



# LancasterHistory

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## September 2022 Events & Story Ideas

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### Miss Hetty Parker: Buchanan's Venerable & Pious Housekeeper

**Saturday, September 3**

**Tours 10am through 3pm**

September's Special Subject tour will focus on the life and experience of Miss Esther "Hetty" Parker, head housekeeper of Wheatland. As you tour Wheatland, hear stories about Miss Hetty's youth, how she first met Mr. Buchanan, and how she managed Wheatland, the White House, and the rearing of Harriet Lane and Buck Henry.

*Miss Hetty Parker*, a special guided tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, September 3. Tours will be available on the hour, beginning at 10am and continuing until the last tour at 3pm. **Please Note: These tours are not our regular General Admission tours and are not solely focused on James Buchanan.**

Tickets are available for purchase online or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633. When booking online, be sure to first select the date of September 3, followed by the time of your choice. Advance reservations are highly recommended as tours may sell out and walk-in tickets may not be available. Members receive complimentary admission, but must reserve their tickets

in advance. All visitors must abide by LancasterHistory's [Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#).

*Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster*

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## Historical Trees of Lancaster County

**Saturday, September 10**  
**11am at LancasterHistory**

On Saturday, September 10 at 11am, join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum and presenter Len Eiserer for "Historical Trees of Lancaster County." Learn about local, still living trees with intriguing, historical connections, including the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, a 19th century samurai, a Pennsylvania cavalry officer who served under George Washington, and a Civil War officer who graduated from Franklin & Marshall College.

**Len Eiserer** received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Maine and doctorate in Psychology from Bryn Mawr College. He's taught for 38 years and currently teaches at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). He currently maintains the website, [Tree Treasures of Lancaster County](#), and serves on the board of the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum.

*Historical Trees of Lancaster County* will take place on Saturday, September 10 at 11am at LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue. Tickets are free, and advance reservations are highly recommended. (Walk-in tickets are not guaranteed.) Ticketholders should check-in at LancasterHistory's museum before proceeding into the auditorium in Ryder Hall. We encourage ticketholders to read our [Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#) prior to their arrival.

Tickets [may be reserved online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633.

This event is hosted by the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum. The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum, a subsidiary organization of LancasterHistory, helps foster public interest in, and support for, the maintenance and development of the Tanger Arboretum as a community asset. To learn more about the Arboretum or to become a member, [please visit the Arboretum's webpage](#).

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## Music on the Lawn

**Saturday, September 10**

**6-8pm at LancasterHistory**

Enjoy the sounds of the summer on the lawn at LancasterHistory! On Saturday, September 10 at 6pm, spend a relaxing evening outdoors listening to local band, *Abigail's Garden*. *Abigail's Garden*, a trio, will perform funky folk, Celtic, and original music.

Tickets are free for LancasterHistory Members, \$10/Adult (18+) Non-Members, and free for Children 17 & Under. To purchase your tickets in advance, please click "Get Tickets" below or call (717) 392-4633. Tickets may also be available at-the-door.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets, foldable chairs, and picnics. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome. If you require any special accommodations to attend, please notify Annie Weeks at (717) 392-4633, ext. 134 or [annie.weeks@lancasterhistory.org](mailto:annie.weeks@lancasterhistory.org) in advance. Port-a-potties will be available onsite (including an accessible port-a-pot). In the event of inclement weather, the call will be made at noon on September 10 and ticketholders will be notified. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 11 from 1-3pm.

Music on the Lawn is sponsored by EHD Insurance, Groff Funeral & Cremation Services, and Willow Valley Communities.

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## Veteran Reconciliation After the Civil War

**Thursday, September 15**

**7pm at LancasterHistory AND Online**

On Thursday, September 15, local author and journalist Jack Brubaker will join LancasterHistory for a lecture on his latest publication, *Sons of East Tennessee: Civil War Veterans Divided and Reconciled*. Reconciliation following the Civil War was a difficult process for many veterans. This was true of soldiers who returned to Northern cities such as Lancaster, as well as to Southern cities such as Knoxville. Local author and journalist Jack Brubaker will discuss his latest book, the story of two East Tennessee fathers on opposite sides of the war in a deeply divided section of the country who met and reconciled at the graves of their sons. Brubaker will also discuss the process of reconciliation as it played out in Lancaster and the rest of the country.

**Jack Brubaker** writes a weekly column exploring area history and culture for *LNP*, Lancaster's daily newspaper. He is a retired investigative reporter for *LNP*. He has written seven books, including *Down the Susquehanna to the Chesapeake* (Penn State Press, 2002) and *Massacre of the Conestogas* (The History Press, 2010). He is a regular contributor to *Pennsylvania Heritage* magazine. Brubaker has talked about his books and other historical subjects to more than 150 groups in Central Pennsylvania. In May he promoted his new book, *Sons of East Tennessee: Civil War Veterans Divided and Reconciled*, on a tour through East Tennessee and Southside Virginia. Brubaker and his wife, Christine, a longtime conservationist, live in Lancaster.

## EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event is expected to take place **in person** at LancasterHistory **and online** on Thursday, September 15. The doors open and check in begins at 6:30pm. The lecture will begin at 7pm. The lecture will also be streamed at 7pm to Zoom or YouTube (to be decided) for those who wish to join us for the lecture virtually.

The program is free and open to the public but **requires advance registration** in order to guarantee a seat or to receive your link to the presentation. Register online by clicking the appropriate link below or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on September 15 at 6:30pm ET. Due to capacity restrictions, at-door tickets may not be available. Advance registration is strongly encouraged. The online version of this program will be recorded and uploaded to [LancasterHistory's YouTube channel](#).

### [REGISTER TO ATTEND IN PERSON](#)

### [REGISTER TO ATTEND ONLINE](#)

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*Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA and Online*

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## James Buchanan at Bedford Springs

Thursday, September 22  
7pm at LancasterHistory

On Thursday, September 22, Penn State University professor Dr. Amy Greenberg will join LancasterHistory to discuss James Buchanan's connection with Bedford Springs and how it played a role in his political life.

In 1796, natural springs with high mineral content were discovered in Bedford, Pennsylvania. Thought to have healing properties, these springs drew large crowds in the early 19th century, including well-known politicians like James Buchanan. Dr. Amy Greenberg will discuss James Buchanan's time at Bedford Springs Resort, why it was such a destination for him, and how it contributed to his success as a politician.

**Amy Greenberg, Ph.D.** is the George Winfree Professor of American History at Penn State University and a historian of antebellum America (1800-1860). Greenberg earned her BA from the University of California and MA and Ph.D. from Harvard University. She has published five books: *Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah Polk* (Alfred A. Knopf/Vintage Books, 2019); *A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln, and the 1846 U.S. Invasion of Mexico* (Alfred A. Knopf/Vintage Books, 2012); *Manifest Manhood and the Antebellum American Empire* (Cambridge University Press, 2005); *Cause for Alarm: The Volunteer Fire Department in the Nineteenth-Century City*; and *Manifest Destiny and American Territorial Expansion: A Brief History with Documents* (Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 2012). Most recently she was named the President-Elect of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic.

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## LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

LancasterHistory is open to the public Tuesdays - Saturdays from 9:30am - 5pm. Tours of President James Buchanan's Wheatland will also be available Tuesdays - Saturdays beginning at 10am and continuing through 3pm.

Limited-capacity | Reservations recommended  
Plan your visit by reviewing LancasterHistory's  
[Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#) and [FAQs](#).