



# Reliving History, Inc.

**Vision Statement:** To excel in providing the highest possible quality of living history experience.

**Mission:** To help others:

- Comprehend the past by reliving it through the eyes and experiences of those who were there, and
- Get beyond judging the past solely in terms of present-day norms and values.

\*Our mission is an intensive application of Standard 2 for Historical Comprehension stated by the National Center for History in the Schools, and when adopted more widely may become a new standard for "Living History" educators.

**Purpose:** Reliving History, Inc. was organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes. As an organization of volunteers, we will bring history to life and enable citizens to make cultural heritage a valuable part of their lives. We support the ca. 1751 Peter Burr House (oldest wood frame structure in the state of West Virginia) owned by the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission. A rare treasure, the house reflects cultural roots that are intertwined in a fabric of our American heritage and offers a rich and valuable opportunity for learners of all ages.

**Process:** Eyes belong to persons not buildings. We will create a historically accurate persona of the family who lived in the Peter Burr House. That persona will not limit itself to the confines of a house, but will reflect history through educational and charitable activities in the community where they lived. Creation of a persona will be our way of bringing the spirit of the family back to the Peter Burr House and to its community.

