



## 2020 QUARRY FARM FELLOWSHIPS

The Center for Mark Twain Studies offers nine Quarry Farm fellowships for 2019 to any scholar working in the field of Mark Twain Studies at any career stage, giving Fellows the opportunity to work on academic or creative projects at Quarry Farm, the family home of Twain's sister- and brother-in-law, Susan and Theodore Crane. Twain and his family lived at Quarry Farm for over twenty summers. During this time, in an octagonal study located about one hundred yards from the main house, Mark Twain wrote the majority of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, and many other major works. Scholars are consistently struck by the beauty and quiet of the home and its surroundings, an environment inspiring in its own right and especially conducive to scholarly production.

Reflecting the mission of the Center for Mark Twain Studies, Quarry Farm Fellowships foster and support scholarship and creative works related to Mark Twain, including, but not limited to, his literature, life, family, associations, influences, reception, and significance. The fellowship selection process aims to assist scholars and artists in producing a variety of work of the highest distinction and to cultivate a diverse community of scholars across backgrounds, specializations, and ranks.

Mark Twain was a person who was interested in a myriad of different subjects. The Quarry Farm Fellowships reflect Twain's insatiable curiosity. Not only are scholars in the field of literature and history encouraged to apply, but applicants from any academic or creative field are eligible for the fellowships. While projects focusing on a critical analysis of Twain's literary corpus are indeed eligible, other possible projects that draw upon cultural studies, media studies, gender studies, environmental science, political science, economics, and the creative arts, for example, are also most welcome.

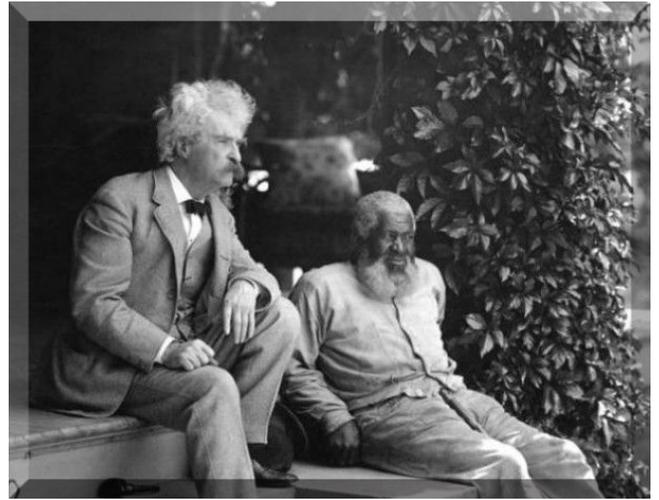
One of the most important literary landmarks in American history, Quarry Farm is also a working scholar's retreat with an updated, well-equipped work space for scholars and artists. Quarry Farm Fellows have access to a nearly complete reference collection on the premises, including the complete Oxford Mark Twain facsimile edition and Mark Twain Project publications as well as up-to-date secondary and reference works dedicated to Mark Twain Studies. The house is equipped with wireless internet access.

Fellows will be assured of their privacy since they will be the sole occupants of Quarry Farm during their stay. Immediate family members may accompany Quarry Farm Fellows, but this must be pre-arranged with the Director. Fellows have access to a fully equipped kitchen and shared laundry. Linens are provided. The pantry and refrigerator will be stocked with supplies upon the Fellow's arrival. A full-time Caretaker is on the premises in an apartment adjacent but separate from the main house, assisting the Fellows during their entire stay.



*Mark Twain sitting on the steps leading up to the original site of the Study*

In addition, Fellows are welcome to use the Mark Twain Archive located in the Gannett-Tripp Library on Elmira College's nearby campus. The Archive houses an exhaustive assemblage of biography, criticism, and reference sources; microfilm of material related to Elmira from the collections of the Mark Twain Project, the Mark Twain House, Vassar College, and the Huntington Library; and a library of photographs. The Archive also holds the association volumes from Quarry Farm, containing Mark Twain's marginalia, the Antenne Collection of books from Mark Twain's personal library, and the John S. Tuckey Collection of more than two hundred and fifty scholarly titles. The Collection is updated continuously.



