

**ADULT COURSES** ■ Members: \$15, Nonmembers: \$20 unless otherwise noted

**\*Genealogy series: price break if you register for all 3: \$40 for members or \$50 for non-members**

Price break to members who register and pre-pay for any 3 courses. \$40 members only  
Advance registration suggested: (717) 392-4633 or on-line at www.lancasterhistory.org

**\*Basic Genealogy: Unlocking Your Family's Past** *Monday, October 4, 2010, 10–12 noon and Monday, March 14, 2010, 6:30–8:30 pm. Instructor: Marjorie Bardeen, Interim Director of Library Services.* This class is designed for anyone who wants to learn the basics of genealogical research. No Lancaster County connections required. Discover how to gather and organize information, and use vital and census records to build your family tree.

**The Conservation & Restoration of 3-Dimensional Objects**

*Monday, October 11, 2010, 6:30–8:30 pm. Instructor: Barry Rauhauser, Stauffer Curator & Director of History on the Web.* From the family teapot to the green silk wedding dress, family heirlooms record history in a unique way. But while this historical record may be tangible, it can also be quite fragile as silver tarnishes, leather dries, and silk deteriorates. This workshop will cover some basic techniques for preserving, and perhaps even restoring, some of your family's treasures.



**\*Intermediate Genealogy: Digging Deeper** *Monday, October 18, 2010, 10–12 noon and Monday, April 4, 2011, 6:30–8:30 pm. Instructor: Marianne Heckles, Research Asst. & Photo Collection Coordinator.* Examine records available nationally and at the historical society, and learn more advanced research techniques.

**Prerequisite:** Basic knowledge of genealogy.

**Looking Beyond Government Records: Advanced Genealogical Research** *Monday, October 25, 2010, 6:30–9:00 pm. Instructor: Heather Tennes, Director of Archival Services.* This advanced course explores personal papers, business records, and family collections to learn more about your ancestors. Government records reveal only part of your family history. Learn how to use letters, minute books, and school records to discover clues to your family's past. There will be time for research and to use collection items. **Prerequisite:** Intermediate knowledge of genealogy.

**\*Advanced Genealogy: Tackling Genealogy Problems** *Monday, November 1, 2010, 10–12 noon and Monday, April 25, 2011, 6:30–8:30 pm. Instructor: Kevin Shue, Certified Genealogist.* This advanced course addresses the use of military records; the focus is on analyzing and solving genealogical problems. Includes citing sources and the genealogical proof standard. **Prerequisite:** Intermediate knowledge of genealogy.

**No Good Deed Goes Unrecorded: Plotting Deeds for Genealogical Research**

*Monday, November 8, 2010, 6:30–8:30 pm. Instructor: Guest Instructor James Landis, Genealogist.* What did the family's farm look like? Where was it located? These are common questions for any person with land-owning ancestors. This course begins with an introduction to the structure of deeds followed by precise instruction on how to plot a property description for a tract of land including techniques and strategies for locating that property. A must for anyone working with deeds and land research.

**Born & Bred in Lancaster County** *Sunday, February 20, 2011, 1–3 pm. Instructor: Kevin Shue, Certified Genealogist.* Discover how your ancestors' social networks, geography, and community can help you piece together their story and connect to additional records outside of the county.

**Preserving Your Family History Workshop** *Monday, March 7, 2011 6:30–8:30 pm. Instructor: Heather Tennes, Director of Archival Services.* Learn how to preserve your family's history for future generations. Course covers preservation, storage, and organization of various documents. Students should bring a few documents from their personal collection to use in a discussion on care, preservation, and storage.

**Who is that Relative in the Picture: Identifying Old Photographs** *Monday, April 11, 2011, 10 am–12 noon. Instructor: Marianne Heckles, Research Asst. & Photo Collection Coordinator.* Bring along your old family photographs and discover how to identify them by looking at photograph type, clothing and hairstyles. Learn how to pinpoint a timeframe for unidentified images. Pick up valuable tips on preserving and caring for your family photographs.

