



Rick Pawling – Civil War Teamster

The role of a wagoner was to transport the supplies needed by the army, He was responsible for driving the wagon and maintaining it, feeding and caring for the mule team that pulled it, ensuring that it was loaded properly, and seeing that its cargo reached its destination safely. The cargo can be anything that an army of that time required; food, medicines, weapons, ammunition, clothing, shelter tents, tools, the soldier's knapsacks, officer/s luggage and anything else the Quartermaster Corps designated.

About our Speaker

Rich is a natural entertainer and former college professor. He is the owner and educational/interpretive specialist of "History AliveSM", a firm founded in 1991 that provides living history and heritage music programs and training workshops to parks, museums, colleges/universities, as well as civil, professional and historical organizations throughout the United States and Canada. In the 1980's, Rich was employed as a National Park Ranger assigned to Hopewell Furnace National Historical Site. His NPS accomplishments included the creation and design of the first-person programming (living history) at Hopewell Furnace and the winner of the "Interpreter of the Year (Freeman Tilden Award)" for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the National Park Service. In 1991, he began "History AliveSM" and returned to adjunct college teaching with a focus on cultural geography.