*Mark Twain sitting on the Porch with John T. Lewis, local farmer, friend of Twain, and Quarry Farm neighbor*

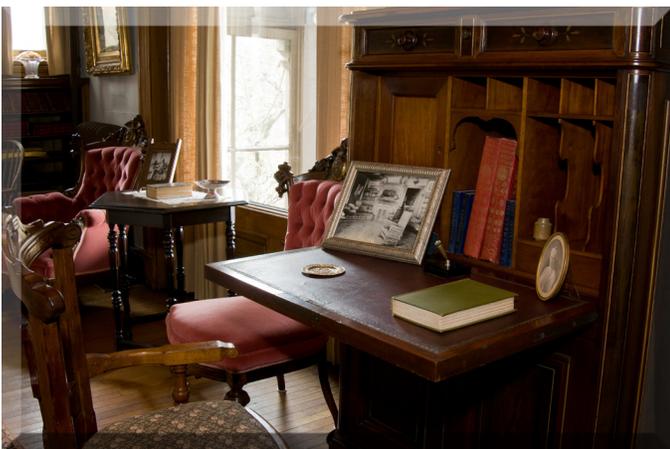
In addition, scholars can take advantage of the Cornell University Library systems and the Chemung County Historical Society. Both are nearby and contain many books, archival collections relating to Clemens, Langdon, and the Beecher families, and resources documenting the progressive history of upstate New York, including collections on abolition, slavery, and woman's suffrage.

### **Ten Quarry Farm Fellowships will be offered in 2020:**

- Three one-month residencies, including housing at Quarry Farm and a \$1500 honorarium for each residency
- Six two-week residencies, including housing at Quarry Farm and a \$1000 honorarium for each residency
- At least one month-long and two two-week fellowships will be reserved for graduate students, contingent faculty, and faculty three or fewer years removed from completion of their Ph.D.
- At least one two week-residency will be reserved for creative writers

### **Requirements**

- Fellowships require fellows to be in residence for a majority of their fellowship.
- Fellows are expected to work on their proposed scholarly or creative projects while they are in residency.
- Fellows must provide a short summary (maximum 500 words) of what they accomplished during their residency and an evaluation of the resources they used at Quarry Farm and in the Archives within 30 days of leaving Quarry Farm.
- CMTS encourages Quarry Farm Fellows, especially those who plan to apply for future residencies, to provide updates on the progress of their research, including publications, exhibitions, performances, and scholarly presentations. Such updates assist CMTS in fulfilling its mission of service to Mark Twain Studies, as well as helping us assess the fellowship process.



*Writing desk in the Quarry Farm Parlor where Twain wrote large portions of Roughing It in 1871.*



*View from the Quarry Farm Porch, overlooking the Chemung River and the hills of Northern Pennsylvania*

## Application Process

Applications must be submitted to [twaincenter@elmira.edu](mailto:twaincenter@elmira.edu) or to Dr. Joseph Lemak, the Director of the Center for Mark Twain Studies, at [jlemak@elmira.edu](mailto:jlemak@elmira.edu). Applications for 2020 will be accepted until November 30, 2019. Applicants are notified when applications are received, and are notified of the fellowship competition outcome by January 31, 2020.

## Application Content

- Contact and biographical information about the applicant
- A curriculum vitae of no more than 10 pages
- A cover letter of no more than 1500 words describing the research project, its scholarly significance, progress to date, and the candidate's professional background relevant to the project.
- One letter of reference from an official "sponsor." This person should directly know the candidate and the candidate's work (preferably the primary advisor for a graduate student or a mentor figure for early career scholars). Sponsors who wish to submit their letter of reference via e-mail should send them to [twaincenter@elmira.edu](mailto:twaincenter@elmira.edu) or [jlemak@elmira.edu](mailto:jlemak@elmira.edu). Reference letters must be received at the Center by the application deadline. Consideration of letters received after that date cannot be guaranteed.

## Application Criteria

Fellows will be chosen by a nine person selection committee after an initial screening process by the staff of the Center for Mark Twain Studies. Applications will be judged based on the following factors:

- The project's potential value to Mark Twain Studies and the applicant's field.
- The clarity, relevance, and current status of the specific project being proposed.

## 2020 Quarry Farm Fellowship Selection Committee

- Nathaniel Ball, Archivist of the Mark Twain Archive, Elmira College (ex officio)
- Ben Click, Editor of Mark Twain Annual (ex officio)
- Kerry Driscoll, Professor Emerita, University of St. Joseph
- Alan Gribben, Editor of Mark Twain Journal (ex officio)
- Joseph Lemak, Director of the Center for Mark Twain Studies, Elmira College (ex officio)
- Terry Oggel, Professor of English, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Matthew Seybold, Professor of American Literature, Elmira College (ex officio)
- Two senior Twain scholars from the 2019 Class of Quarry Farm Fellows



*“But we are housed here on top of the hill, where it is always cool, & still, & reposeful, & betwitching”*

Samuel Langhorne Clemens writes to William Dean Howells about Quarry Farm  
14 June 1877; Elmira, New York