



# LancasterHistory

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## April 2022 Events & Story Ideas

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### ***First to Rise & Last To Retire: The Domestic Workers at Wheatland***

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**

Tours from 10am - 3pm at LancasterHistory

*Edward Bolger. Mary Smithgall. The Freelanders. Rosanna Gordon.* These are the few names of the many people employed at Wheatland during Buchanan's lifetime. On April 2, take a special guided tour of Wheatland that places the spotlight on the people who worked to create the comfortable lifestyle that Buchanan and his family enjoyed: the domestic workers. Learn from the history and stories about the domestic workers' lives, their daily jobs on the Wheatland property, and the social division between the workers and Buchanan's family.

*First to Rise & Last to Retire: The Domestic Workers at Wheatland*, a special guided tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, April 2. Tours will be available on the half hour, beginning at 10am and continuing until the last tour at 3pm.

**Please Note: These tours are not our regular General Admission tours and will not be James Buchanan-focused.**

Tickets are available for [purchase online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633. When booking online, be sure to first select the date of April 2, followed by the time of your choice. Advance reservations are highly recommended as tours may sell out and walk-in tickets may not

be available. Members receive complimentary admission, but must reserve their tickets in advance. We recommend visitors consults LancasterHistory's [Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#) prior to their visit.

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## ***Civil War and Civil Rights in Philadelphia***

**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

7pm ET | Online via Zoom

**On Thursday, April 7**, author, historian, and Villanova University history professor Dr. Judith Giesberg will join LancasterHistory virtually to explore the Philadelphia civil rights community and highlight the work of numerous African American women in schools and churches during the Civil War and afterwards. Giesberg will also look at Lancaster's charitable societies and women's involvement in the local Civil War effort, such as the contributions of Rosina Hubley and Lydia Hamilton Smith.

**Judith Giesberg, Ph.D.**, is editor of the *Journal of the Civil War Era* and a professor of history at Villanova University. She is the author of four books on the Civil War era: *Civil War Sisterhood: The United States Sanitary Commission and Women's Politics in Transition* (2000); *"Army at Home": Women and the Civil War on the Northern Home Front* (2009); *Keystone State in Crisis: Pennsylvania in the Civil War* (2013); and *Sex and the Civil War: Soldiers, Pornography, and the Making of American Morality* (2017). Giesberg also edited *Emilie Davis's Civil War: The Diaries of a Free Black Woman in Philadelphia, 1863–1865* (2014) and coedited, with Randall Miller, *Women and the American Civil War: North-South Counterpoints* (2018). She directs the project "Last Seen: Finding Family after Slavery," which is digitizing "Information Wanted" advertisements placed in newspapers by African Americans looking for family members lost in slavery.

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

This event will take place **online via Zoom** on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 7pm Eastern. **This is NOT an in-person event.**

The program is free and open to the public but requires advance registration. Register online by visiting [lancasterhistory.org/events](https://lancasterhistory.org/events) or by calling (717) 392-4633. **The attendee link to the Zoom event will be emailed upon successful registration.** Registration for this program will close online on April 7 at 6:50pm ET.

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# 2022 Annual Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

10am ET | Woodward Hill Cemetery

Join us on Saturday, April 23 at 10am at Woodward Hill Cemetery for the Annual Presidential Wreath Ceremony. Hosted by the Woodward Hill Cemetery, the ceremony features a wreath laying of fresh flowers at the gravesite of James Buchanan, the 15th President of the United States of America. The wreath will be presented at Mr. Buchanan's grave on behalf of President Joseph R. Biden by a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

More information about the ceremony to follow.

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## LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

For the month of April, LancasterHistory is open to the public on  
Wednesdays - Saturdays from 9:30am - 5pm. Wheatland tours are available  
Wednesdays - Saturdays from 10am - 3pm.

Limited-capacity | Reservations recommended  
Plan your visit by reviewing LancasterHistory's  
[Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#) and [FAQs](#).