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Historical Novel Set in Jonesborough in the Early Days of the Nation

The Westward Sagas by David Bowles tell the story of the Mitchell family's 100-year odyssey west from Pennsylvania to Texas. *Book 2: Adam's Daughters* will be introduced in Jonesborough, Tennessee, during the National Storytelling Festival.

Adam's Daughters is set in Jonesborough in the first twenty years of the nation's existence. Though the story is fictional, everything *could* have happened as the author imagined it.

For example, in the book, Andrew Jackson courts Peggy Mitchell, the oldest of Adam Mitchell's daughters. Bowles said, "Although there is no historical record that Andrew Jackson courted Peggy Mitchell, it is possible—perhaps likely. We know Andrew was in Jonesborough in 1788. He and Peggy were both young and unmarried, and there were not many marriageable men and women in the area at the time." The author explained other connections between Andrew Jackson and the Mitchell family. He concluded, "Did Andrew Jackson court Peggy Mitchell? No one knows. Is it possible? Absolutely."

Bowles will be signing *Adam's Daughters* at the National Storytelling Festival. He will appear at the Jonesborough Branch of the Washington County Library System twice, first for a reception and booksigning then for a presentation on the Lost State of Franklin. The author will also be interviewed by area media. He will conclude his visit to Jonesborough at the Adam Mitchell Family Reunion.

The author's appearance schedule and more information can be found at www.westwardsagas.com. There are currently two books in The Westward Sagas: *Book 1: Spring House* and *Book 2: Adam's Daughters*. *Book 3* is scheduled for release in the spring of 2012.

The Westward Sagas are published by Plum Creek Press, Inc., in San Antonio, Texas.

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