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Collections Up Close: LancasterHistory Presents Lancaster County Tall Clocks

Presentation Examines Lancaster County's Role in Clock-Making in America

LANCASTER, Pa. – LancasterHistory is excited to announce an upcoming *Collections Up Close* tour, “Lancaster County Tall Clocks,” which will take place on Saturday, May 20, at 2 p.m. at LancasterHistory. The tour will explore the fascinating world of tall clocks and their historical significance in Lancaster County.

LancasterHistory’s Curator & Director of Collections, **James McMahon Ph.D.**, will be presenting.

James McMahon, Ph.D. is the Curator and Director of Collections for LancasterHistory. A lifelong resident of Lancaster, McMahon is a graduate of Manheim Township High School and Franklin & Marshall College. He received his doctorate in American Studies from Penn State Harrisburg in 2015 where he now serves as an adjunct instructor in the American Studies program. McMahon has over 35 years of experience working in public heritage sites in Philadelphia, Hershey, and Lancaster. He is the author of numerous popular and scholarly articles as well as three books on Hershey.

In *Collections Up Close* tours, LancasterHistory staff and visiting experts showcase documents,

photos, and artifacts from the museum's vast collections. Participants will enjoy an engaging, conversational setting where they will learn the stories behind these objects and how they reveal insights about the history of Lancaster County and its place in American history.

Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, Lancaster County was the center of hand-crafted clock manufacturing in North America. Tall clocks not only keep time but also served as symbols of social status and accomplishment. This unique tour will take attendees through LancasterHistory's collection of tall clocks to view and learn about local clock-making traditions, the manufacture of dials, movements, and cases, and the exceptional level of craftsmanship and technological development attained by Lancaster County clockmakers.

"We are delighted to offer this fascinating tour, which provides a unique opportunity for attendees to gain an in-depth understanding of Lancaster County's important role in the history of clock-making in North America," McMahon said. "The exceptional craftsmanship and artistry of these tall clocks are truly a testament to the skill and innovation of Lancaster County's clockmakers."

Ticket prices for "Lancaster County Tall Clocks" are \$10 for adults (18+), \$8 for seniors (65+), and \$6 for students (11-college ID). LancasterHistory members can attend the tour for free but should still register in advance to receive their complimentary admission. Tickets can be purchased or reserved [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Capacity is limited, so advance registration is strongly recommended to secure your spot on this tour.

Join LancasterHistory on this journey through time to explore the incredible artistry and historical significance of Lancaster County's tall clocks.

For more information on this event and other LancasterHistory programs, visit the [events page](#), or follow LancasterHistory on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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 life

*and legacy of America's 15th president, James Buchanan, and to preserve and maintain
Wheatland, his home.*

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