

Lecture: Bound by the Furnace: Iron Slavery in Early National Pennsylvania

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Ironmasters were among the largest enslavers in early national Pennsylvania. In his talk, Dr. Young will discuss their presence in the commonwealth's surviving county slave registries, placing Cornwall and the Grubb and Coleman families in context. He will also focus on the experiences of the enslaved. The labor of bound ironworkers helped finance some of Pennsylvania's early colleges and stimulated trade with the emerging Deep South. Yet bondspeople did not wait for freedom; instead, they actively sought refuge from iron slavery by absconding or suing in the courts. The Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates is virtually hosting speaker, Dr. Cory Young and his presentation, Bound by the Furnace: Iron Slavery in Early National Pennsylvania, on Tuesday evening, November 14, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

The presenter, Dr. Cory Young is a historian of abolition and slavery and is an associate professor at the University of Iowa, where he teaches African American History. Dr. Young received his B.A. in History from the State University of New York, College at Geneseo, and completed his M.A. and Ph.D. in History at Georgetown University.

Mike Emery (CIF Administrator) will moderate a brief discussion at the end of the presentation.

This is an online lecture that will utilize the Zoom platform. However, there will also be a concurrent "watch party" in Freeman Auditorium on site at Cornwall Manor. Participants are encouraged to attend and will be able to virtually watch the speaker and ask questions directly to the moderator, Mike Emery who will be in the room running the talk.

Space is limited, and registration is required. To register please go to:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pedcKzjRTD-udvQ5pzkCrw

This presentation is offered at no cost to attendees, but donations are appreciated.