



First 'Retirement' Volume is Published

Volume 1 is now in print.

The first of the anticipated 23 volumes of *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series* was released in February by Princeton University Press. The inaugural volume was prepared by a team of editors led by J. Jefferson Looney, who is also director of the overall project.

The volume's 547 documents, which include letters both by and to Jefferson, cover the period from March 4, 1809, when he left the presidency, to Nov. 15 of that year.

During this time, Jefferson corresponded with scientists, statesmen, and scholars on both sides of the Atlantic while fielding requests for money, favors, and advice from an array of relatives, acquaintances, strangers, and cranks. Among the volume's highlights are a first-hand account of Jefferson's demeanor at his successor's inauguration; a visitor's detailed description of life at Monticello; and one of Jefferson's most eloquent calls for religious tolerance.

The full *Retirement Series* will be the definitive compilation of Jefferson's written legacy between his return to private life and his death on July 4, 1826.

Volume 1 of the *Retirement Series* (hardcover, 780 pages, \$99.50) is available at the two Monticello Museum Shops and online through the Web site of Princeton University Press (www.pupress.princeton.edu).

To coincide with the publication of Volume 1, the *Retirement Series* editorial staff and the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies conducted a two-day conference, "Thomas Jefferson and the Founding

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Fathers in Retirement,” at the Jefferson Library.

The conference, held March 3-4, attracted more than 40 historians, researchers, and documentary editors – including the editors of the papers of George Washington, John Adams, and James Madison – from across the United States and countries such as Germany, Ireland, and Scotland. Joyce Appleby, emeritus professor of history at the University of California, Los Angeles, was the keynote speaker.

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