heights looking across Potomac River to Maryland Heights. Harpers Ferry can be seen in the distance at right.



14. Another view from tip of Bolivar Heights looking across Potomac River to Maryland Heights. Harpers Ferry is at right at mountain gap.



15. View from Bolivar Heights looking east. Maryland Heights is at left across Potomac River. Town of Bolivar can be seen on plateau in middle distance. Harpers Ferry is out of sight and below it. Loudoun Heights are on right. Shenandoah River runs along base of Loudoun Heights and joins Potomac at gap between Maryland and Loudoun Heights.



16. Looking across Potomac River to ^{Maryland} mountain heights from Virginia. B&O railroad bridge is seen at left.



17. Looking down Shenandoah River to point where it joins the Potomac River.



18. View downstream along left bank of Shenandoah River toward site where Hall's rifle works were located at time of John Brown's raid.



19. View from Bolivar Heights along new highway to highway bridge in middle distance across Shenandoah River. The second bridge seen in distance is across the Potomac River. Loudoun Heights in right distance; Maryland Heights, left skyline.



20. View along highway in Virginia (downstream along Potomac River). New highway bridge into Maryland is in middle distance. Harpers Ferry is behind camera.