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Wheatland Special Subject Tour: LancasterHistory Presents "A Stern But Devoted Uncle"

Guided Tour of Wheatland examines Buchanan's Relationship with his Family

LANCASTER, Pa. – LancasterHistory is excited to announce a special tour of Wheatland, the home of the United States 15th President, **James Buchanan**. The tour will focus on Buchanan's relationship with his nieces and nephews and his relationship with his parents.

During the tour, visitors will discover why Buchanan was known as a "stern but devoted uncle," one who doted on his nieces and nephews. While Buchanan is known primarily for his time in office, less is known about his personal life and his important role in the lives of his young nieces and nephews.

Also, visitors will learn how Buchanan's relationship with his parents shaped him and how his relationship with his family influenced their lives.

"James Buchanan was heavily influenced by his parents. His stern and devoted persona, which was later described by his nephew, James Buchanan Henry, had its roots in President Buchanan's childhood," Director of James Buchanan's Wheatland at LancasterHistory, **Patrick**

Clarke, said. “Dr. Philip S. Klein, Buchanan’s 20th-century biographer, noted that ‘James both loved and feared his father. He (the President’s father) carefully scrutinized his performance and was always more ready with criticism than with praise.’ Mrs. Buchanan was ‘modest and self-effacing’ and instilled a deep belief in Christian principles in her son. James Buchanan treated all his nieces and nephews similarly; he was critical of their schoolwork and letters and constantly quoted the Bible to address their behavior.”

A Stern but Devoted Uncle, a special guided tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, April 1. Tours will be available on the hour, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until the last tour at 3 p.m. **Please Note:** These tours are not our regular General Admission tours and will focus more on a particular topic than a general history of Buchanan and the home.

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 April 1, followed by the tour 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 should reserve their tickets in advance to guarantee the tour time of their choice.

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 life and legacy of America’s 15th president, James Buchanan, and to preserve and maintain Wheatland, his home.

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