**Whispering down the Lane: How to Conduct an Oral History** *Monday, April 18, 2011, 6:30–8:30 pm. Instructor: Barry Rauhauser, Stauffer Curator & Director of History on the Web.* Here's a chance to learn how to interview your favorite veteran or any other member of your family or community. Workshop topics include the interview process, methods and techniques, and transcribing and editing your interview.

**Let the Records Show: Courthouse Research (sessions priced individually)** *Monday, May 9, 2011, 6:30–8:30 pm Part I: Civil and Criminal Court Records Monday, May 16, 2011, 6:30–8:30 pm Part II: Register of Wills and Orphans' Court. Instructors: Heather Tennes, Director of Archival Services, Katie Fichtner, Archives Asst.* Has your research come to a road block? Unlock the past and discover new avenues to research by becoming familiar with almost three centuries of Lancaster County's historic government records. This hands-on course will include a tour of the archives, a rare chance to handle original documents and time for research.

**OFF-SITE ADULT COURSES** ■ Members: \$20, Nonmembers: \$25 unless otherwise noted.

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**Taverns of Eighteenth Century Lancaster: A Walking Tour, Downtown Lancaster** *Saturday, October 23, 2010, 4:00–6:00 pm and Friday, May 13, 2011 5:00–7:00 pm. Guest instructor and guide: James Landis.* Explore the history of Lancaster's taverns and breweries as you meander city streets to uncover pubs of the past. Two complimentary libations. This 2-hour guided tour is offered both fall and spring. Group tours can be arranged. Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members.

Coming in Spring\_

**NEW** **Downtown Walking Tours with Dr. David Schuyler, Franklin and Marshall College** Join Dr. Schuyler for spring walking tours of Downtown Lancaster and Woodward Hill Cemetery. Check www.lancasterhistory.org in March for specific dates and locations.

**NEW** **Little Red Schoolhouse Tour** *May 7, 2011. Guest instructor and guide: Ginger Shelley.* Hop on the little yellow school bus and travel with Ginger Shelley to one-room schools around the county. Lessons trace the history of the common school movement from its beginnings in 1834 until consolidation in the 1950's. Expect a new lesson or schoolhouse game at each stop. Avoid the dunce cap! Cost: \$25

**REGIONAL HISTORY COLLOQUIA & "MY AMERICA" LECTURE SERIES**

Free and open to the public  
*Fridays, September through May, 4 pm social gathering and refreshments, 4:30–5:30 pm presentation.* These two popular series feature presentations by noted historians, published authors, scholars and other experts who are researching an area of interest or completing a publication. See www.lancasterhistory.org for lectures throughout the year.

**NEW WHEATLAND PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE SERIES IN THE FALL**

*September 17, 2010. Dr. John Quist, Shippensburg University* "Religion in the Lives and Presidencies of James Buchanan and Abraham Lincoln"

*October 22, 2010. Dr. Matthew Pinsker, Dickinson College* "Abraham Lincoln and Presidential War Powers"

*November 12, 2010. Dr. Richard Glenn, Millersville University* "Presidential Power, President Lincoln and the Redefinition of the US Constitution"

**MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS**

These entertaining illustrated talks introduce your group to one unique aspect of Lancaster County history. Duration: 40 to 60 minutes. Group size: 15–200. Cost: \$60

**Pressing Palms and Kissing Babies** Presidential candidates—every four years they monopolize the TV screen, fill neighborhood yards, and decorate automobile bumpers. Some will be remembered forever; others are soon forgotten. How presidential candidates appeal to Lancaster County voters tells us not only about the candidate, but about how the rest of the world sees Lancaster County.

**Lincoln Rides the Rails: The Culture of Death in America** The culture of death in America has changed dramatically over 300 years. Trace these transformations from the 1750 to the present.

**The Gold Rush through the Eyes of a Lancasterian** Travel across the country to California in 1850 and discover the hard life of a gold miner through the letters and journal of David B. Hackman.

