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## Yuletide at Wheatland 2020 goes digital this winter with virtual tours of the presidential mansion

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*Lancaster, PA (November 13, 2020)* – A Lancaster holiday favorite, LancasterHistory's Yuletide at Wheatland, returns on November 28, but this year as virtual tours. Due to the current health crisis, LancasterHistory has transitioned Yuletide into a virtual experience with tours over Zoom on Thursdays and Saturdays at 10am and 1pm, plus additional days and times the week of and week after Christmas.

Viewers can join a tour guide, in real-time over Zoom, to traverse the festively decorated halls and rooms of the 1828 mansion to learn about the public and personal life of James Buchanan through the lens of Yuletides and traditions past. From Yuletide menus and means to how Christmastime was celebrated during the Civil War, viewers will learn how Buchanan and his family experienced Yuletide in the mid-1800s. Tours last approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour, and viewers will be able to ask questions of their guide live via Zoom's Q&A function.

"While we're disappointed that we can't do in-person tours, this year's virtual tours are great for families to gather around their computer or TV to watch together, whether they are near or far from Lancaster." says Emily Miller, Director of Marketing & Communications at LancasterHistory.

"We know the holidays are going to look a little different this year, but we hope the virtual tours

bring a bit of Wheatland into viewers' homes for the holidays. From our "home" to yours!"

Each room in the presidential mansion will be used as a centerpiece to tell the stories and history of Buchanan's personal and political life through the lens of Yuletides past. For example, in the Sitting Room in Wheatland, viewers will learn about Buchanan's time in England as Minister to Great Britain. It was during the reign of Queen Victoria, who was a personal friend of Buchanan and his niece, Harriet Lane, and a time when Christmas trees surged in popularity due to the influence of Victoria's husband and consort, Prince Albert. Other rooms will feature similar stories, combining historical fact with a holiday twist.

"Tickets" are \$15 per connection. Because the tour is held virtually over Zoom, viewers will connect to the tour via a special Zoom weblink. Only one (1) connection is required to watch on one (1) screen. Tickets may be purchased online at [lancasterhistory.org/yuletide](https://lancasterhistory.org/yuletide).

Yuletide at Wheatland begins Saturday, November 28 with virtual tours every Thursday and Saturday at 10am and 1pm Eastern through December 26. Additional virtual tours are available December 21 - 23 and 28 - 30 at 10am and 1pm Eastern as well. There are no tours on Christmas Eve. The last day of Yuletide at Wheatland is Monday, December 30.

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