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## Discover the History of Wheatland as a Farm in Upcoming Special Subject Tour at LancasterHistory

*Tour examines the presidential home as a farm, Buchanan's role as a gentleman farmer*

**LANCASTER, PA** — **LancasterHistory** will present a new guided tour program, "Wheatland: A Gentleman's Farm," on Saturday, April 5 at **President James Buchanan's Wheatland**. The tour offers a deep dive into the history of the Wheatland property as an ornamental farm and Buchanan's role as a gentleman farmer.

While many know **James Buchanan** as the United States' 15th president, many do not know that he was a gentleman farmer. From 1849 to 1868, Buchanan lived at Wheatland, which sat upon 22.5 acres of meadows, orchards, and gardens. In the mid-1800s, gentleman farmers were hobbyist farmers, meaning that their primary source of income came from other means (in Buchanan's case, his law career and real estate holdings) and that the farm was more of a supplement to their livelihoods than integral to their survival. Throughout their tour of the Wheatland mansion, visitors will learn about the various crops grown on the property, the meals prepared, the individuals who worked the land for Buchanan, and the natural landscape that surrounded the home on the western side of Lancaster City.

"Wheatland: A Gentleman's Farm," a special guided tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, April 5 at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster. Tours will be available on the hour, beginning at 10am and continuing until the last tour at 3pm. Visitors should note that the April 5 tour will be more focused on this specific topic (Wheatland as a gentleman's farm) rather than a general history of Buchanan and the home, and will take place indoors.

Tickets are available for purchase [online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633. Advance reservations are highly recommended as tours may sell out and walk-in tickets may not be available. LancasterHistory members receive complimentary admission but should reserve their tickets in advance to guarantee the tour time of their choice. Active military and veterans and SNAP EBT and WIC card holders are eligible for free or reduced admission rates. Please contact LancasterHistory by phone if you wish to take advantage of these special rates.

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### **About LancasterHistory**

*LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the homes of 15th US President James Buchanan and Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith.*

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