**The Asgill Affair** In 1782, British Loyalists murdered an American officer. As retribution, Gen. George Washington ordered the execution of Capt. Charles Asgill, a 19-year-old British soldier imprisoned in Lancaster. Hear about the worldwide firestorm of controversy and see the letters that sealed Asgill's fate.

**Preparing for Greatness: Harriet Lane & Her Uncle the President** Like many children of the early 19th century, Harriet Lane experienced the grief of death. Listen to the story of her life with Uncle James Buchanan gleaned from family letters and discover the legacy she left behind as the first First Lady.

**Dead Men Do Tell Tales** Listen to stories of the men and women of Lancaster County's past—gleaned from the documents they left behind.

**Speaking of Lancaster...The Importance of Oral History** Find out what oral histories can teach us about the past and hear some fascinating stories about life in Lancaster.

**Preserving Your Family History** Learn how to preserve your family's history for future generations with expert advice on preserving, storing, and organizing documents.

**NEW** **President Buchanan & The Coming of the Civil War** Can we hold James Buchanan responsible for the coming of the Civil War? Or, were there other factors that together brought about the bloodiest conflict witnessed on the continent?

**NEW** **From Corsets to Crinolines: Nineteenth-Century Attire** For many, the word "Victorian" brings to mind a vision of high collars and uncomfortable underwear. Discover the truth about 19th century attire, with an emphasis on the Civil War Era, through authentic period examples and illustrations.

**NEW** **The Lost Art of Gracious Living: Victorian Etiquette and Sociability** Do you find yourself longing for the gentility of an era gone by? Yearn no longer. Discover the art of Victorian social rituals, gracious manners, fashionable attire, and more.

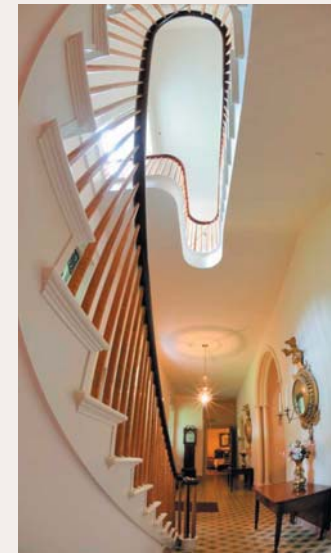
**NEW** **The Sunken Town of Peach Bottom, PA** *Guest lecturers: Mary Boomsma & Stan White.* Explore the history of Peach Bottom, the once-upon-a-time village in Southern Lancaster County that was completely submerged when the Conowingo Dam was completed in 1928.

**NEW** **The Lancaster, Oxford, Southern Railroad** *Guest lecturers: Mary Boomsma & Stan White.* The LO&S was affectionately known to locals as The Little Old & Slow. This special talk traces the history of the narrow-gauge railroad of Southern Lancaster County from 1873–1920. Talk features archival photos of multiple stations and stops.

**NEW** **One-Room Schoolhouses of Lancaster County** *Guest lecturer: Ginger Shelley.* Learn about Pennsylvania's common school movement from its beginning in 1834 until consolidation in the 1950s. Nearly 600 one-room schools were found throughout Lancaster County. Discover how many still dot our landscape and how they are used today.

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**WHEATLAND TOURS & HIGHLIGHTS**

**Tours of President Buchanan's Wheatland**

*April through October.* Tours offered hourly Monday through Saturday between 10 am and 3 pm. Final tour each day starts at 3 pm.

*November:* Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am–4 pm. Final tour begins at 3 pm.

*January through March, Mon–Fri.* Available by appointment. Call 717-392-8721

Once a month, Wheatland features special immersion interpretations in addition to house tours.

**The War Years at Wheatland** *Saturday, October 16, 2010, noon–4 pm.* The Wrightsville Bridge is on fire and Lancasterians are in a panic. Will Lee's Rebel Army reach Lancaster? Discover how Old Buck reacted to this Civil War crisis.

**President's Day at Wheatland** *February 21, 2010, 10 am–4 pm.* Meet President Buchanan, his close friends and family and hear what they thought of Lincoln's policies and the attack on Fort Sumter.

