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LancasterHistory's 'History Happy Hour' Returns in December to Focus on Lancaster's Ties to Whiskey and the Whiskey Rebellion

Discover How Pennsylvania Whiskey Almost Threatened American Democracy

LANCASTER, PA — **LancasterHistory** is excited to announce the return of its popular program, **History Happy Hour**, on Thursday, December 5 at **Proof Lancaster**.

In August 1794, President **George Washington** sent Lancaster lawyer **Jasper Yeates** to western Pennsylvania. Yeates' mission: to negotiate with a group of angry frontier settlers who were engaged in violent resistance to the new federal tax on whiskey, an event now known as the **Whiskey Rebellion**. Unable to find a peaceful solution, Yeates encouraged President Washington to send federal troops to suppress the insurrection – setting a precedent for the federal government's authority to respond to political resistance with force. LancasterHistory's **Stephanie Townrow** will lead a lively discussion about the Whiskey Rebellion over a glass of Pennsylvania rye whiskey or another drink of your choice.

"At LancasterHistory, we love uncovering the hidden histories behind everyday things," said **Dr.**

Mabel Rosenheck, LancasterHistory's Director of Education & Exhibition Planning. "The connections between whiskey, American democracy, and citizen protest are fascinating. You'll never look at an Old Fashioned the same way again!"

Stephanie Townrow is the Director of Interpretation & Exhibitions at LancasterHistory's **Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Center** and a Ph.D. candidate at the **University of Delaware**. She applies a deep knowledge of early American food history to local history—uncovering the surprising ways that Lancaster's history intersects with nearly every major event in the early republic, including the Whiskey Rebellion.

History Happy Hour will take place on Thursday, December 5 from 5:30 – 7:30pm at **Proof Lancaster**, lower level at 30 N. Queen St., Lancaster, PA. Doors open at 5:30pm and the main program will begin at 6pm.

Tickets are \$35/person and includes admission to the event, first drink ticket, and light appetizers. (Please note that additional drink and food purchases are not included in the purchase of a ticket. Proof's kitchen will be open during and after the event for additional food and drink orders.) Event suggested for ages 18 or older, and individuals must be 21 years or older to consume adult beverages.

Ticket sales open on Monday, November 11 at 10am Eastern. Tickets may be purchased **online** or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633. Advance registration strongly recommended as sell-out is likely and walk-in tickets are not guaranteed.

History Happy Hour at Proof is sponsored by **Henrietta Heisler Interiors, Inc.** and **Ellicott & Co.**

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
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