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LancasterHistory announces upcoming virtual programming, including Wheatland Virtual Tours

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Lancaster, PA (October 19, 2020) – LancasterHistory is excited to announce virtual programming opportunities for the public this fall, including Wheatland Virtual Tours and a virtual lecture analyzing the election of 1852. All virtual opportunities will take place using the popular teleconferencing tool, Zoom.

Wheatland Virtual Tours

Beginning October 22, join LancasterHistory for hour-long, virtual tours of the historic halls and rooms of President James Buchanan's Wheatland. A knowledgeable tour guide will lead attendees in real-time through both floors of the presidential mansion. Attendees will learn about James Buchanan, his family, and his presidency during one of the most fraught eras of American history. Tours will be available Thursdays and Saturdays at 10am and 1pm Eastern from October 22 through November 14, and are \$15 per computer connection. The tours are facilitated through Zoom. To register for a tour, visit lancasterhistory.org/wheatland-virtual-tours.

Virtual Lecture, "The Election of 1852: The Road to Disunion"

On October 28th, St. Joseph's University's Dr. Randall Miller will join LancasterHistory's Patrick Clarke, Director of James Buchanan's Wheatland, for a special, virtual Presidential Scholar Interview, "The Election of 1852: The Road to Disunion." Clarke and Miller will discuss the

historical context of the 1852 election and its relationship to James Buchanan's political ambitions and prospects, both then and after. They will also explore the coming apart of the Second American Party System amid the politics of slavery, and the character of political discourse and engagement.

Randall M. Miller, Ph.D. is the William Dirk Warren '50 Sesquicentennial Chair and Professor of History at Saint Joseph's University. He is the author or editor of numerous books that include (as co-editor) *Religion and the American Civil War* (Oxford University Press), and *The Birth of the Grand Old Party: The Republicans' First Generation* (University of Pennsylvania Press); and *"Dear Master": Letters of a Slave Family* (Cornell University Press; rev. & enlarged ed., University of Georgia Press.) Dr. Miller has been a consultant for, and appeared in, documentaries on American culture and history, the Civil War, politics, religion, African-American culture and life, slavery, Philadelphia life and politics, and other topics, which have aired on national cable and public broadcast channels and regional and local television and are used in schools across the country.

The virtual event, "The Election of 1852," will take place online on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 7:30pm Eastern via Zoom. The event is free and open to the public, but requires advance registration. To register, please visit lancasterhistory.org/events/1852.

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