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Lancaster County's Historical Society & President James Buchanan's Wheatland

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All events are camera friendly, and principals will be available for interviews.

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August 2017 Story Ideas

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Saturday, August 5, 11am & 2pm **African-American Heritage Walking Tours**

Learn about abolitionists, Underground Railroad agents, preachers and entrepreneurs in downtown Lancaster. An expert tour guide takes visitors to the important places in African-American history. Sites include Black businesses on Penn Square, the site of the Elite Hotel, the Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith historic site, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster County Courthouse, St. James Episcopal Church, site of the old Lancaster Train Station, Shreiner-Concord Cemetery, Fulton Hall/Old Jail and Central Market. Tours last 60-90 minutes.

Tours will be given the first Saturday of every month through October. No reservations needed. Tickets available four days at the Lancaster City Visitor Center.

Tours depart August 5 from the Lancaster City Visitor Center, 38 Penn Square.

Saturday, August 5, Tours 12 - 3pm **Wheatland: The Early Years** **Living History at Wheatland**

He's been a Congressman, a Senator, an ambassador, and Secretary of State, overseeing the settlement of our northern and southern borders. Now James Buchanan is a gentleman farmer

and maintains - at least outwardly - that his public life is over. It's not, of course. Nevertheless, he finds the life of a squire to be quite appealing, and receives visitors from far and wide who come to pay their respects to Pennsylvania's elder statesman. With his niece, Harriet Lane, and nephew, James B. Henry, at his side, Buchanan welcomes a few out-of-town guests at August's Living History at Wheatland, including Connecticut State Senator Isaac Toucey and his wife Catherine Nichols Toucey.

Presentations are on the hour and last about 30 minutes. Coverage can be arranged for any tour.

President James Buchanan's Wheatland, 230 President Avenue, Lancaster

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