**Life Below Stairs: The Servants' Tour** *March 5, 2011 noon–4 pm.* Meet Hetty Parker, head housekeeper, and several other domestic servants who worked at Wheatland in "Life Below Stairs," a term used to describe the life of the servant class during Victorian times.

**Etiquette and Tea in Victorian Wheatland** *March 19, 1 and 3 pm.* Napkin on your lap, never dine with your gloves on, elbows off the table—a few rules from a young lady's guide to tea party etiquette. Reserve a seat for your young lady to experience Victorian etiquette at Wheatland's Tea Party. First sitting for ages 9–13; second sitting for ages 14–17. Price \$12/young lady.

**Wheatland: The Early Years** *April 2, 12 noon–4 pm.* James Buchanan retired from public life in the spring of 1849 and moved to Wheatland; by August 1853 he reluctantly set sail for London as Minister to Great Britain under President Pierce. Explore the years leading up to this mission.

**Harriet Lane: Democratic Queen** *May 7, 12 noon–4 pm.* Meet First Lady Harriet Lane at 4 stages of her life: as a teen, as Buchanan's the First Lady, while grieving the loss of her 2 sons, and in the autumn of her life. An intimate portrayal of an intriguing woman.

**First Lady's Formal Tea** *May 14, 2011, 1 and 3 pm.* Enjoy this sumptuous catered tea, hosted by Harriet Lane and her uncle President James Buchanan. Held in the elegant parlors at Wheatland; Two sittings offered: seating limited. \$40/person

**The Passing of the President** *June 4 & 11, 2011, 12 noon–4 pm.* Though Buchanan requested "no pomp or parade" upon his death, Harriet spared no expense and more than 4,000 mourners paid their respects. Join family members as they mourn the passing of the 15th President of the United States.

**Independence Day Picnic** *July 2, 2011, 12 noon–4 pm.* Pack a family picnic and the Buchanan family as they celebrate Independence Day at Wheatland with fresh churned ice cream, popular games and music from the summer of 1851.

**Life Below Stairs: The Servants' Tour** *August 6, 2011, noon–4 pm.* (see description above)

**To be a Teenager in Victorian America** *September 3, 2011, 12 noon–4 pm.* In the spring of 1849, Buchanan moved to Wheatland with 2 teenage wards, niece Harriet and nephew James Buchanan Henry. Gain a glimpse into their pastimes, their problems, their pleasures.

**The War Years at Wheatland** *October 1, 2011 noon–4 pm.* (see description above)



**Yuletide at Wheatland**

*December, 2010*

Experience the Presidential mansion during the holidays. It's the 1870s and Wheatland is decked in greenery and glowing with candlelight. Harriet Lane Johnston and her family invite you to this special Yuletide glimpse into holidays past. Enjoy hot chocolate, glittering candles, stories in the parlor, and a visit from St. Nicholas.



**Louise Arnold Tanger Arboretum** Named for naturalist Louise Arnold Tanger, the arboretum boasts 104 varieties of mature trees from the common to the exotic. Self-guided tours with printed maps are always available. Group tours, guided by members of Friends of the Tanger Arboretum, can be arranged at anytime. Call (717) 392-4633.

**Gardens of the Susquehanna** *Tour more than 50 Gardens throughout the Susquehanna Valley from late March through October.* Books (your ticket for repeated visits through 3 seasons) available first weekend in December at the Holiday Greens Sale and at LancasterHistory.org. Cost: \$20 for repeat visits to multiple gardens. A great Christmas Gift idea.

**Holiday Greens Sale** *December 4 & 5, 2010, Saturday 10 am–4 pm, Sunday 12 noon–4 pm.* Buy your greens for hearth & home at the President's home. Yuletide tours available Saturday.

**Annual Spring Plant Sale** *May 6 and 7, 2011.* Wheatland Garden Club hosts a booth this year at the Landis Valley Herb Faire. Locally grown iris, herbs, perennials and annuals. Don't miss this chance to beautify and replenish your own garden at this "must see" Lancaster tradition.

