



## Elmira College

### Center for Mark Twain Studies

#### 2002 Fall Lecture Series

Wednesday, September 4, - *"Our Big New Organ Industry:" Mark Twain and the Hope-Jones Organ Company of Elmira, New York,* presented by Allison R. Ensor, Ph.D. of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The lecture will include the history of the Hope-Jones Organ Company, the promotional venture that brought nearly forty organists from New York City, and Mark Twain and Elmira's reaction. Dr. Ensor will speak about the history of the organ in the Park Church and share his research into the financial history of Twain and the Hope-Jones Company.

Friday, September 27, - *"Mark Twain, Travel Books, and Tourism: The Tide of a Great Popular Movement."* Author Jeffery A. Melton, Associate Professor of English at Auburn University, Montgomery, Alabama, will lecture on his new book. Melton uses Mark Twain travel writings as barometers of the author's intellectual and emotional growth. At a time when so many enjoyed reading travel books, Melton holds that Twain used this genre to increase income. Mr. Melton's book will be available for purchase and you may ask him to sign a copy.

Friday, October 11, - *"The Saga of the Quarry Farm Cats."* Howard Baetzhold, Ph.D., Professor of English Emeritus of Butler University, Indiana, will warm us all with his research into the cats of Mark Twain's household. The great American author's devoted love of the feline family has never been so well reported or researched. To get us all in the spirit of the evening, the Center for Mark Twain Studies will conduct a photo contest of YOUR pet cats, to be displayed at the lecture. Call the Center for information; photos must be submitted by October 10.

All lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Barn at Quarry Farm, located on Crane Road, Elmira, New York. Come early and enjoy refreshments and a visit with friends. Please contact the Center for Mark Twain Studies at 607-735-1941 for more information and detailed directions.