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Yuletide at Wheatland returns with in-person, holiday and history infused tours of the presidential mansion

Tours begin November 24 and run through December 30

Lancaster, PA (November 3, 2021) – A festive holiday favorite, LancasterHistory's Yuletide at Wheatland, returns November 24 with in-person tours available through December 30. This year, visitors can discover holiday traditions—and the histories behind them—as they developed during James Buchanan's lifetime. On a guided tour, a historically-costumed guide will take visitors through both floors of the decorated mansion, imparting stories and histories about Buchanan's public and personal life through the lens of Yuletides past.

From time-honored details such as gift giving to how the Civil War affected Christmas, visitors during the holiday season will learn how Yuletide traditions developed over the course of the mid-Victorian era in America. Each room of the Wheatland Mansion has a specific story to tell. In the dining room, visitors will learn how a Christmas meal was prepared and how the Wheatland household functioned during the season. In the sitting room, tours will explore the rise in popularity of the Christmas tree in England while Buchanan was Minister to Great Britain as well as the Yuletide traditions of German immigrants coming to the United States.

After their Yuletide tour, visitors can enjoy *Season's Greetings from Lancaster*, LancasterHistory's special holiday exhibition, in the museum's Groff Gallery. Explore a selection of historic artifacts

that showcase social and economic responses to the holidays when cold weather and merriment brought people together. Learn about snowstorms that stopped traffic, what was on Lancastrians' list for Santa, and tasty holiday recipes. Historic objects and ephemera from Lancaster throughout the 18th - 20th centuries will be on display.

Due to COVID-19, last year's 2020 Yuletide at Wheatland tours were virtual. This year, in 2021, tours are in person again with reduced-capacity tours and safety protocols in place. More information about LancasterHistory's health and safety policies, including mask mandate, can be found at lancasterhistory.org/yuletide. For those who may be unable to travel this holiday season, LancasterHistory will offer virtual tours of Yuletide by appointment only. To book a virtual tour, please contact groups@lancasterhistory.org.

Yuletide at Wheatland General Admission tickets include a guided Yuletide at Wheatland tour plus self-guided access to LancasterHistory's museum exhibitions, including *Lancaster in the 60s* and *Season's Greetings from Lancaster*. Tickets are \$17/Adults (14+), \$8/Children (6-13), and free for small children (5 & Under, with the purchase of a paying adult ticket). Tickets can be purchased online at lancasterhistory.org/yuletide or by calling (717) 392-4633. A Family Pass (2 Adult and 2 Child tickets for \$40, a savings of \$10) is also available. To purchase the Family Pass, please call (717) 392-4633 to purchase over the phone or use promo code **21YULEFAM** at checkout to receive the discount online. (Valid 10/1/21 – 12/30/21) Advance tickets are highly recommended.

Yuletide at Wheatland begins November 24 and runs through December 30. Tours are available Wednesdays – Saturdays, on the half hour, from 10am (first tour of the day) until 3pm (last tour of the day). LancasterHistory will offer additional Yuletide tours on select Mondays and Tuesdays of December 20, 21, 27, and 28 only. LancasterHistory will be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve. Tickets and more information, including Frequently Asked Questions, are available at lancasterhistory.org/yuletide.

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