**Civic Heroism Project (grades 6-12)**

Watch for our new school publication coming in spring of 2011. This student newspaper explores incidents of Lancaster County Civic Heroism from the 1700s through the present. A great resource for discussion and debate on religious tolerance, ethnic diversity, the quest for freedom, and the rise of "hate crimes."

**Go to the Source (grades 4-12)**

This interactive workshop puts primary sources into students' hands. Reproductions of historical documents, photographs, and artifacts help students relate local events to national history. All workshops designed to meet selected Pennsylvania Standards for History.

- Topics:
- Abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens
  - The Christiana Resistance (1851)
  - African-American Soldiers in the Civil War
  - The Burning of the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge (1865)
  - Martin Meylin's Gun Shop

Duration: 45 to 60 minutes. Cost: \$40 per session  
Additional information available at [www.lancasterhistory.org](http://www.lancasterhistory.org).

**Community Soundings: Recording History, Creating Community (grades 8-12)**

Help us record and preserve Lancaster County's twentieth century history. Learn history from those who lived it by interviewing and recording oral histories of family members and area residents. This program offers unique opportunities for building bridges across generations. Call us for pricing options. This program meets selected Pennsylvania Academic Standards in History and in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening

**Online Resources for Educators**  
[www.lancasterhistory.org](http://www.lancasterhistory.org)

Check out our Web site for these free local history resources.

- **Columbia Spy** Online (1830-1889)  
Full text of historic newspaper  
Lesson plans
- **New Holland Clarion** Online (1873-1950)  
Full text of historic newspaper  
Lesson plans
- African-American history in Lancaster County  
Lesson plans
- Primary sources
- Our library catalog
- Online exhibitions

Funding for school and community programs generously provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities, with support from the Fulton Family Foundation, the Institute for Museum & Library Services, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, and the Bickford Foundation.

**CONTACT US**

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**EXPLORE**  
**5th Annual Webelos Civil War Camp Out**

November 5, 6 and 7, 2010.

Camp out on the grounds of Wheatland alongside Union troops. Discover camp life, question James Buchanan about the War, the secessionists and the abolitionists and earn Webelos activity achievements. Pre-registration required. Fee covers activity, supplies, and meals. Call 717-392-8721 x222 to register.



Twice a year re-enactors transform our lawn into a living history lesson. Step back in time to talk with a Union soldier, inspect the cannon, chat with a Red Cross Donut Dolly, sample sauerkraut, and dance the jitterbug.

**World War II Encampment**  
Spring, 2011

- A fleet of military vehicles
- Paratroopers, infantry, Seabees
- Weapons displays
- USO Big Band Dance



**Civil War Encampment**  
Fall, 2011

- Over 75 re-enactors
- Military drills & artillery displays
- Civil War cannon
- Torchlight Tours of the Camp

**TRAVEL**

Recent trips have included travel to Russia, China, The Danube and Rhine Rivers. Call for International Travel Opportunities.

**CELEBRATE**  
**Spirits in the Mansion**  
Fall, 2010 and 2011

Our famous Martinis in the Mansion with a Twist. Discover the mansion after dark. Heavy hors d'ouvres, cocktails, conversation, and perhaps a few visitors from the past. Hmmm...could the mansion be haunted? \$40 per person



**LancasterHistory.org Holiday Party**  
December 3, 2010

**Valentine's Gala: An Evening of Romance & History**  
Saturday, February 12, 2011

**Mojitos in the Mansion**  
Spring, 2011

Raise your glass with President James Buchanan and friends in a celebration of spring. Heavy hors d'ouvres, refreshing cocktails, captivating conversation. \$40 per person

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**Yuletide at Wheatland**  
December, 2010



**Colloquia & Lectures**  
Monthly



**Spirits in the Mansion**  
Fall, 2010 and 2011

**Mojitos in the Mansion** Spring, 2011



**Tours of Wheatland**  
Throughout the Year



**Over 1 Million Archival Manuscripts**



**15,000 Objects**



**45,000 Historic Photographs**

**World War II Encampment**  
Spring, 2011  
**Civil War Encampment** Fall, 2011



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