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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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## Presidents Day celebrated with Wheatland Living History tours

*James Buchanan's historic exchange with the UK dramatized at Wheatland*

Lancaster, PA (February 2, 2018) – LancasterHistory.org celebrates Presidents Day at James Buchanan's Wheatland, the home of Pennsylvania's only President, with special Living History tours featuring a first-person presentation: *The Trans-Atlantic Cable: The Eighth Wonder of the World*. Visitors will be transported back to August 1858 as Buchanan and family celebrate the completion of the Trans-Atlantic Cable. The completion of the cable connected President Buchanan in the United States with Queen Victoria in the United Kingdom, a feat that many newspapers called the "Eighth Wonder of the World." Join Buchanan and First Lady Harriet Lane as they celebrate and inform guests about this latest technological achievement.

The Trans-Atlantic Cable completed the first intercontinental telegram in world history. The message took 16 hours to send through over 2,000 miles of cable laid on the Atlantic Ocean floor. Previously, it would take 12 days to send a message by steamship and land telegraph. The cable lasted only one month before deterioration forced its retirement, but its influence on communication and cultural diffusion is eternal.

Presidents Day Living History at Wheatland tours *The Trans-Atlantic Cable* take place on Monday, February 19, 2018 with tours on the hour at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. Advance

reservations are strongly recommended, and guests are advised to arrive 15 minutes prior before their tour entry time for check-in. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.lancasterhistory.org/events](http://www.lancasterhistory.org/events) or by calling (717) 392-4633.

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